

Description	Williams County Commissioners' Regular Session #2	
Date	Thursday, January 8, 2026	
Time	Speaker	Note
9:32:54 AM	SL/Pledge	Okay, we're ready to open, I don't know how to do this. TR: I call the meeting to order. SL: I call the meeting to order and we will start with the Pledge. (All present said the Pledge of Allegiance).
9:33:19 AM	Roll Call	TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Quorum is met.
9:33:28 AM	Resolution 27	Approving Minutes from Regular Session held on January 6, 2026; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:34:14 AM	Resolution 28	Approve Agenda as Amended or Presented; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes, but I have something to add. Motion Carried. SL: I want to talk about some things at Hillside for the activity room. TR: I'll make a motion as amended. Or do we need a rescind Bart's motion probably. Bart, do you want to rescind your motion. BW: I will rescind my motion. TR: I'll rescind my second. AR: Okay, do we have a motion to approve the agenda as amended? BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried. SL: So, in the future, if we have something to add to it, we want to bring that up before there's a motion? BW: Correct. SL: Okay.
9:35:29 AM	Resolution 29	Approving Payment of Bills; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried. (Lengthy discussion re: payment of bills).
9:51:23 AM	Resolution 30	Supplemental Appropriations on behalf of Airport Authority and Commissioners; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:52:01 AM	Resolution 31	Entering into a IV-E Contract between Williams County JFS and Kids Count Too, Inc.; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:52:54 AM	Resolution 32	Entering into a IV-E Contract between Williams County JFS and Keeping Kids Safe, Inc.; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:53:49 AM	Resolution 33	Advertising for Sealed Bids for Project #01-2026 – Asphalt Emulsion Products; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:54:32 AM	Resolution 34	Advertising for Sealed Bids for Project #02-2026 – Durham Estates Storm Sewer Improvements; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:55:11 AM	Also Signed	AR: Your also signeds you have the Dog Warden report for the week of December 29th through January 45 th . CDBG Requests for Pay for grant number B-C-24-1DA-2. Competitive Retail Electric Services Governmental Aggregator Application that Scott, you need to sign. Credit card appropriations for the Recorder and the Engineer for the month of January. Courthouse Permit for Ray

		Strup, Right to Life. The second permit is for the Flair on the Square on July 25th. Treasury Management by Fund for the Month of December 2025. Monthly Inventory Report as of December 31 2025. Permits to Work Within County/Township Road Right-of-Way Limits. There's 3 from Frontier, 8 from Charter, but now there's now an additional 40 from Charter. Review CAUV renewal application. Notice for the zoning resolutions and amendments for the Recorder's office that she has to submit annually. Letter to Assurity Life Insurance regarding the accident, critical illness, short term disability and whole life. That's now going to be with Andres, O'Neill instead of Julie Oxender. Financial Analysis Report for the month ending December 2025 from the Auditor's office. Maumee Valley Certification of Determination for the Stryker project and the Montpelier project. SL: That was the CDBG Stryker project on the water tower? AR: Yeah. SL: So, that closed out that and also closed out the Montpelier one? Is what you said? AR: I don't know if they are closed out. TR: I think that's a great question, Scott, to see if we're, that might be a good call in to Dennis Miller to say, where are we at on closing those out? SL: Because we can only have two open. TR: It'd be a good day to be hound dogging that a little bit. (Greeting those coming into session and background conversation going on). SL: What's this here? AR: Patti has to submit that annually. SL: And that's zoning resolution and amendments? AR: That's a Patti question. She has to file it with you guys. (Background conversation going on).
10:01:47 AM	SL	It is 10:00 a.m. sharp as sharp as we get around here sometimes. So, we've got the request for opioid funds, MAN Unit? Is that what you guys are all four here for?
10:02:12 AM	Sheriff	We are good to go to start? Okay, perfect. First of all, thanks for taking the time out this morning to hear us. Appreciate your time as always, gentlemen. And to get started, I am going to pass the buck so to speak to Commander Williams from the MAN Unit. And I'll let him introduce the folks that are here, and he can outline exactly, you know, what they're, I think you should hear it from the horse's mouth more so than I. I'll provide any moral support that they need for this venture. So, with that, Ben.
10:02:44 AM	Ben Williams	Thanks Sheriff. Nice to meet you all. Thanks for having us. Like he said. I'm a supervisor at the task force. This is Nicky Ferguson. She's our Substance Abuse Mental Health liaison that we created in 2024. So, we're seeking funds for that. I just prepared a statement. I just read it real quick. Unfortunately, due to the national opioid epidemic, the state of Ohio was severely impacted. Sue to this, the opioid settlement was provided to local governments, Ohio governments. The MOU for that settlement, I'm just going to take a quote from it. These funds are to be used to support substance misuse, prevention, treatment and recovery efforts, and invest funds to support these efforts for Ohioans. In 2024 we established this liaison position. I'll pass the torch over to Nicky here and let her introduce and kind of speak exactly what she does day to day within our task force, and also, which is Williams counties, of the six counties that we, we have in our jurisdiction, what she does with substance abuse and mental health. So, I

