

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

The Pickaway County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session in their office located at 139 West Franklin Street, Circleville, Ohio, on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, with the following members present: Mr. Jay H. Wippel, Mr. Harold R. Henson and Mr. Gary K. Scherer. April Metzger, County Administrator, was also in attendance.

In the Matter of
Executive Session:

At 8:35 a.m., Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC §121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation, etc., of a public employee with April Metzger, County Administrator, Marc Rogols, County Deputy Administrator and Angela Karr, Clerk in attendance.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

At 8:56 a.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to resume Regular Session.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

No Action taken.

In the Matter of
Minutes Approved:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the minutes from August 26, 2025, with corrections.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
Bills Approved for Payment:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bills have been found to be properly filed, and their respective vouchers shall be cross-referenced to the approving pages dated September 2, 2025, in the Commissioners' Voucher Journal, the date in which checks will be cut; then,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners authorize April Metzger, County Administrator, to approve budget and bills in the VIP System,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Pickaway County Commissioners orders the Auditor of Pickaway County, Ohio, to draw his warrant on this entry in the amount of \$461,643.16 the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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In the Matter of
Then and Now Certification Approved for Payment:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Auditor certifies that both at the time that the following contracts or orders were made and at the time that a certification (Section 5705.41) was completed, sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appointed and free from any previous encumbrance. The Then and Now Certification has been found to be properly filed, and their respective vouchers shall be cross-referenced to the approving pages dated September 2, 2025, in the Commissioners' Voucher Journal, the date in which checks will be cut; then,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners authorize April Metzger, County Administrator, to approve budget and bills in the VIP System,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Pickaway County Commissioners, as Taxing Authority are authorizing the Auditor of Pickaway County, Ohio, to draw his warrant on this entry in the amount of **\$20,355.66** on the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
Supplemental Appropriations Adjustment Approved:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to approve the following requests for SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ADJUSTMENT:

\$8,500.00 – 6039.560.90.530100 – Supplies – Park District

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
Supplemental Budget Adjustment Approved:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to approve the following requests for SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

\$2,198.00 – 1001.240.33.596000 – Refund Reimbursement - Engineer

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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In the Matter of
Budget Adjustment Approved:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to approve the following requests for BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

\$100.00 – 2027.255.32.550100 – Non Cap Equipment - CASA

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
Supplemental Appropriations Approved:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to approve the following requests for SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

\$5,000.00 – 1001.100.30.550100 – Non Cap Equipment – Board of Commissioners

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
Transfer and Reappropriations Approved:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to approve the following requests for TRANSFER AND REAPPROPRIATIONS:

\$300.00 – 2039.403.32.510200 – Other Expense – Sheriff STEP

\$200.00 – 2039.402.32.590100 – Sheriff IDEP

\$500.00 – 1001.190.30.54031 – OAEO Travel Expense – Board of Elections

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
Fund Transfer Approved:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the following requests for FUND TRANSFER:

\$5,645,097.26 – Real Estate Settlement - Auditor

Please make the following transfers from the July 2025 tax year 2024 Real Estate Settlement					
	Transfer From		Amount	Transfer To	
General	626.6031.5884	6926-160-93-558284	\$2,746,139.16	101.0000.4101	1001-160-10-410100
Auditor's Fees	626.6031.5890	6926-160-93-558290	\$102,289.62	101.0000.4201	1001-160-12-420001
Treasurer's Fees	626.6031.5891	6926-160-93-558291	\$140,306.30	101.0000.4206	1001-170-12-420000
REA Fees	626.6031.5883	6926-160-93-558300	\$374,889.25	260.0000.4221	2060-160-12-420021
Election Expense	626.6031.5884	6926-160-93-558284	\$17,061.78	101.0000.4251	1001-190-12-420000

