

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
MINUTES SUMMARY  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026  
1:30 P.M.**

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Wade H. Westfall, President, Present  
Gregory A. Simmons, Vice President, Present  
Ted S. Mercer, Member, Present

Appointments

9:00 a.m. Matt Gearhardt and Adam Emswiler – Auditor/IT Department  
9:15 a.m. Paul Huelskamp and Joshua Lococo – Sanitary Engineering Department  
9:35 a.m. Ben Howlett – Facilities and Maintenance Department  
1:30 p.m. General Session  
1:40 p.m. Executive Session – Certain Personnel Matters (Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Promotion, Compensation) in accordance with O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1) – Commissioners

General Business

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2026 meeting and dispense with the oral reading. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea.

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-26**

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to authorize and sign bills for all funds as submitted. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-27

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to authorize and sign Title IV-E Contracts (attached) with the following:

NECCO, LLC, Springdale, OH (eff. January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026)	\$355,000.00
DTAC of Ohio, LLC, Columbus, OH (eff. January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026)	\$315,000.00
Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of Ohio, Inc. (SAFY) (eff. January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026)	\$215,000.00
Rivendell of Arkansas, Benton, AR (eff. November 25, 2025 through December 31, 2026)	\$340,000.00

for the provision of placement and related services specified in each Individual Child Care Agreement (ICCA) for children in the care and custody of the Title IV-E Agency (Miami County Department of Job & Family Services) as consistent with current state and federal laws and regulations. Cost to be paid from Fund 150. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-28

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to authorize and sign a Title IV-E Contract (attached) with Miami County Juvenile Court and The Marsh Foundation, Van Wert, Ohio, for the provision of placement and related services specified in each Individual Child Care Agreement (ICCA) for children in the care and custody of the Title IV-E Agency (Miami County Juvenile Court) as consistent with the current local, state and federal laws and regulations. The effective date is January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. The cost shall not exceed \$375.00 per diem (\$140,000.00 max. per contract). Costs to be paid from Fund 1121-285, 118-185 and/or Fund 001-285. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-29

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to authorize and sign a Title IV-E Contract (attached) with the Miami County Juvenile Court and Darke County Job and Family Services for placement at the Michael's Resource and Treatment Center, Greenville, Ohio, for the provision of placement and related services specified in each Individual Child Care Agreement (ICCA) for children in the care and custody of the Title IV-E Agency (Miami County Juvenile Court) as consistent with current local, state and federal laws and regulations. The effective date is January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. The cost shall not exceed \$366.00 per diem (\$135,000.00 max. per contract). Costs to be paid from Fund 1121-285, 118-185 and/or Fund 001-285. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-30

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to authorize the LEPC Emergency Coordinator, Joel Smith, to submit an LEPC Grant Application (attached) for the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) – Ohio EPA Right-to-Know Program Grant for State Fiscal Year 2027, to the State, by no later than February 1, 2026, for a total grant request of \$30,000.00. The Miami County LEPC approved said grant application at its quarterly meeting held on December 4, 2025. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-31

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to authorize and sign a contract with R.T. Industries, Inc., Troy, Ohio, as requested by the Sanitary Engineering Department to provide workers for the collection of glass recycling containers at Miami County businesses during 2026, at a rate of \$16.50 per hour, per worker and \$20.50 per hour for the supervisor, at a total cost not to exceed \$28,000.00, which will be paid from Fund 437. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-32

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to accept the attached quote and authorize the services of R.T. Industries, Inc. of Troy, Ohio for the collection of recyclables at events and festivals within Miami County, for calendar year 2026, at a total cost not to exceed \$5,000.00, which will be paid from Fund 437. Cost include labor to setup, monitor and pick up recycling stands and bags provided by the Miami County Sanitary Engineering Department, at the various events and festivals per the attached tentative schedule, for calendar year 2026, including any travel, minimum or daily fees if applicable. Only one quote was received: R.T. Industries, Inc., Troy, Ohio at \$19.00 per hour per worker, \$23.00 per hour per supervisor. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-33

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to acknowledge receipt of the Sheriff's Monthly Expense Account for the period ending December 31, 2025, as prescribed under Section 325.07 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-34

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to re-appoint Terri Becker, to the Region 15 One Ohio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board, said term to expire December 31, 2028. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-35 Then and Now Certificates

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to approve the then and now certificates as submitted. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-36 through 26-01-39 Transfers

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to approve the transfers as submitted. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-40 through 26-01-42 Additional Appropriations

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to approve the additional appropriations as submitted. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-43 Signatures Only:

Federal Annual Certification Report (2026) Affidavit/Agreement – Sheriff’s Office  
Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to approve the signatures only as submitted. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-44 Executive Session – Certain Personnel Matters (Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Promotion, Compensation) in accordance with O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1) – Commissioners

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at 1:42 p.m. for the purpose of Certain Personnel Matters (Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Promotion, Compensation) in accordance with O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1). The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

There being no further business to be transacted, Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea.

Respectfully submitted:  
Janelle S. Barga, Clerk

*Full minutes of the proceedings from this meeting have been digitally recorded.*