		am gonna let her explain and answer any questions at the end. I can also talk like fiscally and like financially, as far as the task force and what the funds would be used for, if you guys have questions at the end.
10:03:49 AM	Nicky Ferguson	Good morning. I am providing you now with the statistics for the overdoses in Williams County in 2025. Unfortunately, there was one fatal overdose in Williams County and there were seven other overdoses. My role is to respond whether it's a fatal or non-fatal overdose. If it is fatal, I will try to connect family members to services, and if it's non-fatal, I'm going to try to get that person into some treatment. I also respond to suicide attempts by overdose, whether it's narcotics related or not. And unfortunately, there was one in Williams County of a juvenile, and that's some of the trend we're seeing in the overdoses. Is 50% of the overdoses in Defiance County alone were suicide attempts, and 38% region wide were suicide attempts. So being able to identify that, that mental health and substance use crisis kind of go hand in hand. And that's one of the things I think we've collaborated well with Chief Baldwin on how we can better recognize these crises, and when we do that, how officers can respond. And we're actually working on bringing some training to the area now from NEOMED and the CIT on how to better, for officers to better understand our responsibilities and how to recognize those crises, get people to the hospital and treat that so that hopefully we're not seeing these numbers as high as they are. I also take referrals from local law enforcement agencies, or sometimes from Job and Family Services, sometimes from the prosecutor's office if they get somebody that they think needs to go into treatment but they haven't yet reached the level of an overdose. I also collaborate and do education in schools, different community events when I'm asked. Things like emerging drug trends, I try to work with the fire departments to help them identify what substances, what they should be aware of when they're out for their scene safety, so that they know what not to touch, when to call us, and also they understand that there is a program now for overdose response if they have somebody that maybe they respond to, and that person decides they don't want to go to the hospital, so that they can reach out to me and I can try to contact that person.
10:06:05 AM	NF	Okay, so the Quick Response Team model started in Ohio back in 2014 and that's part of my job was to work on establishing collaborations with the area health departments as well as my role and peer support. So that's one of the things I've worked on, too. I respond to the overdoses when they happen, but I've collaborated with the health departments in all six counties to work on providing me with folders that have specific local resources, and then also a contact person at the health department that they can reach out to if they do need further services or they have questions.
10:06:35 AM	SL	Did you say six counties? NF: Six counties, yes. SL: So, it's not a five-county task force anymore? It's six counties? Six county
10:06:37 AM	NF	No. We have Putnam, Paulding, Williams, Fulton, Henry and Defiance.

10:06:54 AM	Ben W	We had funded this position through the Ohio COSOP grant, which ran for two years from '24 and ends in '26. So, for sustainability and longevity of the position, we're looking at avenues to continue this because we know it's such a good thing. The results are positive. There's so many success stories that she could go on and talk about. So, this is kind of an avenue that we're taking. We approached already Defiance City, Fulton County, and then also Defiance County. So, Defiance City provided \$25,000, Fulton gave \$20,000 and then Defiance County gave \$20,000 as well, pledging to her position. So those funds would be specifically earmarked for her position for the future. There are some future grants that we're going for, for 2026 and '27, but the COSOP grant that originally this position was created for has not been renewed. So, these are the avenues that were kind of our goals are, for sustaining this position, that's what the money would be used for. Do you guys have any questions in regards to?
10:07:51 AM	SL	How much money are you guys looking for total?
10:08:10 AM	Ben W	So, annually, so to be approximate we are looking at \$109,000 a year, annually is kind of what we're looking at. And that's basically broken down for any and all benefits for the position.
10:08:13 AM	SL/Ben W	And that's six counties? Ben W: Six counties, correct. SL: Plus municipalities? Ben W: That's correct. SL: So, you've got how many different entities?
10:08:26 AM	Ben W	Yeah, we have Defiance City, Bryan City. Unfortunately, Archbold stepped aside this year just due to manpower issues, some financial burden with that. So, Bryan, Napoleon, I'm sorry, Napoleon, Bryan and Defiance cities and then the six counties.
10:08:31 AM	SL/Ben W	So, you've got nine entities that are gonna be looking to contribute to make \$109,000? Ben W: Yes sir.
10:08:41 AM	SL	And how many do you have already pledged to do that?
10:08:51 AM	Ben W	We have those three. Defiance city, Defiance County, and then Fulton County as of right now. And then we have future dates for the other ones. That's what our goal is.
10:08:53 AM	SL/Ben W	And so, we we're just getting this, or these other people just getting this too? The same type presentation? Ben W: Yes Sir
10:08:58 AM	Sheriff	And Scott, if I could add, the sheriffs that I've talked to, also, those of us that are because we basically comprise the board of the MAN Unit, the sheriffs of the counties that are in the MAN Unit, we're all in agreement. Her position, since she came on is invaluable to us, it has greatly assisted. And it's not, you know, it's important not just to focus on her position on Williams County. It does have an impact here in Williams County. But, you know, part of the MAN Unit, and they're, the benefit of being in the MAN Unit is the geographic area that we cover. So, aiding each other and the communication back and forth, you benefit the whole, then everybody in it benefits. And so, all the sheriffs are on board with her position. It's been, frankly, a lot of times, a lot of the education