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Advertise Delinq Tax	626.6031.5901	6926-160-93-590100	\$0.00	101.0000.4253	1001-160-12-420053
Board of Health	626.6031.5881	6926-160-93-558481	\$295,164.01	605.0000.4221	6705-510-90-420021
PCB/DD	626.6031.5882	6926-160-93-558582	\$1,502,700.90	241.0000.4101	2041-570-10-410100
Pickaway County Park	626.6031.5826	6926-160-93-558426	\$363,848.35	639.0000.4101	6039-560-90-410100
DRETAC Prosecutor	626.6031.5887	6926-160-93-558287	\$7,068.95	233.0000.4221	2033-180-12-420021
DRETAC Treasurer	626.6031.5886	6926-160-93-558296	\$7,068.94	232.0000.4221	2032-170-12-420021
County Wide Sewer	626.6031.5888	6926-160-93-558488	\$6,978.55	501.0000.4101	5001-240-10-410100
Darby Sewer - 11060	626.6031.5880	6926-160-93-558480	\$15,702.68	503.0000.4101	5003-240-10-410100
11000 Double Creeks Storm Water	626.6031.5799	6926-160-93-558466	\$175.00	943.0000.4601	2743-240-22-460000
11010 Brasket Ditch	626.6031.5868	6926-160-93-558468	\$342.37	282.0000.4601	2782-240-22-460000
11030 Hughes Lateral #1	626.6031.5852	6926-160-93-558452	\$1,995.33	265.0000.4601	2765-240-22-460000
11040 Hughes Main	626.6031.5853	6926-160-93-558453	\$4,508.64	264.0000.4601	2764-240-22-460000
11070 Greenbriar Ditch	626.6031.5864	6926-160-93-558464	\$0.00	279.0000.4601	2779-240-22-460000
11080 Fulks Moore Wolford	626.6031.5854	6926-160-93-558454	\$592.26	267.0000.4601	2767-240-22-460000
11100 Grove Run	626.6031.5855	6926-160-93-558455	\$1,598.81	270.0000.4601	2770-240-22-460000
11110 Wolfe Run Ditch	626.6031.5872	6926-160-93-558472	\$766.59	271.0000.4601	2771-240-22-460000
11120 Johnson-Metzger-Ewing	626.6031.5856	6926-160-93-558456	\$2,796.78	272.0000.4601	2772-240-22-460000
11140 Mud Run Lateral	626.6031.5857	6926-160-93-558457	\$3,342.52	274.0000.4601	2774-240-22-460000
11150 Blue Anderson	626.6031.5858	6926-160-93-558458	\$2,422.23	273.0000.4601	2773-240-22-460000
11190 Congo Lateral	626.6031.5859	6926-160-93-558459	\$2,386.67	275.0000.4601	2775-240-22-460000
11200 Autie Howard	626.6031.5860	6926-160-93-558460	\$1,906.08	276.0000.4601	2776-240-22-460000
11220 Hughes Lateral #3	626.6031.5861	6926-160-93-558461	\$247.19	268.0000.4601	2768-240-22-460000
11230 Dry Run	626.6031.5863	6926-160-93-558463	\$803.42	269.0000.4601	2769-240-22-460000
11240 Greenbriar Ditch Ext 1	626.6031.5864	6926-160-93-558464	\$2,104.02	285.0000.4601	2785-240-22-460000
11241 Greenbriar Ditch Extension	626.6031.5874	6926-160-93-558474	\$0.00	279.0000.4601	2779-240-22-460000
11242 Greenbriar Ext	626.6031.5874	6926-160-93-558474	\$4,599.50	279.0000.4601	2779-240-22-460000
11250 Bulen Maint/Bulen Lat	626.6031.5865	6926-160-93-558465	\$4,194.08	266.0000.4601	2766-240-22-460000
11260 Hughes Upper (Lat #2)	626.6031.5862	6926-160-93-558462	\$3,262.76	277.0000.4601	2777-240-22-460000
11270 Burkirk-Upper	626.6031.5869	6926-160-93-558469	\$3,948.40	278.0000.4601	2778-240-22-460000
11280 Wilson Group	626.6031.5870	6926-160-93-558470	\$856.06	263.0000.4601	2763-240-22-460000
11290 Cooks Group Open	626.6031.5871	6926-160-93-558471	\$896.25	281.0000.4601	2781-240-22-460000
11300 Delinq Derby Sewer	626.6031.5901	6926-160-93-590100	\$12,160.73	505.0000.4101	5005-240-10-410100
11310 George's Run	626.6031.5867	6926-160-93-558467	\$0.00	262.0000.4601	2762-240-22-460000
11320 Writsel Group Maint	626.6031.5873	6926-160-93-558473	\$3.88	284.0000.4601	2784-240-22-460000
11340 Springwater Run	626.6031.5897	6926-160-93-558497	\$0.00	286.0000.4601	2786-240-22-460000
11350 Wampler Hills Storm	626.6031.5898	6926-160-93-558498	\$944.46	287.0000.4601	2787-240-22-460000
11330 Northwood Park	626.6031.5899	6926-160-93-558492	\$0.00	311.0000.4101	3011-100-10-410100
11360 Brill Group Ditch	626.6031.5879	6926-160-93-558479	\$0.00	289.0000.4601	2789-240-22-460000
11370 PC Acres Storm Water	626.6031.5800	6926-160-93-558400	\$0.00	283.0000.4601	2783-240-22-460000
11380/31240 Orient delinq sewer	626.6031.5837	6926-160-93-558137	\$4,621.93	506.0000.4101	5006-240-10-410100
11400 Clarks Run Term Ditch Note	626.6031.5805	n/a	\$0.00	316.0000.4101	n/a
11410 Clarks Run Maintenance	626.6031.5802	6926-160-93-558402	\$292.03	280.0000.4601	2780-240-22-460000
11520 DS Drainage Note	626.6031.5810	6926-160-93-558410	\$0.00	318.0000.4601	3018-100-22-460000

