
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THEIR OFFICE IN THE COURTHOUSE, 105 SOUTH MARKET STREET, LISBON, OHIO, ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER HALLECK, COMMISSIONER PAPARODIS, COMMISSIONER GINTER

CLERK: CALLIE SOWARDS

PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY: BRIAN BROWN

PLEDGE BY: COMMISSIONER GINTER

RE: MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Ginter to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the reorganizational and regular meetings of January 8, 2025.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: PAPARODIS, GINTER, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: TRAVEL

NONE

RE: THEN & NOW BILLS

Motion by Mr. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; approve the Then & Now bills as presented:

VETERANS	PO#514318	SAVE A LOT	\$1,440.13
WATER & SEWER	PO#518523	DALTON SERVICE	\$2,359.88
WATER & SEWER	PO#518524	DALTON SERVICE	\$2,382.24
WATER & SEWER	PO#518513	OHIO EDISON	\$12,544.82
WATER & SEWER	PO#518511	OHIO EDISON	\$1,182.95
WATER & SEWER	PO#518512	OHIO EDISON	\$1,995.90
WATER & SEWER	PO#518504	SOUTHWEST FUELS	\$1,801.78
WATER & SEWER	PO#518526	VILLAGE OF WELLSVILLE	\$1,905.68
HUMAN SERVICES	PO#514164	CC ESC	\$6,325.00
HUMAN SERVICES	PO#514175	SMITH OIL	\$1,896.49
HUMAN SERVICES	PO#513968	CLEAN TEAM	\$6,050.00
HUMAN SERVICES	PO#514173	SHOE SENSATION	\$4,816.44
HUMAN SERVICES	PO#514160	CG4 SOLUTIONS	\$2,440.00
HUMAN SERVICES	PO#514166	OJFSDA	\$11,324.24
HUMAN SERVICES	PO#514173	HAILEY STREBIN	\$1,605.72
HUMAN SERVICES	PO#513966	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$30,000.00
HUMAN SERVICES	PO#513977	CC GENERAL HEALTH DIST.	\$2,732.55
HUMAN SERVICES	PO#513981	COL. CTY. SHERIFF	\$10,295.25
HUMAN SERVICES	PO#513976	OZER MINISTRIES	\$2,879.16
HUMAN SERVICES	PO#514036	CUSTOM COMFORT SYSTEMS	\$1,730.00
HUMAN SERVICES	PO#514040	CCDJFS	\$1,542.87
HUMAN SERVICES	PO#514048	AMANDA JACKSON	\$3,000.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#514454	MONSTER BUCK LAWN	\$1,250.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#513862	ASTROPHYSICS	\$4,526.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#514313	CCAO	\$11,743.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#514312	COL. CTY. ESC	\$5,750.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#514315	SCHINDLER ELEVATOR	\$1,475.67
COMMISSIONERS	PO#514311	ST. CLAIR TWP.	\$5,000.00
CLERK OF COURTS	PO#514268	ANTHONY DATTILIO, CLERK	\$5,472.72
CLERK OF COURTS	PO#514269	FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIC CTR.	\$2,800.00
DEVELOPMENT	PO#514358	PEGGY CUNNINGHAM CONSTRCT.	\$9,100.00
DEVELOPMENT	PO#514358	M&C CONSTRUCTION	\$21,125.00
DEVELOPMENT	PO#514358	AMERICAN PINNACLE CONSTRCT.	\$20,400.00
DEVELOPMENT	PO#514358	M&C CONSTRUCTION	\$12,200.00
DEVELOPMENT	PO#514358	PEGGY CUNNINGHAM CONSCTRCT.	\$9,350.00
CLERK OF COURTS	PO#514368	SELECTUS CONSULTING	\$1,100.00
SHERIFF	PO#514453	TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	\$1,800.00

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: PAPARODIS, GINTER, HALLECK

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

RE: ACCEPT COURT/AGENCY REPORTS FOR JOURNALIZATION

Motion by Mr. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; journalize the Veterans Service Cash Grants for December 2024 and a letter from the County Recorder stating his office shall keep county and township zoning resolutions and amendments and make available for public inspection.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: PAPARODIS, GINTER, HALLECK

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

RE: AMENDED OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE AND APPROPRIATIONS

