

GUERNSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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MEETING ACTION SUMMARY

Guernsey County Board of Commissioners

Regular Session – Thursday, August 20, 2026

The Guernsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August 20, 2026. All three commissioners were present: Jackson L. Marlin, President; David L. Wilson, Vice President; and William S. Cowgill, Commissioner.

Actions Taken

The Board approved the minutes of August 18, 2026, and signed a letter supporting the City of Cambridge's AMLER grant application for improvements at the 70-acre city park near Interstates 70 and 77. Planned work includes accessible trails, bridges, boardwalks, overlooks, fishing platforms, lighting, and picnic areas.

By Resolution 26-190, the Board vacated Bartholow Lane (T-3443) in Jackson Township, a 1,352-foot township road off Marietta Road (SR-821). The Board found the road is not needed for public use. Existing utility, oil and gas, and recorded easements remain in place.

By Resolution 26-191, the Board set 2027 dog and kennel registration fees: \$16 for one year, \$48 for three years, \$160 for a lifetime tag, and \$80 for a kennel. The new fees take effect for registrations beginning December 1, 2026.

By Resolution 26-192, the Board approved out-of-state travel for a Guernsey County Children Services caseworker to Maryville, Tennessee, on August 27–28, 2026, for a required monthly visit with a child in agency custody.

Other Business

The Board reviewed the damaged building at 820 Wheeling Avenue with the Board of Developmental Disabilities, the county's insurance representatives, and the contractor. The roof has collapsed, and water damage has continued. Insurance coverage is limited, and no final repair or demolition decision was made. Officials will reassess the site and review a revised proposal.

The Board also discussed countywide cybersecurity responsibility under Ohio law and directed further work with the Prosecuting Attorney on a policy memo and department compliance process.

A vacancy on the Guernsey County Public Library Board of Trustees will be advertised. Letters of interest are due by 1:00 p.m. on September 15, 2026, for the term beginning September 21, 2026.

The Board received notice of a liquor permit application for the 7-Eleven at 11821 Clay Pike Road in Pleasant City (Valley Township). Comments to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control are due by September 12, 2026.

This summary is provided for public information under Ohio's Open Meetings Act. Detailed minutes and resolutions are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.