

MEETING SUMMARY – PRESS RELEASE

August 18, 2026 | Regular Session, Road Viewing & Hearing, and Policy Discussion | Cambridge, Ohio

Key Actions

**SEAT Transportation Contract Amended.** The Board approved Amendment One to the Independent Contracted Transportation Services (Medicaid) contract with Southeast Area Transit (SEAT) for State Fiscal Year 2027. The amendment clarifies payment language and sets rates of \$2.75 per trip mile (minimum \$45) for ambulatory passengers and \$3.50 per trip mile (minimum \$50) for wheelchair passengers under the \$1.3 million reimbursement agreement.

**Countryview Leadership Pay Adjustments.** Commissioners approved a \$3.00-per-hour raise for the Director of Nursing, Assistant Director of Nursing, and Superintendent at Countryview Assisted Living, effective with the August 21, 2026 pay week, as requested by Superintendent Adrienne Paden.

**Children Services Board Reappointment.** Lillian Harbin was reappointed to the Guernsey County Children Services Board for a four-year term running September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030.

**EMA Staff and New Position.** The Board approved authorized the hire of a part-time Flood Plain Manager and Inspector (8 hours per week at \$15.50 per hour, start date August 30, 2026).

Road & Policy Discussions

**Bartholow Lane Viewing and Hearing.** The Board conducted a viewing and hearing on the proposed vacation of Bartholow Lane. Discussion focused on how vacation would interact with existing oil-and-gas leases and easements. The Board directed that any vacation resolution include language stating the vacation is subject to existing leases, recorded easements, and statutory public-utility easements. Specific well-access arrangements remain a private matter between the landowner and company.

**Sick Leave Donation Policy.** Commissioners advanced work on a county sick-leave bank (donation) policy. Key elements under development include eligibility rules, a three-step approval process, privacy protections, a 240-hour annual maximum for recipients, and both general-bank and person-to-person donation options. A revised draft will be circulated for further review.

**Other:** The Board approved prior-session minutes, processed a routine Maintenance overtime authorization, and noted an OMEGA meeting. The Nighthawk Road vacation approved at the August 13 viewing and hearing remains in effect (petitioner has 90 days to complete the required turnaround).

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