AGENDA

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026
1:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chairperson

ROLL CALL: Fiscal Officer, Shelly Schultz

Trustee, Michael Berding ____________________________
Trustee, Shannon Hartkemeyer_________________________
Trustee, Joe McAbee ________________________________

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Administrator

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 26-19 Resolution Determining to Proceed to Levy an Additional Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation within the Township (Fire).
   1. Motion to adopt the resolution: ________; 2nd __________
      a. Vote: _____Berding ______Hartkemeyer _________McAbee
      b. President declares motion ________.

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: ___________; 2nd ___________

a.__________Berding _________Hartkemeyer __________McAbee

b. President declares meeting adjourned __________P.M.

The Board of Township Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio, met in Special Session at 1:30 p.m. on the 3rd day of February 2026, at the administrative offices of the Board of Township Trustees, with the following members present: Michael Berding, Shannon Hartkemeyer, and Joseph McAbee.

__________________ moved the adoption of the following resolution:

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 26-19

RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, this Board of Township Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio has heretofore declared that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the Township and the necessity of levying an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation within the Township for the benefit of this Fairfield Township Fire District pursuant to the provisions of Section 5705.19 (I) of the Ohio Revised Code for the purposes of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, medical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs pursuant to the provisions of 5705.19(I) of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of four and forty-nine hundredths (4.49) mills per year for a continuing period of time and providing the question of levying a tax shall be submitted to the electors of the Fairfield Township Fire District at an election to be held May 5, 2026; and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Board of Township Trustees has heretofore certified to the County Auditor a Resolution requesting the County Auditor to certify to this Board of Township Trustees the total current tax valuation of the Fairfield Township Fire District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by four and forty-nine hundredths (4.49) mills per year as specified in such Resolution, and this Board of Township Trustees has received the certification of the County Auditor that such total current tax valuation is $822,589,460.00 and that such dollar amount of revenue is $3,693,427.00 per year (a copy of such certification is attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees (the "Board") of Fairfield Township (herein the "Township"), County of Butler, Ohio, two-thirds of all the members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That it is hereby declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised in this Township within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of this Township. That the tax shall be levied upon the entire territory of the Fairfield Township Fire District, Butler County, Ohio. The Fairfield Township Fire District has territory within Butler County and no other county.

Section 2. That it is hereby determined to proceed with the submission to the electors of the entire territory of the Fairfield Township Fire District of the question of levying an additional tax described in the preamble hereto at the election on May 5, 2026.

Section 3. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 5705.19 (I) of the Ohio Revised Code for the purposes of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, medical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs pursuant to the provisions of 5705.19(I) of the Ohio Revised Code, the county auditor estimates will collect $3,693,427.00 annually, at the rate not exceeding four and forty-nine hundredths (4.49) mills for each one dollar ($1.00) of taxable value, which amounts to one hundred and fifty-seven dollars ($157) for each one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) of County Auditor's market value, for a continuing period of time commencing with tax year 2026.

Section 4. That the question of the adoption of said tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the entire territory of the Fairfield Township Fire District at the election to be held on May 5, 2026, and if said levy is approved by a majority of said electors such additional tax shall first be placed upon the 2026 tax list and duplicate, for first collection in calendar year 2027. That the Fairfield Township Fire District has territory in Butler County and no other county. The additional tax shall be levied upon the entire territory of the Fairfield Township Fire District.

Section 5. That the form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be substantially as follows:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY
FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote
NECESSARY FOR PASSAGE

An additional tax for the benefit of the Fairfield Township Fire District, County of Butler, Ohio, for the purposes of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, medical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect $3,693,427.00 annually, at a rate not exceeding four and forty-nine hundredths (4.49) mills for each one dollar ($1.00) of taxable value, which amounts to one hundred and fifty-seven dollars ($157) for each one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) of County Auditor's market value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2026, first due in 2027.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY	
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

Section 6. That the President of this Board of Township Trustees or the Fiscal Officer be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution the resolutions declaring the necessity and the County Auditor Certificate to the board of elections, not later than four o'clock (4:00) p.m. of the ninetieth (90th) day before the date of said election and to notify said board of elections to cause notice of the election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Section 7. The Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township upon majority vote does hereby dispense with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

Section 8. Finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, incompliance with all legal requirements, including (without limitation) Ohio Revised Code §121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

_____________________________ seconded the motion, and the roll being called upon the question of adoption of the resolution, the vote resulted as follows:

Adopted: February 3, 2026

Board of Trustees	**Vote of Trustees**
Michael Berding: ____________________	________
Shannon Hartkemeyer: ____________________	________
Joe McAbee: ____________________	________

AUTHENTICATION
This is to certify that this is a resolution which was duly passed and filed with the Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer this 3rd day of February, 2026.

