

MEETING SUMMARY – PRESS RELEASE

September 8, 2026 | Regular Session | Commissioners' Office, Cambridge, Ohio

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio – The Guernsey County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on September 8, 2026, authorized major road-maintenance equipment through State purchasing, designated a County Housing Officer for tax-incentive administration, certified November levy ballot language, and received Engineer and community updates.

Key Actions

Tractor and Sidearm Mower Authorized. By Resolution 26-205 the Board authorized purchase through State of Ohio contracts of a John Deere tractor (\$171,305.22) and a Diamond sidearm mower (\$97,000.00), totaling \$268,305.22, from account K00 E-2301-0004.00. The equipment will be built to order for March 2027 delivery and booked as a 2027 expense.

CIC Director Named Housing Officer. Resolution 26-204 designates Bill Arnett, Director of the Cambridge-Guernsey County Community Improvement Corporation, as Housing Officer for County-created Community Reinvestment Areas and as the Board's administrative contact for Tax Incentive Review Council packets and required State filings. The designation is administrative only; it does not give Mr. Arnett a vote on the TIRC or transfer final Board authority.

November Ballot Language Certified. The Clerk reviewed and signed off on Board of Elections ballot proofs for the November 3, 2026 General Election covering Library, Meals on Wheels, 911, and Children Services issues.

Updates and Other Business

County Engineer. Paul Sherry reported an October 1 bid opening for E-40, upcoming resumption of Glenn Highway work, an ODOT permit pending for SR 313, funded Claysville slip repair, Map Department hiring, and a planned Pisgah project next year. Sales-tax road funding currently covers about 100 of the County's approximately 200 maintained miles. A statewide salt shortage has left Guernsey County without an awarded salt contract or additional salt available to buy. Narrows Road (CR 451) between Kipling and Deerfield Road remains closed indefinitely for slip repair.

Floodplain Property. The Board discussed a possible lease of County-owned floodplain land at 106 Linden Avenue for driveway use serving three lots. Staff will review prior floodplain leases and permit requirements. No lease was approved.

Community Invitation. Friendship 7 (formerly Sweet Adelines) invited Commissioners to its 50th anniversary celebration October 4, 1:00–4:00 p.m., at the Cambridge Country Club and is recruiting members.

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