

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO
-- October 1, 2026 --**

The Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2026 in the Commissioners' Chambers with the following members present: John N. Bergman, Douglas A. Spencer and David Bambauer. The meeting of the Board was called to order by President Bergman.

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. Commissioners sign resolutions/documents (Chambers)
8:15 a.m. Hardin County phone call regarding JFS Director Agreement (Chambers)
8:15 a.m. Staff Meeting (Chambers)
8:30 a.m. Meeting with Julie Gossard regarding department transition (Chambers)
9:30 a.m. Meeting with Denver Davis – Cameras and Data Centers (Chambers)
11:00 a.m. Meeting with JFS employee regarding transition (Chambers)
1:30 p.m. Meeting with Julie Gossard regarding JFS issues (Chambers)
3:30 p.m. Present and discuss upcoming resolutions (Chambers)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DAY

8:00 a.m. Commissioner Bambauer moved to approve the resolutions numbered 26-423 to 26-427 as presented. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Such resolutions were then distributed for each Commissioner's vote and execution.

8:15 a.m. The Board and Administrator Preston joined a phone call with the Hardin County Board of Commissioners to discuss the JFS Director agreement.

8:40 a.m. The Board and Administrator Preston met with JFS Director Julie Gossard to discuss department transition.

9:40 a.m. The Board and Administrator Preston met with Denver Davis to discuss the county's stance on Flock cameras and data centers.

10:37 a.m. Clerk Bobbi Donovan presented the minutes of the September 29, 2026 meeting.

- The minutes were approved with some clarification.

10:43 a.m. County Administrator Preston presented the following:

- Notified the Board of upcoming vacancies on the DD Board. Renee Place will submit recommendations of individuals to fill the roles.
- Shared details for the ribbon cutting for the new rest areas on I-75. The event will take place on October 5 at 1:30 p.m.
- Presented a quote for painting and wallpaper removal for the Administration Building interior. The Board discussed project details and will obtain more information for the project.
- Reported that further information is being gathered before moving forward with a response to CSX regarding the agreement.

11:05 The Board and Administrator Preston met with Amy Bodell and Charla Lauth to discuss transition within the JFS department.

11:53 a.m. Amy Bodell and Charla Lauth exited the chambers.

11:54 a.m. Commissioner Bambauer moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a complaint against a public employee. Administrator Preston was invited to attend. Pat Hire was invited to attend telephonically. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Chairman Bergman called the role: Spencer – yes; Bambauer – yes and Bergman – yes.

12:19 p.m. The Board returned to regular session. Amy Bodell and Charla Lauth returned to the chambers. Commissioner Bambauer made a motion to commence investigation of recent allegations. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Chairman Bergman called the role: Spencer – yes; Bambauer – yes and Bergman – yes.

- 1:06 p.m. Commissioner Bambauer moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing investigation of allegations. Administrator Preston was invited to attend. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Chairman Bergman called the role: Spencer – yes; Bambauer – yes and Bergman – yes.
- 1:17 p.m. The Board returned to regular session with no action taken.
- 1:32 p.m. Commissioner Bambauer moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing investigation of allegations. Administrator Preston and JFS Director Julie Gossard were invited to attend. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Chairman Bergman called the role: Spencer – yes; Bambauer – yes and Bergman – yes.
- 1:40 p.m. The Board returned to regular session.
- 1:41 p.m. Commissioner Spencer made a motion to terminate Julie Gossard as Director of Auglaize County Job and Family Services. Commissioner Bambauer seconded the motion. Chairman Bergman called the role: Spencer – yes; Bambauer – yes and Bergman – yes.
- 2:10 p.m. The Board met with JFS employee Seth Bowersock regarding office transition.
- 2:48 p.m. Commissioner Bambauer moved to approve the resolutions numbered 26-428 to 26-429 as presented. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Such resolutions were then distributed for each Commissioner's vote and execution.

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

- #26-423 Matter of authorizing Change Order #1 for housing home repair for Sylvia M. Carter under the C.H.I.P. Program .
- #26-424 Matter of authorizing Project Work Order No. 7 to the Master Service Agreement with Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. for engineering services at Neil Armstrong Airport for the AWOS Reconstruction (ODOT Proj. No. 27-04) Project; authorizing the local match for Project Work Order No. 7.
- #26-425 Matter of authorizing the payment of the county's mandated share of public assistance for October.
- #26-426 Matter of authorizing budget adjustments.
- #26-427 Matter of authorizing the County Auditor to draw warrants for Then and Now Certificate payments.
- #26-428 Matter of terminating Julie Gossard as Auglaize County Job and Family Services Department.
- #26-429 Matter of appointing Seth Bowersock as the interim Auglaize County Job and Family Services Director.

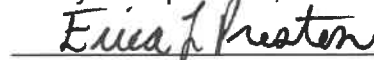
3:00 p.m. With no further business to bring before the Board President Bergman adjourned the meeting for the day.

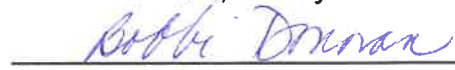
The MINUTES constitute a synopsis on matters brought to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners of Auglaize County, Ohio on this 24th day of September, 2026.

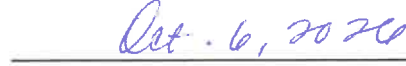

John N. Bergman, President


Douglas A. Spencer, Vice President


David Bambauer, Member


Erica L. Preston, County Administrator


Bobbi Donovan, Clerk


Date