

COMMISSIONERS JOURNAL NO. 85 - DELAWARE COUNTY
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 5, 2026

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

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

10:30 A.M. Public Hearing for consideration of the Davis #240 Watershed Drainage Improvement Project

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-727

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ELECTRONIC RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND SPECIAL MEETING HELD
OCTOBER 1, 2026:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, Ohio (the “Board”) met in regular session on October 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, Ohio (the “Board”) met in special session on October 1, 2026; 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 the meetings 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 meetings.

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT
Mr. Mitchell inquiring about accountability.

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-728

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS, THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES,
AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS IN BATCH NUMBERS CMAPR1002:

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Merrell, to approve Then and Now Certificates, payment of warrants in batch numbers CMAPR1002, and Purchase Orders as listed below:

PR Number	Vendor Name	Line Desc	Line Account	Line Amount
R2604599	DELAWARE AUTO SALES LLC	2026 EXPLORER DAMAGE REPAIR	60111901-5370	\$8,251.44
R2604642	REXA INC	REPAIR FOR ACWRF ACTUATOR	66211900-5328	\$5,560.00
R2604655	BISHOP UNLIMITED INC	REPAIR ON CROSS BORE	66211900-5328	\$8,877.10
R2604668	AIR FORCE ONE INC	COMPRESSOR REPLACEMENT	66211900-5328	\$15,393.00
R2604682	SULLIVAN ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES	REBUILD PARTS FOR RAS PUMPS AT OECC	66211900-5228	\$12,029.18
R2604697	GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY	SHARED SERVICES BUILDING SOILS STABILIZATION	42411477-5410	\$92,880.00

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-729

IN THE MATTER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2026 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN DELAWARE COUNTY:

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

WHEREAS, Delaware County affirms October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and reaffirms our collective commitment to ending domestic violence and abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious and pervasive issue that affects individuals and families in every community in our great nation. It does not discriminate and can affect anyone at any time, taking many forms. The effects can be long-lasting, impacting not only survivors but also children, families, workplaces, and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, survivors of domestic violence demonstrate tremendous courage in seeking safety, healing, and a life free from abuse; and

WHEREAS, addressing domestic violence requires the commitment and partnership of our entire Delaware County community. Victims and survivors need access to safe housing, advocacy, counseling, legal assistance, health care, financial resources, and other supportive services that can help them move toward safety, stability, and healing. Delaware County is proud to provide these.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Delaware County Board of Commissioners recognizes October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and calls upon our community to join together in raising awareness, supporting survivors, promoting healthy relationships, and working to prevent domestic violence and abuse in all its forms. Love should not hurt. Abuse is never the victim’s fault. And together, we can help build a community where every person has the opportunity to live safely, freely, and with dignity.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-730

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE:

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

Transfer of Appropriation		
From:	To:	
10031301-5335	10031302-5345	\$30,000.00
Sheriff/Deputies	Sheriff Prisoner Transport	
Leases/Rental Services	Safety & Security Services	

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-731

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A CORRECTED PLAT OF SUBDIVISION FOR LONGSHORE CAD:

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

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2026, the Delaware County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) adopted Resolution No. 26-351, which included, *inter alia*, the approval of the plat of subdivision for Longshore CAD; and

WHEREAS, the Board and other plat signatories have been informed that the original plat contained an incomplete or incorrect property description; and

WHEREAS, the Sarnovsky Family Trust and the Daniels Family Trust have submitted a corrected plat of subdivision for Longshore CAD, including related development plans, and requests the Board’s approval thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the corrected plat of subdivision for Longshore CAD, which shall supersede the approval in Resolution No. 26-351:

Longshore CAD:

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Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Delaware, Township of Trenton and being part of Farm Lot 22D, 23C and 24, Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 16 West, USML. Being a subdivision of 37.88 acre and a 18.729 acre tract of land and a 0.695 ac part of an 18.769 acre tract of land as conveyed to David J. Sarnovsky and Diana E. Sarnovsky Trustees of the Sarnovsky Family Trust as recorded in Official Record 1575, Page 1220 and being a subdivision of a 37.88 acre and a 18.729 acre tract of land and a 0.695 ac part of an 18.769 acre tract of land as conveyed to William K. Daniels & Debora K. Daniels as Trustees of the Daniels Family Trust as recorded in Official Record1671, Page 1402 and all of a 0.932 acre tract of land as conveyed to David J. Sarnovsky & Diana E. Sarnovsky Trustees of the Sarnovsky Family Trust as recorded in Inst. No. 2026-00001812, of the Delaware County Recorder’s Office.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-732

