

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO
-- October 28, 2025 --**

The Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 in the Commissioners' Chambers with the following members present: David Bambauer and Douglas A. Spencer with John N. Bergman absent. The meeting of the Board was called to order by President Bambauer.

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. Commissioners sign resolutions/documents (Chambers)
8:15 a.m. Staff Meeting (Chambers)
9:00 a.m. Recorder to discuss proposal for the Technology Fund (Chambers)
9:00 a.m. Esther, Brenda & Brandi Cowell - PY2022 CHIP Monitoring (Assembly Room)
10:00 a.m. 2026 Budget Meeting - Monthly Meeting for County Dog Warden (Chambers)
11:00 a.m. LFA monthly meeting with Mercer County (220 W. Livingston St., Room A201, Celina)
3:30 p.m. Present and discuss upcoming resolutions (Chambers)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DAY

8:05 a.m. Commissioner Spencer moved to approve the resolutions as presented. Commissioner Bambauer seconded the motion. The resolutions were then distributed for each commissioner's vote and execution.

8:11 a.m. Clerk Holtzapple read the minutes of the October 23, 2025. The minutes were approved as read.

8:21 a.m. Clerk Holtzapple reported the following:

- Reviewed the office calendar for the upcoming weeks.
- Informed the Board that the term for Library Board Member Charles Rowen will expire on December 31, 2025, and the Auglaize County Court of Common Pleas is appointing Jennifer Miltner to replace per ORC Section 3375.22 as the Auglaize County Public Library District Trustee.
- Informed the Board that the Grand St. Marys LFA monthly meeting with Mercer County is at 11 a.m. and distributed the agenda and resolution that will be voted on at that time

8:24 a.m. Administrator Preston conveyed the following:

- Discussed with the Board information concerning the carpet quote from Mel's Decorating for the BMV Office.
- Informed the Board that landowner Bill Kruse called to ask questions and discuss the finalization on the project through the Shine the Light on Dumpers grant.
- Discussed with the Board information on the 250th Tree Planting Ceremony on Monday, November 3, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds.
- Discussed with the Board the progress of allowing additional hours for cleaning due to early voting with the Board of Elections.
- Discussed with the Board the Opt Out - Opt Down program and its requirements.
- Discussed with the Board an update on the follow-up letter to Senator Manchester as previously discussed.
- Informed the Board of a Medical Impact Form Update and her signature on the form last week to meet the deadline.
- Discussed with the Board the forming of the new Floodplains Appeals Board that will be comprised of 3-5 regional planning officials.

8:45 a.m. Commissioner Bambauer moved to enter into executive session to discuss the hiring of an employee. The County Administrator was invited to attend. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Chairman Bambauer called the roll: Bergman-absent; Spencer-yes and Bambauer-yes.

8:47 a.m. The Board returned to regular session and authorized the County Administrator to move forward with offering employment to a Solid Waste applicant.

- 8:48 a.m. Commissioner Bambauer moved to enter into executive session to discuss compensation of a county employee. The County Administrator was invited to attend. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Chairman Bambauer called the roll: Bergman-absent; Spencer-yes and Bambauer-yes.
- 8:54 a.m. The Board returned to regular session. No action was taken.
- 9:00 a.m. The Board and County Administrator met with the Auglaize County Recorder Emily Schlenker to discuss proposal for the Technology Fund in the Chambers.
- 10:00 a.m. The Board and County Administrator met with the County Dog Warden Russ Bailey to discuss monthly updates and the 2026 Budget in the Chambers.
- 11:00 a.m. The Board met with the Board of Directors of Grand Lake St. Marys LFA to discuss updates during the LFA monthly meeting with Mercer County at 220 W. Livingston St., Celina.
- 1:44 p.m. In resuming the staff meeting, Administrator Preston conveyed the following:
- Discussed with the Board information that she had received concerning the new grant requirements of the upcoming Brownfield program.
 - Presented to the Board the information concerning the new IRS limits for the maximum contribution limits allowed for an FSA with the Board agreeing to adjust the maximum FSA contribution limits to reflect the federal limits.
 - Discussed with the Board the outcome of a concern brought forth by a local citizen concerning a county road.
- 2:30 p.m. The resolutions for the October 30, 2025 meeting were presented.

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):

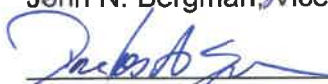
- #25-545 Matter of accepting the resignation from Don Regula as a delegate to the Auglaize County Regional Planning Commission.
- #25-546 Matter of approving the agreement with Stellar Services, LLC, for the Correctional Communications Services for the County Jail; ratifying the execution of said agreement.
- #25-547 Matter of amending the annual appropriation as requested by the County Administrator. The Board of Directors of Grand Lake St. Marys LFA approving the Contract for the Prairie Creek Wetland Inlet Improvements.