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11530 DS Drainage Maintenance	626.6031.5804	6926-160-93-558404	\$0.00	914.0000.4601	2714-240-22-460000
11540 Rhoads Ditch Maintenance	626.6031.5806	6926-160-93-558406	\$1,612.65	942.0000.4601	2742-240-22-460000
11550 Rhoads Ditch Note	626.6031.5803	6926-160-93-558403	\$0.00	319.0000.4601	3319-100-22-460000
31600 Bd of Health Permit Fees	626.6031.5881	6926-160-93-558481	\$2,498.13	618.0000.4357	6718-510-90-430057

\$5,645,097.26

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
Report Provided by Tiffany Nash:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Tiffany Nash, EMA Director.

- Approvals – None
- This Week
 - Ohio EMA / PCEMA Touch Point Meeting – 9/2
 - Tornado Siren testing on new consoles – 9/3
 - Sheriff’s Office Console Call – 9/3
 - 911 Coordinator Call – 9/4
- Next Week
 - Pickaway County Behavior Threat Assessment Meeting – 9/8
 - 911 Program Review Meeting – 9/9
 - Pumpkin Show EOC Meeting – 9/9
 - Township Trustees Association Meeting – 9/9
 - Pickaway County Console Meeting – 9/10
 - OCU Emergency Operations Plan Meeting – 9/10
- Programs
 - EMA Operations
 - Working on Pumpkin Show support
 - FY2025 funding from the Department of Homeland Security released Terms & Conditions
 - Section IV: Communication & Cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration Officials
 - Section XVII: Anti-Discrimination (DEI / DEIA)
 - Section XX: Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging while Driving
 - Section XXXVII: SAFECOM
 - National Priorities Changing some
 - Focusing on ICE and election
 - Berger Decon Trailer
 - 911 Coordinator
 - New dashboard for NexGen911 status
 - Pickaway is 100% of Phase 1 – Development progress
 - LEPC
 - No update
 - Radio Programming
 - Started deactivating radio IDs that are no longer needed
 - Lining up logistics for encryption – we have to do each department all at one time
 - Individual billing with EMA Admin over all accounts
 - Drone Program
 - Exploring how other areas are establishing a countywide drone program
 - CERT
 - Sent out requests for CERT volunteers to help during Pumpkin Show
 - Two response so far

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In the Matter of
Report Provided by Tim McGinnis:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Tim McGinnis, Planning and Development:

- Planning Commission: September 9th
 - Pumpkin Run – Re-plat
 - Ditch Improvement Variance – Major Subdivision
 - CT Realty Replat
- Outstanding Plats:
 - Graham Ravines Preliminary Plan
 - Jackson Township Major Subdivision
 - Whaley Farms
 - Walliser Farms Section II
- Lot Splits:
 - Approved 5 lot splits in the last week, 9 open applications currently.
- CDBG –
 - Bid opening for Williamsport
 - Circleville CI Project

In the Matter of
Report Provided by Marc Rogols:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Marc Rogols, Deputy County Administrator:

