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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, DECEMBER 30, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER HALLECK (excused), COMMISSIONER PAPARODIS, COMMISSIONER GINTER

CLERK: CALLIE SOWARDS

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PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY: DONNA SHUMAN

**Heavenly Father,**

**We are grateful for all you have done for us and all you will do for us. I ask Lord that you bless this time together as our commissioners make decisions that affect our county. Bless each one that is here today Father; meet individual needs and those less fortunate. Watch over our county and our country Lord Jesus. Take care of all our veterans , give wisdom and guidance . In Jesus name I pray.**

Amen

PLEDGE BY: COMMISSIONER GINTER

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RE: MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 17, 2025.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: GINTER, PAPANODIS  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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RE: TRAVEL

NONE

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RE: THEN & NOW BILLS

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

COMMISSIONERS	PO#517822	WESTERN RESERVE MECHANICAL	\$2,070.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#517749	TIPTONS LAWN/LANDSCAPE	\$2,750.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#517746	OHIO MID EASTERN GOVT. ASSOC.	\$12,001.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#517203	ATLANTIC COASTAL SUPPLY	\$21,790.80
COMMISSIONERS	PO#517829	EASTON TELECOM SERVICES	\$2,894.41
COMMISSIONERS	PO#517827	DAMON INDUSTRIES	\$1,084.59
COMMISSIONERS	PO#517828	OHIO EDISON	\$14,382.27
DEVELOPMENT	PO#517763	M&C CONSTRUCTION	\$15,160.00
TREASURER	PO#517741	MACMILLAN OFFICE SUPPLY	\$1,096.21
TREASURER	PO#517738	SMARTBILL LTD	\$6,018.40
CLERK OF COURTS	PO#517760	SELECTUS CONSULTING	\$2,610.18
COMMISSIONERS	PO#517736	TIM LALLY CHEVROLET	\$143,364.00
SHERIFF	PO#517847	HARRY JONES TIRES	\$1,059.80
AUDITOR	PO#517632	HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS	\$2,500.00
WATER & SEWER	PO#518949	POLYDYNE INC	\$1,450.80
WATER & SEWER	PO#518950	POLYDYNE INC	\$1,450.80
COMMISSIONERS	PO#517744	JIM SHORKEY/IBIS VEHICLE	\$56,844.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#517747	ANTHEM LIFE INSURANCE	\$2,550.75
COMMISSIONERS	PO#517824	OHIO EDISON	\$8,657.54
CORONER	PO#517791	ARBAUGH PEARCE GREENISEN	\$5,825.00
WATER & SEWER	PO#518981	CORSA	\$1,677.82
CORONER	PO#517832	CRESCENT SALES	\$1,125.87
VETERANS	PO#517762	MORNING JOURNAL	\$3,117.91
WATER & SEWER	PO#518989	OHIO EDISON	\$15,199.99
WATER & SEWER	PO#518988	OHIO EDISON	\$2,231.17
WATER & SEWER	PO#518980	HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS	\$1,500.00
WATER & SEWER	PO#518979	HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS	\$1,500.00
WATER & SEWER	PO#518978	HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS	\$3,520.32
WATER & SEWER	PO#518986	DALTON SERVICE	\$2,048.64
ENGINEER	PO#224126	KELLY OIL PRODUCTS	\$25,919.68
VETERANS	PO#517745	JOHN DANVER CONSTRUCTION	\$5,205.00

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: GINTER, PAPANODIS  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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RE: ACCEPT COURT/AGENCY REPORTS FOR JOURNALIZATION

NONE

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RE: AMENDED OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE AND APPROPRIATIONS

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; accept as presented by the Office of Budget Commission the Amended Official Certificate dated December 30, 2025, and the following appropriations:

CERTIFY:

REDUCE:	N40-N40	\$509,896.79		
	N03-N03	\$500.00	N40-N40	\$208,628.21

APPROPRIATE:

REDUCE:	N40-N40-E-1010	\$509,896.79
	N40-N40-E-1010	\$208,628.21

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: GINTER, PAPANODIS  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NONE

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RE: PERMISSION TO COUNTY ENGINEER – “FORCE ACCOUNT”

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; grant permission to the County Engineer to use the county employees and proceed by “Force Account” in the maintenance, repairs, construction of roads, bridges, and culverts in Columbiana County during the year 2026.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: GINTER, PAPANODIS  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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RE: PERMISSION TO COUNTY ENGINEER – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; grant permission to utilize professional services in the maintenance, repairs, construction of roads, bridges, culverts, and other structures in Columbiana County during the year 2026.

