

FINANCES

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the County. It exists to account for the resources used to pay for the services traditionally associated with local government. Included are Law Enforcement, the Court System, Planning and Zoning, Elections, Veterans Services, General Administration of the County and any other activity for which a special fund has not been created.

Revenue by Source

	2017	2018
Sales Tax	\$ 36,815,405	\$ 36,422,764
Property Tax	\$ 8,426,712	\$ 9,546,192
Local Government	\$ 1,881,678	\$ 1,971,519
Casino	\$ 2,003,338	\$ 2,069,984
Other	\$ 12,160,618	\$ 17,880,298
Total General Fund Revenues	\$ 61,287,751	\$ 67,890,757

Expenditures by Service Area

	2017	2018
Judicial/Safety	\$ 35,457,318	\$ 38,336,277
Administration	\$ 9,771,464	\$ 11,083,532
Transfers	\$ 3,333,216	\$ 3,484,904
Veterans	\$ 1,861,903	\$ 1,949,891
Human Services	\$ 4,002,922	\$ 2,038,470
Bond Obligations	\$ 1,884,316	\$ 2,128,131
Elections	\$ 1,022,035	\$ 1,239,977
Capital Improvement	\$ 9,698,466	\$ 3,192,009
Agriculture	\$ 358,920	\$ 384,132
Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 67,390,560	\$ 63,837,323

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Revenues	51,273,863	57,552,221	68,166,267	61,287,751	67,890,757
Total Expenditures	49,942,938	55,052,866	60,091,665	67,390,560	63,837,324
Net surplus/(deficit)	1,330,925	2,499,355	8,074,602	(6,102,809)	4,053,433

2018 Commissioners Actions

Resolutions Processed: 1,708  
Bids Processed: 382  
Brine Hearings: 5  
Road Establishments: 1  
Road Vacations: 3



Merriam-Webster Definition of **ACTION**. 1a : a thing **done** : deed. b: the accomplishment of a thing usually over a period of time, in stages, or with the possibility of repetition. c :actions plural : behavior, conduct unscrupulous **actions**

Govdeal Sales:

Total Sales in 2018—\$85,851.39  
Total Sales 2005—2018: \$1,377,932.92

Govdeals is an on-line marketplace that enables the county to sell surplus items to the public. Visit [www.lcounty.com](http://www.lcounty.com)

Expedited II Annexations:

- 81.556 Monroe Twp. to Village of Johnstown
- 0.576 Newark Twp. to City of Newark
- 0.53 Newton Twp. to City of Newark
- 0.297 Granville Twp. to Village of Granville
- 18.8 Granville Twp. to Village of Granville

Expedited I Annexations Approved:

- 36.2 Jersey Twp. to City of New Albany
- 1.166 Granville Twp. to Village of Granville
- 108.8 Jersey Twp. to City of New Albany
- 1.0 Jersey Twp. to City of New Albany
- 18.8 Granville Twp. to Village of Granville

Subdivision Plat Approvals:  
Watkins Grove Section 2 - Etna Township  
Cumberland Crossing Section 5—Etna Township



Licking County, Ohio  
2018 Annual Report to Our Citizens

Licking County Community,

As we turn the page from 2018 to 2019, Commissioners Rick Black, Timothy E. Bubb and Duane H. Flowers invite you to look back with them at a few successes in the past year and join them in looking forward to an even better year in 2019. This past year saw continued progress in cooperation with our Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) “Grow Licking County” in bringing additional development and jobs to the county. The year included providing improved County services, and redesigning public buildings to better serve our growing community. Serving as YOUR County Commissioners, we will continue to help Licking County move forward in making this county better tomorrow than it is today.



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018:

2018 Heritage Ohio Conference

A special statewide ‘best collaboration’ award went to the Licking County community for the many combined re-development successes in recent years at the annual Ohio Statehood Day event at the Ohio Statehouse. This statewide recognition of our community includes local strong leadership in advocating for World Heritage status for the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks, the restoration of the 1876 Licking County Courthouse and for multiple examples of historic preservation initiatives throughout the County. The Licking County Commissioners accepted this special award with great pride and honor.



This was the first time in the history of the award the 14-sponsoring organizations, including the Ohio History Connection, chose to recognize the achievements of a community instead of a single project or public official.



At the microphone Licking County Commissioner Tim Bubb, (L-R rear) State Representative Scott Ryan, Commissioner Duane Flowers, Commissioner Rick Black, Newark Mayor Jeff Hall, Heath Mayor Mark Johns, State Senator Jay Hottinger and Burt Logan, Executive Director and CEO of the Ohio History Connection.

Licking County Bridge Replacement Program

The County Commissioners and Licking County Engineer Jared Knerr, completed the final year of the “five year” major bridge restoration program. Some \$19-million has been spent to replace and rebuild 125 County bridges that were in deteriorated condition.



The Licking County Engineer is responsible for over 432 bridges in Licking County with a span of 10’ or greater on County and Township Roads. Over 32 bridges were posted as of 8/27/2018 for “Reduced Weight Limits” due to bridge deterioration and to prevent injury and/or loss of life to the traveling public.



The 250-foot bridge span over the Licking River at Staddens Bridge Road was compromised by flooding with tons of heavy debris that built up against the structure. A contract was signed for \$1.9-million to replace the damaged bridge. Anticipated Construction: Late 2019.





