
GUERNSEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MEETING ACTION SUMMARY / PUBLIC NOTICE

August 4, 2026 | Regular Session & Scheduled Meetings | 627 Wheeling Ave #300, Cambridge, OH

Present: Jackson L. Marlin (President), David L. Wilson (Vice President), William S. Cowgill (Commissioner); Jennifer Douglas, Clerk. Additional staff present for specific discussions as noted.

ACTIONS TAKEN

The Board of County Commissioners took the following formal actions (full texts and supporting documents on file with the Clerk and available for public inspection):

- **Resolution 26-175:** Requested that the Ohio Department of Transportation install “NO ENGINE BRAKE” signage on Old Twenty-One Road (from City limit to Guernsey County Line) to reduce noise for residents.
- **Resolution 26-176:** Approved a five-year Real Estate Lease with Guernsey County Soil and Water Conservation District for the 2,400 sq ft building at 335 C Old National Road, Old Washington (term March 22, 2026 – March 23, 2031; annual rent \$18,000 or \$1,500/month). Full lease on file.
- **Resolution 26-177:** Approved Invitation to Bid for GUE – CR 71/585 VAR (Engineer’s estimate \$2,654,266.20; federal-funded, Davis-Bacon wages). Bids due September 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Pre-bid conference September 1, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (County Engineer’s Office). Only ODOT pre-qualified contractors eligible. Construction planned for 2027. Advertisement dates: August 16, 23, and 30, 2026. Plans available from County Engineer (\$100 non-refundable).

CORRESPONDENCE & PUBLIC NOTICES

- **Mileage Reimbursement Rate:** Effective July 1, 2026, the mileage rate for all Guernsey County departments is \$0.76 per mile (memo dated August 3, 2026).
- **Support Letter:** Board signed support letter for OHRI Advanced Energy Fund Application (Ohio Health SMC).
- **Other:** Invitation to ECORTC open house received and noted.

TOPICS DISCUSSED

- **9:00 a.m. — Center Township Speed Bumps:** Township requested assistance for rubberized speed bumps and signage on private roads to address speeding. Board expressed willingness to assist if installation is legally permissible; next step is legal verification with the Prosecutor’s Office and assessment of funding.
- **10:00 a.m. — Engineer / East 40 & Road Funding:** Discussed urgent needs for road emergency repairs (estimated \$100,000 for milling and stone) and underfunding of East 40 sewer Phase 1 (additional estimated \$1.5 million needed of estimated \$3 million total). Options under review. Chip-and-seal program and Claysville Road slip also noted. Engineer emphasized need for timely action before rainy season.
- **5:00 p.m. — Farm Bureau Annual Meeting:** Commissioners attended / noted the annual meeting.

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Upcoming Public Bid Dates: GUE – CR 71/585 VAR – Pre-bid September 1, 2026 (10:00 a.m.); Bid opening September 8, 2026 (10:00 a.m.).

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