		programs that we've been to, you know, she has been there. You know, it's definitely making an impact. And I, it's something that I would absolutely step, step behind and say, yes, absolutely. Plus, her position is literally a textbook, if you look at the defined usage of opioid funds. Her position is almost a textbook definition of what those funds will be used for. So that's, that's my spiel, and on her behalf, and we greatly appreciate her efforts and what she does for us here in the county.
10:10:20 AM	SL	Aren't you sitting on the opioid lawsuit thing, and that's bringing money?
10:10:30 AM	TR	Yeah, I sit on the on the board that divvies out the big money. You know, what we get is smaller portions of that for each county, and then I sit on the board that gives out the big money. Are you going to approach that board?
10:10:39 AM	Ben W	We are. That's in the process for that, that funding, and what he's talking about so that, that large opioid settlement.
10:10:43 AM	TR/Ben W.	Area seven? Ben W: Region 16
10:10:47 AM	TR	Okay, you're right. Area 7 is something different.
10:10:53 AM	Ben W	So that Ohio settlement came through the pipeline, and 55% of it is for this future funding for grants that's going to be future, you know, coming down the pipeline that we're in the process of writing for. But currently that's what we're that gap between funding for these grants is kind of what we're trying to look for to help sustain. And whenever that funding does go out, you know, it's not going to be there forever. So, we want to keep this for the future. We use that, funds for that.
10:11:19 AM	SL	So that opioid money that you're sitting on that board, is that going to be part of this that we can throw at it? But it doesn't sound like it is.
10:11:26 AM	TR	I have one vote on that for 16, for a group of people, so it'll be a competitive deal when they apply for that, whether they get it or not. Who knows. So, this, this is a whole different pot of money that's just locally what we have to be able to utilize. How many folks have you served in Williams County?
10:11:48 AM	NF	So those are my overdose, sorry, overdose statistics. As far as how many I've served in Williams County, I don't probably have an accurate number. We just switched to a different data system. We were before using a police reporting system, which is great for police reports, but it's really hard for me to streamline and look through where people are coming from. So, we have a free system called CORDATA that we use, and once all that data is entered from last year, I have about 300 reports. But once all that's entered, I'll have a better idea of the actual number of people in Williams County that I've served. Part of the good thing about being the cooperative Task Force is I've had some that start out in Defiance, and then they come to Williams, and then so that transient population, I'm able to follow them throughout the counties and try to continue to connect them to the services.

10:12:29 AM	SL	So, it seems like Williams County has the biggest problem, I mean, with our JFS we've got more kids in our custody than four counties around us combined. Is that because our opioids are so bad in Williams County or is it?
10:12:48 AM	TR	And your guys' statistics are saying Defiance is worse. I mean, your first spiel was, was defiance was 50 and we were 36 or something.
10:12:54 AM	NF/TR	38% for suicide attempts. TR: So, that was just looking at suicide attempts?
10:13:03 AM	NF	When we talk about overdoses, you guys are number three. I have to think maybe number four. Defiance is first, then Henry, then I think Fulton, and then you guys. So, you guys are number four, but it's still.
10:13:12 AM	TR	We just like to use it, we don't want to kill ourselves.
10:13:14 AM	NF	For as small as, for as small as that number is, it might seem like eight, might not seem like a lot, but for as small as the county is, and everybody knows everybody, and that's still a pretty high number, a pretty significant number of overdoses.
10:13:34 AM	TR	And I'm surprised that the overdoses, because I see them on our active 911, where we're getting called to overdoses. It seems like there's, eight seems like a small number to me, with what your number saying to what my perception has been. Because it seems like EMS is running on overdoses all the time.
10:13:47 AM	NF	So, I'm glad that you mentioned that. Reporting has been, so historically, the only overdoses that got reported to the MAN Unit were narcotics overdoses. So, it's been an education thing with some of the smaller departments, because our departments that are in the MAN Unit are pretty good. The agents are actually great about letting me know, hey, we've had this overdose. Here's the report. Can you follow up? Some of the non-member agencies I went when I started this position to all the chiefs, please let me know if you have overdoses, I'm glad to help. It's not I'm not going to take your case away from you, but I want to be able to help. Some of them are good about some are not. So that's a, it's a continued education thing. And we're looking at rolling out a QR code where people can scan the QR code and it will directly send a referral to me, maybe to take away some of that. I don't know if there's hesitation in calling or what it is, but to try to make it a little bit easier. We do anticipate that 2025 numbers are going to be higher than 2024 just because we've continued that education for how to report. But I'm hoping as time goes on, we'll get even better at reporting those because I would say that 50% statistic for suicide attempts in Defiance is probably what it is everywhere, and maybe even a little bit higher. Defiance, I'm able to actually look at their police reports, so I'm able to see, hey, this happened, even if I'm not notified, and I don't have that ability in the other five counties. So, it's a continued learning for all of our officers and dispatchers to communication.
10:15:13 AM	TR	Well, I wonder if EMS can help with that too. You know, when we're seeing those calls, we might need some work with Kyle.

