

MEETING ACTION SUMMARY

July 7, 2026 | Regular Session | Commissioners' Office, 627 Wheeling Ave #300, Cambridge, OH

Present: Jack Marlin (President), Dave Wilson (Vice President), Jennifer Douglas, Clerk.

Absent: Bill Cowgill

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

- **Resolution No. 26-157** – Granted the Director of Guernsey County Job and Family Services authority to approve the transfer of up to \$72,181.00 for SFY27 from the Public Assistance fund (Child, Family, and Adult Community and Protective Services Allocation) to the CSEA fund for ceiling excess.
- **Resolution No. 26-158** – Authorized the Samaritan Center of Guernsey County to use the Guernsey County Courthouse Square for setup activities associated with its annual "Night in a Box" fundraiser (setup after 6:00 p.m. on October 3, 2026), subject to execution of a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement and coordination with County Maintenance.
- **Clerk of Courts Employee Salary Adjustments** – Approved requested salary increases for employees in the Clerk of Courts Office to address wage disparity and improve recruitment/retention. Increases effective with the next payroll period.
- **Overtime – Maintenance** – Approved overtime payment for Cindy Edmiston (4 hours, \$120.00 from Maintenance Salary E-0004-0002.00) for the week of June 15, 2026.

Correspondence & Informational Items:

- Received letter from Western Guernsey Regional Water District regarding the Glenn Highway Sewer Extension project and requesting County responsibility for any emergency repairs to their water lines during construction, along with current construction plans.
- Road Closure Notice: Titus Rd (Co. Rd. 878) between Paisley Rd. and Readman Rd. closed starting July 13, 2026, for approximately 3 weeks for slip repair project (detour via Sligo Rd, Turkey Run Rd, Sugartree Rd, Birmingham Rd).

TOPICS DISCUSSED

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

- **9:00 a.m. – Clerk of Courts Jennifer Johnson (Kofile Project & Personnel Compensation):** Update on Kofile records preservation project – monitoring potential grant funding; pending federal National Archivist appointment may delay decisions; future county assistance may be needed depending on grant outcome. Discussed long-term outlook of Clerk of Courts Computer Fund – revenue decline due to fee structure changes (per-page to per-entry); 2026 statutory fee increases expected to help but fund will continue to decline; fund supports office computer network and technology infrastructure. Requested and received approval for employee salary adjustments to address below-market compensation and recent loss of staff to higher-paying positions within the court system. Increases effective next payroll; direction provided on payroll documentation process.
- **1:00 p.m. – Farm Bureau (Dale Arnold, Director of Energy, Utility, and Local Government Policy; Olivia Robinson; Tiffany Smith; Robert Oakley):** Detailed guidance on recent legislative changes and local government authority in energy development under House Bill 501 – county commissioners and township trustees now have full citing authority for power generation projects under 50 MW not regulated by Ohio Power Siting Board; for 50 MW+ projects, automatic right to intervene as parties of record in OPSB proceedings for negotiation on technical standards, economic impacts, aesthetics, environmental protection, and tax benefits. Data center development realities in Guernsey County – many proposals speculative (only ~1 in 5 materialize); advise careful evaluation of permits and request clarifying information on ownership, partners, and specifics. Building permits follow standard requirements, but power generation

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oversight requires OPSB process. Water resource considerations – monitor withdrawal impacts and aquifer recharge for large users like data centers; all water in Ohio is state property under riparian and reasonable use doctrines. Upcoming transmission line upgrades – importance of local government representation. Action items: Plan/promote July 23 joint public forum at Buckeye Trail with legislators and local officials; coordinate advocacy with Licking County and Soil & Water Conservation District; request ORC references and example permits from Dale Arnold; monitor transmission line processes.

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