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

10:00 A.M. Public Hearing For Consideration Of The Big Bear Farms Section 2 Part 2 And Golf Village Watershed Drainage Improvement Project

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-795

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ELECTRONIC RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 19, 2026:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, Ohio (the "Board") met in regular session on October 19, 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 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 Mrs. Lewis aye Mr. Benton aye Mr. Merrell aye

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PUBLIC COMMENT
Mr. Mitchell inquiring about accountability.

3
RESOLUTION NO. 26-796

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS, THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES, AND PAYMENT OF WARRANTS IN BATCH NUMBERS CMAPR1023*:*

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Merrell, to approve Then and Now Certificates, payment of warrants in batch numbers CMAPR1023*,* and Purchase Orders as listed below:

Vendor	Description	Account	Amount
PO' Increase			
P2601594	Facilities	66211900-5228	$40,000.00
P2602973	AT&T Mobility	42311453-5450	$6,514.15

PR Number	Vendor Name	Line Desc	Line Account	Line Amount
R2604837	STRYKER SALES CORP	2 POWER LOAD SYSTEMS	42311453 - 5450	$90,000
R2604883	AVIAT US INC	MICROWAVE RADIO EQUIPMENT	21411306 - 5450	$749,534

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-797

IN THE MATTER OF A TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE FROM ARCIS HOSPITALITY PARTNERS LLC, TARTAN FIELDS GOLF CLUB TO EAGL BEVERAGE HOLDINGS LLC, TARTAN FIELDS GOLF CLUB AND FORWARD TO THE OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL WITH NO OBJECTIONS AND NO REQUEST FOR A HEARING:

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

WHEREAS, the Ohio Division of Liquor Control has notified the Delaware County Board of Commissioners of a transfer request for a D-5 from Arcis Hospitality Partners LLC, Tartan Fields Golf Club to Eagl Beverage Holdings LLC, Tartan Fields Golf Club, 8070 Tartan Fields Dr., Dublin, OH 43017, Concord Township; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Commissioners has found no reason to file an objection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board shall complete the necessary forms and notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control that no objections are made and no hearing is requested by this Board of County Commissioners.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-798

IN THE MATTER OF SCHEDULING THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' SESSIONS FOR THE 2027 BUDGET HEARINGS STARTING AT 2:00P.M. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026, AND CONTINUING THRU THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2026:

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Merrell, to approve scheduling the Special Commissioners' Sessions for the 2027 budget hearings starting at 2:00P.M. Monday, November 2, 2026, and continuing thru Thursday November 5, 2026;

Starting times for each day are as follows:

Monday, November 2, 2026 at 2:00P.M.

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 2:00P.M.

Thursday November 5, 2026 at 10:00A.M.

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

6
RESOLUTION NO. 26-799

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE FY2027 OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES SUBSIDY GRANT JUVENILE COURT FUNDING APPLICATION UPDATE FORM:

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

WHEREAS, the County Juvenile/Probate Court Judge and Staff recommend approval of the FY2027 funding application update form to the Grant Agreement and Funding Application by and between the State of Ohio, Department of Youth Services, and the Delaware County Board of County Commissioners on behalf of the Delaware County Juvenile Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Commissioners approves the FY2027 funding application update form to the Grant Agreement and Funding Application by and between the State of Ohio, Department of Youth Services, and the Delaware County Board of County Commissioners on behalf of the Delaware County Juvenile Court, as follows:

Ohio Department of Youth Services Subsidy Grant
JUVENILE COURT FUNDING APPLICATION UPDATE
DYS Grantsreporting@DYS.Ohio.gov

Juvenile Court: **Delaware County Juvenile Court**

Fiscal Year 2027 Projections:

a) Projected number of admissions to DYS in FY 2027: **1**

b) This represents (check one) from the previous year: ___*an increase*__ *a decrease*_ **x no change**

c) Projected number of admissions to a CCF in FY 2027: **2**

d) This represents (check one) from the previous year: __*an increase* __*a decrease*_**x no change**