10:15:20 AM	Sheriff	You know Terry, that's a good point. You know, there is a statistic that typically, by the time we get called, somebody overdoses, and you know, our MAN Unit folks are there, our folks are there, etc. This is probably, they've probably overdosed four to five times. Narcaned themselves back. Somebody else Narcaned them back. We never heard about it, but it keeps, so the numbers that are reflected there, those are just the tip of the. Literally, you could probably safely multiply those exponentially and be very safe in your in your final figure. And again, one cannot overstate enough, though she may help an overdose in Defiance County, or in Napoleon city, or over in Fulton County, the work that she does there on that which, at a glance, doesn't affect Williams County. Well, that's, that's in Fulton County. That's Roy's problem. You know? Why is that? The work that she does there and these other places have, in multiple times, directly affected enforcement efforts here in Williams County that caused that overdose in those other counties. So, you have to be able to put that spider web together, if you want to catch the flies, and that's basically, that's what she does, is she spins that web and helps our agent. This makes us more effective.
10:16:45 AM	SL	Because we border two states, it makes me wonder why we don't have the Sheriff's Department. It's probably a whole different government thing, why we can't work together with the two counties on our north and west.
10:16:57 AM	Sheriff	(Inaudible) are (inaudible) Michigan. We're trying. But you are.
10:17:04 AM	Ben Baldwin	But there is collaboration amongst the other states. I mean, I know that Michelle for our agency, I know she talks to some of the drug guys up in Hillsdale County, I don't want to say on a regular basis, but they do communicate back and forth. I know when they started doing some of their search warrant, you know, put trackers on vehicles and things like that and know where people are going and getting their drugs. It is leading into other states, and we're paying attention to that as well. So, there is collaboration among these other agencies in other states.
10:17:36 AM	Sheriff	But we're actively trying to make that better. With us being a corner county, you're right. It presents challenges that other that other folks you know don't, especially not just bordering other counties. We're now bordering other states, different entities who see the problem in unfortunately, different lights, you know, at times. But as far as our work here in Ohio, with the sheriff's that are in our task force here in Ohio, again, cannot overstate the importance of her position and what, what the MAN Unit as a whole does, but especially with her liaison position, being able to connect the dots and helping us in that fashion, absolutely, absolutely essential.
10:18:19 AM	SL/Sheriff	So, every time an EMS picks somebody up on an overdose, the sheriff is made aware of that? Sheriff: In a perfect world.
10:18:24 AM	SL	But typically, that's what we want, or we don't?
10:18:26 AM	BB	Not necessarily. A lot of it depends on the type of overdose. Obviously, the ones that are related to illegal narcotics are much more reported to us, or more frequently reported to us.

