BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO
-- October 27, 2026 --

The Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 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. Staff Meeting (Chambers)
8:30 a.m. 2027 Budget Meeting – OSU Extension
10:00 a.m. MEBC Quarterly Meeting with Mercer County and Authur Gallagher (Mercer Co. BOCC)
11:00 a.m. LFA monthly meeting with Mercer Co. (Mercer Co. BOCC)
1:00 p.m. Interview - JFS Director Position (Chambers)
2:15 p.m. Monthly meeting with County Dog Warden, plus 2027 Budget Meeting (Chambers)
3:00 p.m. Interview - JFS Director Position (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 as presented. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. The resolutions were then distributed for each Commissioner's vote and execution.

8:35 a.m. The Board and Administrator Preston met with Elizabeth Miller, Jacob Winters, and Zack Mikesell from the OSU Extension office to discuss the 2027 budget.

9:02 a.m. Clerk Bobbi Donovan presented the minutes of the October 22, 2026 meeting.

- The minutes were approved as presented.
- The BOCC calendar was reviewed.

9:10 a.m. County Administrator Preston presented the following:

- Discussed engaging Garman Miller for the generator project at the LEC. The Board agreed with this approach.
- Discussed a requested budget adjustment, referencing higher IT needs out of contract services for the year.
- Provided updates from a meeting with JFS employees regarding clarification of pay.
- Discussed a second subordination request received from a CHIP recipient. The Board verbally approved the request and will formally sign an approval resolution on Thursday.
- Informed the Board that artwork can be applied to the MAPES panels on a county owned building. Administrator Preston will contact the committee to move forward with the design.
- Stated the cost allocation plan has been returned and is currently being reviewed.
- Informed the Board of personnel changes at Kleinfelder. The lead detection device has been returned to our office as well and will need certified with the State.
- Provided updates to the elevator project at Minster Library.
- Discussed a quote from Kleinfelder for additional cost to provide specs for the flexible grant project at the senior center.
- Informed the Board that the DD Board has four terms expiring and one vacancy; Director Renee Place will provide updates and recommendations as these terms near. One letter of interest has already been received.
- Discussed a potential change at the Sheriff's Office regarding a contractor transitioning to a county employee.

10:00 a.m. The Board and Administrator Preston attended the quarterly MEBC meeting with Mercer County BOCC and Arthur Gallagher.

11:00 a.m. The Board attended the monthly LFA Meeting with Mercer County BOCC.

1:02 p.m. The Board and Administrator Preston interviewed a candidate for the open JFS Director position.

2:17 p.m. The Board and Administrator Preston met with Dog Warden Russ Bailey for the monthly update and 2027 budget meeting. At the request and recommendation of the Dog Warden, the Board agreed not to apply a retro-active interpretation of the insurance requirements for the new Avery's Law. Dogs deemed dangerous before the new insurance requirements would be grandfathered in under pre-existing provisions of the law.

3:00 p.m. The Board and Administrator Preston interviewed a candidate for the open JFS Director position.

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):

#26-464 Matter of authorizing budget adjustments.

#26-465 Matter of authorizing the quote from Moeller Door & Window for door replacement at the Auglaize County Job & Family Services building.

#26-466 Matter of ratifying the grant application to State of Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services for the Body Worn Camera Project through the Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement Justice Program Services for the Auglaize County Sheriff's Office.

#26-467 Matter of amending the contract between Auglaize County Department of Job and Family Services and Clear Creek Farm.

#26-468 Matter of entering into the Commissioners' Journal the proposal for the continuation for the filing or recording a document with the Auglaize County Recorder and setting the date, time and location for said meeting to review the proposal with the Auglaize County Recorder.

#26-469 Matter of authorizing budget adjustments.

4:10 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 27th day of October, 2026.

John N. Bergman, President

Erica L. Preston, County Administrator

Douglas A. Spencer, Vice President

Bobbi Donovan, Clerk

David Bambauer, Member

10/29/2026
Date