ATTEST: **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

______________________________ ______________________________
Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Twp Fiscal Officer Katherine Barbiere, Twp Law Director

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the text of the foregoing resolution is taken and copied from the record of proceedings of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township held on February 3, 2026. The undersigned further certifies that the same has been compared by me with said record and it is a true and correct copy thereof, together with a true and correct copy of excerpts from the minutes of said meeting to the extent pertinent to the consideration and adoption of said resolution.

____
Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Twp Fiscal Officer

<u>RECEIPT</u>

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt this date of a certified copy of the foregoing Resolution which includes the rate of the tax levy and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the number of mills specified therein as estimated by theCounty Auditor.

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Director of Elections
Butler County, Ohio

Dated:..

<u>NOTICE OF ELECTION</u>

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Township Trustees of Fairfield Township, County of Butler, Ohio, on the <u>3rd day of February</u>, there will be submitted to the qualified electors of the Fairfield Township Fire District at the election to be held on the 5th day of May, 2026, at the regular places of voting therein, the question of levying an additional tax outside of the ten-mill constitutional limitation in Fairfield Township for the benefit of Fairfield Township Fire District for the purposes of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, medical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs, that the county auditor estimates will collect $3,693,427.00, at a rate of four and forty-nine hundredths (4.49) mills for each one dollar ($1.00) of taxable value, which amounts to one hundred and fifty-seven dollars ($157) for each one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) of County Auditor's market value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2026, collection year 2027.

The polls will be open from_ a.m. to _ _ _ _p.m. on said date.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
ELECTIONS OF THE COUNTY
OF BUTLER OHIO

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Director

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<u>NOTE:</u> This notice should be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the township, once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks, or as provided in Section 7.16 of the Ohio Revised Code, prior to the election. If the Board of Elections operates and maintains a web site, the Board of Elections shall post notice of the election on its web site for thirty days prior to the election.

AGENDA

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EMERGENCY MEETING - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026
1:35 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chairperson

ROLL CALL: Fiscal Officer, Shelly Schultz

Trustee, Michael Berding ________________________________
Trustee, Shannon Hartkemeyer____________________________
Trustee, Joe McAbee ____________________________________

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Administrator

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 26-20 Resolution Determining to Proceed to Levy an Additional Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation within the Township (Police).
    1. Motion to adopt the resolution: _________; 2nd ___________
        a. Vote: _____Berding ______Hartkemeyer __________McAbee
        b. President declares motion _________.

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: ___________; 2nd ___________

a.___________Berding __________Hartkemeyer ___________McAbee

b. President declares meeting adjourned __________P.M.

The Board of Township Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio, met in Emergency Session at 1:35 p.m. on the 3rd day of February 2026, at the administrative offices of the Board of Township Trustees, with the following members present: Michael Berding, Shannon Hartkemeyer, and Joseph McAbee.

___________________ moved the adoption of the following resolution:

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 26-20

RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, this Board of Township Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio has heretofore declared that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide for the necessary requirements of the Township and the necessity of levying an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation within the Township for the benefit of this Fairfield Township Police District pursuant to the provisions of Section 5705.19 (J) of the Ohio Revised Code for the purposes of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, or the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs pursuant to the provisions of 5705.19(J) of the Ohio Revised Code, in the amount of two and ninety-nine hundredths (2.99) mills per year for a continuing period of time and providing the question of levying a tax shall be submitted to the electors of the Fairfield Township Police District at an election to be held May 5, 2026; and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Board of Township Trustees has heretofore certified to the County Auditor a Resolution requesting the County Auditor to certify to this Board of Township Trustees the total current tax valuation of the Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by two and ninety-nine hundredths (2.99) mills per year as specified in such Resolution, and this Board of Township Trustees has received the certification of the County Auditor that such total current tax valuation is $822,589,460.00 and that such dollar amount of revenue is $2,459,542.00 per year (a copy of such certification is attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees (the "Board") of Fairfield Township (herein the "Township"), County of Butler, Ohio, two-thirds of all the members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That it is hereby declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised in this Township within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of this Township. That the tax shall be levied upon the entire territory of the Fairfield Township Police District, Butler County, Ohio. The Fairfield Township Police District has territory within Butler County and no other county.