10:18:37 AM	SL	If they know what they overdosed on.
10:18:41 AM	BB	The ones that are prescription drug related may or may not be. And again, I think the emphasis has been so much on the illegal narcotics. Her position, not only does it cover the illegal narcotics, but it also covers prescription medication, and that's where making sure that we're getting those statistics is going to be just as important.
10:19:04 AM	BW	When you get a call that it's an overdose, it may not be when they actually get there too. So, determining that would be based on the EMS (inaudible).
10:19:10 AM	Sheriff	We'd like to close that gap Bart between, okay, why has this guy overdosed five times before? We don't know about it. Now, all of a sudden, our agency, you know, we, we try, we're trying to narrow that gap. Any tool that we can put in our box to help us start narrowing that gap that the first time the guy OD's, where did he get the stuff? Where's the rat line? Who's supplying it? How's it coming? That's what we need to know, and that's why I mean her position is of the utmost importance to help disclose that.
10:19:37 AM	SL	So, you do work with EMS or not?
10:19:43 AM	NF	I have so, within the six counties, I've met with Fulton, Henry and Defiance, so it's the other three I need to still meet with, but it's one of those things that I am trying to take on as much as I can. Obviously, sometimes it's more than I can, but that's still in the works, is for me to meet with EMS. I talked to agent Jacob, and she actually suggested that I meet with EMS directors, whereas in some of the other counties, I've met with fire departments because their fire and EMS run together. So, she's told me that here that I need to meet with the EMS director.
10:20:13 AM	SL	You know, I would think that every time they have an overdose, they would be calling the Sheriff's Department. I mean, I don't know, never, never, really.
10:20:20 AM	TR	Unless it is in the Village of Montpelier. You know, then it's different. It's not always the sheriff's departments run. Or in the city of Bryan.
10:20:27 AM	SL	We have not heard a policy on this at all from our EMS. We're pretty heavily involved with them. But it's something we've never talked about. The reporting and this sort of thing.
10:20:35 AM	Sheriff	And that would be helpful, you know, any overdose or suspected overdose, you know. And that's a conversation, of course, for a different day, different topic. But you're right, and the fact that you guys have brought that up. Applaud you for that. That is something that we do need to, again, we need to shorten that gap for those that are not being reported, because that's going to make us all more effective. And you know, maybe we can catch the dealer the first or second time somebody overdoses, instead of letting kids do it four or five, six times and they ultimately die.
10:21:07 AM	BW	Now just to clarify, this is an annual commitment you're asking for, not just a one time?

10:21:19 AM	Ben W	Well, the commitments that we have so far are just a one time.
10:21:22 AM	Nikki	We have been invited to re-approach the counties that we (inaudible).
10:21:24 AM	BB	And I think some of that would probably be based on if future grants come out to help support it.
10:21:28 AM	Ben W	Part of the grant process that we have to report and document is that we have plans for the future if the grants don't continue. So, we have to provide, you know, avenues of sustainability and longevity. So that's kind of what we're doing.
10:22:14 AM	BW	Do we want to take action on this today?
10:22:15 AM	TR	I sent a text to the Mayor and asked if her, to the city of Bryan and asked her if she wants to split it with us. So, I'm doing your work for you a little bit. Have you talked to the city of Bryan at all? Ben W: That was our plan. TR: I mean, our normal is, is that, and I took \$109,000 and divided it by six counties and said you need \$18,000 from each county. And I think the ask is, is, you know, \$18,000 from each county seems fair. Now you got some extra from Defiance County. BW: Defiance city. TR: Defiance city and Defiance County, you've got about 40 some.
10:22:17 AM	SL	But it's kind of the same thing I was just thinking.
10:22:19 AM	TR	Yeah, doing the math it's like why not (SL and TR talking at same time) the right number from each place. Except you may have one that doesn't pay anything. Because we can't force anybody to do anything. We're all in this, kind of.
10:22:32 AM	Sheriff/SL	Well along those lines, if Bryan's willing to split it with us, why don't we get 10, if we had 10 from each that would be great. SL: That's kind of where I was at. I was going to divide out the, you've got nine entities, or if you have ten, if you had 11, it would be \$10,000.
10:23:00 AM	TR/Motion	Anne, do you see this fitting into our into the, Anne is the keeper of the book work to say it's legal for us to give the money out. And she signs her name on it. AR: I need the county prosecutor's. TR: So you'd wait for the county prosecutor, but I'd make a motion with the county prosecutor approval and Anne's approval that we move forward with a \$10,000 I'll put towards this out of that out of that fund.
10:23:09 AM	BW	I'll second that.
10:23:10 AM	Roll Call	TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried. AR: Did you state an amount Terry? TR: Ten. SL: He said \$10,000.
10:23:29 AM	TR	Well, thank you guys for your efforts. I know it's a big job. We also talked. I went before these guys, we come out and toured your facility in your old building. And we'd love to come out and do a little walk through and kind of get the back-end story on, not all the good details, but at least you know what, what makes your world tick?