- There were no BWC claims, or unemployment claims filed for the week. There are three total BWC claims for 2025. Total unemployment claims filed is at three for 2025.
- Casualty Insurance: Civil litigations claim filed with CORSA.
- Health Insurance: CEBCO Annual Renewal webinar as August 29th for renewal, rates and plan changes. Information and renewal documents presented.
- Govdeals –Continue working on posting multiple vehicles in storage at PDI.
- Two new hire packets were sent out last week (Health Department). A total of 64 new hire packets has been handed out in 2025. Job openings for part-time and full-time Custodial. Amber Boyer completed preliminary phone interview for full-time custodial position. Maintenance Worker posted with one application received and interview pending.
- PICCA: Resignation of Chief Financial Officer Denise Pontious received by email.
- Maintenance:
 - JFS elevator replacement (2025 capital improvement) in progress.
 - Memorial Hall chair lift replacement (2025 capital improvement) July-August. Awaiting final delivery of materials.
 - IPS Camera replacement at the Sheriff's Office approved last week is a 3–4-week time frame. Present service invoice. Submitted for reimbursement.

In the Matter of
Report Provided by Robert Adkins:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Robert Adkins, IT Director.

- Still awaiting quote from Global Business Solutions.
- Update: Quote to share – Mr. Adkins met with Central Square asking for quote for extension of support contract for 6 months. They intend to give options for 6 and 12 months. Mr. Adkins guesses we won't see a large difference between the two in orders to entice extension to 12 months.
- Update: Nothing to report - TEAMS meeting with Frontier, Marcs, OARnet and OhioDAS concerning quote for secondary backhaul at the SO using VESTA 911 fiber installation spare fiber to direct links to backhaul locations.
- Update: Backups have been completed. Working with Mark to backup the remaining Sheriff's Office Servers directly to the County Backup server. New ACL's need to be written in order to complete.
- Update: Nothing to report – Mr. Adkins needs to migrate the Wasabi storage from the Sheriff's Office to the County and probably increase the County storage as he migrate backups.

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- Update: BOE Pollpad and Security Audit scheduled completed with no major findings.
- Update: Waiting for quote from WestSideMedia: Quote to consider for overhaul of Pickaway.org website by GoDaddy.
- Work with OCV to fulfill request from Sheriff Hafey to add a form to the Sheriff's Office Website.
- 2 of 12 of the MDT devices have been deployed.

In the Matter of
Report Provided by Preston Schumacker:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Preston Schumacker, Dog Warden.

- Mr. Schumacker reported that they are housing 14 dogs. There was 1 visitor to the shelter last week and 3 volunteers.

In the Matter of
Executive Session:

At 9:42 a.m., Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC §121.22 (G) (3) pending or imminent court actions; with Preston Schumacker, Dog Warden, April Metzger, County Administrator, Marc Rogols, County Deputy Administrator and Angela Karr, Clerk in attendance.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

At 9:50 a.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to resume Regular Session.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

No Action taken.

In the Matter of
Executive Session:

At 9:51 a.m., Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC §121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation, etc., of a public employee with April Metzger, County Administrator, Marc Rogols, County Deputy Administrator and Angela Karr, Clerk in attendance.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

At 10:00 a.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to resume Regular Session.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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No Action taken.

In the Matter of
County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio
Pickaway County 2026 Rate Renewal:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the Pickaway County 2026 Rate Renewal Acceptance from County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) for 2026 employee benefit rates.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio, Inc.
Health and Wellness Coverage Participation Agreement:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the Participation Agreement with County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio, Inc (CEBCO) to obtain employee benefit plan coverage effective January 1, 2026. Terms of the agreement shall commence January 1, 2026, 12:01 a.m. and terminate December 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CEBCO intends to provide medical, dental, prescription drug and life insurance coverage for all officials, employees and dependents of its members. Pending the approval of the Pickaway County Prosecutor.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
CentralSquare Quote for Pickaway County Sheriff's Office:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the quote from CentralSquare for License Renewal and backup for the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$28,113.97.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
Visitors Bureau Update:

Eliabeth Furniss, Visitors Bureau met with the Commissioners to share the news of Pickaway Premiere of The American Constitution. The documentary recounts the Constitution's creation with Framers in Philadelphia over the summer of 1787. There were seven sites to host premieres and Pickaway County was chosen as the only location in Central Ohio. Pickaway County is one of two Ohio locations that will have the film maker attend and answer questions after the 85-minute premier. Mrs. Furniss explained that this is a great way to kick off the America 250 Celebration. The event will be held Sunday, September 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at Ohio Christian University MPAC. Tickets are free but will need to be reserved. The premiere will be broadcasted by PBS in 2026.

