

COMMISSIONERS JOURNAL NO. 82 - DELAWARE COUNTY  
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 15, 2025

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION  
ON THIS DATE WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Present:  
Barb Lewis, President  
Jeff Benton, Vice President  
Gary Merrell, Commissioner

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-357

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ELECTRONIC RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 12, 2025:

It was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Merrell to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, Ohio (the “Board”) met in regular session on May 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Board has certified, pursuant to section 305.11 of the Ohio Revised Code, that the entire record of the proceedings at that meeting is completely and accurately captured in the electronic record of those proceedings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the electronic record of proceedings at the previous meeting.

Vote on Motion   Mr. Merrell      Aye      Mr. Benton      Aye      Mrs. Lewis      Aye

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-358

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS, THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES,  
AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS IN BATCH NUMBERS CMAPR 0514 AND MEMO TRANSFERS  
IN BATCH NUMBERS MTAPR 0514:

It was moved by Mr. Merrell, seconded by Mr. Benton to approve Then and Now Certificates, payment of warrants in batch numbers CMAPR 0514, memo transfers in batch numbers MTAPR 0514 and Purchase Orders as listed below:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PO’ Increase			
P2501026 (PNC Bank)	Emergency Medical Services	10011303-5200	\$25,000.00
P2501026 (PNC Bank)	Emergency Medical Services	10011303-5300	\$25,000.00

PR Number	Vendor Name	Line Description	Account	Amount
R2503045	MEACHAM & APEL ARCHITECTS INC	WILLIS BUILDING RENOVATIONS	42011438 - 5410	\$ 520,505.00
R2503088	DELAWARE COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU	JOINT AGREEMENT - LITTLE BROWN JUG MARKETING	21011113 - 5317	\$ 15,000.00
R2503096	INTRADO LIFE & SAFETY SOLUTIONS CORP	TEXT TO 911 FEB 25 - FEB 26	21711326 - 5330	\$ 15,000.00
R2503097	AVIAT US INC	FOUR REPLACEMENT DEHYDRATORS	21411306 - 5260	\$ 17,756.00
R2503104	RICHWOOD BANKING COMPANY	RIVERBY INTEREST 6 2025	53911158 - 5720	\$ 27,146.00

Vote on Motion      Mr. Benton      Aye      Mrs. Lewis      Aye      Mr. Merrell      Aye

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-359

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS FOSTER CARE APPRECIATION MONTH  
IN DELAWARE COUNTY:

It was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Merrell, to approve the following:

WHEREAS, more than 15,000 children and youth are placed in kinship homes, foster care, and residential

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centers in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, more than 7,200 families know It Takes 100% Heart to foster in Ohio, uplifting children and youth during an uncertain time in their lives; and

WHEREAS, parents, kinship caregivers, foster families, and facilities staff play an important role in the reunification journey of approximately 10,800 children and youth in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County currently has 25 children placed with kinship caregivers, 6 placed in family foster homes, 1 placed in a treatment foster home and 4 placed in residential/nursing home facility placements; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County currently has 1 licensed foster-only home, 17 licensed foster/foster to adopt homes and 2 adopt only licensed homes; and

WHEREAS, dedicated kinship and foster families, along with school staff and community members, provide lifelong support for children so they can have positive outcomes during their journey to permanency; and

WHEREAS, “Engaging Youth. Building Supports. Strengthening Opportunities” is the theme for National Foster Care Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes May 2025 as FOSTER CARE APPRECIATION MONTH in Delaware County.

Vote on Motion                      Mrs. Lewis              Aye              Mr. Merrell              Aye              Mr. Benton              Aye

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**RESOLUTION NO. 25-360**

**IN THE MATTER OF OBJECTING TO THE CITY OF SUNBURY’S PROPOSED TAX INCREMENT FINANCING INCENTIVE DISTRICTS EXEMPTIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS WOODLAND LAKE:**

It was moved by Mr. Merrell, seconded by Mr. Benton to approve the following:

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2025, the Delaware County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) received notice from the City of Sunbury, pursuant to section 5709.40(E)(1) of the Revised Code, of its intention to adopt an ordinance creating new tax increment financing incentive districts for a development known as Woodland Lake, providing exemptions for up to thirty years at one hundred percent (the “Exemptions”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 5709.40(E)(2) of the Revised Code, the Board may object to the Exemptions for the number of years in excess of ten, may object to the Exemptions for the percentage of the improvement to be exempted in excess of seventy-five per cent, or both;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, State of Ohio:

Section 1. The Board hereby objects to the Exemptions for the number of years in excess of ten.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the County Administrator, and her designees, to enter into negotiations with the City of Sunbury for a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, in accordance with section 5709.40(E)(2) of the Revised Code.

Section 3. The Board hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to certify this Resolution to the Council of the City of Sunbury on or before May 21, 2025.

Section 4. The Board finds and determines that all formal actions taken by this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in said formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Vote on Motion                      Mr. Merrell              Aye              Mr. Benton              Aye              Mrs. Lewis              Aye

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**RESOLUTION NO. 25-361**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS:**

It was moved by Mr. Benton, seconded by Mr. Merrell to approve the following:

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Transfer of Funds		
From:	To:	
10011102-5801	42311453-4601	
Commissioners General/Cash Transfer	Capital Acquisition & Project/Interfund Revenues	871,141.05

Vote on Motion                      Mr. Benton                      Aye                      Mrs. Lewis                      Aye                      Mr. Merrell                      Aye

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**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**  
**CA Tracie Davies**

- The Transportation Improvement District met on Wednesday
- Possible fall construction on 36/37 interchange
- moving forward the Bale Kenyon Road, Phase 2 Improvements
- moving forward Stockwell Road Improvements
- holding pattern on Orange Rd RailRoad Grade separation project; still waiting on RR (late 2027/2028)

DCA Dawn Huston/no reports  
DCA Aric Hochstettler/no reports

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**COMMISSIONERS’ COMMITTEES REPORTS**

- Commissioner Merrell;
- Attended the Foster Care Event
  - Attended the HelpLine ribbon cutting for their updated Building
  - Central Ohio Youth Center meeting later today in Marysville
  - later today and Friday will attend a CCAO Board Retreat

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Jeff Benton

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Barb Lewis

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Gary Merrell

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Jennifer Walraven, Clerk to the Commissioners