

Meeting Summary

June 30, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. – approx. 12:20 p.m. | 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. Also present for portions of the meeting: Chris Bergerson (IT Director); DiGiT 3 representatives (Wendy Goodenough, Brad Goodenough, Braxton Vazquez, Olivia Goodenough, Daniel Traugott); Willie Paulson.

Absent: None

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

- **Resolution No. 26-154** – Approved contracts between the Guernsey County Department of Job and Family Services and Southeast Area Transit (SEAT) for Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation (NEMT) services for State Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027): (A) Individual Contracted Transportation Services (Medicaid) – \$300,000.00; (B) Independent Contracted Transportation Services (Medicaid) – \$1,300,000.00. (*Motion: Commissioner Wilson; Second: Commissioner Cowgill; All vote yea.*)
- **Support Letter – Opportunity Zone Program:** Signed letter to Governor Mike DeWine urging nomination of Census Tract #39059977900 (portions of Jackson and Valley Townships and all of the Village of Byesville) for the federal Opportunity Zone Program. The letter highlights significant recent investment (including the 1,875 MW Guernsey Power Station), available land and underutilized buildings, proximity to two I-77 interchanges, and priority status from the Marietta College Center for Appalachian Impact study of Appalachian counties. (Signed by all three Commissioners.)
- **Policy Reminder Memo – Animals in County Facilities:** Issued memorandum to all Guernsey County departments reminding staff of the County's policy on animals in the workplace and public areas as departments prepare to relocate to the new Guernsey County Public Services Building. In accordance with the ADA, service animals are permitted; emotional support animals, comfort animals, therapy animals, and pets are not permitted unless otherwise required by law. (Dated June 30, 2026; signed by all Commissioners.)
- **Consulting and Agent of Record Agreement:** Executed agreement with The Forker Agency Inc. dba The Forker Company to serve as consultant and agent of record for employee benefit plans, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Services include claims resolution, plan document drafting, renewal negotiations, RFP preparation, and related consulting at a fee of \$2,175 per month plus applicable commissions. (Signed by President Jackson L. Marlin; agreement on file.)

TOPICS DISCUSSED

In addition to the actions above, the Board discussed or received updates on the following (summary level for public transparency):

- **IT Infrastructure Upgrades & Funding (GCSO) – 9:00 a.m. In-Person:** IT Director Chris Bergerson presented on mandatory LEADS/FBI CJIS compliance items for the Sheriff's Office, including a new compliant data recovery/backup solution (est. \$11,000–\$12,000/year) and BeyondTrust remote access tool (est. \$18,500/year for four users; potential reduction to two users for savings). Also discussed phased replacement of aging Ubiquiti network switches with Cisco equipment (initial critical core switch ~\$14,600–\$16,000 plus licensing for 10-year lifespan). Funding options reviewed included departmental expenses with contingency replenishment and splitting invoices by category (hardware vs. support/licensing). Emphasis on prioritizing compliance while maintaining sustainable budgets. Detailed minutes from this session are on file with the Clerk.
- **Cybersecurity Compliance Review (ORC 9.64) with DiGiT 3 – 11:00 a.m. Zoom:** Touch base with Wendy Goodenough (CEO) and DiGiT 3 team on progress toward Ohio Revised Code 9.64 compliance. Topics included: ransomware and cybersecurity incidents policy (drafted per Auditor Bulletin 2025-007, to

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be formally adopted or referenced); asset inventories with scope footnotes for transparency; Governance discussion addressed designation of a proctor/responsible entity (IT Department as entity proposed for continuity). Action items identified for follow-up, including formal policy action, training coordination. Detailed minutes and action item list from this session are on file with the Clerk.

- **Hatfield & McCoy Trail – 10:30 a.m.:** Meeting cancelled.
- **Routine Matters:** Reviewed and approved bills; general correspondence and emails handled.

Note: *This summary provides an overview of actions and discussions to promote transparency under Ohio's Sunshine Law (Open Meetings Act). It is not a verbatim transcript. The complete official record (Commissioners Journal), full resolution texts, and detailed meeting minutes are maintained by the Clerk and available for public inspection or upon request.*

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