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

7
RESOLUTION NO. 26-800

IN THE MATTER OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2026 AS DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH IN DELAWARE COUNTY:

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

WHEREAS, October 2026 marks the 81st anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, a nationwide observance honoring the many and varied contributions of workers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this month is to celebrate the skills, talents, and achievements of people with disabilities in America's workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Commissioners is committed to supporting people with developmental disabilities as they pursue their employment goals, recognizing that inclusive workplaces enrich businesses, strengthen communities, and contribute to a vibrant local economy; and

WHEREAS, during this month, Delaware County joins with employers, advocates, families, and community members to reaffirm our shared responsibility to advance access and opportunity in the workforce;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delaware County Board of Commissioners proudly recognizes and commemorates the 81st anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and be it further resolved that we renew our commitment to ensuring people with disabilities have every opportunity to pursue meaningful careers and achieve the American Dream—not only in October, but throughout the year; and be it further resolved that the Delaware County Board of Commissioners designates the month of October 2026 as Disability Employment Awareness Month in Delaware County.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-801

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has passed Resolution No. 07-543 to reduce the real property tax collection rate from 2.8 mills to 1.8 mills, beginning with tax year 2008 for collection in year 2009 and thereafter for a continuing period of time, pursuant to R.C. 5705.313(A); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has passed Resolution No. 26-588 to reduce the real property tax collection rate from 1.8 mills to 1.3 mills, effective only for tax year 2026, collected in 2027, pursuant to R.C. 5705.313(A); and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Delaware County, Ohio has certified to this Board its actions in accordance with R.C. 5705.31 and R.C. 5705.34, together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification are hereby accepted; and

Be it further resolved that the following tax levies, within and without the ten mill limitation, are hereby authorized and levied on the tax duplicate of Delaware County at the rates specified herein:

SCHEDULE A

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

DELAWARE COUNTY TAX YEAR 2026	Amount Approved by Budget Commission	Amount to Be Derived from levies	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
FUND	Inside 10 M. Limitation	Outside 10 M. Limitation	Inside 10 M. Limit	Outside 10 M. Limit
General Fund	18,379,465*		1.3*	
Permanent Improvement Fund	1,413,805*		0.1*	
Developmental Disabilities Fund		3,834,190		0.40
9-1-1- Operations Fund		5,886,070		0.73
Senior Citizens		12,287,995		1.40
Debt Service				

TOTAL	19,793,270	22,008,255	2.40	2.53

*Subject to revision

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Delaware County Auditor.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-802

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

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

Supplemental Appropriation

40311450-5319	Ribov #620 watershed/Reimbursement-Refund	4,030.55
40311477-5319	Watson Ford #25/Reimbursement-Refund	1,381.95
40311480-5319	Davis #240 DI Project /Reimbursement-Refund	336.15
40311482-5319	Zerbe Okeefe #265 DI Project /Reimbursement-Refund	3,814.20
40311483-5319	McNamara Ditch /Reimbursement-Refund	3,493.35
40311487-5319	Slate Lick Lateral #1/Reimbursement-Refund	6,497.75
40311488-5319	Chancel Gate DI/Reimbursement-Refund	810.98
40311489-5319	Buell #542 /Reimbursement-Refund	328.68
40311491-5319	Harsh #480/Reimbursement-Refund	672.30
40311492-5319	Lawrence #22/Reimbursement-Refund	6,443.10
40311493-5319	Vienot #23/Reimbursement-Refund	862.79
40311494-5319	Daventry Park Watershed/Reimbursement-Refund	3,749.13
40311496-5319	Jones #60/Reimbursement-Refund	2,388.44
40311499-5319	Moore #1 #361 watershed/Reimbursement-Refund	1,122.39
40311500-5319	Felkner #302/Reimbursement-Refund	373.08
40311505-5319	Big Bear Farms Sec2 Part2/Reimbursement-Refund	2,079.50
40311506-5319	Wortz #459/Reimbursement-Refund	1,526.95
40311509-5319	Evergreen Cemetery/Reimbursement-Refund	1,396.89
40311510-5319	Warren #129/Reimbursement-Refund	131.43
40311512-5319	Homestead Lane North/Reimbursement-Refund	249.49
40311514-5319	Franklin North #2603/Reimbursement-Refund	9,440.71
40311515-5319	Franklin South #2604/Reimbursement-Refund	11,599.42
40311488-5301	Chancel Gate DI/Contracted Professional Services	83,129.17

