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MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 7, 2026

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-323**

IN THE MATTER OF SETTING DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR THE FINAL HEARING BY THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROPOSED ZERBE-O’KEEFE #265 WATERSHED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT:

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

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County (the “Board”) held a public hearing and determined that the proposed Zerbe-O’Keefe #265 Watershed Drainage Improvement is necessary and conducive to the public welfare, and that it is reasonably certain that the benefits of the proposed improvement will outweigh its costs; and

WHEREAS, the Board also ordered the Delaware County Engineer to prepare the reports, plans, and schedules for the proposed improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Engineer has filed the reports, plans, and schedules for the proposed improvement with the Clerk of the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Delaware hereby fixes **Monday, June 22, 2026, at 10:00A.M.**, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, 91 North Sandusky Street Delaware, Ohio, as the time and place of the final hearing on the report of the County Engineer.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-324**

IN THE MATTER OF SETTING DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR THE FINAL HEARING BY THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROPOSED HARSH #480 WATERSHED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT:

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

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2022, the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County (the “Board”) held a public hearing and determined that the proposed Harsh #480 Watershed Drainage Improvement is necessary and conducive to the public welfare, and that it is reasonably certain that the benefits of the proposed improvement will outweigh its costs; and

WHEREAS, the Board also ordered the Delaware County Engineer to prepare the reports, plans, and schedules for the proposed improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Engineer has filed the reports, plans, and schedules for the proposed improvement with the Clerk of the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Delaware hereby fixes **Monday, June 29, 2026, at 10:00A.M.**, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, 91 North Sandusky Street Delaware, Ohio, as the time and place of the final hearing on the report of the County Engineer.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-325**

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR PURCHASE OR LEASE OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE USE OF THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE:

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 307.41 of the Revised Code, the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, Ohio (the “Board”) may find, by resolution of necessity, that it is necessary to expend county monies for the purchase or lease of motor vehicles to be used by the county commissioners, by any county department, board, commission, office or agency, or by any elected county official or his or her employees; and

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WHEREAS, the Board has before it a request from the Delaware County Sheriff to expend county monies for the lease of new motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the motor vehicles are available for lease through the Enterprise Government Vehicle Leasing Program, TIPS Contract 190402 (the "Program");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO:

Section 1. The Board hereby declares that it is necessary to expend county monies for the lease of motor vehicles to be used by the Sheriff's Office for the following reason: five (5) existing vehicles are at the end of their useful service life.

Section 2. The Board hereby approves the lease of the following motor vehicles from the Program and declares that the lease of said motor vehicles shall be in accordance with the Lease Rate Quote for each vehicle, pursuant to the contract and terms and conditions set forth in Resolution No. 18-824 approving the Fleet Management Master Equity Lease Agreement, Amendment to Master Equity Lease Agreement, and Credit Application with Enterprise FM Trust:

All General Fund and Other Fund Vehicles to be Leased

Department	Vehicle Type	2026 Vehicle Make and Model	Estimated Annual Lease Payment	Number to be Leased	Estimated Total Annual Lease Payment Per Type
Sheriff	Sedan	Nissan Altima	\$5,447.76	1	\$5,447.76
Sheriff	Sedan	Nissan Altima	\$5,096.16	1	\$5,096.16
Sheriff	SUV	Nissan Rogue	\$6,342.24	1	\$6,342.24
Sheriff	SUV	Nissan Rogue	\$6,269.64	1	\$6,269.64
Sheriff	SUV	Nissan Rogue	\$6,224.16	1	\$6,224.16
			TOTAL	5	\$29,379.96

Section 3. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Director of Facilities, the County Sheriff, and the County Auditor.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-326**

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A LOW BOY EQUIPMENT TRAILER FOR THE ENGINEER'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE TRADE-IN OF AN EQUIPMENT TRAILER THAT IS NOT NEEDED OR UNFIT FOR PUBLIC USE AS A CREDIT TOWARD THE COST OF A NEW TRAILER:

