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Guernsey County Commissioners Hold Special Meeting on East 40 Project Funding Options

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio – The Guernsey County Board of Commissioners convened a special meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, via Zoom to explore potential funding opportunities for the East 40 Project through the Ohio Department of Development.

Commissioners Jackson L. Marlin (President), David L. Wilson (Vice President), and William S. Cowgill participated, along with Clerk Jennifer Douglas, Fiscal Department representative Jennifer Jacobs, County Engineer Paul Sherry, Community Improvement Corporation representative Bill Arnett, and representatives from the Ohio Department of Development.

Discussion Focus

The 23-minute special session focused on identifying and evaluating potential funding sources to address known gaps in the East 40 Project budget. Participants reviewed available options through the Ohio Department of Development and discussed associated timelines and expenditure requirements. Officials noted that the project has not yet started and that certain funding programs carry specific completion deadlines.

No formal action was taken. The meeting was informational and exploratory in nature, intended to gather information and coordinate next steps among county departments and state partners.

Next Steps

- Continue evaluation of potential funding options identified during the discussion.
- Coordinate with the Ohio Department of Development, County Engineer's Office, Fiscal Department, and Community Improvement Corporation regarding timelines and application requirements.

The special meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m. Minutes of the session were later approved at the Board's regular meeting on August 6, 2026.

About the Guernsey County Board of Commissioners

The Guernsey County Board of Commissioners is the governing body of Guernsey County, Ohio, responsible for the administration of county government, budget, facilities, and services. Meetings are open to the public. Full official records (Commissioners Journal) and resolutions are available upon request or through the Clerk's office.