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-803

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THE DELAWARE COUNTY TREASURER, THE STATE OF OHIO TAX COMMISSIONER, AND SMARTBILL LTD., FOR REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX BILL PRINTING, PROCESSING, HANDLING AND MAILING:

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

WHEREAS, the Treasurer and Treasurer's Office Staff recommend approval of the second amendment to the contract between the Delaware County Board of Commissioners, the Delaware County Treasurer, the State of Ohio Tax Commissioner, and SmartBill Ltd., for real estate property tax bill printing, processing, handling and mailing;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Commissioners approves the following second amendment to the contract between the Delaware County Board of Commissioners, the Delaware County Treasurer, the State of Ohio Tax Commissioner, and SmartBill Ltd., for real estate property tax bill printing, processing, handling and mailing:

SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX BILL PRINTING, PROCESSING, HANDLING AND MAILING

This Second Amendment to the Contract for Real Estate Property Tax Bill Printing, Processing, Handling and Mailing ("Second Amendment") is entered into this October 26, 2026 by and between the Board of Commissioners, Delaware County, Ohio ("Board"), whose principal place of business is located at 91 N. Sandusky St.,

Delaware, OH 43015, on behalf of the Treasurer of Delaware County, Ohio ("Treasurer"), whose principal place of business is located 145 N. Union St., 1st Floor, Delaware, Ohio 43015 (Board and Treasurer collectively "County"), the State of Ohio Tax Commissioner, whose principal place of business is located at the Ohio Department of Taxation, 4485 Northland Ridge Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43229, and SmartBill Ltd. ("Contractor"), whose principal place of business is located at 1050 O'Neill Dr., Hebron, Ohio 43025 (Individually "Party," collectively "Parties").

WHEREAS, the Parties, pursuant to a Request for Bids ("RFB"), entered a Contract for Real Estate Property Tax Bill Printing, Processing, Handling and Mailing dated April 24, 2023 (inadvertently stated in the First Amendment as April 20, 2023) ("Contract"); and,

WHEREAS, the Contract was a part of the RFB; and,

WHEREAS, the Contract was initially set to expire December 31, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Sec. 5 of the Contract, the Contract may be renewed subject to the same terms and conditions as provided in the Contract and upon any such terms and conditions as may be specifically agreed upon, added and/or amended in writing by the Parties; and,

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2025, the Parties entered a First Amendment to the Contract which amended and renewed the Contract until December 31, 2026 ("Initial Renewal Term"); and,

WHEREAS, the Parties now desire to enter a Second Amendment to the Contract to again amend and renew the Contract until December 31, 2027.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree to amend and renew the Contract as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS. Unless otherwise defined in this Second Amendment, the First Amendment, or the Contract, capitalized words and phrases shall have the same meanings assigned to them by the RFB.

2. RENEWAL. The Contract is renewed for one (1) year subject to the same terms and conditions as provided in the Contract and First Amendment, and those contained in this Second Amendment. Such renewal shall begin on January 1, 2027, expiration of the Initial Renewal Term, and continue through December 31, 2027 ("Second Renewal Term").

3. SCOPE OF SERVICES. Services shall be provided for the Second Renewal Term in accordance with the Contract, First Amendment, and this Second Amendment.

4. PAYMENTS. In exchange for Services provided during the Second Renewal Term, the County shall pay the Contractor by real estate tax billing cycle at the "New Pricing" rates for Services as set forth on attached "Exhibit A," up to $19,000.00 total for the Second Renewal Term. Invoicing and payments shall be made in accordance with the Contract.