Motion by Mr. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; accept as presented by the Office of Budget Commission the Amended Official Certificate dated January 15, 2025, and the following appropriations:

CERTIFY:

T68-T68	\$13,887.00	W40-W40	\$55,437.00	W50-W50	\$561.00
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APPROPRIATE:

T68-T68-E-0002	\$4,189.55	T68-T68-E-0008	\$265.25	T68-T68-E-0009	\$26.35
T68-T68-E-0002	\$9,470.00	T68-T68-E-0008	\$530.00	T68-T68-E-0009	\$150.00
T68-T68-E-2681	\$1,000.00	T68-T68-E-1012	\$500.00	T68-T68-E-2680	\$2,237.00
S01-S01-E-2221	\$525,000.00	N21-N21-E-1008	\$349,758.26	N28-N28-E-1008	\$1,075,391.00
Y34-Y34-E-0002	\$41,904.48	Y24-Y24-E-0008	\$2,500.00	Y24-Y24-E-0009	\$300.00
Y35-Y35-E-2570	\$2,410.84	L01-L01-E-0002	\$129,911.29	L01-L01-E-0009	\$15,000.00
L01-L01-E-0009	\$600.00	L01-L01-E-0010	\$31,435.68	L01-L01-E-0999	\$10,000.00
L01-L01-E-1010	\$11,000.00	L03-L03-E-1009	\$1,500.00	M00-M00-E-1106	\$34,802.95
M05-M05-E-1010	\$50,991.06	W40-W40-E-0002	\$37,629.00	W40-W40-E-0008	\$4,000.00
W40-W40-E-0009	\$500.00	W40-W40-E-0010	\$6,800.00	W40-W40-E-1212	\$1,508.00
W40-W40-E-1017	\$1,000.00	W40-W40-E-1012	\$4,000.00	W50-W50-E-1107	\$561.00
W50-W50-E-1107	\$8,455.00	A00-G01-E-1010	\$30,000.00	B21-B21-E-1205	\$7,261.16
L50-L50-E-1000	\$2,000.00	L50-L50-E-1010	\$15,099.34	M20-M20-E-1105	\$81,270.40
M30-M30-E-1105	\$265,469.21	T76-T76-E-1010	\$414,760.18	T77-T77-E-1009	\$1,219.00
T77-T77-E-1010	\$243,040.68	W60-W60-E-1102	\$20,420.52	W70-W70-E-1010	\$33,850.18
W80-W80-E-1103	\$38,180.33	W80-W80-E-1010	\$2,000.00	A00-A02-E-1009	\$100,000.00
A00-A02-E-0999	\$25,000.00	A00-A02-E-1006	\$75,000.00	B62-B62-E-0022	\$500,000.00
B62-B62-E-0009	\$7,500.00	B65-B65-E-2120	\$7,320,235.99	B70-B70-E-1910	\$500,000.00
C01-C01-E-1010	\$500,000.00	C02-C02-E-1010	\$500,000.00	D01-D01-E-1009	\$52,346.03
N01-N01-E-1008	\$1,500,000.00	N01-N01-E-1010	\$100,000.00	N05-N05-E-1008	\$1,500,000.00
X03-X03-E-2460	\$2,000,000.00				

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: PAPARODIS, GINTER, HALLECK

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NONE

RE: COUNTY ENGINEER MEMBERSHIPS

Motion by Mr. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; authorize the County Engineer, Bert Dawson, to join and maintain memberships to the following professional organizations as they relate to his official capacity as County Engineer and County Sanitary Engineer: CEAO, OSPE, APWA, PLISO, CSEAO, ASCE, NSPE and AASHTO.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: PAPARODIS, GINTER, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: RESOLUTION #10-2025 – CCAO REPRESENTATIVE/ALTERNATE

Motion by Mr. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; adopt Resolution #10-2025 to designate Commissioner Mike Halleck as the Official Voting Representative and designate Commissioner Tim Ginter and Roy Paparodis as the Alternate Voting Representatives of Columbiana County at the annual meeting of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio (CCAO) in 2025.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: PAPARODIS, GINTER, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: RE-APPOINTMENTS TO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD

Motion by Mr. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; re-appoint Mr. Greg Lipp, Mr. Paul Lease, Mr. Jim Armeni and Mr. Tim Weigle to the Planning Commission Board for a term of three years expiring December 31, 2027.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: PAPARODIS, GINTER, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: RE-APPOINTMENT – COUNTY LOSS CONTROL COORDINATOR