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING RIGHT-OF-WAY WORK PERMIT SUMMARY SHEET:

It was moved by Mr. Merrell, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, to approve the following work permits:

WHEREAS, the below requests to perform work within the right-of-way have been reviewed and approved by the Delaware County Engineer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following permits are hereby approved by the Board of Delaware County Commissioners:

PERMIT	APPLICANT	LOCATION	TYPE OF WORK
UT2026-0266	SPD PERMITTING	HIGHFIELD DR	BURIED CABLE/CONDUIT
UT2026-0267	PEARCE SERVICES	HOME RD	BURIED CABLE
UT2026-0268	CHESAPEAK UTILITIES	BRITTONWOODS DR	GAS MAIN LINE
UT2026-0269	PEARCE SERVICES	VARIES	FIBER OPTIC CABLE
UT2026-0270	SPD PERMITTING	S OLD STATE RD	AERIAL CABLE

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-733

IN THE MATTER OF SETTING THE BID DATE AND TIME TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE LEASE OF DELAWARE COUNTY FARM LAND LOCATED AT 6579 MOORE RD, DELAWARE, OHIO 43015:

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

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Regional Sewer District desires to bid the leasing of farm land located at the Lower Scioto Water Reclamation Facility, 6579 Moore Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015; and

WHEREAS, Sewer District staff has developed the cash lease bid documents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, State of Ohio, hereby approves the cash lease bid documents for the Lease of Delaware County Farmland located at 6579 Moore Road and authorizes the Sanitary Engineer to advertise for and receive bids on behalf of the Board in accordance with the following Legal Notice:

LEGAL NOTICE
LEASE OF DELAWARE COUNTY FARMLAND
6579 Moore Road

Parties interested in leasing farmland from Delaware County may submit a sealed bid to the Board of Commissioners, Delaware County, Ohio, at the offices of the Delaware County Regional Sewer District, 1610 State Route 521, Delaware, Ohio 43015 until **2:00 pm on Friday, October 23, 2026**, for the cash lease of the County’s farmland. The land being offered for lease is located at the Lower Scioto Water Reclamation Facility (LSWRF), 6579 Moore Road Delaware, Ohio 43015.

There will be 44 acres, more or less, of cropland at the LSWRF as denoted by the Delaware County GIS Maps, to be offered for rent for one (1) crop season from April 1, 2027, with options to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year terms. Payment of one half of the annual rent shall be made on or before April 1st and the remaining one half of the annual rent shall be made by November 1st of each crop season. The notice of intent to exercise the options to extend the lease for one year period is to be submitted to the County Commissioners in writing by November 1st preceding the crop year for the extension. The lease shall be exclusively for use of land for crop purposes and does not provide for use of buildings, utilities or pasturing livestock.

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This Notice is published and bid blanks may be obtained online at <https://co.delaware.oh.us/> under the heading “Public Notices and Bids” or from the Delaware County Regional Sewer District, 1610 State Route 521, Delaware, Ohio 43015 during the hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Bids will be opened and a cash lease will be entered into according to the discretion of the Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities or informalities in each. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Sealed Bid for Farmland Cash Lease." No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after being publicly opened and read.

Delaware County Commissioners
Regional Sewer District
<End of Advertisement>

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

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TIFFANY MAAG,
DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
MONTHLY SANITARY APPROVAL UPDATE

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-734

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO THE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ADMINISTRATION SERVICES & GENERAL GRANT CONSULTING AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DELAWARE, OHIO AND CIVIC UPLIFT, LLC:

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

WHEREAS, Resolution 25-516 authorized the services agreement between the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County and Civic Uplift, LLC, for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administration Services & General Grant Consulting & Administration Services; and

WHEREAS, County Administration recommends the approval of an addendum to the services agreement to increase the not-to-exceed amount on the award to \$183,518.60 as well as extend the duration of the agreement to include the FY26 CDBG program year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, State of Ohio, hereby approves Addendum No. 2 to the Services Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County, Ohio and the Civic Uplift, LLC:

ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO SERVICES AGREEMENT
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administration Services & General Grant Consulting and Administration Services

This Addendum No. 2 to the Services Agreement dated July 14, 2025 (the "Agreement") is made and entered into on October 5, 2026, by and between the Delaware County Board of Commissioners, 91 North Sandusky Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015 ("County"), and Civic Uplift, LLC., 6511 Bell Crossing Loop, Westerville, Ohio 43015 ("Contractor"), hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties."