5. SECOND AMENDMENT MAXIMUM. The Contractor agrees to accept as full payment for the Services provided pursuant to this Second Amendment, all rendered in a manner satisfactory to the Treasurer, the lesser of the following: (1) the maximum amount of $19,000.00 or (2) the total dollar amount of the actual Services provided by the Contractor to the Treasurer. It is expressly understood and agreed that in no event shall the total amount to be paid to the Contractor for Services under this Second Amendment exceed the maximum of $19,000.00

6. CERTIFICATION REGARDING FINDINGS FOR RECOVERY. The Contractor, by signature of its authorized representative on this Second Amendment, hereby certifies that it is not subject to any current unresolved findings for recovery pending with or issued by the Ohio Auditor of State.

7. INCORPORATION OF EXHIBIT. By this Reference, "Exhibit A" to this Second Amendment is incorporated into and made a part of this Second Amendment as if restated here.

8. SIGNATURES. Any person executing this Second Amendment in a representative capacity hereby warrants that they have authority to sign this Second Amendment or have been duly authorized by their principal to sign this Second Amendment on such principal's behalf and are authorized to bind such principal.

9. CONFLICTS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the Contract, the First Amendment, and this Second Amendment, the terms of this Second Amendment shall prevail.

10. OTHER TERMS OF CONTRACT UNCHANGED. All terms and conditions of the Contract and First Amendment not changed by this Second Amendment remain the same, unchanged, and in full force and effect.

EXHIBIT A

	Previous Pricing	New Pricing
#9 Custom Remit Envelope	$0.0478	$0.0514
#10 Dual Window Outer Envelope	$0.0227	$0.0244
Perfed 24# Paper	$0.0280	$0.0280
Service -Full Color Front/Black back	$0.0936	$0.0936
NCOA	$0.0025	$0.0025
Online View	$0.0104	$0.0104
E-mailed Statements	$0.0520	$0.0520
Programming	$150.00	$150.00

For files sent to create pdf

To have a statement to register to $0.0312 per pdf

2025 Annual Amount $16,993.25 $0.1946 per bill
Based on 87,324 Parcels

New-For Tax year 2027 $17,855.87 $0.1999 per bill
Based on 89,324

$928.97 OLV

$100.67 Presentment The County currently has 1,936 taxpayers signed up for paperless billing

$18,885.51 Total Including Online Services -To be validated with client's actual volumes

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

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RESOLUTION NO 26-804

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE AWARD FOR THE VICTIMS OF CRIME AND STATE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE GRANT (VOCA/SVAA) FOR VICTIM SERVICES:

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

Grant # 2027 VOCA
Source: VOCA- Ohio Attorney General
Grant Period: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027

Federal Grant Requested Amount: $ 63,781.20
Local Match: $ 15,945.30
Total VOCA Grant Amount: $ 79,726.50

Grant # 2027 SVAA
Source: SVAA- Ohio Attorney General
Grant Period: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027

Federal Grant Requested Amount: $ 2,106.00
Local Match: 0.00
Total SVAA Grant Amount: $ 2,106.00

Total Grant Amount: $ 81,832.50

The acceptance of this grant allows us to continue to employ our Victim Services Director and three Victim Services Assistants. Without these positions our Victim Services Unit would be unable to sustain the number of victims and would in turn be a disservice to the community of Delaware County.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-805

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

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

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Commissioners (the "Board of Commissioners") created the Delaware County Board of Zoning Appeals (the "BZA"), pursuant to section 303.13 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the term for BZA board member Ryan Bard will expire on December 31, 2026, and Mr. Bard has expressed interest in being re-appointed; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2013, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 13-645, adopting a policy for the appointment of members to boards and commissions (the "Policy"), which requires posting of all available positions for at least fourteen (14) days and permits the Board of Commissioners to conduct interviews of any applicants; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to approve an exception to the Policy in order to re-appoint a current member of the BZA;

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

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby approves an exception to the Policy for the re-appointment made herein by choosing to waive the requirement for posting the position and to proceed directly to re-appointment.