10:23:39 AM	Ben W	Absolutely.
10:23:44 AM	TR	And I think we tend to give money better to people we understand what they're doing and get to meet and greet people. So, if we could set that up sometimes, or a little road trip would be nice.
10:23:56 AM	NF	I have a card (inaudible). But again, let us know.
10:24:08 AM	SL	So, you're now called six county? When did that change?
10:24:11 AM	Ben W	Yeah, it's been, it's been six.
10:24:21 AM	Sheriff	It's been six, the man unit has always been 6
10:24:37 AM	BB/TR	Are you not thinking of maybe the Five County Drug and Alcohol, whatever it is? TR: Yes, he.
10:24:41 AM	SL/BB	The five-county drug task force is what I always heard. BB: That's something completely different than the MAN Unit. Sheriff: The MAN Unit's always been six, but the five-county drug and alcohol, that's through the ADAMHs board. SL: Well, that's the rehab center right?
10:24:46 AM	TR	Scott, you've been here a year you can no longer use that (several talking – laughter). I was going to tell you earlier today, you've been here a year and you can no longer use you are new. Actually, I've been here nine and I still feel like I (several talking).
10:25:42 AM	RECESS	SL: We will stand in Recess.
10:36:52 AM	SL	Okay. We are back in session, and I have one more thing I wanted to talk about, and that was Hillside. We have a fund out there that people have donated money to for entertainment, and that is activities. So that's basically keeping people busy out there with something for them to do, and this is for the Heights and the Village. And so, what we've done is we've done a survey out there with the people that live there. What would you like? They said, you know, we'd like to have a pool table. Well, we found one for free, and Terry and I and two other guys went up, and we, fortunately, it was in a basement. We were able to get up out of there, and we took it to the nursing or to the Heights, and we set it up, and it's been well received. And the next thing that was on the list was a pinball machine and a shuffleboard table. So, researching the cost of all that, we found a place that we could if we want to try it, we can rent a pinball machine for 200 a month, and they will put \$100 of that towards purchasing one, if we decide it's a good thing. And that will last, that \$100 will stay that way. So basically, you're renting one for 100 bucks a month. They're putting 200 in a fund for you to buy one. You can buy new ones between the prices of about \$4,500 to \$13,000. So, I picked the middle of the road looking at one. It's about 7,000 if we wanted to purchase one, or we can just rent one and put that money towards it if it's well received. Same company has put me in touch with somebody that has shuffleboard tables. You can buy a shuffleboard table, a 12-footer, between \$2,500 for a really nice Bali one, or you can look on marketplace and find them. for what did you find Bart? 1,500, 900. BW: Even down to 500 depending on

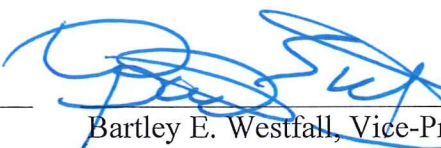
		condition and where they're at. SL: We found out that the people out there are putting two plastic tables together and using jar lids and making their own shuffleboard. And I thought, you know, we've got literally \$600,000 in that account, and we don't have any. BW: But it's specifically for the activity room. SL: It's the activity.
10:39:21 AM	BW	Well, there's one that's shared between the Heights and the.
10:39:27 AM	SL	So, yeah, if you if you're in the Heights, you can go into the activity room in the Village and vice versa. Although, right now, the Village has a thing where they've got COVID, so they really don't want anybody going through there. So, the pool table is sitting at the Heights. And the Village can go up there when the COVID is under control. So, I would like to make a motion that we move forward and put a shuffleboard table and a pinball machine out there under a lease agreement right now and then they can try it out for a couple months and then see if we want to purchase it. Is that clear enough?
10:40:10 AM	BW	I will second that. I think we should wait and look at maybe a six-month just to see what kind of play we're going to get out. The newness will wear off after a period of time. Let's see how active it is.
10:40:24 AM	AR	Is there documentation coming? Is an agreement coming?
10:40:30 AM	SL	It will. I'll have to I didn't get an agreement from anybody until I knew if we would have any interest at all, but it's not costing any county funds. It's all money that has been donated, and unfortunately, we haven't done anything with that money. It's all sitting there for how many years.
10:40:45 AM	AR	It's been used.
10:40:47 AM	TR	We've used it off and on, but nothing that's really activities. And I'd just like to add that I appreciate Scott's effort on going out and playing pool and stimulating the interest in becoming engaged. I appreciate, the folks out there do a really good job of taking care of everything, but it felt just really stale out there and, and getting these folks kind of engaging in a little bit different activity, different activities and things, I think will be an interesting to see if we can grow that to the next level. You know, they already do a great job. I think, I think doing it even differently and getting maybe a little bit more activities would be, would be a neat thing.
10:41:20 AM	SL	We really need to get, yeah, we need to get. We've got a great place out there. 55 and older can go out there and rent an apartment. It's literally all it is, is an apartment has nothing to do with nursing home, but we have four empty right now,
10:41:50 AM	BW	Right.
10:41:52 AM	SL	And they're between the prices of 900 a month to 1500 a month. And it's, that's utilities, included laundry facilities, included maintenance, snow shoveling. I mean, you, you literally drive in. You can go to town for lunch every day, or you can eat there if you want. It is nothing but an apartment. And I can't believe