Section 2. That it is hereby determined to proceed with the submission to the electors of the entire territory of the Fairfield Township Police District of the question of levying an additional tax described in the preamble hereto at the election on May 5, 2026.

Section 3. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 5705.19 (J) of the Ohio Revised Code, it is necessary to levy an additional tax of two and ninety-nine hundredths (2.99) mills in excess of such ten-mill limitation upon the entire territory of the Fairfield Township Police District for the purposes of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, or the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs that the county auditor estimates will collect $2,459,542.00 annually, at the rate not exceeding two and ninety-nine hundredths (2.99) mills for each one dollar ($1.00) of taxable value, which amounts to one hundred and five dollars ($105) for each one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) of County Auditor's market value, for a continuing period of time commencing with tax year 2026.

Section 4. That the question of the adoption of said tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the entire territory of the Fairfield Township Police District at the election to be held on May 5, 2026, and if said levy is approved by a majority of said electors such additional tax shall first be placed upon the 2026 tax list and duplicate, for first collection in calendar year 2027. That the Fairfield Township Police District has territory in Butler County and no other county. The additional tax shall be levied upon the entire territory of the Fairfield Township Police District.

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FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP

A majority affirmative vote
NECESSARY FOR PASSAGE

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	FOR THE TAX LEVY	
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	

Section 6. That the President of this Board of Township Trustees or the Fiscal Officer be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution the resolutions declaring the necessity and the County Auditor Certificate to the board of elections, not later than four o'clock (4:00) p.m. of the ninetieth (90th) day before the date of said election and to notify said board of elections to cause notice of the election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Section 7. The Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township upon majority vote does hereby dispense with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days and hereby authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

Section 8. Finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, incompliance with all legal requirements, including (without limitation) Ohio Revised Code §121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

_____________________________ seconded the motion, and the roll being called upon the question of adoption of the resolution, the vote resulted as follows:

Adopted: January 13, 2026

Board of Trustees	**Vote of Trustees**
Michael Berding: ______________________	________
Shannon Hartkemeyer: ___________________	________
Joe McAbee: _________________________	________

AUTHENTICATION

This is to certify that this is a resolution which was duly passed and filed with the Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer this_______ day of ______________, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Twp Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Katherine Barbiere, Twp Law Director

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the text of the foregoing resolution is taken and copied from the record of proceedings of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township held on January 13, 2026. The undersigned further certifies that the same has been compared by me with said record and it is a true and correct copy thereof, together with a true and correct copy of excerpts from the minutes of said meeting to the extent pertinent to the consideration and adoption of said resolution.

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Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Twp Fiscal Officer

RECEIPT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt this date of a certified copy of the foregoing Resolution which includes the rate of the tax levy and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the number of mills specified therein as estimated by theCounty Auditor.

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Director of Elections
Butler County, Ohio

Dated:..

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Township Trustees of Fairfield Township, County of Butler, Ohio, on the 3rd day of February, 2026, there will be submitted to the qualified electors of the Township at the election to be held on the 5th day of May, 2026, at the regular places of voting therein, the question of levying an additional tax outside of the ten-mill constitutional limitation in Fairfield Township for the benefit of Fairfield Township Police District for the purposes of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police, communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Revised Code, for the payment of the costs incurred by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection, or the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a police department, or for the payment of other related costs, that the county auditor estimates will collect $2,459,542.00 annually, at a rate of two and ninety-nine hundredths (2.99) mills for each one dollar ($1.00) of taxable value, which amounts to one hundred and five dollars ($105) for each one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) of County Auditor's market value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2026, collection year 2027.

The polls will be open from_ a.m. to _____p.m. on said date.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
OF THE COUNTY OF BUTLER OHIO

Director

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