

MEETING ACTION SUMMARY

July 14, 2026 | Regular Session | Commissioners' Office, 627 Wheeling Ave #300, Cambridge, OH

Present: David L. Wilson (Vice President), William S. Cowgill (Commissioner); Jennifer Douglas, Clerk.
(President Jackson L. Marlin absent)

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

- **Approval of Minutes** – Approved the minutes from the previous session on July 9, 2026.
- **Then & Now Certificate – EMA** – Accepted and authorized execution of contract with Columbus Supply for \$8,083.00 (Fund W00, Line Item E-3500.0004.01). Expense was missed on the temporary budget but added on the permanent budget. Then Date: 06/15/2026; Now Date: 07/09/2026. A motion was made by Commissioner Cowgill, duly seconded by Commissioner Wilson. All voted yea.
- **Resolution No. 26-161** – Approved an advance of \$500,000.00 from the S07 Special Project Fund (E-0701-2000.00 Advances Out) to the P40 Glenn Hwy Sewer Expansion & Improvement Project Fund (R-3106-2000.00) to cover project costs prior to grant reimbursements. The advance shall be repaid in full to the S07 Special Project Fund no later than December 31, 2026. A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, duly seconded by Commissioner Cowgill. All voted yea.

Other Actions & Correspondence:

- Granted permission (via email) for the Visitors & Convention Bureau (VCB) to paint their offices.
- Scheduled/held monthly meeting with GMN Tri-County at 4:00 p.m. and quarterly meeting with LEPC at 6:00 p.m.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

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

- **9:00 a.m. – Engineer Paul Sherry Updates:** Road funding challenges highlighted with a recent \$2.8 million paving project for 11.5 miles on (~\$243,000 per mile). The \$6.5 million budget is insufficient for 400 miles of county roads; paving half the network would require ~\$2.4 million annually while only ~\$2 million is available for capital improvements. Discussed solutions including pursuing additional legislative funding (e.g., increased gas tax or license plate tax), redirecting funds, and transferring select roads to townships to reduce maintenance and liability. Preventative maintenance via chip sealing detailed with \$750,000 allocation for projects on Georgetown, Clayesville, and North 8th Street (process: oil application, aggregate chipping, traffic management, final fog sealing; ~3 weeks). Chip seal favored for flexibility on clay subgrades. Equipment challenges: three downed mowers needing replacement (~\$300,000 each); plans to replace at least two. Ongoing storm cleanup from heavy rains. Updates on water line project (~\$1.2 million budget target), East 40 project final review. Executive session entered at 9:05 a.m. (motion Wilson, seconded Cowgill) to discuss potential contract; returned to regular session at 9:24 a.m. (motion Cowgill, seconded Wilson). Emphasis on collaboration with townships and partners.
- **10:00 a.m. – Shawn Paden, Alley Vacate Madison Township (Exchange Alley Property Dispute):** Complex discussion on conflicting property records for alleys in the Exchange Alley area of Antrim, Madison Township. Shawn Paden presented evidence of discrepancies: tax maps showing alleys vacated since 2010 vs. recent surveys indicating they were never properly developed or existed as claimed. Issues included a single-wide trailer and camper obstructing alley area, historical plats from 1830s-1840s with inconsistencies (church plat 1837, Welch plat), overlapping subdivisions, and a 1975 boundary line agreement. Township trustees reportedly opposing vacation efforts. Reviewed ORC 5553.04 and 5553.42 on road vacation procedures (township trustee approval generally required) and Attorney General Opinion 1517 on unused township roads/21-year abandonment (noting statutes updated since). ODOT maintenance records and 2010 mileage claims discussed. Potential options: vacate only section touching Paden's property as compromise; need accurate property descriptions from surveyor. Surveyor Robert

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Heady stressed proper surveys over graphical plots. Action items/next steps: Research ODOT reports from 2010 to determine if sections (T-8782, T-7861, T-7860) already vacated; re-approach township trustees for approval if needed; check for modification to closing; potentially involve legal action and auditor's office due to township internal conflicts. Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

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