

Guernsey County Commissioners – Public Meeting Summary June 2, 2026 Regular Session

Key Actions

- **Approved Resolution #26-125:** Motion by Commissioner William S. Cowgill, seconded by Commissioner David L. Wilson. All voted yea. Approves the updated Guernsey County Title XX Comprehensive Social Services Plan for FY 2027, increasing planned expenditures for CSB Title XX Base from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and CSB Title XX TANF Transfer from \$50,000 to \$150,000. Authorizes the Guernsey County Department of Job & Family Services to submit the plan to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.
- **Approved Resolution #26-126:** Motion by Commissioner David L. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner William S. Cowgill. All voted yea. Approves Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) No. 26-03 for Ohio Gathering, LLC (Larrick oil and gas site/pad, Monroe Township, coordinates 40.159665, -81.470687). Authorizes use of designated county roads (Plainfield Rd/CR 831, Old 21 Rd/CR 35, Freedom Rd/CR 851, Sligo Rd/CR 870, Birmingham Rd/CR 71, Irish Ridge Rd/CR 584, Broadhead Rd/CR 585) and specified bridges for drilling activities, in accordance with the agreement terms. Recommended by the Guernsey County Engineer.
- **Signed:**
 - Public Road Improvement Grant – Pisgah Rd (Co. Rd. 94);
 - Proclamation recognizing Men’s Health Month and Men’s Health Week.

Meeting Summary

The Guernsey County Board of County Commissioners held its regular session on June 2, 2026. President Jackson L. Marlin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Board approved two resolutions advancing social services funding for vulnerable populations and supporting responsible oil and gas infrastructure development through a Road Use Maintenance Agreement. They also signed a road improvement grant for Pisgah Road and a Men’s Health Month/Week proclamation.

The Guernsey County Board of Commissioners held an informational discussion regarding the vacant Board of DD building on Wheeling Avenue, which has sustained significant structural damage and partial collapse since late March 2026. Representatives from GCBDD, the County’s insurance provider (CORSAs), and staff reviewed the claim process, noting a 15% deductible for which the County is responsible and confirming that insurance could cover demolition costs if repairs are deemed unsafe. The structural engineer has recommended prompt demolition of the rear one-third of the building due to “imminent” danger, ongoing deterioration risks from weather, and serious life-safety and liability concerns. The Board discussed the possibility of declaring an emergency to expedite work—similar to the prior Jail HVAC project—and directed staff to immediately consult the County Prosecutor on emergency procurement authority while coordinating with CORSA, the City of Cambridge, the structural engineer, and the existing contractor (already performing \$75,000 in front-of-building renovations) to identify the fastest compliant path forward. No formal actions or resolutions were taken; the session was strategic in nature, with strong consensus on the need to act quickly to mitigate further damage and hazards.

Insurance broker proposals received in response to the County's RFQ were reviewed in executive session (entered at approximately 10:15 a.m. and returned to open session at approximately 10:45 a.m. pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(2); no formal action was taken).

Danny Harper of Forever Dads, a faith-based fatherhood program serving Guernsey and surrounding counties, presented to the Board of County Commissioners on the organization's mission and activities. The program addresses fatherlessness—estimated at approximately 34% of homes in Guernsey County—through structured classes focused on practical parenting skills, co-parenting strategies, boot camp-style sessions for young and new parents, family communication programs, post-program mentorship (“Dollar Fifteen”), and specialized training for fathers raising children with autism or special needs. Forever Dads is currently conducting classes in Guernsey County, including at Cedar Ridge, and also provides programming in correctional settings to support reentry. Mr. Harper expressed strong interest in expanding collaboration with the courts, prosecutor, probation department, and sheriff's office, including potential access to the county jail for pre-release outreach. The Board received the presentation and discussed opportunities for future partnership; the session was informational in nature with no formal actions, resolutions, or funding decisions made.

Correspondence dated June 1, 2026, from Sheriff Jeffrey D. Paden was received notifying termination of services with Diversified Engineering, Inc. for the new Dog Shelter project, as the presented scope exceeded affordable range (appreciation was expressed for the firm's time and expertise).

Full minutes, journal entries, and supporting documents are available upon request in the Commissioners' office by emailing the Clerk of the Board at Commissionerclerk@guernseycounty.org.

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