

MEETING ACTION SUMMARY

June 25, 2026 | Regular Session | Commissioners' Office, 627 Wheeling Ave #300, Cambridge, OH

Present: Jack Marlin (President), Dave Wilson (Vice President), Bill Cowgill (Commissioner); Jennifer Douglas, Clerk. [Absent: None]

ACTIONS TAKEN

The Board approved the following resolutions and actions (full text available in the official Commissioners Journal):

- **Resolution No. 26-151** – Approved the purchase and installation of a security door control and 2 readers from Mid Ohio Valley Integrated Systems to complete Courthouse security updates (\$4,205.17 from account N03 E-0202-0006.01).
- **Resolution No. 26-152** – Approved a one-year agreement with The Forker Company for Benefit Plan Consulting Services (\$26,100 annually, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027).
- **Resolution No. 26-153** – Authorized transfer of \$80,000 from Special Projects Contract Services (S07 E0107-0006.00) to the Auditor's Office General Fund for initial startup costs of VIP software support and software solutions.
- **Then & Now Certificate – Adult Probation** – Approved payment of \$105.00 to Ohio Treasurer of State, Dept of Administrative Services (Fund M74, E-1323-0006.00) for services rendered 10/01/25, now certified 06/22/2026.
- **Journal Entry – Anderson Road Petition** – Entered action declining to proceed with Resolution of Intent for improvement of Anderson Road (CR 82) in Madison Township. Petition requested 100% county funding, which is not available under ORC Chapter 5555 cost apportionment rules. Petitioners may pursue as special assessment project with new petition meeting ORC requirements.

Other Actions & Correspondence:

- Signed letter to Cambridge-Guernsey County Board of Health transferring OMEGA office suite (effective July 1, 2026) for future expansion; County Maintenance to rekey suite.
- Approved in-kind contribution letter for Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) office space (1,200 sq ft + 6 parking spaces at 274 Highland Ave) valued at \$2,120/month for VOCA grant period Oct 2025 – Sep 2027.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

In addition to the actions above, the Board discussed or received updates on the following:

- **11:30 a.m. – ODA Touring Red Hill Farm (Freeport):** Ohio Department of Agriculture tour of Red Hill Farm.
- **1:15 p.m. – Data Center Inquiry (Leslie Menges, reporter; Samuel Menges; Amy Kissinger):** Planning discussion for community town hall on proposed 500-acre data center development. Focus on transparency, proper notice, inviting prosecutor/Farm Bureau/legislators for July 21 or similar date to address community concerns (environmental, scale). Reviewed recent tensions, media coverage, and need for factual information. Situation has calmed following prior press release. Challenges with current zoning laws noted; potential legislative solutions (e.g., House Bill 646) discussed.
- **2:30 p.m. – Maintenance Updates (Todd Carpenter):** HVAC Project for Board of DD building: Discussion of relocating entire HVAC unit outside the building (exterior wall penetration ~8 ft above brick) for easier maintenance/replacements, reduced interior disruption, and simpler gas line routing. Contractor to provide two quotes. Black vinyl fence/gate suggested for screening on Highland Ave side. Gas line sizing and potential meter relocation reviewed; long-term conversion of Health Dept building from electric heat pumps to natural gas discussed. Board of DD Maintenance Responsibilities: Board of DD inquired about County Maintenance assuming responsibility for BDD building (and potentially group homes) due to upcoming resignation of their maintenance director. Todd expressed interest but raised concerns (work scope differences, union/supervisory issues, on-call, access/keys, 24/7 residential coordination, liability). BDD

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views it more as supervisory role with their staff remaining on BDD payroll. Potential efficiency of consolidating maintenance vs. separate operations discussed. Maintenance Supervisor to gather more information and possibly schedule follow-up with BDD leadership and Board.

- **Administrative Discussion (Board & Clerk):** Discussion between the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk regarding administrative matters, scheduling, ongoing projects, meeting preparation, and upcoming county events.

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Next Regular Meeting: Check the county website or contact the Clerk's office for the current schedule.