Motion by Mr. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; re-appoint Deputy Clerk, Beth Duvall, as County Loss Control Coordinator (CLCCA) for 2025.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: PAPARODIS, GINTER, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: NEW HIRES - CCDJFS

Motion by Mr. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; approve the hiring of Lona Burkey of Lisbon Ohio, as an Eligibility Referral Specialist I (ERSI) in the Public Assistance division and approve the hiring of Lisa Johnson of East Liverpool Ohio, as a Social Service Worker II (SSWII) in the Social Services division.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: PAPARODIS, GINTER, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Stevie Halverstadt informed the public of the Pancake Breakfast the Landmark Foundation is hosting to be held at the Lisbon Methodist Church on Saturday, February 15, 2025 from 8a-11a., in conjunction with an art contest, to be judged by the County Commissioners. The project for the Lisbon High School art students is Lady Justice. The event is in honor of the 222nd birthday of Lisbon, Founded February 16, 1803. She stated Lisbon is the second oldest town in Ohio

RE: 2ND PUBLIC HEARING – 1% SALES TAX RENEWAL

Commissioner Halleck opened the public hearing asking if anyone in favor of the sales tax would like to speak.

Ms. Stevie Halverstadt stated it is important to be passed, explaining her husband is a surveyor and he wouldn't be able to get his work done as it would affect all branches of the government, ie: recording deeds.

Commissioner Halleck explained over 70% of the general fund goes towards "justice", meaning the sheriff, the jail, the judges, and courts. He believes that the verbiage had a lot to do with it not being passed.

Former County Commissioner Dave Cranmer spoke, stating he left in 2002 when he was up against if the sales tax didn't pass. He did vote for the levy. "If I didn't support it, I would be a hypocrite". Nearly two of four years they struggled to pass at a time when they had to do a re-evaluation of real estate. We still have an issue with the re-evaluation now. He read parts of Resolution #35-2024, emphasizing the words additional revenue for the county and read parts of the ballot language. He recommended the Commissioners publish the entire resolution, so people know what they are voting for. If people don't know what they are voting for, they will vote no. People still call him asking questions. He asked if the county has or received parallel revenue with general or special funds, specifically referring to the oil and gas money. It was stated we have received approximately \$1 million to date. Mr. Cranmer stated he was for the sales tax.

Ms. Amanda Frost asked how much the total budget is compared to what the sales tax brings in. The total budget is approximately 23-24 million with the sales tax bringing in around 14 million.

Mr. Mark Steeb was concerned without the sales tax what services may not be available.

Commissioner Halleck explained even though there is 144 million in the bank, the largest amount of that is Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The Commissioners only control about 20% of all funds. He went on to state we know everyone is mad about property taxes going up, myself included. The county gets very little on property taxes since the 2 mil went into effect in exchange for the sales tax and it needs to be renewed every five years. We are confident in our government.

Commissioner Ginter thanked Mr. Steeb and those who spoke, adding he doesn't believe it failed because of a lack of trust, he believes people were confused on the wording on the ballot and thought it was a new tax and not a renewal.

Commissioner Paparodis stated that over half of the revenue goes towards law enforcement, the sheriff's office, the courts and the judicial system. The need has grown exponentially for these services as everything has become more expensive to maintain.

Mr. Cranmer spoke again stating the inside 2 mil was a trade off with property owners of the county, to give something back to the people, in order to pass the ½% sales tax. He asked the commissioners not to do that with this one.

Commissioner Halleck agreed. He stated this was a healthy discussion and someone has to make up the shortfall. This is the fairest way to do that with the sales tax and we have other people helping us as we have people from WV and PA shopping in our county.

Ms. Peggy Caratelli felt the word additional was taken out of context and not meant additional on top of what we already have. The verbiage had a lot to do with not passing.

Commissioner Halleck explained the prosecutor's office prepares the resolution, we pass it as written, it is taken to the Board of Elections, they send it to the Secretary of State, then back to the Board of Elections. We can place blame, but that doesn't matter now. Going forward employees are still entitled to raises and can't be expected to live as paupers.

Adult Leadership Columbiana County was in attendance.

Being no further business, Commissioner Halleck adjourned the Commissioners regular meeting.