

MEETING ACTION SUMMARY

July 21, 2026 | Regular Session | 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.

ACTIONS TAKEN

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

- **Resolution No. 26-164** – Approved amendment to the 2026 Annual Appropriation Resolution: \$1,267,748.30 appropriated to SR 313 & Vocational Road Waterline Replacement Project (E-3003-0006.00 Contract Services / R-3003-1000.00 Transfers In).
- **Resolution No. 26-165** – Revised reimbursement for the Insurance Clerk's salary from the Guernsey County Employee Health Plan (Y50) from 75% to 90% of total compensation as a fixed administrative cost, effective January 1, 2027. Remaining 10% from County General Fund.
- **Resolution No. 26-166** – Authorized purchase of furniture, supplies, and audio equipment for the conference room at the Guernsey County Public Services Building (612 Steubenville Ave), not to exceed \$25,000 from Special Projects Other Misc. (S07 E-0701-0020.00).
- **Resolution No. 26-167** – Approved Notice of Viewing and Hearing on petition (Eddie Potts) to vacate Nighthawk Road (T-59) in Richland Township (approx. 1.422 miles). Viewing: August 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.; Hearing: August 13, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Conference Room. Advertisement dates: July 26 and August 2, 2026.
- **Corrected Resolution No. 26-145** – Approved corrected resolution to proceed with submission of an additional 1.25-mill tax levy (10 years) for Guernsey County Children Services to the electors at the November 3, 2026 general election. Estimated annual revenue \$1,753,704.
- **Letter of Support – Coal Ridge Park & Trails** – Signed letter of support for Guernsey County CDC's application for an MWCD Connecting Communities Grant for accessibility improvements at Coal Ridge Park & Trails (paved parking, boat slip/dock/kayak launch, walking path).
- **Other Approvals** – Signed contract for GUE-CR 71 05.91 Resurfacing Project; approved Maintenance overtime (Cindy Edmiston, \$75); approved payroll funding adjustments for Ben Bonnell (Floodplain Coordinator duties) and Amy Swigart (resignation from Floodplain Coordinator); reviewed and approved June Monthly Financial Report, Receipt Report, and Budget Report.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

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

- **9:00 a.m. – DTAC Fund (Bill Arnett/CIC; Sharon Secrest, Treasurer; Jennifer Zaayer, Asst. Prosecutor):** Discussion on potential allocation of a portion (1–5%) of Delinquent Tax Collection (DTAC) funds to the Guernsey County Land Bank for uses such as hiring a treasurer, additional demolitions, or housing rehabilitation. Currently ~5% of DTAC goes to Treasurer/Prosecutor offices, with 95% distributed to taxing districts. Concerns raised about Land Bank's current emphasis on demolition vs. rehabilitation and potential impact on other taxing districts. Clarified that any formal request must come from the full Land Bank Board. Action items: Land Bank Board to research legal requirements, discuss at August meeting whether to request funding (e.g., 2%) and intended use, address need for a treasurer (possibly CPA contract), and improve transparency via an online inventory of available properties.
- **1:45 p.m. – CDC Achievements and Updates (Ron Gombeda; Kyra Gleckler):** Comprehensive update from Guernsey County Community Development Corporation. Mobility Management: 8 ramps installed and 9,356 transportation trips last year; new second-shift service (launched June 1) already provided 188 rides primarily for manufacturing workers after 6 p.m.; new driver training for independent start Aug 1. Affordable Housing: rehabilitation of rental properties ongoing; plans for local housing coalition; challenges with high

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rents, HUD availability, felony records, and market vs. true affordable rates; exploring property acquisition with mayor/Land Bank for potential prefab housing; developing landlord/rental criteria database. Other accomplishments: cleaned 8 illegal dump sites, collected 53,000 tires, cemetery support, race events (283→372 participants), wetland mitigation credits, \$4.7M trail extension/drainage/signage, INSPIRE re-entry program (4 current / 3 successful completions). \$8.2M in grants since 2013 (Appalachian Grant lost; opioid settlement applications pending). Discussed funding constraints, public perception, crisis response gaps, and collaboration opportunities (including with Judge Padden's re-entry program).

- **3:30 p.m. – Cambridge Developmental Center Advisory Council:** Commissioner Cowgill participated in the Advisory Council meeting.
- **Correspondence:** Received email from Sergeant Kerns regarding the dog shelter.

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

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