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners hereby approves the re-appointment of the following member to the BZA and for the term specified herein:

Position	Appointee	Term Commences	Term Ends
BZA-1	Ryan Bard	January 1, 2027	December 31, 2031

Section 3. The re-appointment approved in this Resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-806

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

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

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities (the "DCBDD") is the body existing, pursuant to Chapter 5126 of the Revised Code, to administer and provide developmental disability services within Delaware County; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") shall appoint individuals to the DCBDD, pursuant to section 5126.021, *et seq.*, of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the terms of two members are expiring December 31, 2026, and appointments to the expiring terms shall be made not later than November 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Theodore Klecker and Kimberly Pirie have expressed interest in re-appointment to the DCBDD, and both applicants have submitted the required declaration of eligibility and are not otherwise term-limited or disqualified from re-appointment;

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

Section 1. The Board hereby re-appoints Theodore Klecker and Kimberly Pirie as members of the DCBDD for terms of four years, commencing on the date of the DCBDD's annual organizational meeting in January 2027, in accordance with sections 5126.025 and 5126.029 of the Revised Code. Both terms shall expire December 31, 2030.

Section 2. The Board hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to certify a copy of this Resolution and copies of all declarations of eligibility to the Superintendent of the DCBDD.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-807

IN THE MATTER OF SETTING THE BID DATE AND TIME TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE 2027

SLUDGE THICKENING POLYMERS CHEMICAL SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR THE DELAWARE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT:

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

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Regional Sewer District desires to purchase various emulsion polymers to be used at the treatment facilities of the Delaware County Regional Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, Sewer District staff has developed the contract documents and technical specifications for the needed various emulsion polymers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, State of Ohio, hereby approves the bid documents and specifications for the 2027 Sludge Thickening Polymers Chemical Supply Contract and authorizes the Sanitary Engineer to advertise for and receive bids on behalf of the Board in accordance with the following Legal Notice and Invitation to Bid:

Legal Notice
Invitation to Bid

Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Delaware County Sanitary Engineer, 1610 State Route 521, Delaware, Ohio 43015, until **11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 10**, at which time they will be opened and read aloud, for the project known as 2027 Sludge Thickening Polymers Chemical Supply Contract.

The proposals must be made on the forms provided in the Contract Documents or a copy thereof and shall contain the full name and address of the bidder. All bids shall be sealed and plainly marked "SEALED BID FOR 2027 SLUDGE THICKENING POLYMERS CHEMICAL SUPPLY CONTRACT."

This notice and the complete Invitation to Bid are posted on the internet and may be viewed on Delaware County's web page at http://www.co.delaware.oh.us under the heading Public Notices and Bids and on the Delaware County Regional Sewer District web page at https://regionalsewer.co.delaware.oh.us/bids/. Please direct all pre-bid questions in writing via email to jmcgill@co.delaware.oh.us.

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to make a non-exclusive award and to issue purchase orders on an as needed basis.

All bids shall be accompanied by a bond or certified check, cashier's check, or money order on a solvent bank or savings and loan association in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00), conditioned that the bidder, if the bidder's bid is accepted, shall execute a contract in conformity to the invitation and the bid.

No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening thereof. Awarding of the contract shall be to the Lowest and Best bidder as determined by the Delaware County Board of Commissioners in the best interest of the County. The Board reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-808

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES LLC:

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

WHEREAS, Evoqua Water Technologies LLC is currently under contract to supply calcium nitrate for the Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, the contract allows for an extension of up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms; and

WHEREAS, the contract allows for a change in contract price based on the Consumer Price Index; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2025, the Delaware County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 25-954, approving Change Order No. 1 with Evoqua Water Technologies LLC, to extend the existing contract until December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Sanitary Engineer recommends approving Change Order No. 2 to extend the existing contract with Evoqua Water Technologies LLC until December 31, 2027, and to increase the contract price in accordance with the Consumer Price Index;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Commissioners approves Change Order No. 2 to extend the contract with Evoqua Water Technologies LLC, and increase the contract price in accordance with the Consumer Price Index, and authorizes the Sanitary Engineer to execute the Change Order approved herein.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-809

