

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026
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 29, 2026, with the following members present: Mr. Harold R. Henson, and Mr. Gary K. Scherer. Marc Rogols, County Administrator, was also in attendance. Mr. Jay H. Wippel was absent.

In the Matter of
Minutes Approved:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the minutes from September 22, 2026, with corrections.

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

Attest: Brandy Stewart, Clerk

In the Matter of
Bills Approved for Payment:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, 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 29, 2026, in the Commissioners' Voucher Journal, the date in which checks will be cut; then,

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 **\$167,621.06** the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

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

Attest: Brandy Stewart, Clerk

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

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, 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 29, 2026, in the Commissioners' Voucher Journal, the date in which checks will be cut; then,

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 **\$209,822.41** on the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

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

Attest: Brandy Stewart, Clerk

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Transfer and Reappropriations Approved:

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

**\$20,000.00 – 2001.240.33.550400 – ENG Labors Land – Engineer
TO
2001.240.33.540110 – ENG ALGT BRDG & CUL Contract Svc – Engineer**

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

Attest: Brandy Stewart, Clerk

**In the Matter of
Supplemental Appropriation Approved:**

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

**\$4,200.00 – 1001.180.30.520500 – Pros BWC – Prosecutor
\$726.16 – 1001.260.31.520500 – PC BWC – Juvenile Probate Court
\$426.35 – 1001.240.33.520500 – ENG BWC – Engineer
\$13,256.06 – 2001.240.33.520500 – ENG ALGT BWC – Engineer
\$20,000.00 – 5001.240.52.530100 – PCSD Supplies – Engineer
\$3,000.00 – 1001.100.30.530100 – BOC Supplies – Commissioners
\$25,000.00 – 1001.100.30.590100 – BOC Other Exp – Commissioners
\$90,233.48 – 6651.160.89.598100 – Unclaimed Funds Other Exp – Auditor**

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

Attest: Brandy Stewart, 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:

**\$35,000.00– 2060.160.30.540100- Aud REA Contract Svcs – Auditor
TO
2903.530.11.450000 – GIS Contract – Auditor**

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

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Report Provided by Tim McGinnis:

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

- Planning Commission: October 13th Agenda
 - Anduril Site Replat
- Outstanding Plats:
 - Duvall Road Right-of-Way Dedication West
 - Duvall Road Right-of-Way Dedication East
- Lot Splits:
 - 4 Approved lot splits in the last week, 10 open applications.
- CDBG
 - Final Draw for Darbyville Project
 - Administration Contract NRG
- Agricultural CRA Update
 - Housing Survey
 - Resolution Confirming Survey
- Smart Growth Update

In the Matter of

Report Provided by Robert Adkins:

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

- BOE public information request was completed
- Cisco Core switch Downgrade completed, scheduling to integrate in network
- Getting DUO server configured and expect to test remote connectivity soon and replace current firewalls with new firewalls.

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
 - Interviews – Planning & Outreach Coordinator – 9-28
 - Ohio EMA / EMAO Conference – 9/29 – 30 (Tiff & Ed)
- Next Week
 - VEOCI Renewal Discussion with vendor – 10/5
 - NG911 Update Call – 10/5
 - FY26 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Webinar – 10/7
 - LEPC Meeting – 10/8
- Programs
 - EMA Operations
 - 9/20/2026 Flood Event Update
 - Individual Assistance Assessments (private residence & business)
 - Public Assistance Assessments (government & certain nonprofit)
 - Assessments due to me by October 2nd so I can submit to the State by October 6th
 - 911 Coordinator
 - No new updates
 - LEPC
 - LEPC Meeting scheduled 10/8
 - Must get new hazmat plan approved at this meeting to meet the state deadline of 10/17
 - 800 MHz / Radio Programming
 - No new updates

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Report Provided by Jeremy Grant:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Jeremy Grant, Dog Warden.

Mr. Grant reported that they are currently housing 14 dogs. There were 4 visitors to the shelter last week and 3 volunteers. Mr. Grant reported that Veterans Service Commission Meeting went well. The Dog Shelter should be receiving our credit card machine at the shelter very soon.