2:35 p.m. With no further business to bring before the Board, President Bambauer 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 28th day of October, 2025.

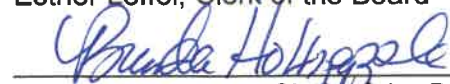

David Bambauer, President


John N. Bergman, Vice President


Douglas A. Spencer, Member


Erica L. Preston, County Administrator


Esther Leffel, Clerk of the Board


Brenda Holtzapfel, Clerk of the Board

10-30-25
Dated

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AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. Commissioners sign resolutions/documents (Chambers)
- 8:15 a.m. Staff Meeting (Chambers)
- 9:00 a.m. 2026 Budget Meeting – Municipal Court (Chambers)
- 9:30 a.m. Meeting with Julie Gossard to discuss SNAP and Hardin Co Proposal (Chambers)
- 10:30 a.m. 2026 Budget Meeting – Common Pleas Court (Chambers)
- 11:00 a.m. 2026 Budget Meeting – Recorder (Chambers)
- 12:00 p.m. Erica – Bar Meeting (Eagle's)
- 3:30 p.m. Present and discuss upcoming resolutions (Chambers)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DAY

- 8:00 a.m. The Commissioners received and signed the check register as presented by the county auditor's office.
- 8:05 a.m. Commissioner Bergman moved to approve the resolutions as presented. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. The resolutions were then distributed for each commissioner's vote and execution.
- 8:30 a.m. Clerk Holtzapple read the minutes of the special session on October 27, 2025, and the October 28, 2025, meeting. The minutes were approved with some clarification.
- 8:38 a.m. Clerk Holtzapple reported the following:
 - Informed the Board that they received a request for a meeting from Jacob Winters with OSU Extension and Sarah to discuss the SNAP program. The Board agreed for a meeting to be set soon according to their schedule.
- 8:40 a.m. Administrator Preston conveyed the following:
 - Informed the Board of the review yesterday of the 2022 CHIP grant and its findings.
 - Discussed with the Board the Fire Alarm Testing in the Administration Building in the First and Second Floors.
 - Discussed with the Board some suggestions by employees for possible maintenance to Administration Building.
 - Discussed with the Board a suggestion by an employee for the possibility of an Employee + Spouse option for the Insurance Coverage in 2027.
 - Informed the Board that Clerk Leffel has sent out the invites for retirement open house on November 26, 2025.
 - Informed the Board that, with Tyler Varno resigning as a Wastewater Operator with the Sanitary Engineer's Office, that she will have the vacancy reposted.
 - Informed the Board that Hank Elshoff has accepted the Full-time Recycling Laborer position with the Auglaize County Solid Waste District and that a resolution will be completed reflecting such.
 - Discussed with the Board covering CDL training cost. More information has been requested.
 - Discussed with the Board that the Board of Elections has asked for a new copier.
 - Discussed with the Board that she had received some quotes for the BMV–Title Dept gutter project.
- 9:00 a.m. The Board and County Administrator met with Judge Augsburger with the Municipal Court to discuss the 2026 Budget in the Chambers.
- 9:30 a.m. The Board and County Administrator met with Julie Gossard from JFS to discuss the SNAP program and a proposal from Hardin County in the Chambers.

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10:30 a.m. The Board and County Administrator met with Judge Pepple with the Common Pleas Court to discuss the 2026 Budget in the Chambers.

11:00 a.m. The Board and County Administrator met with County Recorder Emily Schlenker to discuss the 2026 Budget in the Chambers.

12:00 p.m. The County Administrator attended the Bar Meeting at the Wapakoneta Eagles.

12:05 p.m. The resolutions for the November 4, 2025 meeting were presented.

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):

#25-548 Matter of Authorizing Budget Adjustment.

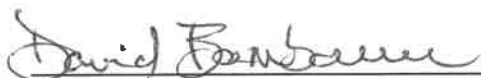
#25-549 Matter of accepting the quote from Mel's Decorating for the carpet tile replacement at the BMV office.

#25-550 Matter of authorizing the County Auditor to draw warrants for then and now certificate payments.

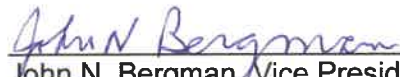
#25-551 Matter of accepting the resignation of Tyler Varno as the Wastewater Operator position with the Sanitary Engineer's Department for Auglaize County.

12:10 p.m. With no further business to bring before the Board, President Bambauer adjourned the meeting for the day.

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John N. Bergman, Vice President



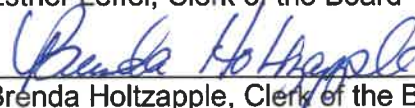
Douglas A. Spencer, Member



Erica L. Preston, County Administrator



Esther Leffel, Clerk of the Board



Brenda Holtzapple, Clerk of the Board

11-4-25

Dated