		we have four empty apartments out there, knowing this the way that the rental market is in Williams County right now, no housing. I mean, you could work at Menards, if you're 55 years and older, and go rent one of those apartments.
10:42:10 AM	TR	But it carries that stigmatism that I'm old and I'm in the nursing home. When you go to the Heights and it's really completely separate, they would have been better off to not had those buildings connected almost, or had them in a whole different world. Because you get that, this is nothing different than an apartment. But nobody really feels that.
10:42:24 AM	SL	I hear you.
10:42:25 AM	TR	So, when the pool tables out there, we're hoping we can take the media out there, and we actually have the rotary going out in the next month or two. So, we're going to take Rotarians out there on site, and actually now they can engage in the pool and the shuffle board. And so, I think it'll be an interesting growth.
10:42:39 AM	DW	Do they have any music out there?
10:42:46 AM	SL	So, music equipment, like a radio? They have a radio in the room. They have a big screen TV in there, which could be bigger. It's not that big, but, and it's really a community out there. Everybody knows everybody. They get together, they play cards at 5:30 in the evening. And they play cards every day.
10:43:01 AM	BW/TR	BW: Every day. TR: Do they play cards every day?
10:43:03 AM	SL	And they check on each other. It's, it's, it's like a little town of 17 apartments, and then you have what, another 20 in the Village, which is assisted living. And they're pretty much on their own type people, but I think we have, what two rooms open in assisted? TR: Three. SL: Three, so it's a really nice asset that the county has the most counties in the state do not have this. But we do. Because we love our old people. So, that's all. TR: Great, so there's a motion?
10:43:33 AM	Roll Call	AR: Do we have a second. TR: Yeah, second. Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
10:43:45 AM	SL	Alright, anything else for the Board?
10:43:50 AM	TR	I have nothing.
10:43:50 AM	ADJOURNED	SL: We stand adjourned.

WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED:

NOT PRESENT
Scott A. Lirot, President


Bartley E. Westfall, Vice-President


Terry N. Rummel, Member

ATTEST:


Anne M. Retcher, Clerk


Robin R. Kemp, Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION 26-0027

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
January 8, 2026

In the Matter of:
Approving Minutes from Regular Session

The Board of Williams County Commissioners met in regular session on the above date with the following members present:

Scott A. Lirot, Yes Bartley E. Westfall, Yes Terry N. Rummel, Yes

Commissioner Westfall moved adoption of the following resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after review, the Williams County Commissioners hereby approve the minutes of Regular Session(s) held on January 6, 2026 as presented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is further found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Rummel seconded the motion.

The vote upon adoption resulted as follows:

Mr. Scott A. Lirot, yes

Mr. Bartley E. Westfall, yes

Mr. Terry N. Rummel, yes

WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Scott A. Lirot
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Bartley E. Westfall
Vice-Pres of the Board of Commissioners

Terry N. Rummel
Member of the Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 26-0028

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
January 6, 2026

In the Matter of:
Approve Agenda as Amended or Presented

The Board of Williams County Commissioners met in regular session on the above date with the following members present:

Scott A. Lirot, Yes Bartley E. Westfall, Yes Terry N. Rummel, Yes

Commissioner Westfall moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Commission Staff, to the best of its ability, has prepared the agenda for the day, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has reviewed said agenda and find it to be satisfactory as presented or as officially amended on the record in open session; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Williams County Commissioners hereby approves the agenda as amended or presented for today's date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is further found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Rummel seconded the motion.

The vote upon adoption resulted as follows:

Mr. Scott A. Lirot, yes

Mr. Bartley E. Westfall, yes

Mr. Terry N. Rummel, yes

WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Bartley E. Westfall
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Terry N. Rummel
Member of the Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 26-0029

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
January 8, 2026

In the Matter of:
Approving Payment of Bills

The Board of Williams County Commissioners met in regular session on the above date with the following members present:

Scott A. Lirot, Yes Bartley E. Westfall, Yes Terry N. Rummel, Yes

Commissioner Westfall moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Williams County Auditor certifies that the money for the credit of the bills listed on the Disbursement List is in the Treasury for the credit of the Funds from which they are to be paid, and is not appropriated for any other purpose; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Williams County Commissioners hereby approve the payment of bills as submitted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is further found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Rummel seconded the motion.