No discussion had.

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

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RE: ACCEPT FOR FILING – PETITION TO VACATE SHERWOOD STREET

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; accept for filing a Petition to Vacate Sherwood Street, LaCroft Addition, Liverpool Township – Petitioner Ryan R. Reed.

No discussion had.

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

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RE: AUTHORIZE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; authorize the Clerk to advertise for a Public Hearing regarding the Petition to Vacate Sherwood Street, Liverpool Township. The hearing shall be held February 4, 2026 at 9:05 a.m. in the Columbiana County Commissioners Conference Room, 105 South Market Street, Lisbon, Ohio. Advertisement shall be in the Morning Journal on January 7 & 14, 2026.

No discussion had.

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

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RE: ACCEPT CYBERSECURITY POLICY – COUNTY AUDITOR

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; accept Cybersecurity Policy for the Columbiana County Auditor’s Office, exempting this policy from public records requests.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: GINTER, PAPANODIS  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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RE: AUTHORIZE COUNTY AUDITOR TO SIGN SERVICE AGREEMENT

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; authorize the County Auditor to sign a service agreement with Clark Schaffer Hackett for the GAAP Financials for the year ended December 31, 2025.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: GINTER, PAPANODIS  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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RE: ACCEPT ALL BIDS – VARIOUS TYPES OF SLAG, GRAVEL, ETC.

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; accept all bids submitted for various types of slag, gravel, crushed limestone, various types of asphalt and ice control materials to be used for maintenance and construction by the Columbiana County Highway Department for calendar year 2026.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: GINTER, PAPANODIS  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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RE: ACCEPT ALL BIDS – VARIOUS TYPES OF GASOLINE, FUEL, KEROSENE

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; accept all bids submitted for various types of gasoline, diesel fuel and kerosene to be used by the Columbiana County Highway Department for calendar year 2026.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: GINTER, PAPANODIS  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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RE: APPROVE AMENDMENT TO COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER AGREEMENT

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; approve amendment to the Columbiana County Sanitary Engineer Agreement. This Amendment shall supersede the prior amendment dated December 20, 2018 and shall agree to have Bert Dawson, P.E., P.S. serve as Sanitary Engineer for Columbiana County effective January 1, 2026 and remain in effect until further modified by either party hereto.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: GINTER, PAPANODIS  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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RE: ADOPT CYBERSECURITY POLICY FOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; adopt the Columbiana County Clerk of Courts Cybersecurity Policy for the Board of Commissioners, as our own. This policy will be exempt from public records requests.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: GINTER, PAPANODIS  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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RE: PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE OF BIDS – LANE RESURFACING PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; grant permission to advertise for bids for the COL-CR416-0.00 2 Lane Resurfacing project in Center Township. Advertisement shall be online at bidexpress.com and the Morning Journal on January 7 and 14, 2026 with the electronic bid opening on January 28, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Engineer’s Office, 315 South Market Street, Lisbon, Ohio.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: GINTER, PAPANODIS  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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RE: AUTHORIZE AUDITOR MILLIKEN TO SIGN A CONTRACT

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; authorize County Auditor Milliken to sign a contract with RedHelm for managed security services for their system.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: GINTER, PAPANODIS  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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RE: INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Present were: Commissioner Paparodis, Commissioner Ginter, Treasurer Bryan Blakeman, and Clerk of Courts Tony Dattilio. Commissioner Halleck was excused.

Treasurer Blakeman reported there have been a couple of rate cuts this-past year which affects our daily interest. As of today, we are receiving 3.91% interest in our Star Account, but rates are projected to lower .25% in 2026 and another .25% in 2027. We are buying more at a higher rate and will continue to climb for another 2.5 years. Our portfolio now sits at 21 million in Star Ohio with a total of \$142 million overall. He keeps enough liquid money to run the county and invests the rest in securities.

Treasurer Blakeman wanted to inform the public that tax collections will be due February 20, 2026 and he would advise that taxpayers only pay the first half of their taxes as the second half is likely to drop. If they would pay for the full year, they would have a credit on their account.

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RE: STAND IN RECESS

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; enter into recess at 9:17 a.m. to allow the County Auditor's office to balance for the end of the year.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: GINTER, PAPANODIS  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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RE: RETURN FROM RECESS

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; return from recess at 9:20 a.m.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: GINTER, PAPANODIS  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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

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