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION OF CHESHIRE ROAD AND SOUTH GALENA ROAD, AND AUTHORIZING COMMISSIONER BENTON TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION:

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

WHEREAS, section 5555.022 of the Revised Code provides that a board of county commissioners may find by a majority vote that the public convenience and welfare require the improvement of any part of any public road, may fix the route and termini of the improvement, and may authorize such improvement; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has determined that improvements to the intersection of Cheshire Road and South Galena Road are needed and recommends proceeding with such improvements; and

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement described herein is a qualified project under the OPWC programs;

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

Section 1. The public convenience and welfare requires improvements to the intersection of Cheshire Road and South Galena Road, and the improvement known as "DEL-CR72-7.50 Cheshire Road and South Galena Road Intersection" (PID 0869) shall be completed for such purpose.

Section 2. Commissioner Benton is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

Section 3. Commissioner Benton is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance; provided, however, any agreements shall first be submitted to the Board for consideration.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-810

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

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Merrell, 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
UT2026-0283	Cincinnati Bell	Tussic Street Rd	Fiber Optic Cable
UT2026-0284	Columbia Gas/Nisource	Liberty Rd & Bunty Station	Test Holes
UT2026-0285	Spd Permitting	Blue Church Rd	Buried Cable
UT2026-0286	Spd Permitting	Wellington Blvd & Liberty Blvd	Buried Cable
UT2026-0287	Suburban Natural Gas	Multiple Roads	Gas Lines

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-811

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A COOPERATIVE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN DELAWARE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF DELAWARE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION:

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

WHEREAS, the County Engineer recommends approval of a Cooperative Project agreement with the City of

Delaware;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delaware County Board of Commissioners approves the following Cooperative Project Agreement with the City of Delaware:

COOPERATIVE PROJECT AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN
CITY OF DELAWARE
AND DELAWARE COUNTY

The City of Delaware (the "City"), acting as the Project Sponsor, and Delaware County, by and through the Delaware County Board of Commissioners (the "County"), hereby enter into a cooperative agreement to submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the Project known as the EAST CENTRAL AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (the "Project"), for Round 41 of the OPWC programs.

The City will provide the Local Share as described in the OPWC Application for Funding Assistance from the Capital Improvements Fund not to exceed approximately $5,231,328 and will pay its Local Share as invoices are due.

The County, through the ***Roadway Grant Assistance Program (RGAP)***, will provide matching funds equal to Three Dollars ($3.00) for every One Dollar ($1.00) of the Local Share provided by the City, not to exceed the amount of grant funds provided by OPWC or One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000), whichever is less, from the County's Road and Bridge Projects fund, subject to the approved RGAP Grant Guidelines.

The County agrees to pay its share of costs as construction invoices are due, or, if requested by the Project Sponsor, shall pay directly to the awarded contractor.

The County authorizes the Project Sponsor to be the lead applicant and to sign all necessary applications, agreements and certifications relating to the OPWC programs and this Project.

This Agreement shall become effective the date last signed by the parties below. This Agreement shall become null and void if the Project does not receive a grant award by the OPWC in the funding round stated above, or if the required OPWC Grant Agreement is not properly executed by the Project Sponsor, or if funding is revoked for any reason by the OPWC.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-812

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SELF-INSURED WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND:

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

Transfer of Appropriation

From:	**To:**	
61311923-5260 Materials and Supplies	61311923-5370 Services and Charges	$115,000.00

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

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10:00A.M.- PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BIG BEAR FARMS SECTION 2 PART 2 AND GOLF VILLAGE WATERSHED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

The Board of Commissioners opened the hearing at 10:00 A.M.