In the Matter of
Report Provided by Angela Karr:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Angela Karr, Deputy County Administrator:

- There were one (1) BWC claims (2026 = 11) and No (0) unemployment claims filed for the week (2026 = 2).
- Gov Deals –
 - PCSO provided information to post the two old Harley Davidson Motorcycles for sale. No Update
 - Waiting for information on old covert cars being sold. Donation to Airport to replace van.
- Personnel –
 - No new hire packets were handed out this week with a total of 60 in 2026.
- Job openings –
 - P/T Custodian & F/T Custodian – Posted – Two applicants
 - Maintenance Worker – Posted – Three applications received
 - Highway Maintenance Worker II (Engineer) - Posted
 - Assistant Prosecutor - Juvenile Division (Prosecutor) – Re-posted
 - JFS – Posted Referral Specialist 2(JFS)
 - EMA Communication Technician – 2 interviews last week
 - EMA Planning & Outreach Coordinator – 5 interviews
 - Dog Shelter Kennel Attendant - Posted
- Health Insurance –
 - Working on setting up the mammo bus and flu shot clinic for employees
 - Tomorrow 9/30/26 is the last day to claim last year's Wellness Rewards
 - CEBCO Feedback email regarding program
 - CEBCO Wellness Coordinator Collaboration Meeting 10/20 9:00-12:30 (Angie attending)
- Miscellaneous –
 - EMA Report
 - Auditors' Report
 - AEP Ohio returning to legal name Ohio Power Company effective 10/1
 - Pickaway Works – Manufacturing Hiring Event Thursday 10/1/26 1:00 pm-4:00 pm at OMJ
 - Pickaway County Ag Day 10/1 & 10/2 10:00 am-1:20 pm at the fairgrounds
 - JFS Trunk or Treat Wednesday, 10/28 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

In the Matter of
Executive Session:

At 9:30 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 Tiffany Nash, EMA Director, Marc Rogols, County Administrator, Angela Karr, Deputy County Administrator, and Brandy Stewart, Clerk in attendance.

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

Attest: Brandy Stewart, Clerk

At 9:46 a.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to resume Regular Session.

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

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No Action taken.

In the Matter of
Report Provided by Sheriff Hafey:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Sheriff Hafey, Pickaway County Sheriff.

- Discussion regarding Scioto Paint Valley Health
- Staff are currently reporting mileage on all cruisers. We have some cruisers that have significant mileage. Will forward mileage once received.

In the Matter of
Pickaway County Special Olympics Request
To Use Pickaway County Job and Family
Services Gym for Individual Skills Team Practice:

The Commissioners reviewed the request from Amber Wickstrom, Pickaway County Special Olympics, to utilize the Pickaway County Job and Family Services Gym for the purpose of individual skills team practice for the Special Olympics beginning in November 2026 through February 2027.

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the written request from Amber Wickstrom, Pickaway County Special Olympics to utilize the Pickaway County Job and Family Services Gym for the purpose of individual skills team practice beginning November 2026 through February 2027, and authorize Commissioner Harold Henson to sign the Agreement for Use of Property.

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

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In the Matter of
Pickaway County Job and Family Services
Request to Use Pickaway County Job and
Family Services Parking Lot for Trunk or Treat:

The Commissioners reviewed the request from Nicholas Tatman, Pickaway County Job and Family Services to utilize the Pickaway County Job and Family Services Parking Lot for the purpose of Trunk or Treat on October 28, 2026.

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the written request from Nicholas Tatman, Pickaway County Job and Family Services to utilize the Pickaway County Job and Family Services Parking Lot for the purpose of Trunk or Treat on October 28, 2026, and authorize Commissioner Harold Henson to sign the Agreement for Use of Property.

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

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In the Matter of
October National Domestic Violence
Awareness Month in Pickaway County, Ohio:

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

Resolution No. PC-092926-70

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, income levels, sexes; and,

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual’s privacy, dignity, security, and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control or abuse, and

WHEREAS, children who grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average, and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police, and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity, and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; then,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Pickaway County Commissioners, urges all citizens to join staff and administration of Haven House of Pickaway County for the Annual Silent Victims Rally on October 5, 2026; and recognize:

October as
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
in
Pickaway County, Ohio

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

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In the Matter of
Koorsen Fire & Security Quote
For Pickaway County Fairground:

Mr. Rogols presented a quote to replace the 922 peripheral board at the Pickaway County Fairground. Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve authorizing County Administrator Marc Rogols to sign the quote for \$1,584.74.

