

Budget Hearing, Juvenile/Probate Court #40 - 2025
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
October 7, 2025

Commissioner Davis called the Budget Hearing Session to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis and David Levacy. Also present: County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle; Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Porter, Commissioners' Clerk, Rochelle Menningen; Communications & Information Coordinator, Bennett Niceswanger; Budget Director, Bart Hampson; Budget Officer, Staci Knisley, Leanna Moyer, Janet Stout, and Judge Terre Vandervoort.

The hearing has a corresponding Budget Summary and Excel spreadsheet included with the minutes.

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Judge Terre Vandervoort stated that the budget for the Guardianship Services Board (GSB) will hold flat for 2026. The GSB will utilize the carryover to add one additional staff. Juvenile/Probate Court does anticipate an increase in 2027.

Judge Vandervoort spoke about the Juvenile/Probate Court 2026 budget and added that it is within parameters. Adjustments were made to the budget for health insurance increases. The 2026 budget for court appointed attorneys is flat.

Commissioner Davis asked if the health insurance increase incorporated 5%.

Bart Hampson stated that the budget needs updated to reflect an 8% increase for health insurance.

Aundrea Cordle stated that the Connexion West lease for Juvenile Court was on the day's agenda and added that the city had been notified the day before.

Judge Vandervoort added that there will be additional cost savings as they will be ending their lease of the office space on Chestnut Street in Lancaster and moving that office to the Connexion West facility.

Aundrea Cordle inquired as to who would be doing the labor for the renovation.

Judge Vandervoort replied that they will be working with Connexion West on this.

Leanna Moyer added that they had other funds for the renovation expenses.

Judge Vandervoort further added that she is happy with the Connexion West lease as the facility has been a good partner.

The Commissioners had a brief discussion about property taxes.

Jeff Porter spoke about projected costs for 2026 health insurance and added that 2025 total costs have been analyzed.

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of David Levacy, and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 8:27 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis and Jeff Fix