The Board of Commissioners closed the hearing at 10:16 A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-813

IN THE MATTER OF FINDING IN FAVOR OF THE IMPROVEMENT AND AFFIRMING THE ORDER FOR THE BIG BEAR FARMS SECTION 2 PART 2 AND GOLF VILLAGE WATERSHED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

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

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2023, a Drainage Improvement Petition for the Big Bear Farms Section 2 Part 2 and Golf Village Watershed Drainage Improvement Project was filed with the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2024, the Board adopted Resolution No. 24-391, finding in favor of the improvement

and directing the Delaware County Engineer to proceed with preparation of plans, reports, and schedules for the Big Bear Farms Section 2 Part 2 and Golf Village Watershed Drainage Improvement Petition Project; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2026, the Board held a final public hearing, to determine if the action is necessary, conducive to the public welfare, and the benefits derived exceed the cost incurred for the Big Bear Farms Section 2 Part 2 and Golf Village Watershed Drainage Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, after hearing all the evidence offered in the proceedings and after receiving and considering all the schedules, plans, and reports filed by the County Engineer, the cost of location and construction, the compensation for land taken, the effect on land along or in the vicinity of the route of the improvement, the effect on land below the lower terminus of the improvement that may be caused by constructing the improvement, the sufficiency of the outlet, the benefits to the public welfare, and the special benefits to land needing the improvement, the Board is prepared to issue its findings on the proposed improvements;

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

Section 1. The Board hereby affirms its former order, finding that the proposed improvement is necessary, that it will be conducive to the public welfare, and that the cost of the proposed improvement will be less than the benefits derived from the improvement. Accordingly, the Board hereby grants the prayer of the petition and approves the maps, profiles, plans, schedules and reports prepared by the Delaware County Engineer.

Section 2. This 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-814

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONERS CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENTS; APPROVING THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND ORDERING THE LETTING OF THE CONTRACTS FOR THE BIG BEAR FARMS SECTION 2 PART 2 AND GOLF VILLAGE WATERSHED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PETITION PROJECT:

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

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2026, the Delaware County Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) held the final public hearing and, in Resolution No. 26-813, affirmed its order for the Big Bear Farms Section 2 Part 2 and Golf Village Watershed Drainage Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, after hearing testimony from property owners on the assessments for the improvement, the Board is prepared to issue its findings on the assessments;

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

Section 1. The Board hereby approves the assessments for the Big Bear Farms Section 2 Part 2 and Golf Village Watershed Drainage Improvement Project as prepared by the Delaware County Engineer.

Section 2. Once the watershed is confirmed, the Delaware County Engineer’s estimated assessments are hereby approved and confirmed, and the Engineer is ordered to receive bids for the construction of the improvement.

Section 3. The County Engineer is hereby directed to prepare the necessary bid documents and legal advertisements.

Section 4. The County Engineer is hereby directed to give at least two weeks public notice as required by law of the time when and the place where bids will be received for furnishing any material for the improvement and for the construction of the improvement.

Section 5. The Board fixes January 26, 2027 as the date for the County Engineer to receive bids for the construction of the improvement.

Section 6. The county shall borrow funds to pay for the improvement. Eight years shall be the period of time, in semi-annual installments, as taxes are paid, given the owners of land benefited to pay the assessments that may be made for the improvement, and interest shall be charged on the installments at the same rate charged to the county for the borrowing of the funds. If, after the deadline for the landowners to pay their assessments upfront passes, the total remaining construction cost to be borrowed is less than $10,000.00, then the county will front the remaining cost of the construction, and the county will no longer borrow the funds.

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

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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 St. Vincent New Beginnings Saturday Evening

Commissioner Merrell

- Attended CORSA Retreat this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- Next Sunday is the Veterans Day Parade in Delaware at 3pm
    - Margo has done a wonderful job with the parade
- The number of projects going on at OWU is wonderful

Commissioner Benton

- OWU Meeting last Friday
    - OWU President vandenBerg announced Dudley Mecum II and his wife Harriet Mecum gifted $40 million for the Mecum College of Arts and Humanities.

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