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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, JULY 9, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER HALLECK, COMMISSIONER PAPARODIS, COMMISSIONER GINTER

CLERK: CALLIE SOWARDS

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PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY: JOHN HERSH

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S  
MEETING PRAYER  
July 9, 2025**

**KEEP US ALL HEALTHY AND SAFE DURING THE COMING MONTHS. PROTECT US  
IN OUR DAILY TRAVELS AND ACTIVITIES.**

**GUIDE THE DECISIONS THAT ARE MADE TODAY BY OUR DEDICATED COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS. PROTECT OUR COMMISSIONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND  
KEEP THEM ALL HEALTHY AND SAFE IN THEIR DAILY ACTIVITIES.**

**GUIDE ALL OF OUR NATIONAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS  
AND LEADERS, BOTH ELECTED & APPOINTED. GUIDE THEIR DECISIONS FOR THE  
BETTERMENT OF OUR NATION, STATE, & LOCALITIES, AND ITS CITIZENS.**

**BE WITH OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES, WHETHER  
STATESIDE OR ABROAD. KEEP THEM SAFE AND CONTINUALLY BE WITH THEM  
AND THEIR FAMILIES AT HOME.**

**WE PRAY FOR PROTECTION AROUND OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIREMEN, & PARAMEDICS, AS THEY CARRY OUT  
THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO MEET OUR NEEDS AND KEEP US AND OUR FAMILIES  
& PROPERTIES SAFE.**

**WE ASK THESE IN THE NAME OF OUR FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT!**

**AMEN**

PLEDGE BY: COMMISSIONER PAPARODIS

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RE: MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 2, 2025.

No discussion had.

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

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RE: TRAVEL

NONE

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## RE: THEN &amp; NOW BILLS

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

CLERK OF COURTS	PO#516042	SELECTUS CONSULTING	\$1,000.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#516067	PROUT BOILER, HEATING	\$2,757.26
TREASURER	PO#516022	SMARTBILL LTD	\$5,045.69
JUVENILE COURT	PO#516047	SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORP.	\$1,443.06
CLERK OF COURTS	PO#516075	AD GATORS.COM LLC	\$5,910.00
WATER & SEWER	PO#518780	SMARTBILL LTD	\$1,676.11
WATER & SEWER	PO#518784	TRI STATE MAINTENANCE	\$4,727.00
WATER & SEWER	PO#518781	TRI STATE MAINTENANCE	\$4,727.00
RECORDER	PO#516089	ANTHONY DATTILIO, CLERK	\$7,989.00
JUVENILE COURT	PO#515915	SOUND COMMUNICATIONS INC	\$14,578.50

No discussion had.

## VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: GINTER, PAPARODIS, HALLECK

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. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; accept as presented by the Office of Budget Commission the Amended Official Certificate dated July 9, 2025, and the following appropriations:

CERTIFY:

Y98-Y98	\$24,329.08	B11-B11	\$80,000.00	T65-T65	\$4,000.00
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APPROPRIATE:

A00-A01-E-0002	\$143,000.00	A00-A01-E-0008	\$20,020.00	A00-A01-E-0009	\$2,145.00
A00-S01-E-1315	\$160,718.00	A00-S01-E-1450	\$37,500.00	Y98-Y98-EE-2460	\$10,565.09
Y98-Y98-E-2460	\$8,887.22	Y98-Y98-E-2466	\$4,876.77	B11-B11-E-0002	\$63,000.00
B11-B11-E-0008	\$15,000.00	B11-B11-E-0009	\$2,000.00	T65-T65-E-0002	\$3,000.00
T65-T65-E-0008	\$700.00	T65-T65-E-0009	\$300.00		

No discussion had.

## VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: PAPARODIS, GINTER, HALLECK

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Halleck asked for prayers for the folks in Texas after their devastating flooding.

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## RE: PERMISSION TO HUNT ON COUNTY HOME ROAD PROPERTY

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; grant permission to hunt on County Home Road property to Breann & Christian Barnes and Christina & Glenn Warner.

No discussion had.

## VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: GINTER, PAPARODIS, HALLECK

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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## RE: ESTABLISH A NEW FUND – PY'24 CHIP GRANT

Motion by Mr. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; establish a new fund T48, called PY'24 CHIP Grant and include line items for contract projects, grant receipts and other receipts.

No discussion had.

## VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: PAPARODIS, GINTER, HALLECK

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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## RE: FUND TRANSFER – 4-H RENT

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; approve a fund transfer from A00-R03-E-1304 to 062-062-R-0600 in the amount of \$19,200.00 for 4-H Rent.

No discussion had.

## VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: GINTER, PAPARODIS, HALLECK

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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## RE: FUND TRANSFER – BOARD OF ELECTION RENT

Motion by Mr. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; approve a fund transfer from A00-S01-E-1450 to 062-062-R-0600 in the amount of \$37,500.00 for Board of Election Rent.

No discussion had.

## VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: PAPARODIS, GINTER, HALLECK

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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RE: PUBLIC HEARING - 2026 COUNTY TAX BUDGET

**VETERANS 2026 BUDGET REQUEST:** Executive Director, Ms. Debra Smith, presented information on the Veterans Service Commission Budget request for 2026 explaining how many veterans they service in the county, with financial assistance, transportation for medical services, and entitlement to benefits. Due to inflation, the demand for financial support, particularly for utilities and food, has increased. They continue to maintain a well-trained staff capable of assisting all eligible veterans and their families. President, Mr. Roger Bacon stated they have 40 new cases every month and family members now qualify. They will have two senior service members retire and it will take two years to get a new person acclimated to the system. Commissioner Ginter questioned if a veteran must be a resident of the county and if the staff is knowledgeable in recognizing any mental health/PTSD concerns. Ms. Smith stated only county residents are eligible for financial assistance; they can assist veterans from out of state for other support. Her staff does a lot of training to spot PTSD and mental health issues.

Commissioner Paparodis appreciates what they do.

Commissioner Halleck thanked the veterans in attendance for their service.

**SOIL & WATER 2026 BUDGET REQUEST:** Mr. Pete Conkle and Mr. Duane Nickell presented a synopsis of 2024 and information regarding the Soil and Water Conservation District. Explaining their budget needs, they receive a state match on monies received from the county. USDA farm bill money is a cost share program. The funds would provide benefits for conservation planning, soil testing program, watershed assistance, and pond evaluations to name a few for county producers of forestry and agriculture. They want the current programs to continue and expand. They would like to hire an agricultural technician, and Mr. Nickell stated the position is entirely funded by grant money.

Commissioner Halleck appreciates all the good work they do for the county.

Commissioner Paparodis asked about the grant money, and it is granted by project.

Commissioner Ginter commented on the grazing tours

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RE: ADOPT 2026 COUNTY TAX BUDGET

Motion by Mr. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; adopt the 2026 county tax budget. Commissioner Halleck explained this is the time of year the Auditor gives us an estimated revenue received from interest, tax fees and sales tax. The Board will take the requests from each office, review and appropriate funding in the fall after cuts are made if the requested amount is over the anticipated revenue. He stated that in the past 10 years the Court of Common Pleas has operated on about a 1% increase each year.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: PAPARODIS, GINTER, HALLECK

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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RE: APPROVE NEW HIRES - CCDJFS

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; approve the hiring of the following individuals as Social Service Worker II's (SSWII) in the Social Services division:

- McKenzie Ruthrauff of Salem, Ohio
- Julia Reynolds of Youngstown, Ohio
- Camile Fowler of Youngstown, Ohio
- Ashley Brownfield of Lisbon, Ohio

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: GINTER, PAPARODIS, HALLECK

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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RE: ADOPT RESOLUTION #36-2025 – SENIOR SERVICES RENEWAL LEVY - CCDJFS

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; approve and adopt Resolution #36-2025, declaring it necessary to levy a tax RENEWAL in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Columbiana County for the purpose of providing or maintaining senior citizen services at a rate not exceeding one-half (.50) mill for each dollar of valuation.

Ms. Ketterman explained this is the third time for the levy to be on the ballot and it benefits adults 60 years and older in the county. Her department administers this levy.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: GINTER, PAPARODIS, HALLECK

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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RE: APPROVE TANF SUBGRANT AMENDMENT - CCDJFS

Motion by Mr. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; approve the following TANF Subgrant Amendment:

**Contractor: Catholic Charities Regional Agency**  
Service: Christina House Domestic Violence Program  
Funding: TANF  
Contract Period: 10/01/24 - 09/30/25  
Ceiling: Increase by \$10,000.00 for a new ceiling \$85,000.00

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: PAPARODIS, GINTER, HALLECK

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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

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