The vote upon adoption resulted as follows:

Mr. Scott A. Lirot, yes

Mr. Bartley E. Westfall, yes

Mr. Terry N. Rummel, yes

WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Scott Lirot
President of the Board of Commissioners

[Signature]
Vice-Pres of the Board of Commissioners

[Signature]
Member of the Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 26-0030

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
January 8, 2026

In the Matter of:
Supplemental Appropriation(s)

The Board of Williams County Commissioners met in regular session on the above date with the following members present:

Scott A. Lirot, Yes Bartley E. Westfall, Yes Terry N. Rummel, Yes

Commissioner Westfall moved adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Williams County Commissioners that we hereby approve Vickie L. Grimm, Williams County Auditor to create new lines and make supplemental appropriation(s) from and to the following funds:

Department: Williams County Airport Authority

From: 9047-90-110-506020	Repairs/Maint-Bldg/Property	\$1,500.00
To: 9047	Unappropriated	\$1,500.00
<i>Reason: Reduce expense balance to cover negative unappropriated balance in fund</i>		

Department: Williams County Commissioners

From: 2066	Unappropriated	\$7,000.00
To: 2066-45-161-509000	Victims of Domestic Violence	\$7,000.00
<i>Reason: Amount not budgeted for 2026</i>		

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is further found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Rummel seconded the motion.

The vote upon adoption resulted as follows:

Mr. Scott A. Lirot, yes

Mr. Bartley E. Westfall, yes

Mr. Terry N. Rummel, yes

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Terry N. Rummel
Member of the Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 26-0031

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
January 8, 2026

In the Matter of
Entering into an IV-E Contract

The Board of Williams County Commissioners met in regular session on the above date with the following members present:

Scott A. Lirot, Yes Bartley E. Westfall, Yes Terry N. Rummel, Yes

Commissioner Westfall moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2026 Williams County Department of Job & Family Services submitted to the Williams County Commissioners an agreement between Williams County Department of Job and Family Services and Kids Count Too, Inc. for Title IV-E Agencies and Providers for the Provision of Child Placement. Maximum Amount Payable under this contract is \$5,000.00 (2057-45-303-506001); Term: January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Williams County Commissioners we do hereby approve the IV-E Contract as set forth above. A copy of the agreement will be on file with Williams County Job & Family Services; therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is further found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Rummel seconded the motion.

The vote upon adoption resulted as follows:

Mr. Scott A. Lirot, yes

Mr. Bartley E. Westfall, Yes

Mr. Terry N. Rummel, YES

WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Terry N. Rummel
Member of the Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 26-0032

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
January 8, 2026

In the Matter of
Entering into an IV-E Contract

The Board of Williams County Commissioners met in regular session on the above date with the following members present:

Scott A. Lirot, Yes Bartley E. Westfall, Yes Terry N. Rummel, Yes

Commissioner Westfall moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2026 Williams County Department of Job & Family Services submitted to the Williams County Commissioners an agreement between Williams County Department of Job and Family Services and Keeping Kids Safe, Inc. for Title IV-E Agencies and Providers for the Provision of Child Placement. Maximum Amount Payable under this contract is \$5,000.00 (2057-45-303-506001); Term: January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Williams County Commissioners we do hereby approve the IV-E Contract as set forth above. A copy of the agreement will be on file with Williams County Job & Family Services; therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is further found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Rummel seconded the motion.

The vote upon adoption resulted as follows:

Mr. Scott A. Lirot, yes

Mr. Bartley E. Westfall, yes

Mr. Terry N. Rummel, yes

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RESOLUTION 26-0033

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
January 8, 2026

In the Matter of
Advertising for Sealed Bids
For Project #01-2026

The Board of Williams County Commissioners met in regular session on the above date with the following members present:

Scott A. Lirot, Yes Bartley E. Westfall, Yes Terry N. Rummel, Yes

Commissioner Westfall moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to advertise for bids for Project 1-2026 - Asphalt Emulsion Products on behalf of the County Engineer;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that sealed bids will be received for Project 1-2026 until 10:00am on January 29, 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the necessary publication of notice of bid (attached) will be in a newspaper of general circulation as prescribed by law and on the County's Website; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is further found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Rummel seconded the motion.

The vote upon adoption resulted as follows:

Mr. Scott A. Lirot, Yes

Mr. Bartley E. Westfall, Yes

Mr. Terry N. Rummel, Yes

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RESOLUTION 26-0034

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
January 8, 2026

In the Matter of
Advertising for Sealed Bids
For Project #02-2026

The Board of Williams County Commissioners met in regular session on the above date with the following members present:

Scott A. Lirot, Yes Bartley E. Westfall, Yes Terry N. Rummel, Yes

Commissioner Westfall moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to advertise for bids for Project 2-2026 – Durhan Estates Storm Sewer Improvements on behalf of the County Engineer;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that sealed bids will be received for Project 2-2026 until 10:00am on February 5, 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the necessary publication of notice of bid (attached) will be in a newspaper of general circulation as prescribed by law and on the County's Website; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is further found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Rummel seconded the motion.

The vote upon adoption resulted as follows:

Mr. Scott A. Lirot, yes

Mr. Bartley E. Westfall, up

Mr. Terry N. Rummel, yes

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