Mrs. Furniss discussed way finding signs and adding electric lighting where needed. Mrs. Furniss requested \$16,000 to re-do signs, add additional signs and add lighting where needed. Each sign will cost

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\$360 per year after the first year. Signs can be located 10 miles out from the designated listed location. A way finding sign will be added to locate the Ag and Event Center.

In the Matter of
Report Provided by Sheriff Hafey:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Chief Brown, Pickaway County Sheriff:

- Sheriff Hafey reported that their part-time Deputy turned in his 2-week notice to go South Bloomfield full-time.
- The radio system will be converted to direct connect on Monday.
- Discussion related to Memorandum of Understanding with DASH Rescue.

In the Matter of
City of Circleville and
Community Development Block Grant Funding:

Chris Rust, City Engineer with Strand Associates, John Cleek and Thomas Perry, CDC of Ohio met with the Commissioners to discuss the Walnut Street Project, Critical Infrastructure, Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Ruggles explained the project and that the City of Circleville is the owners of the project. He requested that the City of Circleville be listed as the owner of the project and the Commissioners listed as the County. John Cleek explained it has been done and his recommendation would be to have the county listed and sign off on pay apps and change orders. The City would be the one to perform the bidding process. CDC of Ohio would still be involved and overseeing the project. The loan process would be a reason for the City to be listed as the owner for additional funding. Once the CDBG funds are disbursed CDC of Ohio will still stay involved with the project and working with the City. The project is anticipated as an 180-day project. Mr. Cleek will forward the amended contract for review and approval.

In the Matter of
Pumpkin Show Economic Study:

Marc Rogols, Nanisa Osborn and Valerie Goeller, Pumpkin Show, met with the Commissioners to provide the results from an economic study performed based off of the 2024 Pumpkin Show. Information gathered for the study was by surveying patrons, vendors and businesses and calculation of the impact of operations of the Circleville Pumpkin Show, visitors spending and vendor spending over the five days of the event. The surveys were taken in person and online and asked the questions of party size, income, estimated money spent and accommodations. There were 288 responses that were usable from the 304 collected. Patrons aged 55-64 had the highest response rate and the majority of respondents were identified as male.

Patrons Demographics

- Approx. 93% of respondents lived in the State of Ohio. Of the respondents who lived in Ohio, just over half said that they live in Pickaway County.
- The counties of residence for respondents who indicated they live outside of Pickaway County but within the state of Ohio.
 - Franklin, Fairfield, Delaware, Ross, Hocking, Athens, Licking, Greene, Scioto, Belmont, Fayette, Union, Fairfield, Meigs, Cuyahoga, Perry, Harrison, Hamilton, Miami, Vinton, Pike, Butler, Tuscarawas, Crawford, Madison, Marion, Logan
- States Represented:
 - Indiana, Tennessee, S. Carolina, Louisiana, Michigan, Arkansas, West Virginia, Florida, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Colorado, Alabama
- Shows the reach of the Pumpkin Show and its ability to attract patrons from all over the country.
- 68% of respondents indicated that the Pumpkin Show was their main reason for being in Circleville on the survey date.
- 27% indicated that they already lived in Circleville
- 5% of people indicated that they had another reason as to why they were in Circleville besides the Pumpkin Show; conducting business, shopping, or just passing through.
- 54% only planned to attend one day.
- 10% expected to attend all five days.
- 93% expected to attend 4-8 hours at the show.

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- 7% expected to attend 40 or more hours during the week.
- 14% planned on staying away from home; motels, relatives, etc.
- 56% attended in 2-3 person groups, while 24% of respondents were in 4-5 person groups

Vendors Survey

- The Vendor Survey was oriented more toward income and financial success.
- This survey asked questions about money spent in preparation for the Show, expected income, and the importance of the Show for vendors’ own monetary goals.
- The total number of respondents was 175. After the initial cleaning, the number of usable responses was 148.
- The research team surveyed a variety of businesses, including fee-paying businesses on city property and non-fee payers on private property.
- Official vendors were more willing to be surveyed compared to unofficial ones, and certain types of vendors were much more likely to respond based on their product type and management structure.
- The vendors surveyed were a mix of both small businesses that operated their own practices and larger organizations that operated out of permanent establishments in the area. Smaller vendors that were unaffiliated with larger companies were more likely to respond with their owner being present and had fewer rules in terms of sharing financial information.
- Vendors such as carnival rides and games were unlikely to answer the survey, as their businesses were not owned by the employees and their incentives to make money were confined by time.

