

PRESS RELEASE / MEETING SUMMARY

August 6, 2026

Guernsey County Commissioners Approve Propane Price Lock and Public Services Building Improvements; Receive Early Intervention Update

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio – The Guernsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 6, 2026, and took action on facility improvements, and received a mid-year progress report on Early Intervention services for young children.

Commissioners Jackson L. Marlin (President), David L. Wilson (Vice President), and William S. Cowgill were present, along with Clerk Jennifer Douglas.

Key Actions Approved

Propane Price Program Locked In (Resolution 26-178)

The Board accepted the 2026/2027 price program offered by Anderson Propane Services LLC of Caldwell, Ohio. Under the agreement, Guernsey County departments will pay a locked-in rate of \$1.849 per gallon. The rates take effect August 21, 2026, and run through August 21, 2027, providing budget certainty for the coming year.

Public Services Building Improvements (Resolution 26-179)

Commissioners approved the purchase of stone for the Public Services Building at 612 Steubenville Avenue at a cost of \$1,656.21, along with authorization for up to an additional \$10,000 in miscellaneous purchases for the facility. Funding will come from existing accounts dedicated to the project. The building will house the Maintenance Department, Veterans Service Office, and Board of Elections. The Board also authorized a request for formal suite number assignments to improve mail delivery, wayfinding, and emergency response.

Early Intervention Services Report

At the 10:00 a.m. oversight meeting, Jessica Smith of Early Intervention Services presented the January–June 2026 performance report. The program received 59 referrals during the period (evenly split between physicians and families), with 33 children determined eligible for services. Staff completed 84 Individualized Family Service Plans and maintained 100% compliance with transition planning requirements for children approaching age three. Outreach efforts included community events, door-to-door canvassing, partnerships with WIC, and a new billboard. Family feedback remained positive. A new reporting system begins July 1, 2026.

Additional Items

- The Board approved minutes from the August 4 regular session and the August 5 special meeting.
- A Park Board meeting was held at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Conference Room.
- Road Closure Notice: The bridge on Pigeon Gap Road (Cambridge Township Road 361) will be closed from 6:30 a.m. Monday, August 10, through noon Tuesday, August 11, 2026, for maintenance. Drivers should use alternate routes. Updates are available at www.guernseycountyengineer.com.
- The Board and Clerk reviewed administrative matters, scheduling, and upcoming county events.

About the Guernsey County Board of Commissioners

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