
GUERNSEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING SUMMARY – PRESS RELEASE STYLE

September 3, 2026 | Regular Session | Commissioners' Office, Cambridge, Ohio

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio – The Guernsey County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on September 3, 2026, and took action on tax rates for 2027, a contract for the new Dog Shelter, fire-department assistance, and several program and administrative items. (No session was held September 1 while Commissioners attended the CCAO meeting.)

Key Actions

2027 Tax Amounts and Rates Accepted. By Resolution 26-202, the Board accepted the Budget Commission's certified amounts and authorized the necessary tax levies for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027, and directed the Clerk to certify the action to the County Auditor. Inside the 10-mill limit, the General Fund is \$3,647,000 at 2.60 mills. Outside the 10-mill limit, certified levies total \$16,579,000 at a combined 16.15 mills, covering Health, Countryview Assisted Living, Children Services, Board of DD, Senior Citizens, Library, Mental Health, Meals on Wheels, and Sheriff 911.

Dog Shelter Construction Contract Authorized. Commissioners authorized a design-build contract with Surgent Construction, LLC of Cambridge for the Guernsey County Dog Shelter. The contract price is \$1,616,777.00. The Board President is authorized to sign the contract and related documents.

Cassel Station Volunteer Fire Department Supported. The Board authorized a \$15,000 contribution, paid to Reiselt's Machine Works on behalf of Cassel Station Volunteer Fire Department, to assist with purchase of a brush truck for wildland and rural fire response.

Short-Term Rental Identification Software Continued. The Board continued services with Deckard Technologies, Inc. (RentalScape platform) to identify short-term rental properties in the County. Annual cost is \$5,250 from Special Projects.

JFS PRC Plan Updated. At the request of Job and Family Services, the Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) Plan was amended, effective September 1, 2026, to add Vocational or Post-Secondary Training Transportation Assistance of up to \$800 in any four consecutive months.

Other Business

The Board approved a Then and Now certificate for \$139.36 in Sheriff's Office medical services (Ohio Valley Physicians). Payroll was directed to set up Jenna Nelson as Floodplain Manager at \$15.50 per hour, eight hours per week. Maintenance overtime for Jessie Tuck was processed. Commissioners issued a letter of support for the Guernsey County CIC's application to the Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program for the D.O. Hall Business Center. Resident correspondence was received and placed on file. Agenda items also noted a request for Courthouse lights in October and a Sheriff MOU with the FOP.

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