

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
MINUTES SUMMARY
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 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. Angela Lewis – Human Resources Department
1:30 p.m. General Session
1:35 p.m. Bid Opening – Commissioner Hearing Room and Office Renovation Project –
Commissioners
1:50 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, Prayer 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 27, 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. 26-01-110

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. 26-01-111

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to authorize and sign a contract and Addendum with Donald J. Schonhardt and Associates, Inc., Hilliard, Ohio, for the purpose of providing professional management services in preparing the 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the Auditor's Office. The cost shall not exceed \$49,000.00 (excluding an allowance for mileage reimbursement), which will be paid from Fund 001-003. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-112

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to acknowledge receipt of the Auditor's Summary Revenue Reports and Summary Expenditure Reports (electronically) for the month ending December 31, 2025. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-113

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to authorize the vehicle donation/transfer of one 2012 Chevrolet Malibu LS (VIN # 1G1ZA5EUXCF396705) due to the Commissioner Office no longer having use for this vehicle and the Department of Job & Family Services having a need to replace an older vehicle and use said 2012 Malibu in their fleet, pursuant to O.R.C. 307.12. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-114

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to authorize and sign an agreement with the City of Troy, Ohio for the purpose of providing prosecutorial services in relation to the operation of the Miami County Municipal Court. The County shall pay to the City of Troy the total sum of \$146,400.00 per year, payable in monthly installments of \$12,200.00 beginning on the 1st day of January, 2026, and continuing on the first day of each and every month hereafter during the term of this Agreement and/or any extension of the same. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-115

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to direct the Miami County Sanitary Engineering Department to place the attached legal advertisement in the Dayton Daily News on February 1, February 8, and February 15, 2026, notifying the public of the proposed Miami County Transfer Station fee adjustments, with hearings to be held on February 26, 2026 at 1:35 p.m., March 5, 2026 at 1:35 p.m., and March 12, 2026 at 1:35 p.m., in the Miami County Commissioners Hearing Room, 201 West Main Street, Troy, Ohio, following with new Transfer Station Fees being established effective January 1, 2027. Adjustments are needed due to an increase in consumers paying by credit card, which has resulted in larger credit card processing fees and further an increase in the cost to operate the Miami County Transfer Station, resulting in the need for adjustments to the Miami County Transfer Station Fees. In compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and in conformance with Section 343.08 of the Ohio Revised Code, three (3) public hearings must be held on proposed fee adjustments for the Miami County Transfer Station. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-116

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to accept the attached quote from Brian Brothers Painting and Restoration, Piqua, Ohio and authorize the Sheriff's Office to proceed with painting the Training Center classroom, for a cost not to exceed \$3,520.00, which will be paid from the Furtherance of Justice account. Multiple quotes were received: Brian Brothers Painting and Restoration, Piqua, Ohio - \$3,520.00; Elsner Painting and Concrete Coatings, Sidney, Ohio - \$5,500.00; and Meyer Restoration, Piqua, Ohio - \$8,030.00. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-117

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5739.021 and subject to the approval of a majority of the electors voting on the question, the rate of the existing sales tax upon retail sales and use tax levied in the County of Miami, Ohio (the "County") is hereby increased by one-half of one percent for a period of ten years, commencing October 1, 2026. The proceeds derived from such additional one-half of one percent shall be used, pursuant to Section 5739.021(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, equipping, or repairing a detention facility in the County. One hundred percent (100%) of each distribution of the proceeds of such tax to the County shall be applied to such purpose, including paying debt service on obligations issued for such purpose. That the question of such tax increase shall be submitted to the electors of the County at the election to be held May 5, 2026. Two public hearings were held and conducted on January 22, 2026, and January 27, 2026. This Resolution, subject to a referendum as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 305.31, shall go into effect at the earliest date allowed by law. Further, the Clerk of this Board of County Commissioners is directed to certify immediately a copy of this resolution to the Miami County Board of Elections for submission to the electors of Miami County, Ohio, at the election to be held May 5, 2026. Further, direct the Clerk of the Board to send by Certified United States Mail a certified copy of this Resolution to the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-118 Then and Now Certificates

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-119 Transfers

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-120 Signatures Only:

Form(s) – Retail Purchase Agreement (Voss Honda) 2026 Honda Odyssey –
Commissioners

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. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-121 Bid Opening – Commissioner Hearing Room and Office
Renovation Project – Commissioners

BIDS OPENED BIDS DEFERRED

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01-122 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 2:40 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. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Westfall seconded the motion to exit Executive Session and to re-enter into open session at 3:02 p.m. and further moved to appoint Joel A. Smith, Interim Chief Administrative Officer as Commissioners' Chief Administrative Officer effective immediately at a pay rate of \$120,000.00 per year. Further, approve Joel A. Smith with four (4) weeks paid vacation. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Board of Miami County Commissioners adjourned from the general session at 3:04 p.m. on this 29th day of January 2026.

Respectfully submitted:
Janelle S. Barga, Clerk

The Commissioners will hold a staff luncheon today at 11:30 a.m. at the Troy Submarine House

The Commissioners will be participating in an Audit Entrance Conference today at 1:45 p.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room

The Commissioners and Miami County Sheriff will hold a Jail and Justice System Presentation in the Commissioner Hearing Room on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at 11:30 am and on Monday, February 2, 2026 at the Covington Council Meeting, 1 South High Street, Covington, OH at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

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