

MEETING ACTION SUMMARY

July 2, 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. Zane State College leadership team for 9:00 a.m. meeting.

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

- **Resolution No. 26-155** – Authorized appropriation of \$66,762.71 for Guernsey County Sheriff's Office IT equipment and software purchases: Veeam backup software (\$7,835.00), Cisco network equipment (\$40,282.26), and BeyondTrust security software (\$18,645.45). Funds appropriated from N03 Sheriff/Jail (\$16,346.22) and A00 Contract Services (\$50,416.49).
- **Resolution No. 26-156** – Prohibited the use of engine brakes ("Jake Brakes") on State Route 513 (Batesville Road) between Interstate 70 and the Village of Quaker City corporation limits. Authorized acquisition of ODOT-approved signage; upon ODOT District 5 approval, signage to be delivered to ODOT Guernsey County Garage for installation by ODOT crew. Prohibition effective upon installation of signage.

Other Actions & Events:

- Bid Opening (10:00 a.m.) – GUE-CR 71 05.91 Resurfacing Project: Conducted public bid opening. Two bids received from NLS Paving, Inc. and Shelly & Sands, Inc. Engineer's Estimate: \$655,928. Apparent low bidder determination per bid tabulation on file with the County Engineer.
- 3:00 p.m. – Ribbon Cutting for "This & That" event attended.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

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

- **9:00 a.m. – Zane State College (ZSC) Partnership & Workforce Development (Interim President Drew Kindinger and leadership team including Mark Gerko, Bill Arnett, Kirk Dickerson, Joe Keating, Duane Stutzman, Marksha Thomas):** Discussion focused on potential partnerships, workforce development needs in Guernsey County, and opportunities for expanded programming at existing Zane State facilities. County officials highlighted needs in industrial maintenance/skilled trades (especially as current workers retire), healthcare support roles beyond nursing (respiratory therapy, sonography, medical lab technicians), education support staff for local school districts, and potential interest in an Aviation Maintenance (Airframe & Powerplant) program connected to Cambridge Municipal Airport. ZSC discussed current and planned program expansions including LPN (Licensed Practical Nursing), respiratory therapy, and sonography programs, while navigating Higher Learning Commission accreditation and addressing competition/overlap concerns with Ohio University's nursing program. The college is exploring pathways allowing students to enter the workforce more quickly (e.g., LPN) with articulation opportunities toward bachelor's degrees. ZSC confirmed continued ownership and maintenance of the Willet Pratt facility and is actively exploring new program offerings and partnerships to increase utilization of classroom and lab space (recently hosted early childhood programs; evaluating additional workforce-aligned programs). Capital improvement projects are underway or planned for both the EPIC Center and Willet-Pratt Center (chiller work, fire alarm system replacement). ZSC currently offers programs in cybersecurity, computer programming, networking (CCNA), and web development, and is developing an AI "sandbox" environment while modernizing curriculum (including prompt engineering and responsible AI use). Interest was expressed in building stronger pipelines with local schools and employers in IT-related fields.

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