

MEETING ACTION SUMMARY

June 23, 2026 | Regular Session & Scheduled Discussion Meetings |

Commissioners' Office, 627 Wheeling Ave #300, Cambridge, OH

Present: Jackson L. Marlin (President), David L. Wilson (Vice President), William S. Cowgill (Commissioner); Jennifer Douglas, Clerk. Specific meetings included additional staff and guests as noted.

ACTIONS TAKEN

The Board approved the following (full texts and supporting documents on file with the Clerk):

- **Minutes:** Approved record of proceedings from June 18, 2026 session.
- **Then & Now Certificate – Maintenance (Fund A00):** Approved payment of Then & Now Purchase Orders totaling \$476.25 (four boiler certificate renewals at \$68.25 each and one elevator alteration permit at \$203.25). Vendor: Treasurer, State of Ohio.
- **Resolution 26-149:** Approved out-of-state travel for Deputy Shayne Leggett (Guernsey County Sheriff's Office) to Colchester, Vermont, July 23–24, 2026, for Diamondback Specialized CMV Training. Registration fee \$300 from Training Account A00 E-1990-0009.00; all travel and lodging expenses covered by Central Ohio Drug Task Force.
- **Resolution 26-150 (Anderson Road Petition):** Motion to adopt resolution initiating the statutory process under ORC Chapter 5553 for improvement of Anderson Road (CR 82) in Madison Township (view scheduled July 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.; public hearing July 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.; publish legal notice; request County Engineer report and cost estimate; petitioners requested county funding via MVGT/vehicle license fees/grants rather than special assessments) failed on a 3-0 NAY vote. Resolution not adopted. Petition and draft documents remain on file.

TOPICS DISCUSSED & WORK SESSIONS

In addition to formal actions, the Board held the following scheduled discussion meetings:

- **9:30 a.m. — Meeting with County Auditor Cory Johnson and staff re: Software Solutions Upgrade and School Inflation Cap Tax Credit.** Discussed software implementation (startup costs approximately \$290,000 with 10%/60%/30% payment schedule; \$92,900 gap recommended from Special Projects fund; annual licensing and maintenance to be budgeted in General Fund; Water Department contribution of \$10,500 annually; sandbox environment for training; anticipated go-live in second quarter). Provided overview of new school district property tax inflation credit (first step in tax reform; 20 mill floor; increases tied more closely to inflation rather than full property value growth). Action items: secure Special Projects funding; develop talking points for constituent calls; confirm detailed payment schedule and go-live date with vendor. Separate detailed minutes prepared and on file.
- **10:30 a.m. — Phone Conference with Amanda Pirani, Reporter, WOUB Public Media re: Potential Data Center Development and Press Release.** Discussed recent early-stage courtesy meeting with data center interest (no specific details on power needs, timeline, location, or scope); media reports on long-term state sales tax abatements (up to 40 years) limiting local revenue leverage; County's lack of county-wide zoning and limited tools (primarily utility bargaining power where service exists); overwhelming public opposition and resistance to zoning; water supply protection concerns (Pleasant City aquifer supplying 100% of needs, one of only four such aquifers in Ohio); Board's information-gathering mode and plan to schedule a public informational meeting with credible experts. WOUB offered assistance sourcing comparative data and will prepare a short radio segment (~1 minute); Commissioners consented to brief audio clips provided context is preserved. Separate detailed minutes prepared and on file.
- **Administrative Discussion (New Business):** Discussion between the Board of County Commissioners and Clerk Jennifer Douglas regarding administrative matters, scheduling, ongoing projects, meeting preparation, and upcoming county events. No specific actions recorded in open session.

CORRESPONDENCE & MISCELLANEOUS

Correspondence: Formal property maintenance complaint dated June 22, 2026, (9123 Eckelberry Road) regarding accumulation of junk vehicles, tractors, and equipment on a neighboring property in Cambridge Township received, reviewed by the Board, and formally referred to Cambridge Township Trustees for

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consideration (Cambridge Township does not currently have zoning in effect; County authority limited in unincorporated areas). Response letter issued by Commissioner Jack Marlin advising complainants to contact Cambridge Guernsey County Health Department for any health/sanitation/environmental concerns and providing Ohio EPA contact information if fluids are leaking. Copy on file.

Miscellaneous: None additional.

Note: *This summary provides an overview of actions taken and matters discussed to promote transparency under Ohio's Sunshine Law (ORC 121.22). It is not a verbatim transcript. The complete official Commissioners Journal, full resolution texts, detailed meeting minutes (Auditor and WOUB sessions), and supporting documents are maintained by the Clerk and available for public inspection or upon request.*

Next Regular Meeting: Commissioners meetings are Tuesday and Thursdays.

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