

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO
-- September 29, 2026 --**

The Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 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)
- 9:00 a.m. Meeting with Maggie Neely regarding Clinic proposals as related to HDHP (Chambers)
- 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing for Public Hospital Agencies Agreement (Chambers)
- 11:00 a.m. LFA monthly meeting with Mercer County (Mercer County BOCC)
- 2:00 p.m. Meeting to discuss CSX ditch 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 as presented. Commissioner Bergman seconded the motion. The resolutions were then distributed for each Commissioner's vote and execution, with Commissioner Spencer abstaining from Resolutions #26-419 to #26-421.
- 8:23 a.m. Clerk Bobbi Donovan presented the minutes of the September 24, 2026 meeting.
 - The minutes were approved as presented.
 - The BOCC calendar was reviewed.
- 8:29 a.m. County Administrator Preston presented the following:
 - Discussed a recent AG opinion on mid-term changes to health insurance. Our plan uses a pre-determined formula; no action necessary.
 - Stated open enrollment for health benefit coverage begins October 8th. There is a slight increase to dental rates; the Board approved the rates and the President of the Board signed the coverage agreement. Employees will receive open enrollment information on September 30, 2026.
 - Presented a budget adjustment request from the Board of Elections.
 - Discussed pledge payment to Mission Discovery. An invoice has been requested.
 - Informed the Board of a request to contact a Wayne Township trustee regarding the county's stance on data centers.
 - Shared the Supreme Court will be coming to Wapakoneta May 12, 2027. Event details are being coordinated.
 - Discussed updates to the proposal from Victress Health.
- 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Bambauer shared information from the electric aggregation pooling meeting held Monday, September 28th. The group gave affirmative support of the newly proposed aggregation.
- 9:09 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. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Chairman Bergman called the role: Spencer – yes; Bambauer – yes and Bergman – yes.
- 9:23 a.m. The Board returned to regular session with no action taken.
- 9:25 a.m. The Board and Administrator Preston met with Maggie Neely and Phyllis Nielsen to discuss Clinic proposals as related to HDHP.
- 10:21 a.m. The Board and Administrator Preston met with Julia Konieczny and McKenzie Harris with Bricker Graydon Wyatt to discuss bond issuance for hospital facilities and authorize agreements

for such.

- 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Bambauer moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing discipline of a county employee. Administrator Preston was invited to attend. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Chairman Bergman called the role: Spencer – yes; Bambauer – yes and Bergman – yes.
- 10:40 a.m. The Board returned to regular session with no action taken.
- 11:00 a.m. The Board attended the monthly LFA meeting with Mercer County.
- 1:15 p.m. Commissioner Bambauer moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing continued employment. 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.
- 1:58 p.m. The Board returned to regular session. Commissioner Bambauer made a motion to accept the resignation of JFS Director Julie Gossard. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Chairman Bergman called the role: Spencer – yes, Bambauer – yes, Bergman – yes.
- 2:02 p.m. Commissioner Bambauer moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing threatened litigation. Administrator Preston, Prosecuting Attorney Benjamin Elder and County Engineer Andrew Baumer were invited to attend. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Chairman Bergman called the role: Spencer – yes; Bambauer – yes and Bergman – yes.
- 2:36 p.m. The Board returned to regular session. Commissioner Spencer made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to continue negotiating the settlement agreement with CSX. Commissioner Bambauer seconded the motion. Chairman Bergman called the role: Spencer – yes, Bambauer – yes, Bergman – yes.
- 2:39 p.m. Commissioner Bambauer moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a complaint against a public employee. Administrator Preston and Prosecuting Attorney Benjamin Elder were invited to attend. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Chairman Bergman called the role: Spencer – yes; Bambauer – yes and Bergman – yes.
- 2:59 p.m. The Board returned to regular session with no action taken.

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):

- #26-414 Matter of authorizing Wellman Brothers Inc. to perform roof repairs on the Administration Building.
- #26-415 Matter of authorizing the acquisition of a mailing system for the Courthouse from Pitney Bowes, Inc. and execution of the Meter Rental Agreement.
- #26-416 Matter of authorizing budget adjustments.
- #26-417 Matter of authorizing an Indemnification and Inducement Agreement and authorizing a Public Hospital Agencies Agreement in connection with the bonds by the County of Warren, Ohio, the proceeds of which will be used to finance facilities owned and operated by Otterbein Homes or its affiliates located within Auglaize County; authorizing other documents in connection with the issuance of such; and approving solely for the purpose of Section 147(F) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the issuance of Healthcare Facilities Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 (Otterbein Homes Obligated Group), by the County of Warren, Ohio.
- #26-418 Matter of setting date and time to receive bids for the ODRC Capital Improvement Local Jails Projects – Jail Safety Mesh Screening & Floor Replacement Project.
- #26-419 Matter of setting date and time to receive bids for the demolition of the property located at 10855 SR 197, Wapakoneta, Ohio.

#26-420 Matter of setting date and time to receive bids for the demolition of the property located at 6959 Glynwood Road, St. Marys, Ohio.

#26-421 Matter of setting date and time to receive bids for the demolition of the property located at 18214 SR 197, Wapakoneta, Ohio.

3:00 p.m. The following resolution was presented to the Board for signature:

#26-422 Matter of accepting the resignation of Julie Gossard as the Director of Auglaize County Job and Family Services.

3:05 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 29th day of September, 2026.



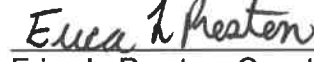
John N. Bergman, President



Douglas A. Spencer, Vice President



David Bambauer, Member



Erica L. Preston, County Administrator



Bobbi Donovan, Clerk



Date