Licking County Triple Building Celebration

On September 16th, the County hosted a triple building celebration in collaboration with the “Ohio Open Doors” event sponsored by the Ohio History Connection. The historic 1876 County Courthouse on the town square was rededicated after a two year \$9-million renovation and restoration project. The project included a new gold dome and ”skin” to the building’s clock tower, a new roof, restoration of the “Ladies of Justice” statues on the roof, a new outside LED lighting system, restoration of a beautiful interior skylight, a new and additional elevator, and a variety of other preservation efforts. The exacting craftsmanship of the contractors and the commitment to “Do Things Right” by the Commissioners ensured that YOUR 1876 Licking County Courthouse will continue to be the “crown jewel” of Licking County.

Also rededicated that day was the East Main Street County Annex which houses the Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA). The project also included the addition of a permanent County Records and Archives Center which was dedicated for public use in downtown as well. The combining of these two major projects, on this County owned site, saved taxpayers more than \$3-million.

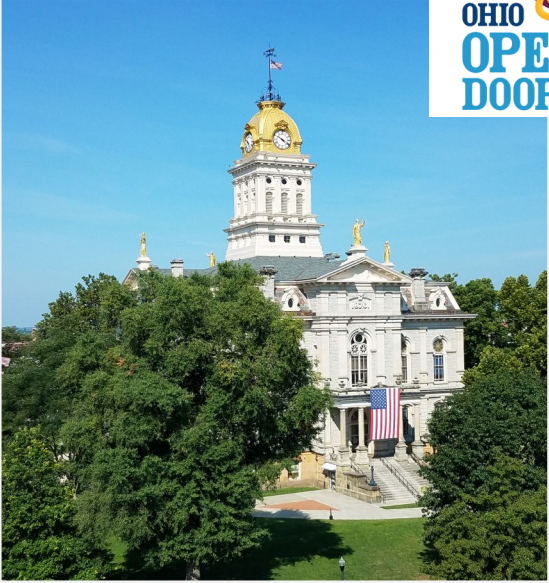
These improvements come in cooperation with the City of Newark, which in 2018 completed a three-year \$22 million downtown sewer separation and infrastructure project.

It would not be possible to restore and maintain YOUR public buildings without the support of the great people of Licking County!

Pictured at the Ohio Open Doors event (L-R): Commissioners Rick Black, Tim Bubb, Stephanie McManus (History Connection), Commissioner Duane Flowers, Suzanne Dulaney (Executive Director of CCAO), Donald D. Hill (Former Licking County Commissioner)



This “winter twilight” photo looks to the west with one of the restored “Ladies of Justice” statues on the Courthouse witnessing the beauty!  
(Photo by David Edelblute)

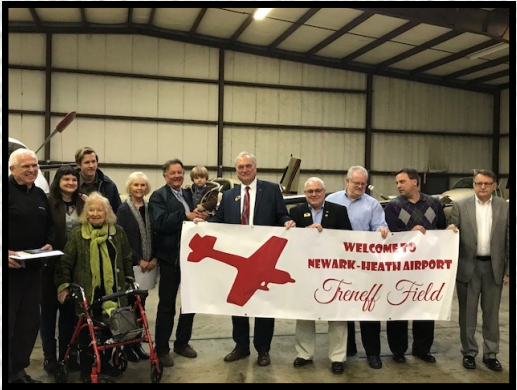


Licking County Courthouse Restoration Facts

- Tower Elevation 154’-4”
- 260 Sheets of Copper
- 1,500 Sheets of Galvanized Sheet Metal
- 520 Sheets of Plywood
- 1,250 Pounds of Solder
- 7.5 Gallons of Flux
- 194 Manufactured Corbels
- 152 Manufactured Half-Spheres
- 16 Manufactured Dormers



In the Buckeye Lake region, work is complete on the final phase of construction of the new 4.1-mile replacement dam on the north and west banks of the Lake. This \$110-million three year ODNr project allows recreational water levels to return to normal and will spur development in the three county Lake region.



In honor of longtime volunteer and Board President Terrance “Terry” Treneff, our local Airport was renamed Newark-Heath Airport “Treneff Field” and the County Commissioners named the Terminal/Office complex in honor of John Haines –serving 40+ years on the Airport Board.

Pictured (L-R): John Haines, Gretchen, Lexie, David, Katrinka, Terry and Felix Treneff, Commissioner Tim Bubb, Rick Black, City of Newark Mayor Jeff Hall, City of Heath Mayor Mark Johns, Commissioner Duane Flowers.



Growth Projects

Merriam-Webster Definition of **PROJECTS**: a planned piece of work that has a specific purpose (such as to find information or to make something new) and that usually requires a lot of time. : a task or problem that requires careful work over a long period of time. **project**



The County’s Transportation District (TID) completed a project to widen the State Route 310 south of I-70, and at the U.S. Route 40 and Route 310 interchange. This improvement, at a cost of some \$7-million, improves safety and traffic flow in this rapidly developing area of Etna Township.



The County’s Land Reutilization Corporation or “Land Bank” continues to facilitate the demolition and transition of several dozen derelict properties throughout the County in 2018. The Land Bank works to spur redevelopment and return sites to productive use; last year demolishing 18-derelict structures, acquiring 24 properties and selling 52 properties, while improving neighborhoods.