ARTICLE 1-AMENDMENT

Pursuant to Section 3.1 of the Agreement, the Parties mutually agree to amend Sections 4.2 and 7.2 of the Agreement as set forth below to provide for general grant consulting and administration services in accordance with "Addendum – Scope 2," which is attached hereto and, by this reference, incorporated herein:

- Section 4.2 Total compensation under this Agreement shall not exceed One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$183,518.60) as allocated by Eighty-One Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Forty Cents (\$81,556.40) for FY25 CDBG program administration services, Eighty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$86,962.20) for FY26 CDBG program administration services and Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for general grant consulting and administrative services without subsequent modification in writing signed by both Parties pursuant to Section 3.1.
- Section 7.2 This Agreement shall be in effect for the duration of the FY 2025 and FY 2026 Delaware County Urban County CDBG Grant Program and may, by written agreement of the Parties, be extended to include FY 2027.

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ARTICLE 2 -REMAINING PROVISIONS

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement not specifically amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

WILLIAM MURDOCK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
JOSEPH GARRITY, CHIEF STRATEGY & SR. DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS
EILEEN LEUBY, MEMBERSHIP SERVICES OFFICER

MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENTATION

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ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

- CA Davies – No reports
- Deputy Administrator and Counsel Hochstettler – No reports
- Deputy Administrator Huston – No reports

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COMMISSIONERS’ COMMITTEES REPORTS

- Commissioner Lewis
 - Attended the Delaware County Annual Foundation Banquet Friday
 - Well attended
 - Awards given to:
 - Joe Pemberton
 - Mark and Maria Pizzi
 - Instrumental in starting United Way and Turning Point
- Commissioner Merrell
 - Attended a meeting at Ohio Wesleyan last Thursday that went well
 - Early voting starts tomorrow
- Commissioner Benton
 - Attended the Kroger Ribbon Cutting last Friday
 - Olentangy Berlin and Delaware Hayes bands were there
 - Cheerleaders were there
 - Raised \$20,000 for PIN
 - 250 jobs
 - Finance Authority helped bring this new store to the area
 - Records Commission meeting Wednesday

RECESS FROM 10:23AM TO 10:30AM.

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DELAWARE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

10:30A.M. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE DAVIS #240 WATERSHED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

The Board of Commissioners opened the hearing at 10:30 A.M.

The Board of Commissioners closed the hearing at 11:38 A.M.

The Davis #240 Drainage improvement project has 4 parts
Davis #240 Main Section 1
Davis #240 Main Section 2
Lateral #1
Lateral #2

RESOLUTION NO. 26-735

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSIONERS SETTING ASIDE THE ORDER FOR AND DISMISSING THE PETITION FOR THE DAVIS #240 MAIN SECTION 1 WATERSHED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DUE TO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS: THE COST IS EQUAL TO OR EXCEEDS THE BENEFITS OF THE IMPROVEMENT:

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Merrell, to set aside the order for and dismiss the petition for the Davis #240 Main Section 1 Watershed Drainage Improvement Project due to one or more of the following reasons: the cost is equal to or exceeds the benefits of the improvement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-736

IN THE MATTER OF ORDERING THAT THE COSTS FOR THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DAVIS #240 MAIN SECTION 1 WATERSHED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, INCLUDING THE COSTS INCURRED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THE COUNTY ENGINEER AND THE DELAWARE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT IN MAKING SURVEYS, PLANS, REPORTS AND SCHEDULES, BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE LANDOWNERS IN THE SAME RATIO AS DETERMINED IN THE FINAL ESTIMATED ASSESSMENTS PRESENTED AT THE FINAL HEARING:

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

The Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, State of Ohio hereby ORDERS that the costs for the proceedings of the Davis #240 Main Section 1 Watershed Drainage Improvement Project, including the costs incurred by the Board of Commissioners, the County Engineer and the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District in making surveys, plans, reports and schedules, shall be distributed to the landowners in the same ratio as determined in the final estimated assessments presented at the final hearing, and that the land owners shall be given the option to pay the costs in a single installment or over two years, in semi-annual installments, as taxes are paid. No interest shall be charged on the installments.

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

RECESSED FROM 11:38 AM TO 1:30 PM

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-737

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING:

It was moved by Mr. Merrell, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, 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: Section 1. The Board hereby adjourns into executive session for consideration of employment and compensation of a public employee or public official and for collective bargaining.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-738

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Jeff Benton

Barb Lewis

Gary Merrell

Jennifer Walraven, Clerk to the Commissioners