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 5549.01 of the Revised Code, the Delaware County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") may purchase machinery and equipment for the construction, improvement, maintenance or repair of the highways, bridges, and culverts under its jurisdiction as it deems necessary, including the purchase of automobiles, motorcycles, or other conveyances and maintenance thereof for the use of the County Engineer and the Engineer's assistants when on official business; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Engineer's Office ("Engineer") has a need for one (1) Low Boy Equipment Trailer for use in performing the office's official duties; and

WHEREAS, the Board participates in the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program ("Program"), and the Low Boy Equipment Trailer is available for purchase via the Program; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the Low Boy Equipment Trailer shall be subject to Program Contract 146-26, the terms and conditions of which are fully incorporated herein and of which the purchase order(s) shall be made a part; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 5513.01(B) of the Revised Code, purchases made by political subdivisions through the Program are exempt from any competitive bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 307.12(G) of the Revised Code, if the Board finds, by resolution, that the county has vehicles, equipment, or machinery that is not needed, or is unfit for public use, the Board may offer to sell the vehicles, equipment, or machinery to a firm from which the Board proposes to purchase new vehicles, equipment, or machinery and have the selling price credited against the purchase price of the new vehicles, equipment, or machinery; and

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WHEREAS, the County has an equipment trailer currently used by the Engineer, specifically Equipment Trailer, Year 2009, Model Number PRTN35TD-PS, Serial Number 1E930371XA222012, that is not needed or is unfit for public use and that the Board desires to trade-in and have the selling price credited against the purchase price of the Low Boy Equipment Trailer to be purchased; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer agrees the 2009 Equipment Trailer is not needed or is unfit for public use and recommends authorizing its trade-in;

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

Section 1. The Board hereby determines that the equipment trailer, Serial Number 1E930371XA222012, owned by the County and used by the Engineer is not needed or is unfit for public use and authorizes trade-in of said equipment trailer to purchase a new Low Boy Equipment Trailer, the total trade-in credit for which shall be \$16,000, which selling price shall be credited against the purchase of the new Low Boy Equipment Trailer.

Section 2. The Board, pursuant to Program Contract #146-26, hereby authorizes the purchase of one (1) Low Boy Equipment Trailer for the purchase price of \$89,872.00, less a trade-in credit of \$16,000 as authorized in Section 1, for a total purchase price of \$73,872.00.

Section 3. The Clerk shall provide a copy of this Resolution to the County Engineer.

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

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ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

CA Davies – well wishes to Clerk Wilson on relocating to Florida.

DCA Huston – well wishes to Clerk Wilson.

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COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEES REPORTS

Commissioner Merrell – well wished to Clerk Wilson

Commissioner Benton – well wishes to Clerk Wilson, attended a memorial luncheon on Tuesday, will be attending a MORPC Executive meeting later today. Also wanted to acknowledge with warm regards the passing of Jack Hilborn.

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-327

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER THE
PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 121.22(G) of the Revised Code, a public body may hold an executive session only after a majority of a quorum of the public body determines, by a roll call vote, to hold an executive session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the matters specified in section 121.22(G)(1)–(7) of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 121.22(G)(8) of the Revised Code, a public body may hold an executive session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that both of the following conditions apply:

(1) The information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715., 725., 1724., or 1728. or sections 701.07, 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project; and

(2) A unanimous quorum of the public body determines, by a roll call vote, that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project;

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

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Section 1. The Board hereby adjourns into executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes and confidential information related to Economic Development.

Section 2. The Board hereby adjourns into executive session to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.

Section 3. The Board hereby finds and determines that the information listed in Section 2 is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715., 725., 1724., or 1728. or sections 701.07, 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project.

Section 4. The Board hereby finds and determines that the executive session held pursuant to Section 2 is necessary to protect the interests of an applicant for economic development assistance or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-328

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was moved by Mr. Merrell, seconded by Mr. Benton, to adjourn out of Executive Session.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Jeff Benton

Barb Lewis

Gary Merrell

Jennifer Walraven, Clerk to the Commissioners