

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO
-- January 13, 2026 --**

The Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2026 in the Commissioners' Chambers with the following members present: John N. Bergman, David Bambauer and Douglas A. Spencer. The meeting of the Board was called to order by President Bergman.

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. Commissioners sign resolutions/documents (Chambers)
9:15 a.m. Monthly Meeting with Julie Gossard – JFS (Chambers)
10:15 a.m. Staff Meeting (Chambers)
11:00 a.m. Meeting with Bill Metzger (Chambers)
3:30 p.m. Present and discuss upcoming resolutions (Chambers)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DAY

9:00 a.m. Commissioner Bambauer moved to approve the resolutions as presented. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. The resolutions were then distributed for each commissioner's vote and execution.
9:30 a.m. The Board and Administrator Preston met with JFS Director, Julie Gossard for her monthly meeting.
9:59 a.m. Commissioner Bambauer moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the hiring a candidate for employment. Administrator Preston was invited to attend. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Chairman Bergman called the roll: Spencer-yes; Bambauer-yes and Bergman-yes.
10:06 a.m. The Board returned to regular session. Commissioner Bambauer moved to authorize Administrator Preston to offer intermittent employment to former Clerk, Esther Leffel to assist in the training of the new clerk for the office. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
10:10 a.m. Interim Office Administrator Freymuth provided the minutes of the January 8, 2026. The minutes were approved as presented.

- Discussed starting date for new hire and required paperwork
- Reviewed with the Board the office calendar

10:15 a.m. County Administrator Preston provided information regarding the following:

- Apiary appointment
- Law Enforcement requests for training opportunities within the County
- Flood Plain changes
- H.R. policies regarding retire-rehire due to labor market
- EAP program review
- Regional Planning Commission appointments
- County videos with QR codes
- Department Head H.R. training opportunity
- Review of County Coroner vehicle needs

11:00 a.m. The Board of Commissioners and County Administrator met with Bill Metzger regarding tree conservation within Ohio.

The following Resolutions were presented to the Board, for its consideration (the entire texts of same are documented in the Board's Journal by the Clerk of the Board):

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#26-026 Matter of authorizing the employment of Bobbi Donovan to the position of Board of County Commissioners Clerk.
#26-027 Matter of authorizing expenditures for attendance at various meetings by the Clerk of Courts and Deputy Clerks – Common Pleas Court for year 2026
#26-028 Matter of authorizing expenditures for the Municipal Court Clerk and Deputies to attend conferences, meetings and seminars for year 2026.
#26-029 Matter of authorizing expenditures for the Veterans Service Commission, Officers and staff to attend State/District/Regional conventions// seminars throughout the remainder of 2026.
#26-030 Matter of approving leases at the Neil Armstrong Airport for hangar space; ratifying the execution of the lease.
#26-031 Matter of authorizing the payment of the County's mandated share of Public Assistance for January 2026.
#26-032 Matter of authorizing an amendment to the travel reimbursement policy for Auglaize County effective January 1, 2026.
#26-033 Matter of reappointing Michael Vorhees to the Region 15 Representatives to the One Ohio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board and affirming other County appointments.

2:00 p.m. With no further business to bring before the Board, President Bergman adjourned the meeting for the day.

The MINUTES constitute a synopsis on matters brought to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners of Auglaize County, Ohio on this 13th day of January, 2026.

David Bambauer
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John N. Bergman
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Douglas A. Spencer
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Erica L. Preston
Erica L. Preston, County Administrator

Amy L. Freymuth
Amy L. Freymuth, Interim Office Admin.

1-15-26
Date