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

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In the Matter of
County Snow Removal Contract with
Wolfe Construction Company:

Upon review of the snow removal contract, Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve and authorize Marc Rogols, County Administrator to execute the contract with Wolfe Construction Company for 2026-2027 snow removal of Pickaway County Courthouse, Service Center, Prosecutor’s Office, Veteran Services vehicle parking spots, Job & Family Services and Ohio Means Jobs, Building Department, Maintenance Facility and Dog Shelter.

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

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In the Matter of
Re-Entry Coalition Funding with
Pickaway Area Recovery Services:

Danielle Hurff and Leah Raymer, Pickaway Area Recovery Services, and Kurt Stewart, Pickaway County Adult Probation, met with the Commissioners to discuss the re-entry coalition. Mrs. Hurff started by reporting that they have 42 individuals that they assisted since October 1, 2025, and 17 of those individuals have not reoffended. The funds that were provided for October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026, have been exhausted with the exception of \$3,807.38. The remaining funds are to finalize requests already received for the month of September 2026. Housing continues to remain the largest barrier, and a lot of the funding goes to Housing/Rental Assistance, and to clothing/hygiene. Of the offenders, ten of the individuals that utilized services have worked to give back to the community during designated times that hours are offered. They have worked a total of 235 hours for the time period of October 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026. Also, four of the individuals who have been helped this past year are voluntary participants of The Circleville Municipal Recovery Court Program, and the Pickaway County Common Pleas Drug Court Program. They are requesting a total of \$60,000 for funding which \$30,000 from the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners. The funds not being utilized for court costs will be used by other applicants applying for services. The number of individuals did decrease from last year, however there is a list of applicants waiting to be approved. Commissioner Henson addressed if an individual reoffends can they eligible for services and Mrs. Hurff explained that an individual can become re-eligible to apply. Mrs. Raymer explained that they do take concerns back to the coalition to address concerns of the board. The coalition does have the capability to turn down an individual for eligibility. Mrs. Raymer stated that it is a benefit and not an obligated service.

In the Matter of
Farmland Preservation Program Overview:

Amanda Bennett and Kirk Hines of the Ohio Department of Agriculture met with the Commissioners to provide an overview of the Farmland Preservation Program. Ms. Bennett explained that the program's purpose is to preserve Ohio farmland for agricultural production. She discussed available Land Use Planning Grants, their purposes, and eligibility requirements. Two types of plans are supported: a Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which guides a community's future development by outlining its vision, goals, and policies for land use, infrastructure, and public facilities; and a Farmland Preservation Plan, a locally adopted policy document that establishes a community's vision, goals, and strategies for protecting agricultural land from conversion to non-farm uses. Pickaway County received the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Grant. Ms. Bennett also reviewed farmland protection tools available through agricultural security areas. These areas benefit farmers by protecting against non-agricultural development, establishing a critical mass of land to help keep farming viable, and providing possible tax benefits. They also promote agricultural retention by creating designated areas in which agriculture is encouraged and protected. One or more landowners with at least 500 acres of contiguous farmland may request enrollment for a 10-year period from the boards of county commissioners and township trustees. Ms. Bennett further explained the Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program, Agricultural Easement Donation Program, and Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Program. Pickaway County currently has five agricultural easements, all purchased through the Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program. Four easements are located in Walnut Township and total 370 acres, and one easement is located in Pickaway Township and totals 232 acres.

In the Matter of
Pickaway Addiction Action Coalition:

Susan Metzger, Amy Rymer, and Amanda Knott met with the Commissioners to provide an update and present a grant request on behalf of the Pickaway Addiction Action Coalition (PAAC). Ms. Metzger stated that PAAC is requesting \$165,000.00 from the Commissioners to support prevention initiatives designed to strengthen substance-use prevention, promote mental wellness, reduce access to medications, support student well-being, and create healthier school environments throughout Pickaway County. PAAC's current outreach efforts focus on engaging parents and youth at critical developmental stages when exposure to peer pressure, social media, and substance-use risks may increase. During the 2026–2027 school year, PAAC provided approximately 732 second-grade students across all four Pickaway County public school districts and one private school with an Operation Parent resource book. PAAC also plans to expand this

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prevention education effort to incoming sixth-grade students by mailing the middle/high school edition of Operation Parent directly to their households for the 2027–2028 and 2028–2029 school years. The guide addresses topics relevant to adolescents and their families, including social media, anxiety, depression, vaping, alcohol, drugs, and gaming. PAAC’s second prevention strategy will provide sophomore students from public and private schools throughout Pickaway County with a countywide educational speaker event and youth rally focused on mental wellness, coping skills, resilience, and help-seeking behaviors. Ms. Metzger also discussed additional areas the requested funds would support, including Medication Safety and Prevention, Substance-Free School Environment Signage, Branding Revamp, Peer Recovery Mentorship Programming, and Community Wellness Outreach. Ms. Metzger expressed PAAC’s gratitude for the Commissioners’ continued partnership and commitment to creating healthier, safer communities for Pickaway County youth and families.

In the Matter of
Grid Growth East Transmission Discussion:

Scott and Lisa Barr met with the Commissioners regarding the Grid Growth East Transmission Project. Mr. Barr expressed concerns about the project’s potential effects on farms and family-owned land, homes and property values, private wells and groundwater, drainage systems, streams, wetlands, wildlife, and the rural character of Pickaway and Fairfield counties. He stated that the proposed project includes 765-kilovolt transmission lines supported by towers approximately 175 feet tall. Proposed routes extend through Pickaway and Fairfield counties. Mr. Barr reported that residents received an initial mailer in early August and more specific information several weeks later. Mr. Barr noted that the project is part of a 13-state initiative reportedly under development for four years, while affected residents learned of it approximately two months ago. He emphasized the importance of action by local governments and requested that the Commissioners and Township Trustees take a formal position regarding the project.

Mr. Barr stated that individuals on or near a proposed route have until October 15 to submit written comments, after which the company will begin determining the final route. He expressed concern that the timeframe is insufficient to notify affected landowners. Mr. Barr requested that the Commissioners adopt a resolution establishing higher standards and strict expectations for the company’s conduct. He stated that proactive action by the Commissioners and township trustees could improve efforts to stop the project and that existing infrastructure and technology may offer alternatives to establishing a permanent easement through farmland and residential areas.

In the Matter of
County Administrator Report:

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

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- Health Insurance –
 - Matt Schoeppe (Wilson Partners) – Reliance Matrix Update continues CEBCO Comparison Continues
- Maintenance –
 - Multiple Buildings – Roof repairs in progress
 - Brick Repair – Service Center in progress
- Miscellaneous –
 - Thursday, 9/24/26 – Meeting with Prosecutor Fountain / Dog Shelter
 - Thursday, 9/24/26 – Meeting with Lisa Burroughs
 - Thursday, 9/24/26 – Meeting with Roundtown Players
 - Friday, 9/25/26 – P-Show Safety Forces Meeting
 - Palmer Energy Report 9/24/26
 - Fairgrounds Rental Agreement / Meeting with Von Still Pending
 - Koorsen Proposal – Fairgrounds Fire Alarm Repair
 - CEBCO Summary email & update
 - Wolfe Construction Company – Snow Removal Contract
 - PCSO Jail Door & Window Project – WDC request to delay Bid Opening 2 weeks

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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 September 26, 2026.

A total of \$220.00 was reported collected as follows: \$35 in adoptions, \$25 in redemptions; \$120 in boarding revenue, \$15 dog license issued, and \$25 microchip fees.

Six (6) stray dogs were processed in; one (1) dog was adopted.

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

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

Jay H. Wippel, President {absent}

Harold R. Henson, Vice President

Gary K. Scherer, Commissioner
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Attest: Brandy Stewart, Clerk