Permanent Business Demographics

- 38% had businesses within the Pumpkin Show’s boundaries.
- 40% of respondents had businesses outside the Pumpkin Show boundaries but still within Circleville.
- 22% of respondents had businesses outside of Circleville but within Pickaway County.
- 56% said the show did not affect their sales.
- 65% of respondents indicated Pumpkin Show was not at all important in meeting their financial goals
- 17% of respondents indicated that the Pumpkin Show was very important for them to reach their monetary goals.
- Several businesses indicated that they either lose money or close their business entirely during the Pumpkin Show. Just as many businesses indicated that they did see a bump in sales.

Total effect of the Circleville Pumpkin Show in the state of Ohio.

The direct event is modeled within Pickaway County, but spillover effects are allowed for both the six counties surrounding Pickaway County, and then the remaining 81 counties in Ohio. This modeling accounts for accommodations outside of Pickaway County as well as the broader impact the Pumpkin Show brings to the entire region. The regions are added together in the final row of the table to show the total impact in Ohio.

	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Labor Income</u>	<u>Value Added</u>	<u>Output</u>
Total Pickaway County	23.37	\$709,131	\$1,392,217	\$3,361,483
Total Surrounding Counties	5.56	\$350,607	\$ 615,385	\$1,060,126
Total Remaining 81 Counties	1.15	\$60,385	\$ 120,860	\$ 224,743
Total Impact in Ohio	30.08	\$1,120,123	\$2,128,462	\$4,646,352

Conclusion

- Visitor Spending has the largest impact to the local economy in Pickaway County with over \$1.2 million of value added to the local GDP.
- Operations of the Circleville Pumpkin Show and vendor spending have more modest but still significant contributions at approximately \$123k and \$60k value added, respectively.
- When considering the regional and statewide impact of the Pumpkin Show, the contribution to GDP grows significantly from approximately \$1.33 million at the county level to approximately \$2.13 million at the state level. This contribution to GDP exists because of the Pumpkin Show being hosted in Circleville.

In the Matter of
Executive Session:

At 11:42 a.m., Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC §121.22 (G) (8) to consider confidential

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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, with Tim Colburn, P3, Jayme Fountain, Prosecutor, April Metzger, County Administrator, Marc Rogols, Deputy County Administrator and Angela Karr, Clerk in attendance.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

At 11:55 a.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to resume Regular Session.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

No action taken.

In the Matter of
County Administrator Report:

The following is a summary of the report provided by April Metzger, County Administrator:

- Mrs. Metzger discussed the Ag Hall of Fame and attendees.
- Mrs. Metzger received Tim Colburn, P3 resignation letter, effective December 31, 2025.
- Human Resource issues

In the Matter of
Knollwood Wastewater Treatment Plant and
Wintergreen Sanitary Force Project, Contract 2
Pay Estimate #3 with Precise Boring of Ohio, Inc.
For Pickaway County Engineer Department:

Chris Mullin, County Engineer submitted a pay estimate for the Knollwood Wastewater Treatment Plant & Wintergreen Sanitary Force Project, Contract #2. Pay estimate from Precise Boring of Ohio, Inc. is for the period of June 27, 2025, through August 27, 2025, in the amount of \$213,313.00. Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, second by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Wippel to sign the Contractor's Application for Payment No.3.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
Weekly Dog Warden Report:

The weekly report for the Wright Poling/Pickaway County Dog Shelter was filed for the week ending August 30, 2025.

A total of \$300 was reported collected as follows: \$75 in dog license; \$15 in dog license late penalty; \$80 in owner turn-in euthanized; \$30 in adoptions; \$25 in redemptions and \$75 in micro chip.

Six (6) stray dogs were processed in; three (3) dogs were adopted.

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With there being no further business brought before the Board, Commissioner Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to adjourn.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Jay H. Wippel, President

Harold R. Henson, Vice President

Gary K. Scherer, Commissioner
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Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk