

Description	Williams County Commissioners' Regular Session #23	
Date	Thursday, April 2, 2026	
Time	Speaker	Note
9:02:57 AM	SL	Alright I would like to bring the meeting to order for April 2, 2026 and we'd like to begin with the Pledge of Allegiance.
9:03:25 AM	Resolution 179	Approving Minutes from Regular Session held on March 31, 2026; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:04:07 AM	Resolution 180	Approve Agenda as Amended or Presented; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:04:36 AM	Resolution 181	Approving Payment of Bills; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:05:07 AM	Resolution 182	Supplemental Appropriation(s) on behalf of Airport Authority, Commissioners, Hillside and Sheriff; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:05:57 AM	Resolution 183	Entering into a Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement. BW: So, this does not have an ending date? This is like, according to this you can go forever. Correct? VH: Until amended, yes. BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:07:50 AM	Discussion	SL: Did you guys get a cash availability validation failed? BW: Yeah. I think they told us that by the time we signed we'd have it, but they would have a, they had something coming in tomorrow? Is that right? TR: Well, it's Hillside's, so. SL: And JFS. TR: JFS? Payroll hitting on the very first date of the month really changed a lot of things is what I think happened. When you're running tight on cash anyways, and when that payroll hits on the very first day of the following month, it, it, the cash flow when you're running tight anyways is tough. VH: Yeah, when you get your monies usually mid-month. TR: Right.
9:08:30 AM	Also Signed	RK: And then for also signed I have monthly expenditures for credit cards for the IT Department for the month of April. And then I have the letter on behalf of Hillside regarding the Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield.
9:08:30 AM	Discussion	TR: A little conversation on the Hillside letter to Anthem. We have been struggling getting certified to be able to collect insurance out at Hillside and we had a couple people that I knew personally couldn't go out there because their insurance was not accepted. So, we've upped our game out there and got in network with a couple, but this Anthem one is just really pushing back. And it seems to be a statewide problem. We're checking with another couple folks in the business. So, just on the record I wanted to state that I do appreciate that we're at least trying to go for dollars that we can to bring the folks in and offer the service out at Hillside. So, that's what this letter of support is about. SL: Is that the only one that we haven't attained already, then? TR: I'm not sure. SL: There was three. TR: This is the one we got pushback on, but I need to check with Darrell and see if we got the other. SL: I think we got two out of three. TR: You thought we had the other two, but I have not confirmed that.

9:10:23 AM	Also Signed	RK: Then I have a travel request for the Prosecutor to attend court hearing in Michigan on April 7th. TR: I thought they were doing those via Zoom? SL: (Inaudible) in person. TR: Somebody's going in person it must be? Vond, do you know anything about that? VH: I don't, but I will. Yeah, I will call. TR: I mean, it's fine. That's just (several talking). I appreciate them doing it. It's Jackson, right? VH: Hmm mmm. RK: And this is, I just need to know if you are going to attend the next Mayor's Association meeting. TR: I just wonder how shut down that court is with, you know, our people did it via Zoom that last time we know. But I'm assuming media's not, because it's kids related, I'm assuming media and the public's not in and out. And I feel horrible because I would love to tell people what the heck's going on. Because I know it looks like we're hiding things and things like that. And it's not a hide thing, it's a kid thing. And we don't allow, in Ohio we don't allow media in to kids (side conversation) related stuff for their privacy. So, I'm just wondering if we are able to do that. RK: And then I have an email from Oscar at the Health Department wanting to know if you're interested in him coming in to meet with you to talk about their application for Drug Free Communities Grant. So, just mark yes or no. TR: I think we should bring him in and we should send a letter of support. I actually was pretty involved in getting that set up the last time. And that brings \$175,000 a year of federal money into Williams County to be used to educate kids on drugs. Not how to use them, how to not use them. BW: It's \$125,000. TR: So, it's 125, okay. So, and it's a five-year grant. So, we got the first five years. It must be up for renewal, believe it or not already. So, I think bringing him in and us sending a letter of support along with this grant. We did it last time. BW: It is good public awareness too. TR: We might as well bring the money in if we can. RK: And then this is just an update on the America 250 tree planting. BW: It won't be hard digging a hole today. TR: Keeping the water out. It will be well watered. SL: Is this on our calendar? RK: Yes. BW: I'm going to be gone that week too, so you guys, that's a Friday so you guys are going to have to. TR: I will be in town on the 15th. I fly back in that day. So, I land at noon. 2:30 so I will go to that mayor's meeting.
9:13:52 AM	RK	And that's all I have for right now. We'll do the proclamation but, I am not sure if they are out there yet.
9:14:00 AM	EMS Discussion	TR: If we could have a little bit of conversation. I just want to bring it to, to the, on the record that EMS, we were out there earlier this week and did a meeting with them. And their cash balance today is \$175,000. And you look back at their last three months, they've actually put \$30,000 in the back. So, they went from being flat broke needing money to actually running a true accounts receivable, hiring Ohio Billing and billing folks. They're not flush with cash, I mean, they've got enough money right now they're good. But they're not buying new EMS units and they are not buying \$40,000 heart monitors. They're not, but they're also not flat broke either. And Kyle and Jesse and Tiffany have done a great job of collecting every dollar that's due to us. Negotiating some contracts, and they've got a couple new contracts that we're working on. So, that portion seems to be maybe turned around and at least running as a profitable business. SL: They are not 3 million dollars in the hole. TR: They are not 3 million in the hole. And I would say we are paying our

		people in the middle of the road. You know, we increased everybody's pay to be able to get the folks stabilized. I think we're down a, did we say we are down a half a person or something? So, we could use another one part-time, but we've run it where we just didn't have any help and didn't have any help. So, we put more money in payroll, changed our billing cycles and how we were doing things and they changed a lot and worked hard. BW: And done some recruiting. TR: Done some recruiting. Built a team. So, they seem to be doing a good job. SL: And Kyle and Jesse are much more involved in running like a business than they were. I mean you are talking EMT's that have really, or paramedics stepping up to the plate to run a business. TR: Becoming business owners. They've evolved to business owners. SL: With our help, and everybody's help and collaboration I think it's been a, I think it's been a good thing for everybody. BW: It looks like they're out there.
9:16:13 AM	Hillside Discussion	TR: I think to go on with a little bit of conversation on, we were out at Hillside yesterday at ten and they did a big meeting on the nurses. And Darrell said well we only spent seven, \$4,000 on contract nursing. I texted Vond and said wait a minute I just seen that it was \$13,000. VH: Right. TR: Well, it really isn't \$13,000 on contract nursing. So, after Darrell said it's not because there's other things that come out of that account that I didn't know about until today. So, every day when we're looking at that, he said that, I might as well just read it so. Because I wanted to get you guys up to speed that when we're talking about this. The category has 8982 representing agency blah, blah, blah. X-rays 551, PCC 70, Engage Consultants. The consultants are coming out of that. Which I don't know that I want them coming out of that, but they are. At 1350. And some of it was leftover, because when you pay a bill in March you had to pay some of February's bills into March, right? So, if you truly look at the actual bills that we had in March, he says is \$4,035.77. So, it feels like maybe, we'll see what April brings, but just kind of keep that in the back of our heads on what we're looking at. VH: I'm going to run a more detailed report on that because I don't think that's true. TR: Okay, yeah, I'd love to see that. So, thank you for that. I'll forward you the email I got back on that. Did anybody make the other two meetings with the nurses? BW: I was out of town yesterday. TR: Did you either go at 7 or 10 Scott? SL: No, I didn't. TR: So, I think we caught the majority of them. And it was pretty informative. I mean, everybody seemed to calm down out there and not be, the tension didn't seem to be like you could cut it with a knife like the first time when we met with everybody. SL: I thought Darrell's done a good, a better job of communicating to people. TR: Talking to them, being relaxed with his people. SL: Yeah. TR: They're more used to seeing us in there. SL: We really need to make sure that we support him to, you know, we don't want everybody coming to the commissioners. They need to follow the process of how things get handled. So, he's doing a good job. TR: That's all I have.
9:18:37 AM	RECESS	SL: If there's nothing else, we'll stand in Recess.
9:22:57 AM	Proclamation	Alright. We are back in session and we've got the JFS department in here and we've got a proclamation. SL: Read entire proclamation. (Copy attached to these minutes).

9:25:09 AM	SL	So, we have this proclamation that we're going to sign. All of us. And this goes to our director. And thank you all, everybody. It's not an easy job that you guys do. I can't imagine being in your shoes most days.
9:25:50 AM	TR	I think I'd like to add back to that Scott, that, you know, in your guys' line of work you get scrutinized, you get yelled at from the parents. You get yelled at from this and you get yelled at from portions of the community. But it's important that you realize there is a huge percentage of the community that supports your actions and what you do. And we're not the loud ones. You know, they're not the ones out there saying yay, thanks, get them. Go team, go team. But, just remember that there is an awful big group out there that really supports the efforts that you do and really, really appreciates your efforts. So, thank you.
9:26:28 AM	RECESS	SL: Is that all gentlemen? TR: That's all I got. SL: We stand in Recess.
9:54:20 AM	SL	Alright, we are back in session and we have Sarah Stubblefield and SC: Shannon Cousino. SL: Shannon Cousino from Department of Aging for an update. So, what do you have for us Sarah?
9:54:38 AM	Sarah/BW	Well, we are closing out our first quarter numbers. So, I don't want to give you numbers that aren't finalized yet, but I can tell you a couple things. One, I will in March us up all of my Area Office on Aging funding for nutrition. So, for the rest of the year my nutrition will be on levy funds only. They only support 17% of my budget and. BW: Only 17%? SS: Yeah, we burned through it in the first quarter.
9:55:09 AM	Sarah	Also raising the \$4.00 suggested donation is going well. The seniors support it. They understand what's happening. They have been donating and we appreciate the funds for that.
9:55:19 AM	SL	Have you ever figured a cost on a meal? What the actual cost is?
9:55:28 AM	Sarah	Yeah, but I need to know like the parameters? Do you want to know like, for my electricity? For my salary? Everything that costs, or do you want to know just the cost of buying food?
9:55:34 AM	SL	I mean, there's got to be a way to put a meal together. There's the meals inside the facility and then there's meals on wheels. So, obviously the ones on wheels are probably more expensive because you have to have the trucks, you have to have the personnel. Have you ever put what the cost to do meals on wheels literally is per meal? And then maybe you should have a price for the meals in-house for all the people that want to just come for the camaraderie and the good things that happen.
9:56:04 AM	Sarah	So, having like a different suggested donation based on where they're getting it?
9:56:09 AM	SL	You know, even if you leave it at the \$4.00 you know, it's a free-will donation. If I, if I'm going there to eat and I know that meal is really \$10, I'm not going to just give you \$4.00. I'm going to give you \$10. And I might even give you more to pay for someone else's meal. What we have to know is how much it costs so that people can make a, make a decision. And then somehow, we have

		to get out to people. I mean, my own mother-in-law, you know, we got the, the envelope once a week or once a month or whatever it was, and I'm thinking that's what I am paying my taxes for. That's what the Department of Aging and these meals should be, I thought they were free. I didn't understand. I thought it was just a donation if you wanted to make a donation anyway. I never understood your finances and what it takes to run your facility. And I think if people were more aware of exactly what a meal costs, they might be more apt to, you know, pony up.
9:57:10 AM	BW	Even occasionally give a little more, yeah.
9:57:13 AM	Sarah/SL	So, if I figure out how much it costs, me being salaried, not getting into like utilities and all of that stuff, it's around \$14.95 a meal. And that was for the congregate meal. So, I can calculate it. I can get that for you. The next time we meet I will have. SL: What is a congregate meal?
9:57:31 AM	Sarah	Congregate is when they meet in the center. And they sit together. SL: I kind of thought that's it but I wanted to make sure. Sarah: And that's Older American Act language.
9:57:40 AM	SL	And that covers your employees that are making the meals?
9:57:44 AM	Sarah	Yes, yes.
9:57:47 AM	SL	About \$14. And we're charging \$4.00.
9:57:50 AM	Sarah	Yes, we are requesting \$4.00.
9:57:53 AM	SL	Right. So, I mean, it should just be public awareness for anybody that. And I'll pay the \$14.00. I would have never guessed it was \$14.00 when you are putting, you know, the way you do it. That's good to know.
9:58:05 AM	Sarah	I appreciate that. And I'll have that number for you the next time.
9:58:09 AM	TR	But I think it is important to understand why it's \$14.00. Because it's not food cost. Food costs is nothing, comparatively. It's labor. I mean, let's face it, in business 80%, now restaurants may be a little different. But 80% of your expense is labor. So, you have each one of these senior centers as a director on payroll with health insurance. So, it's a number on each one of those. So, the \$14.00 is paying labor to be there not necessarily just to cook the food.
9:58:40 AM	BW	Equipment also.
9:58:41 AM	TR	Right. And that just adds into it. And lights and heat and all that stuff's going to be somewhat irrelevant.
9:58:47 AM	Sarah	And there's supplies that goes into that too. You know, and there's the cost of pest control and my licensing and you know, the training cost. Everybody has to be CPR, there's a lot of layers too. Anybody who runs a business can tell you that there's a lot of layer to every cost. So, I can definitely pull the numbers for you. I just needed to know what the parameters were for that request. Like, what do you want me to feed into that? Do you want me to do, how much does it cost to do a meal based on salary and the cost of the food and my fuel and maintenance? Or?

9:59:24 AM	SL	I see what you're saying. It's complicated because you offer so many services. You're also taking people to doctors and things like that. But I guess I'm just trying to focus in on the meal. How much does it cost to put that meal together? Maybe the building's not really even a factor in that. You do so many other things. But what would be a fair price? If I'm going to come there and eat just because I want to go and sit and mingle with people or maybe somebody wants to bring a guest. How much is that meal? What covers your food and your people, your oven, I don't know, some of the utilities maybe. Not all of them, but however you can come up with a, it's not \$4.00.
10:00:09 AM	Sarah	No, it's definitely not \$4.00.
10:00:12 AM	SL	And we're not allowed to charge more than \$4.00 as long as we get state money? They say you have to be levy supported?
10:00:21 AM	Sarah/SL	I can't make a profit on it. SL: Right. Sarah: And the Older Americans Act says that I can't demand a price. So, it's federal funds and they say that no senior can be turned away based on their ability to contribute to the cost of the service. So, anything that I provide across the board, if you're over 60 I can ask for a donation, but I can't demand payment in order to provide that service to you. SL: Right. Sarah: Yeah, that's why it's a suggested donation. And it does get confusing like you were saying earlier with your mother-in-law. Like you said I pay taxes I think it's covered, why are you asking me for this money when I don't have to pay anything?
10:01:00 AM	SL	And we always did. My wife sent a check every month I was told.
10:01:07 AM	Sarah	Oh yeah. And was always supportive of our program too, you know. Checked in with us and did things like that. So, yeah, I can pull that number together. And I'll tell you how I factored it so you'll know what goes into. But when we spoke last, we talked about how we are more than just a meal. And I want you and the community to know some of the other services that we provide other than transportation.
10:01:36 AM	Sarah	One program that we started last March was a telephone reassurance program where if someone lives at home and they have no family or their family is not able to connect with them, we give them a call every day. So, Shannon is one of my first volunteers. And we've had people come on the program for a while and then go off the program, but the two of us have our steady, steady people who we've been calling every day for the last year. We call them on Christmas. We call them on New Year's Eve. We call them literally every day.
10:02:08 AM	SL	Saturdays and Sundays?
10:02:10 AM	Sarah/Shannon	Saturdays and Sundays. SL: Wow. Sarah: Yep. Every day I call my person at 8:00 in the morning. And you call your person? Shannon: 9:30. Sarah: 9:30. So they know to expect us. And we even had an incident last year where my person didn't answer and it caused me to do a well check and we did some deep digging. She was in an accident. She was in the hospital in Fort Wayne. Her family did not even know because they don't have daily contact with her and if we hadn't been doing the telephone reassurance program her daughter in Tennessee would have never known that her mother was in the hospital in Fort

		Wayne. Because she had a heart attack and broke her (inaudible). So, the program is very meaningful for the people who get it.
10:02:57 AM	Sarah	I also serve on the guardianship board which is another service that, the taxes that people pay for here, they pay for my salary. And so, we try to holistically look at our seniors here in Williams County. And that includes those who need the work who are not able to care for themselves at all. So, do you want to tell them a little bit about the guardianship program?
10:03:14 AM	Shannon	Sure. So, I run the Northwest Ohio Guardianship Services Board. We service Williams and Defiance County. It's been up and running just two years as of March, well, it's been up since 2023 but I've been on board for two years this past March. And I service 36 wards currently in the two counties. A lot of them are senior citizens so they do receive services from the Area Office on Aging so we do have some overlap there. And they keep me really busy. I am a one-man show currently. I don't have any employees yet because we're such a new program. We're looking to maybe get some more people on board so we can take on some more wards. But it's been really fulfilling and very busy.
10:04:00 AM	Sarah	How do people come to you that (inaudible)?
10:04:03 AM	Shannon	All of my referrals come from the Probate Court. So, your Judge Gallagher or Judge Strausbaugh. They have a filtering process. They try to start with family if family is available. If not family then they have, each county has volunteers. Which is kind of novel. Not all counties have volunteer guardians. But these two counties do so we try to do the volunteers. And if that doesn't work and there is somebody, especially somebody who has a lot of need. People who live in the community who really put a tax on the resources in the community. They are, tend to come to the guardianship services board because they require a lot. So, all of my referrals then come through the probate courts.
10:04:44 AM	Sarah	(Inaudible) your people.
10:04:46 AM	Shannon	Oh gosh. Our standard, the state standard, the supreme court says once every three months. Our standard is once a month. I see a lot of my people multiple times a month just because that's what it requires. And I have relationships with them. Now I mean I have been serving them, some of them for almost two years. And so, I go to their events. I, you know, if they have something happening at the fair I'll go to the fair and see them there. If they have birthday celebrations or whatever. So, some of them I see three, four times a month.
10:05:17 AM	Sarah	And if the Guardianship Board didn't exist, what would these people, where would they be? What would happen to them?
10:05:24 AM	Shannon	That's a really good question. You know, historically it has been attorneys who have filled that gap, but one, we're running out of attorneys, and two, the attorneys that we have are just very overwhelmed and are unable to provide the one-on-one service that they really deserve. So, I don't, I don't know. Because I don't know that there are attorneys left that would be able to fill that need the way that we do.

10:05:48 AM	SL/Shannon	So, you, you get these people referred to you and they're elderly, typically. Shannon: Some. SL: Or maybe mentally handicapped. Shannon: Yes. SL: And so, you, they have no family so you just are a point of contact. And you.
10:06:04 AM	Sarah	She is their guardian.
10:06:07 AM	SL	You're actually a court appointed guardian?
10:06:09 AM	Shannon	I am a court appointed guardian of person only. We don't do guardian of estates as of now. That's the financial piece of it. Some people have family and family just doesn't want to deal with them. It could be extreme mental health issues, drug and alcohol issues. They may be on the Board of Developmental Disabilities so I service a lot of those folks. Elderly people who have dementia. Sometimes their family just is mad of them because of the way they've paved their lives, whether it was mental health or whatever. And so, they just don't want to be involved.
10:06:40 AM	SL	So, you are going to their homes? Do these people live along? And you've got to wonder how does this person cope every, how do they get a bath? How do they keep themselves clean?
10:06:51 AM	Shannon	And that's where I come in. I make sure that there are services there to make all of those things happen. And really, housing is the big thing. Keeping the stable in their houses. People with extreme mental health issues have trouble maintaining stable housing. And then they end up in the streets or in our homeless shelters and, and I'm able to help keep that from happening. For example, I have one gentleman who is very autistic and was living with his mother and she went into a nursing home. And he was living in a boarding house by himself and didn't know what to do to find alternative housing. Because he wasn't able to afford that. I was able to come in, get him in with New Home Development, and now he lives there and I work to help maintain that housing so that he doesn't lose it.
10:07:37 AM	SL	And then, have you done nursing home placement? Is that part of this?
10:07:42 AM	Shannon	I do. I have several people in nursing homes across both counties. And there really is a myriad of, you know, assisted living, there's some group homes, a lot of people who live on their own, and then also nursing homes.
10:07:54 AM	SL	Wow. That's got to be very taxing mentally.
10:07:58 AM	Shannon	Some days. I'm on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
10:08:02 AM	SL	And that's a lot. Sarah, you deal with the same thing. You say meals on wheels, all we're taking is old people some food. But I don't think what people understand is how often they find somebody on the floor.
10:08:14 AM	Sarah	Yes. Yes. At least, probably once every other week. I don't know, how many, would you say that?
10:08:19 AM	RK	Probably, yeah.
10:08:23 AM	Sarah	Because I send the reports to Robin when they come in. And we truly have found that they feel the night before and they are there until we get there. And

		we always stay with them. We never just call 911 and leave. We always stay with them until either their caregiver or emergency services can be with them. And then they release us. Because when EMS comes, they're asking us questions. They're saying hey, when you saw them yesterday, how were they? Or do you know where the daughter is to them? If we, sometimes are the continuance of service for this individual and the history of what's going on with them. So, I almost feel like I need a tee shirt at this point that say we're more than a meal here at Department of Aging. Because there's, we're trying to holistically find what needs are happening for our seniors and how can we meet them? Like the Guardianship Board and getting that started and serving on the board. And we just recently wrote a grant to One Ohio to fund and get some training into the nursing homes as well in terms of Medicaid and Medicare. And that situation is just, if you think of doing your taxes and how your taxes, the laws change constantly. Well, it happens in Medicaid too. And Medicare too. So, there's no real ongoing training for individuals. And it delays care for our seniors who can't go into this placement or that placement because they don't have their insurance figured out. So, we're just trying to look at the whole concept of aging and how we can support individuals here in Williams County. And I think you need to hear more that we're more than just a meal.
10:09:55 AM	SL	And Sarah Carothers is a big part of that as well.
10:09:58 AM	Sarah	Sarah Carothers is a huge part of that. She actually goes into people's homes and she looks at their entire financial portfolio, everything that's going on with them. Helps them get the documentation that they need from all these different resources. And then, kind of here's what this one will require and here's what this one will require. And she's a licensed social worker. So, she helps navigate the emotions that go along with that. Because it can be a lot. And sometimes the conflict with family and siblings, and then helps them get the application in to JFS or to Social Security or wherever they need. Or, to make the application to long-term care as well.
10:10:39 AM	SL	Wow.
10:10:42 AM	BW	There are a lot of working parts.
10:10:44 AM	Sarah	There's a lot of working parts to Department of Aging. If you think of a person and all the things you need on a personal level, we try to meet that at the Department of Aging. Or find the resources.
10:10:54 AM	SL	And the county's always been very generous passing your levies.
10:11:00 AM	Sarah	They have. And we're grateful. We try to reinvest every one of those dollars and be good stewards. And understand that there's also like a large population of people who are about to turn 60, right? I brought the documentation if you want to see it. But, by the time we get to 2030 and 2050, the amount of older adults we'll have, especially in this county will be the bulk of your population. And so, let's start thinking now what services we need to put in place when that happens. When they don't have the other families.
10:11:35 AM	SL	And we're still living off of 2005 money?

10:11:39 AM	Sarah	We are. We are.
10:11:41 AM	SL	We haven't raised the price of the levies and so we're 20 years behind.
10:11:48 AM	Sarah	So, we passed a levy, a 1 mill levy in, decades ago. And the ceiling for that is \$600,000 from that 1 mill levy. And over the years I continue to collect at that level. So, as home appraisals go up I don't collect more money to run my department. And it's time that we really look at that and realign the levies that we have and consider either combining them or going forward for a new levy. And that's the process that we're in now to see if we can put a levy on the ballot in November.
10:12:26 AM	TR	And what levies do you have? You have more than one?
10:12:30 AM	Sarah	I have four.
10:12:33 AM	TR/Sarah	So, can you tell us what they are and when they come up? Do you have that up, or somewhere? Sarah: Right off the top of my head, I did not grab my levy folder when I came in. That's fine, but probably the next time we need to see a list of, and I think probably for the paper especially, I think it's important that our folks know that, you know, we have more than just one levy. And the last levy we talked about doing this, when this, what was the very last one that we passed? Was it a 1?
10:12:51 AM	Sarah/TR	We passed it last year. TR: Last year, and that was a? Sarah: A 1.
10:12:58 AM	TR	That was the big one I would call it. That was the bigger one. And that's a 1 mill levy. But there's also three other littler ones as I remember right.
10:13:03 AM	Sarah	Yes, there's like a .1 and a .3 levy that's out there as well.
10:13:08 AM	TR	So, to try to get that out there and maybe if they're gonna write on this that we can get that to them before they write that says this one and when does it, when did it go into effect and what money are we living on? So, it's so hard and confusing for folks to understand that when we pass that levy in 2005 we renewed it, renewed it, renewed it and renewed it.
10:13:28 AM	Sarah	We rolled it over.
10:13:31 AM	TR	Rolled it over basically. Now, if you replaced it back in that day, when you said the word replace, then it went to the new money. So, like the big renewal, and everybody got a lot more money, that levy, if we would have replaced it back that day it would have been worth probably closer to a million dollars. Today it's worth about \$600,000. One mill in 2005 was 600,000. One mill today's value is one million. How do we tell the public that? We've been trying for years.
10:14:02 AM	Sarah	I want to make sure the numbers are right before I report it to you and to the press, so I will pull that for you the next time we're here, along with the price of a meal. And I will have a couple of seniors who have asked to come and be with me in May. So, they want you to hear why they go to the senior center. And again, it's more than a meal. Like, what do they get out of it. And, you weren't with us, but we were in Edgerton earlier this week. And they were quite emotional. Like, this is my family. We open people's mail with them

		because they are concerned they are going to get scammed, you know. We help screen their calls. We help get their voicemail set up. We, there was a time where you used to just be able to walk over to your neighbor and ask them for help to do things. Well, we're neighbors to each other. We've replaced that for these seniors.
10:14:50 AM	BW	Well, the socialization interaction, you don't know how much that adds to a person's wellbeing. I've seen it with my own mother in the last three months. Amazing. Actually amazing.
10:15:02 AM	Sarah	I am glad to hear that.
10:15:06 AM	TR	So, when we look at, I look at their financials like a business. And theirs is really tough to look at, because they get two large chunks of cash. When property taxes are paid, they get large chunks of money in. But, we just did real estate settlement. And real estate settlement brought in 745,000 basically. So, 745,000 in one lump sum in the month of March. So, you look at their January profit or loss statement that I looked at. They lost 150,000 basically. In February they lost 86,000. Because what they bring in just doesn't ever equal. But then in March they made 703,000.
10:15:48 AM	Sarah	Right. And I have to make that last until August.
10:15:51 AM	TR	Right. So, now you've got to make that last. So now we'll go March, we'll go April, May, June and July we'll be losers. So, we try to minimize your loss for those four months. And then you get your next large amount of cash in and then you try to survive until the end of the year. Is kind of how that works.
10:16:04 AM	Sarah	Yes. And I am out of my Area Office on Aging funding for that too. So, like the summer months are only my levy funds that I (inaudible).
10:16:11 AM	TR/Sarah	So, when we see that loss of 150, it could be better. But, your budget shows us this year, and you're on budget, correct. Sarah: Yes. TR: Your budget shows us this year you're going to lose?
10:16:19 AM	Sarah	143,0000.
10:16:23 AM	TR/Sarah	143,000. So, they were running in, and last year you lost about? Sarah: 300, because I bought a hot shot.
10:16:31 AM	TR	300,000 and you bought a hot shot or two.
10:16:32 AM	SL/Sarah	And we got a new air conditioner. Sarah: 368,000. SL: Does that come out of that or not?
10:16:41 AM	TR	The new air conditioner come from a donation, kind of.
10:16:44 AM	Sarah	It didn't cover the full cost. TR: It covered a lot of that, new \$90,000, whatever, 100 and some thousand-dollar air conditioner. Sarah: So, two cars, the remainder for the air conditioning and my 85,000 hot shot.
10:16:49 AM	TR	And you still have an aging fleet.
10:16:54 AM	Sarah	I still have an aging fleet, yes. And I am looking at the current opening that I have to hire as a part-time, no insurance, so that will impact my budget as well.

10:17:03 AM	TR	So, we are trying to save our way out of this a little bit. But unlike EMS we can't bill our way out of this thing. You know, I keep saying the county has a billing problems, but this one, we have a billing problem, but it's a tax problem. And I hate to say that because I don't want to run a levy. I don't want to add taxes to anybody.
10:17:19 AM	Sarah	And I have partners like the United Way who gives me funds, and the Parkview Health, they give me funds. And I'm grateful for those funds, they mean a lot. TR: They're little. Sarah: But they are, they are little. They maybe cover like on month's worth of expenses to help fill that hole.
10:17:38 AM	TR	Well, and I said before, because I only see the way out of it is to not close down, but in Pioneer we've adjusted there how we show up there. To where we don't deliver meals there. We don't have a site manager there. She just opts in.
10:17:53 AM	Sarah	I think we finally found that balance.
10:17:57 AM	TR	So, what do you do now? So, where are you balanced at? In Pioneer right now.
10:18:00 AM	Sarah	So, she comes in, she clocks in. She gets them started for the day. She's there, and lets them know that she is going to make sure that they all get the lunch that they ordered. So that, there was, that was kind of what part of the problem was, right. They take care of lunch on their own, but they were all trying to be the leader of that situation. So, like she handles that. And our area business appreciate that. Because we are contacting them and saying hey, you know, the meat market, here's how many people we need for lunch today. Instead of seven different seniors contacting them. It was getting confusing. So, she comes in, she clocks in, she opens the building for them. She gets them started for the day. She confirms that they're gonna have lunch. She goes and she covers where I need. She also transports some seniors into the center too. She is bringing people in. She goes, she goes to work wherever I need and then she comes back at the end of the day and she makes sure the building is clean and that they are set up for the following day, that the person who was transported there got a ride home. She is still doing her home assessments for the people who are getting home delivered meals in the Pioneer area, partially the West Unity area. And then she clocks out. So, we have kind of like, kind of hit a sweet spot between a presence is there, but I'm still getting the coverage that I need. And then at the end of the day we are making sure that the building is locked up and secured and we have a good start to the following day.
10:19:15 AM	TR	But there is no way we would ever be able to do that in Edgerton. There's too many people there.
10:19:19 AM	Sarah	No. There's too many people.
10:19:22 AM	TR	I mean Edgerton's a monster. You could do it in Montpelier, Pioneer, Montpelier, Bryan, Edgerton. I don't know what others. But maybe some of these other centers.

10:19:29 AM	Sarah	Definitely could not do it in West Unity. BW: I was gonna say West Unity (inaudible – several talking).
10:19:32 AM	TR	So, it might fix a little bit of a hole for a little bit of time, but it's not the cure all, of like I kinda thought it was. I was hoping they were gonna be able to kind of survive more on their own. We provide them a place and they just kind of do it. And that didn't work out real well for us. So, now it's going to phase 2, but phase 2 is not gonna fill the budget hole that we're looking at. Because we're still gonna need a body there. We might be able to do part-timers that can help manage them and they go home.
10:19:58 AM	Sarah	It keeps me from hiring because I did need to hire another assistant site manager and now I don't. Because Sheena is covering that.
10:20:05 AM	TR	So, it could save us that 190, 80 thousand.
10:20:08 AM	Sarah	Help me operate on the skeleton crew that I'm operating on now. And when Stryker, she's retiring this summer. I will replace her with a part-time person with no insurance.
10:20:20 AM	SL	And you're taking people to doctor's appointments?
10:20:21 AM	Sarah	Yes, we do. We take them to doctor's appointments.
10:20:24 AM	SL	So, it's more than just meals on wheels. It's helping people that don't have family around then to get them where they need to go.
10:20:30 AM	Sarah	Yeah. We take them grocery shopping. We take them to the post office. Sometimes people pass away and we take them to funerals, you know, so that they can say good-bye to their loved ones. Otherwise they would have no access to that. And grief and loneliness and being isolated, that leads to public health issues, you know.
10:20:49 AM	TR/Sarah	I really appreciated talking with the delivery driver in Edgerton the other day. He really, and I know, I told Sarah that she talks all the time and maybe we don't listen to her. But when the delivery guy talked, I heard him differently than I hear Sarah. And that's not fair to Sarah, but it's true. And I'm sorry, that probably didn't feel real good. Sarah: Not great. TR: But it's just kind of a fact that I live in. And I think it's the same way when we're talking to our community. You know, when our folks, our voters are hearing us, they hear us guys talk all the time. They hear you. But when they talk to that person that's boots on the ground delivering that meal. It just felt different to me. And I think we can engage those folks to our communities to, you know, to try to get their words in the Bryan Times and The Village Reporter so that folks say, wait a minute now, this is a, this is the delivery guy talking, you know. Kind of like what we heard from EMT's.
10:21:36 AM	Sarah	He has several times gone into a home and found someone crying out for help in the back and had to navigate his way through the house. And you know, it weighs on them. They love the people that they serve. And then he'll call me and say, do we have any update? I know you probably can't tell me cause of HIPPA, but do you know if so and so is okay. And, you know, I get permission

		from the family to share with them that yep, they're in long-term care, they're fine. Because, you know.
10:22:02 AM	TR/Sarah	They care. Sarah: They care. They do. TR: Absolutely.
10:22:04 AM	BW	The become family.
10:22:07 AM	Sarah	Okay, so I have a couple of updates that I will get for you in May.
10:22:14 AM	TR	But we are looking at putting something on in November. I think it's important that we say at this point we, the three commissioners, have to decide are we going to put something on for the senior center in November.
10:22:27 AM	Sarah	November. That is my recommendation.
10:22:29 AM	TR	And what does that something look like? And how are we going to get the word out that this is what we're faced with and this is how we're going to attack it. And, we'll give Williams County the best senior centers that they want to pay for. Right? I mean, it's all we can do.
10:22:48 AM	Sarah	And other supplementing service like with the Guardianship Board and other things we do in the community.
10:22:52 AM	TR	And I think it's important that there's a balance in their checkbook of? So, what would you say our carryover was last year? 400,000?
10:23:01 AM	Sarah	It was closer to 500, almost 600,000.
10:23:05 AM	TR	So almost 600,000. So, carryover last year was, was 600,000 and carryover next year's gonna be 450,000.
10:23:12 AM	BW	We got into the carryover the last couple of years.
10:23:15 AM	TR	It's not a fire sale. It's not something that oh my gosh we gotta act on tomorrow. We didn't run them out of money. Thank God. You know, we're acting on this, we're acting on this and we have time. So, it's, we're way ahead of the game. But you've been losing money for a few years. You were breaking even and then, wages just keep going up, food cost keeps going up. Fuel keeps going up. Vehicle prices keep going up.
10:23:36 AM	Sarah	The price of insurance.
10:23:39 AM	TR	The price of insurance goes up. There's just nothing. And we're living on 2005 money.
10:23:43 AM	SL	And all these facilities are donated by the towns basically. I mean, it's not like we pay rent on these buildings. Which makes it easier to day, someone might say, well why do have seven senior centers? Why don't we just have everybody go to one place? And, you know, we talked about that in Edgerton. And it wasn't gonna happen. Those people live in that community. They went to school, they graduated, they've lived there their whole life. They like going to their, each one. So, it's not like we're going to get a school bus and take everybody to one spot and then take everybody home. It's not what they want to do. And most people, almost everybody drives there, don't they?

10:24:21 AM	Sarah	Yes, they do. And there are a couple of people that we pick up, but almost everybody drivers, or they are allowed to drive just within town. Or they carpool amongst themselves.
10:24:29 AM	TR	And I think this levy will be, if we decide to do it, I think this levy will be a good gauge on what the community, what each community wants us to do, right? Because every community will say yes or no. And I don't know how we will move forward if we have, you know, if we don't get a levy passed, then we'll just be like the schools do. We'll just have to figure it out. The good news is we don't have to figure it out tomorrow.
10:24:50 AM	Sarah	We don't, no. I want to get ahead of that. Because I, I, they need time to prepare and decide. There are some people who are only living in their homes because they come to the senior center. Otherwise their family, their children have told them, it's because you come to the senior center that I feel comfortable letting you stay in your house. If they don't come to the senior center, they are going to end up in long-term care. Which is your Medicaid cost. Which is your emergency costs when they refuse to go to long-term care. So, you know, and it's public health. We're getting their immunizations, we're checking their balance with them. We're making sure that nobody is scamming them by pretending to be Ohio Medicaid and they're giving all of their personal information.
10:25:35 AM	SL	Yeah, you do a lot.
10:25:37 AM	Sarah	We do a lot. We love them and we love to do it. It's an honor to serve them. I have 500 aunts and uncles and I'm grateful for each and every one of them.
10:25:44 AM	SL	And they love you, I can see that. Thank you for what you do. BW: Appreciate what you do. Absolutely
10:25:50 AM	TR	Yes, thank you.
10:25:52 AM	Sarah	Thank you for your time in helping us share our story. I appreciate that as well.
10:25:59 AM	SL	Alright, anything else?
10:26:00 AM	RECESS	SL: Then we stand in Recess.
10:57:12 AM	DATA CENTER DISCUSSION	SL: Alright, I would like to bring the meeting to order. We are back in session and we have Matt Davis from RPG, Regional Growth Partnerships here to answer any questions anybody has about rainbows and butterflies. BW: Ed, do you want kick that off (inaudible) conversation is what we're here for. Ed Ruffer: I just kind of, with what's going on around the area I just thought that (inaudible) as far getting something, information out to people with what's going on. I guess I really don't have more than that other that, you know, I'm sure there might be some questions around as far as what they bring and what they do bad. Matt Davis: I guess, just in general, you know, I was asked to sit in and kind of come and answer some questions about the (inaudible) and provide the following statement: Regional Growth Partnership, if you're not sure what we are, we are a regional economic development organization. So, you kind of, you all know what WEDCO is, right? Economic development at the county level. And most of you have probably heard of JobsOhio, the state

engine for economic development. We're kind of the bridge. So, we are in Northwest Ohio. We carry 17 counties. Williams into Port Clinton, down to Upper Sandusky, Tiffin area, and then over to Van Wert. Draw that box and that's kind of where we (inaudible). So, we are, like I said, the bridge between JobsOhio and your local economic development office. Our tasks are to help our local partners which are like your WEDCO or Defiance County, to make sure they have available properties noted, available buildings that might fit a need that is brought to us from a manufacturer or someone that wants to establish a facility in your jurisdiction. We also get to manage the program that JobsOhio has out there to help folks prepare themselves for these. Also, to (inaudible) deals. You've probably ran across some, I am sure you guys know who Jessica Sadler is. Jessica is with our office. She helps Ashley at WEDCO to (inaudible). Again, I didn't come here to make a presentation, I came here to answer questions. So, I get the feeling that's how this is probably gonna. **BW:** (Inaudible). **Matt:** Okay. So, (inaudible). Anyway, we handle things economic development wise. Data centers are clearly something you've heard a lot of interest in. Let me let you know again, we are not here to promote date centers or dispel data centers. We are here to provide information that a local community, local county can use to determine if this is a fit for you all. So, please understand my role is not to say you need to have one of these and this is why. This is a local decision. We do have experience. We've watched things happen and communities use these for, to a great benefit to their community. We also provide some cautionary information. Make sure you ask these questions as you're entertaining these. But the first thing I guess I'll preach to the group, again, this is your call. But now's the time to decide whether you think this is something you are interested in. So, I think this exercise is a good one to try to get that information. If it's a fit for Williams County we'll help to prepare yourselves so it can be done the right way. If it's not a fit for Williams County, decide now and then take the right steps to be sure one doesn't come in and force its way into your community. That can be done through zoning. That can be done through a lot of different tools. Probably some of the self-limiting factors with this data center race is access to power. Right? They need a lot of power to operate. Right now, they're working with First Energy or American Electric Power and are kind of being told there is a long wait time for them to get the local power. That's where you're hearing, and some folks don't like, they're already (inaudible) if there is money involved. Nobody wants to wait for those dollars Plus, they want to get their (inaudible) with these folks that need these AI and other data centers. So, another quick path of power especially in our region, is to do this, put some turbines, create your own power (inaudible). And that's to create a new power plant that will serve that facility. Right? And then eventually it just has to be put back on the grid. What runs those turbines? Well, obviously a lot of them are going to be natural gas. We have a lot of natural gas, as you guys well know, running through our area. The land is flat, it's barely, and (inaudible). There is available power. There are communities that are wanting these. Folks have some water to spare and that's why there's an interest in Northwest Ohio and you see that kind of explode right now. You've watched the announcements, probably the one that's the furthest along in our region is the

meta data center that's over by Bowling Green. If you have not been by, off 280 over there, and you can kind of, you know where Lucky is and where Northwest Water District is in Wood County. It's a monster site. That's the first one that's probably the furthest along. I believe it was last Monday they announced that Google is looking at Lima and has made some pretty far progressions for these. Also keep in mind that these don't happen overnight. These are projects that you may have started hearing about them, inquiring probably two to three years ago. So, that's kind of the drag, it's kind of a long burn kind of a project. They don't run in and they don't set up shop. These are big investments. So, I mean, what I would encourage you all to do is take the pulse of your communities. Take the pulse of your township. You know, commissioners, I applaud you for doing this today and trying to figure out what don't we know, what do we need to find out? And then you can make the appropriate decisions based on the assets you have in this county and the acceptability of that type of use. Does that make sense? I also would applaud your county commissioners because they approved to file for a grant to kind of do some planning exercise. **BW:** Yes. County planning. **Matt:** To look at a county master plan kind of a land use that will, what makes sense in the county, what do we have, what will align with our values and our needs. And that crosses (inaudible). So, hopefully you get that, you get the award and you guys can go through a planning process. And then figure out, is this a good fit for us? Do we want these? Do we want to go with more and assign a task force and bring someone back in to give you some more details if you have specific questions? So, I said a lot, but I'm sure (inaudible). I will sit back, pause, answer some questions and hopefully I can be a little bit of help, but if not, we can get some answers for you all. **Matt Grube:** So, if there is a sale, how many acreage, can you answer that? What kind of acreage? **Matt Davis:** Well, that depends. Some come in and will want, I think the one in Bowling Green is probably about 7 to 800 acres. So, it is a very large what they call hyper-scale data center, is that big. We see folks looking for areas as small as 100 acres, 50 acres. So, it all depends on who's (inaudible) and the type of data center they want to build. And also (inaudible) power that you have. You know, if you have big land but you don't have a lot of power, you're not going to build that, you're not going to build that big site if you don't have enough power. So, they're kind of self-regulating by the type of asset that you have. Does that help at all? So, (inaudible) gonna make an investment if we see planning for growth in ten years. It's like getting smart business (inaudible). This is all waiting today. If we start doing well we might need to make this bigger. We are gonna have to put another line. So, they're thinking let's look at this for the next ten years. What are we gonna need so we don't have to go through this process again. Their growth is clear and (inaudible). **Matt Grube:** So, typically do they look for areas to places that have their own power, like a Bryan or an Archbold? Is that what they're looking for? **Matt Davis:** They're looking for, basically what they're looking for is power lines. Looking for those big heavy power, not just distribution, but the transmission Line. The 45, 69 (inaudible). You know, 745, whatever's out there. That's what they want to get close to. Because most of them realize they're gonna require to build their own sub-station. **TR:** A 245 line is what runs to the Delta Steel Mill?

Matt Davis: I would have to double check. **TR:** Where you see those really big towers. We really don't have any of those great big towers in Williams County. What I can think of as that big of a line is a thing that looks more promising, good or bad, is that the natural gas. But I don't even know how big of a natural gas lines we have running through here. But I know the big major pipeline went through Defiance County. We all know when they had the whole Defiance County torn and all that stuff. So, I don't know that we even have big enough gas lines to drive what they would need to drive on a generation type situation. **Matt Davis:** And again, that's all, the details are in the map there, right? That's making that contact. I (inaudible) haven't been contacted yet, you're not the lowest hanging fruit that's out there. You know, from these developers from a developer's standpoint. They want (inaudible). They want to get these things, they want to be able to sell those contracts to those users and start making money. I'm not saying that they won't come back around once they've kind of picked all that low-hanging fruit. Now let's reach up a little bit further. What needs a little more work but is still going to be feasible for us to then, to make an operation fly at that location. **Mary Jo Gniewkowsk:** There is a rumor out there that the data centers are only good for 15 years. Is that a myth or is that a reality? **Matt Davis:** No, the data center itself, that's interesting because I am not sure what the useful life would be of anything that's 15 years old. I know, I've heard that they replace their server blades, you know, some of their internal equipment, probably every three or four years. But that wouldn't mean they would have to tear the whole thing down. That's just changing out, you know what I mean, components of the facility. Fifteen years seem kind of curious, where you might have heard that or what it would be. **SL:** On Monday we were at Northwest State and they were giving a presentation there and they said we might build this building and, it's kind of like the first IBM computer that was the size of a city block at one plus one. And it's gotten smaller and smaller and smaller. Now you're doing more on this thing than that entire city block did. And they're anticipating that's the same direction this stuff's gonna go. Yeah, it's gonna house data cells, but they continually upgrade everything in there. So, to say that the building is going to be empty in 15 years, that's not, I don't believe that to be true. **Matt Davis:** I don't think that we're gonna consume less data into the future, do you all? This wasn't the way things are trending in AI, that is going to be more a part of everyday life for a lot of folks. **SL:** Didn't they kind of talk about data centers being where they're needed? I mean, does putting a data center in Williams County help anybody in California? **Matt Davis:** That's a great question Scott. I mean, the, I think the locality's kind of driven more by they need that tower. You know what I mean? I mean, if you think about the (inaudible) putting stuff on the cloud, it could be serving somebody across the seas for all we necessarily know. **SL:** Exactly. **Matt Davis:** So, I don't know that it's location, I think the location determination comes by the assets and the access to power. (Inaudible). **SL:** Do you want to talk about water usage too? **Matt Davis:** You know. **SL:** The big ones use about a million gallons a day. **Matt Grube:** You know, like the one in Bowling Green, how much water passes through that? **Matt Davis:** I'm trying to, when we, this has been a few, you are testing my memory. (Inaudible). When they initially started I think

they needed about a million Scott, but I think now that it's been a couple years they are now using different technology. So, they're using less water than they were at one time. We are talking about a closed system where they just run it through, they don't pump it and dump it. It just cools (inaudible). It's going through a circulation process. They use it for cooling down the servers. The water needs to cool down and then they are going to use it again. I wish I would have brought some flyers, and we can get you guys some information based on different types of data centers. Those are, the sizes and utility needs are a little bit different. But the ones that are out there are the larger hyper-scale data centers are the ones that you are seeing so much in the news and in social. But they are a lot less water intensive and I think that is only going to get better, right? Technology gets better and it improves the process. So, we're going to watch that happen as well. We will watch it in real time. From big water need which only can serve by communities that have huge water plants to now they have the ability to use less water and they have more options. Which is probably why you (inaudible) reach out to communities that have other, smaller plants and smaller operations but can still accommodate them.

TR: I am still confused why this group wasn't at that meeting on Monday night because what we probably need to do is pull back this group and bring the present, what we had there. Because there was so much information that was fed to us on that night and I was looking around. And we were talking about zoning and whether we want to zone. (Inaudible) townships, but the commissioners are here to just to support what the desire of that particular township for me anyways. You know, we don't have zoning, or, and I guess we do have some rules (inaudible) 303.02 or something that they do need the commissioners (inaudible) zoning. But more of having to partner with each township and say what zoning, and how do you guys want to? And maybe you don't want to do any zoning. And, it will become what it is. But, we just don't have a lot of knowledge here from what we learned. Like the whole presentation, called Matt last night, right? Thank you, Matt. And we hate to put you on the spot, but we're really not overly prepared for a great big thing and we just want to try to figure out is people interested. And apparently you are. And we know when we call this kind of setup one of you will show up or all of you will. But you all did. (Several talking). **TR:** Is missing. Are we missing one? (Several talking). **BW:** It looks like we have a lot. (Inaudible) hot topic. But I appreciate it that you reached out and as (inaudible) this may be a starting point. Where we need to go from here to organize and figure out what the townships want. We've got resources, plenty of resources. I mean, Matt's company and we had an attorney that dealt with nothing but zoning. He was very sharp. (Inaudible). **TR:** He was the guy. I liked him. (Several talking – unknown speakers). **BW:** Control. The other thing is, we don't have the power for Williams County right now to (inaudible). But if they find they are excited about (inaudible). That doesn't mean that a data center won't pay to have the power upgraded at the end of the day. (Inaudible). Because if Toledo Edison does it, they are going to pass on to all the consumers. That's what they're telling us they'll raise the electric rates. Which will eventually gonna spread across. But if they do it in Toledo they are going to raise our rates anyways, because we are all a part of that. So, we don't have any control of it.

		But I think by negotiating as we are moving in with them, but if we pay for a lot of the infrastructure, we will take some of that cost off of the locals. TR: When we put the Montpelier Solar project in on 15, the thing I missed the most about having zoning was, we couldn't get really get them on telling them they couldn't, they needed to build a fence or a tree barricade around. So, looking back on it and I say I made it that time, but then okay, we will sign your piece of paper but we want a row of trees in front along State Route 15 that's gonna block that view from most of our folks. It's not gonna affect the solar panels, but I think that would have helped offset.
11:15:35 AM	Data Center Continued	TR: And I hate zoning. I think they are a bunch of communists in Center Township. (Inaudible). Sorry Todd. (Laughter). But, if we had offered a line of defense against that. So, maybe some light zoning that would actually help design. And maybe these hyper, what did they call them? Hyper-scale. You know, the 780 you, maybe each township, and even one of them says yeah, we want the hyper-scale. Heck yeah, we'd take one of those. And the other ones are like, oh, no way. But maybe one of them would take the 100 acre one. Maybe that would be a good fit for somebody that wanted to do the 100 acre one. Maybe that would make some sense. Mary Jo: So, you're talking Toledo Edison. How does North Western Electric stand on this since our township is all North Western Electric? SL: Have you had any conversation with that? Matt Davis: They all have access to towers, it's just a matter of what are the utility providers (inaudible) about putting some money out there on the front end. We've got, a little bit south of here that is under a co-op control. And they were going to run in the co-op's jurisdiction, so they are going to be working directly with the co-op. So, it doesn't have to be First Energy or American Electric Power. They can deal with a co-op, but that's kind of the co-op's, what they want to be responsible for, are they prepared to, and could they serve it? If they could, how much is it going to cost and how long is it gonna take? You know, those are all the things that get answered. When it comes to the zoning, we have some communities within the region that are, that don't have a lot of zoning and they've said that they want to make data centers a conditional use. An agricultural district even. That way they are forced to come in and talk to that body about what they want to build. Then you can start to talk about well, that's good but we want that tree line. We want, you know, fifty, we want (inaudible). You know, we want some protection against our other residents. We want it to look good. We want to be proud of this at the end of the day. So, what can we do to work together? I think we all can agree. They're gonna get built. It's a matter, it's just (inaudible) over the next probably three to five years is where are all these gonna be located. Where are they gonna be? It's a financial case for them and I'm not here to make that for you, but they do make a lot of investments. They are going to be paying property taxes. They are going to be bringing some jobs to bear. They are going to be buying water. These things don't pop up overnight. A lot of construction jobs and come from these. You know, depending on how you're organized, can you capture some revenue from the employment rate in that instance? Jake Borton: We (inaudible). Is there anything like, say one did come in? I mean a lot of times they use contractors and it doesn't really benefit the local community like the

		workers, per se. Is there something we could do if one did come in to, okay, you have to use local, more local workers or something like that? Matt Davis: (Inaudible) some preferred builders and want people close, somewhat local. Can we provide you with a list of folks that can do, or some sub-contracting, right? Oh, I think absolutely you could. Could you demand it? That I don't know about. BW: It depends on (inaudible) buying fuel local, you are eating local. Jake: Yeah, I understand that. BW: And the housing is local, so there is some residual that you are going to have for a period of time. Jake: Yeah, it's (inaudible). Mike Trausch: Like Spectrum right now. Going all over the place from Texas. (Inaudible – several talking). BW: And that's not Spectrum, that's a contractor. Dan Gillen: (Inaudible) different contracting companies is doing those. Matt Davis: No, in terms of (inaudible) that's just a (inaudible) if someone thinks they can get one built. I wish I had an idea, you know, how many, when there's a (inaudible). Dan: Do they want one in every 500 square miles? Or is there any? (Inaudible – several talking). TR: (Inaudible) they've got to max people and they couldn't answer it either. They said they thought ten in our region was gonna be a lot. So, in Matt's 17 region area they thought, wasn't the number ten? Matt Davis: Yeah. TR: So, if you talk about what quantities, you know, if they have 17 counties, ten. So, not every county in their professional opinion would end up with one. Matt Davis: A lot of you guys are business people, you know. If you think you're done but someone's still willing to pay, you're gonna keep building. You're gonna keep making that product, right? That's just how that works. BW: The need for the storage is not gonna go away. Matt Davis: I don't think so. BW: Data is being produced every day by (inaudible). TR: And AI is just starting. Ed: And I think that's the biggest issue is probably are, for most people here, is the water and the energy. And I guess I'm a little confused on energy. We have natural gas here in Williams County. And I'm hearing that they are generating their own electricity with natural gas? So how does Toledo Edison fit in? TR: They don't. Ed: So, if we have the natural gas here and they are going to generate their own, then we're a viable site. Would that be correct? BW: Depending on what sites, there are different size scaled sites (inaudible). You know, 40 acres, it could be 700 acres. It depends. Ed: Then we might not have the. BW: They don't have the power, I don't think they could generate all (inaudible). TR: For the big ones. By the way he felt the other night you couldn't generate enough power for that big one. So, that, (inaudible) big ones. BW: I think the takeaway that I came from that meeting the other night (inaudible) is that it's not the big bad wolf that we've been told it is. It is different than what the original started out to be where they had issues. But, by being in front of them, and if you want them, controlling how you want them in your community. You can, now is the time to do that.
11:21:17 AM	Data Center Continued	Bob Short: And I think another, another concern to maybe to tag on to that Eddie, is land use. There wouldn't be as much concern with a 40-acre unit as there would a 200-acre unit. I think the land use will be a lot less than the solar fields, but you know, depending on what size you think we would need here. BW: I guess the, I asked this question, let's say GM wanted to build a plant in Williams County and they needed 500 acres to do so. I think you'd (inaudible)

a, you know, data center. (Several talking). **TR:** 600 jobs. (Several talking). **BW:** Well, with automation today we'll make money that way (inaudible). **Bob:** But, what I'm saying is this data center is not going to provide that many jobs. **BW:** But they will provide pretty high paying jobs. Some up to, the big ones, to pour the cement is (inaudible) a job. A large one. **SL:** And the really large money that they claim they bring in to the community is phenomenal, isn't it? **Matt Davis:** Yeah. But I just brought, if you guys, we sent this along. Maybe you guys can distribute it. This is just kind of a quick fact sheet. When it comes to some of the common myths, can I just read through a couple of these for you? They'll drain our water supply. And the response is the reality a closed-loop cooling system uses around 30,000 a day. Which amounts to about two larger hotels. So, they are not, you know, millions of gallons a day that's gonna drain your resources. But you're gonna want to confirm all that, right? You know, that's what it says. But, you've got to be able to ask those specific questions. For example, Toledo, the city of Toledo has about 70 million gallons a day of access water capacity. So, they're not going to use all of Toledo's water. They'll raise our electric bills. The reality as stated here, the behind the meter power plants are privately funded and don't get impact rebates and don't impact any rate payers. They can actually add facilities to the grid. So, like I said, once they contact their own, the power lines are their own entity, their own data center, if they're creating excess power, they can put that power back on the grid for somebody else to be able to get that. (Unknown speaker – inaudible). So, there's some potential here as to the benefit of the gas that we have in the area. They'll hurt property values. The note here is that George Mason University's study found homes near data centers saw higher values driven by improved infrastructure and well-funded services. That's a matter of opinion, but that's just a kind of study. So, it's a different way of looking at what was the impact of some of these. Another you know, thing that's said about these is they will be loud and disruptive. Modern designs include sound buffers and barriers that keep noise well below what your local zoning already says are some (inaudible) have. Again, that (inaudible) controls. They'll take up too much farmland. We were kinda talking about this, Bob. Ten data centers across Northwest Ohio use less than 3 tenths of one percent of the region's farmland. For ten of these things. So, double that, what did you say Terry, what's that, six tenths of the region's farmland. So, you know, they're not coming to steal all the corn or the ability to make money. **Bob Short:** It's still a lot of farmland. **Matt Davis:** It is. (Inaudible) region. It's the maps, right? You guys still need to pay for things. That's just kind of how (inaudible) too. So, would increased revenue help you pay for things? **SL:** And don't they do that in lieu of property taxes? **Matt Davis:** It all depends on the, they can make agreements with you. So, I mean if property taxes would completely go away. **SL:** That they, the solar field, the paid into the schools in Montpelier and Pioneer whether it was property taxes or not. If they go away they are still going to get that 150,000 a year. **TR:** If property taxes go away do we think Montpelier Solar will still fulfill? I think they will, but I'm not positive how that's written. The fact is on Montpelier Solar they are giving Pioneer schools an additional 125,000 and Montpelier schools an additional 125,000 over what the farm ground was

making. So, if we don't want to pay taxes, more taxes, then the solar field will help offset some of Montpelier and Pioneer's dollars. And it would bring this much more into the senior center and the commissioners' general fund would be a little bit more, but the schools get the bulk of the money out of the property taxes. So, I'm going to pull that together, help me remember to ask Vickie okay this is what we were sold on and so four years ago when we started this Montpelier Solar project, I want to see the true data of okay, give me four years what did Dick's farms bring in? What does this bring in today? And show me on the tax bill that this is true. And then we can verify what was sold to us four years ago. I have not looked, but it come up the other night so I will. **Matt Davis:** If a local municipality or government chooses to incentivize one of these through a property tax abatement, then you have the ability to do a PILOT, right? Payment in Lieu of Taxes, which is a negotiated agreement. Taxes would have been this much, but we are going to save you some money and we are going to be able to give you money directly. A lot of times those are utilized to make sure the school district remains whole. Like they're not going to be losers in these deals. It gives you the ability to do other things that you might want to do. It's kind of a negotiation, right? You want this from us, you can save some money, we can see some value in getting some things done and make sure the community is addressing the needs that need to be addressed at the same time. But those are all kind of very deal specific. **TR:** And I look at these data centers and solar fields, as a township trustee's eyes, where's the money for the townships, right? Where are, you're going to have this infrastructure in your township, where's that money for the townships. And to be quite honest, the solar project left you guys out of it. And I think that was crappy on everybody's part. But, as we look, I just wonder if that would have went into Center if they would have allowed, but two, would have they negotiated differently? And you know, it was all a negotiation at that point. And looking back on it we probably should have. And built in that for our local townships because they're the ones that have to, if they're going to truly build them. **Matt Grube:** Sometimes (inaudible) so, if a data center comes into Williams County, and it does come into Center Township, do you guys negotiate on that or does it fall strictly on Center Township? As you guys are the commissioners over all the county. **TR:** I would tell you this group of commissioners I think would be much more, after I did Montpelier Solar, and I led at Montpelier Solar, so I'll take the full brunt of it. But, at the end of it I feel bad because I didn't loop the trustees in on it and say hey, wait a minute. We got 750,000 for our fund. Why can't we negotiate into the townships? And being a township former trustee, it's like wait a minute, that just didn't feel right to me when we did it. So, as long as I'm here I would say we have to. And you guys, it's your right in zoning, you should, if you're going to, if Center maybe wants to update, or whoever says, you know, if this is coming we want at the table. You guys, and actually now that I think about it, the new rule says you are, the new rule says you guys come to the table if a solar project comes in. And the same way that the commissioners negotiated four years ago, you would be negotiating along with us. **Matt Grube:** The data center says that. **BW:** I think we would owe it to the townships to negotiate that together. **TR:** Amen. **Matt Grube:** I agree, but I question it would happen. Let's say we

don't have these three commissioners, could the commissioners shut us out? That would be the question that I would like to have answered. **SL:** Not if you bring donuts. (Laughter). **Matt Davis:** I like the way you guys are working together on this. If one goes into a jurisdiction, you're gonna have to meet and kind of (inaudible) like that. That's going to cost some money. Where are the resources going to come from to be able to do that? Well, this is an opportunity to say like, hey, we're going to need something to make this work for us. Here are the things that we need to be comfortable. Having some control would give you that opportunity to have those negotiations. (Inaudible) So think now so you don't have to scramble later, right? **TR:** And when we're setting up, even if county-wide zoning thing, I think things become a lot more collaborative to be very honest. I mean it's just becoming that we want to partner with everybody. Village, you know, the cybersecurity and everything else that's going on in our world. So, I don't know what it looks like, but I would like to entertain maybe bringing that attorney in and maybe we can do that on our dime if these agree. To sit at a table with this zoning expert attorney, unless somebody else has a better one, but we really like this guy. I did anyways. I thought he was excellent. But he spoke on your behalf to fight it or on another behalf to get it, but get this set up so that it at least makes some sense. You know, instead of just sitting out here, and I can't almost believe I am saying it, with no zoning. **BW:** I want to interject this. We're doing, we're putting together, we filed for a \$50,000 grant for county-wide planning. We're not into zoning your townships. That's not the plan. Don't feel that we're going to come along and zone your townships. We're going to look at a county plan and work with the townships to be easier to try to come up with an overall plan of what the county, of what your intentions are. So, we can put that plan down, so again, you can, maybe you can plan control from that way. (Inaudible) what you want to see. But do we want to see huge mega facilities or do we want to see something on a smaller scale? Control by size, control by set-backs, we do it together in cooperation with all the townships. We're not going to force zoning on you. That's not our intention. **SL:** I think zoning is something they are talking about, on zoning, is set-backs. And you guys are already addressing that, right? That's what that \$50,000 grant money? **Matt Grube:** And there are trustees that sit on that, and the mayor of the city of Bryan. So, that board is a diverse board of regional planning. It's not just commissioners that are making that decision so hopefully those townships. **SL:** So, you guys are doing that right now, aren't you? If a property is split there's a 90-foot set-back or something? **Matt Grube:** We're working, well we did do some change in set-backs, Scott. **BW:** We made them uniform as much as anything. And our concern was residual, what's left. (Inaudible). **Terry Huffman:** So, if the county would adopt a zoning plan, can a township adopt it as well? **BW:** I think you can, if it would a zoning (inaudible). But you can always make more restrictions. **Terry Huffman:** But can that be done without it getting voted in through a township? **TR:** I'm not sure the county can do it. I don't think the county can do it without voting it in either. (Several talking). Much smarter than we are. **Terry Huffman:** So, when he's talking about regional planning, I think he's talking more about (inaudible – several talking). **Matt Grube:** And there won't be a, it would be a zoning type thing the regional planning

		(inaudible). Just like road set-back and drainage and stuff like that. BW: That would be (inaudible) those kind of things. SL: Making sure land doesn't get land locked when they do a split. Instead of just looking at it, because what is it that after 20 acres you guys didn't used to look at it? I think if they split 20 acres off somebody doesn't get screwed over here. Matt Grube: That's a lot to unfold. We're talking about a lot of things there. But yes, we are just trying to make things uniform because for every time something happened in regional planning, someone found a way to beat it and then someone came back. So, it's just making more rules for more uniform splits and things like that. I don't know how that would affect (inaudible). I don't know how that would affect this as much other than they would have to be 90 feet. So, I don't know. I'm with Terry, I don't think that would really be. TR: Regional planning is not going to get into the weeds like this. That's going to be each individual township. Unless there's something in Revised Code, because I'm getting the feeling from you Terry that you wouldn't mind if we put more of a lead on it and you adopted on the back of it. Terry Huffman: Well, we can try to put some restrictions in the township just because we (inaudible). And we've gone and done it legally and it come back to bite us. TR: I gotcha. BW: Well, any time you put restrictions in you've got to have a mechanism to do it. (Inaudible). The idea is if you do it, if you do it in the forefront now that if a data center comes in we can (inaudible). Terry Huffman: I guess what Rummel said when he was talking about the tax abatements, and I can speak first-hand with Menards. They gave tax abatement. Where did that leave the township? We have all the roads to repair, the tile to repair, drainage. We have nothing. SL: And that should have been negotiated in the beginning. You guys should have been able to be a part of it. TR: And that's one of those things the county ends up with nothing on that one too because of the way it was negotiated. We all need to be better negotiators probably.
11:36:11 AM	Data Center Continued	Matt Davis: And that's the point of our organization and are here to help you guys through that. If you decide it is something you want to do, there's some best practice out there. What to do, what not to do. And that's guidance that we can provide. We can help set you up with those zoning folks. We can have Gary or Dean from our organization come back and talk, you know, come back and talk to you a little more in-depth like we did with that group at Northwest State the other night. I thought those were great meetings. I didn't attend that one. I could, but I went to the one in Fremont. So, I live here and I drove an hour and a half to go to a meeting. It's just the way the schedule worked out that day. But I thought it was well crafted. Again, it wasn't we're here to tell you you're crazy if you don't want one of these. We're here to help you if you decide this is a fit and you have the assets to make it work. How to make it beneficial to you. SL: And one of things I think they, they were trying to keep a small group there I heard one of them say. Because we didn't want to, if we open this up to the public in a gymnasium somewhere, all you're gonna get is a bunch of torches and people saying you're all communists. They just wanted to have an intelligent conversation with some top officials and us. Matt Davis: It provides the information so that you guys can make an informed decision. Right? TR: And I think it's up to all of us here today (inaudible), but really,

that group that is for positives. And we didn't hear a lot of negatives. You know, they tried to offset whatever the negatives. We know there are more negatives that we don't know about. Kind of like Montpelier Solar and the setbacks and should have asked them to plant trees. And trusting them when they said well we're going to follow this book, and this book's gonna be the fence. And then they come up with a fence and the fence isn't anywhere close that in the meeting on record I said we want a fence that looks like a farm fence. We don't want a prison looking fence. Well, okay, the rule book said they had to put a prison fence up. Well, that's okay, the prison fence can go up but put a row of trees in front. It would have been pretty easy to fix. We just didn't know going into it. And by the time the next one, who knows who's going to negotiate the next one. **Jim Hoops:** Thanks for the invite to come to the meeting. Bart had asked me when I was at Northwest State too. And I had shown up late to that meeting because I was somewhere else. It is kind of busy right now. But I appreciate having these type of meetings. Because I think one of the biggest issues that I've seen out there is the, is the issue of transparency. And it just seems like a lot of people are just concerned because of, you know, the fear of the unknown. I know down in Columbus there's a bill that we just passed out of the house, and I had brought it up a couple months before that. Are we doing anything, you know, about these data centers that are starting to kind of be talked about. And so, a bill was just passed out of the house that put together a committee to really study these things. And I think if there's things that you guys think that should be put in, like zoning, like certain processes that you should go through when a data center comes in your, you know, looking at your area, that would be something to put in this, you know, this committee that we're putting together. Now, timing is everything and a lot of stuff is happening right now. Hopefully, you know, we'll, the senate will take a look at that bill and get it through and get the governor to sign it so that we can put this, this committee together. Another issue that we're looking at, back when John Kasich was the governor, he put in place to exempt sales tax on these, on these projects. And we actually put in this last budget to take away that exemption. And then the governor vetoed it and that is one of the things we are looking at too, whether or not to override that veto so that we're fair with everybody. Now you have one side saying well we need that. You know, as a, it's almost like an abatement. To encourage people to locate in our area. But on the other side you're going look at all these tax dollars that you're giving up. Thirdly as another issue is, you know, abatements. Again, with this property tax issue looming out there in the future, that could change a lot of things too. But I think as you continue to move forward, you know, I look at these projects kind of like the solar and wind projects. We're, you know, when we did Senate Bill 52, because I chaired the public utilities through that, property rights were a big thing. The property rights of people who actually own the land that they're looking at. Then you have the property rights of the people who lived around the facility. You know, around them. And it was kind of like whose property rights do you honor? And so, we put together this Senate Bill 52 where it gave the commissioners the opportunity. And I think back, you mentioned it coming in, and I think this is a really good idea. When you start, now is the time to talk about what do you want in this county? Where

do you want it? Where do you not want it? You know, to kind of talk about that. Because I know that was one thing that came out of the meeting that I attended at Northwest State. Is so that, you know, RGP is willing to help, but I think they also want to know okay, where do you guys want some of these things? We can help you with that. Because power source is an issue. Water, you know, those are the things I hear out there. And then what happens because of the new technology? You know, these buildings. And I gave the example of, you know, and I took computer programming you know, about 40 years ago. And that's when computers were the size of this room and bigger. And now, you mentioned it earlier Bart, you do everything on this thing. So, how are these big buildings, you know, what are you going to do with them in the future? I think all that has to be put together. And whether or not it is an issue, it is an issue in the minds of a lot of your constituents. You know, what happens? And so, I think just like we did with solar and wind, decommissioning. You know, in case you do want to, if things stop. Because we put that in place so that when the solar fields are done, there's decommissioning put in place through a bond issue so that you're not left, you know, with a project that's out there on the field, you know, disintegrating. You know, you have that in place too. So, there's a lot of things that need to be, you know, and continue to talk about, but there's a lot of timing here too. So, that issue, and then the other issue that we're looking at, there was a bill introduced. And this one is a, it's a tough one but yet an important one, are these non-disclosure statements. You know, whether or not local officials, allowing them to be able to sign one of those. I feel it's more of a protection issue because, I mean I understand the importance of signing one of those, but I'll tell you if you as a local official sign one of those and the public starts questioning what's going on and they say what's happening over here, then your response is well I signed this agreement and I can't tell you. They're gonna just stand there and say oh, okay. I mean because that happened in Archbold. Unfortunate. But I also understand why, you know, people need to sign those things too because of things you can't really put out there in public at that time. So, those are all things I think, you know, as local officials you just have to be aware of. You know, those kinds of issues that are coming up. And so, we're trying to put something together. But I'm thinking maybe we do something like we did with the solar and wind where we give the commissioners the opportunity to look at the county as a whole based on input from the township trustees. You know, that hey we'd like to have this area here, maybe can have a project, or here or here. We don't want it over here. But then also I think zoning is a big issue too with the townships. I think, you know, in the past people do not like to be zoned because of the, as you say, communists. **TR:** Communists, yeah. **Jim Hoops:** But I also, you know, with things going on out there, that might be something that you know, maybe your constituents will maybe re-look at it, you know, on un-zoning. Because that can stop a lot of things too. But again, that's something you know, that you as local officials will have to decide on. And if there is something we can, that you feel is important that we need to be looking at with this committee that's being put together, please let me know. And we'll get that information out there, or down there so that will be something that they will look at. **Ed Ruffer:**

		Is that's kind of what's going on in Fulton County. I heard one of the commissioners stating that large scale facilities like this are trying to close in the Delta area. That they want to put those types of facilities there. Jim Hoops: I, see, that's the thing. No, you know, the (inaudible) no data centers that are, you know, officially looking at anything there. I mean, that's what was out there. And you want to look at where there's energy and water, but I can tell you one of the things, even President Trump weighed in on this where the data centers will have to, you know, create your own energy source. And we passed House Bill 15 where they are going to be able to do that. It's called behind the meter. Where you have the generation located right there so then you're not messing with the grid system and interfering with the energy that, you know, the residents of that area because you know, they need the energy too. So, I mean that's another one too. And then, as was mentioned, technology is just improving where they are looking at the closed-loop systems. And who knows, five to ten years from now what it's going to be like. (Inaudible – unknown speaker). And I think that's, you know, and no one really knows. I wish I had a crystal ball. But, I do know that I feel that they are important to have, you know, because of security, military and all those things. And I think this is an area of the country that people are looking at. You know, because of the availability of like water and, although, we could need more energy (inaudible). But also land too. So, but it's more just transparency seems to be the biggest issue right now that people are up in arms about. Because it's the fear of the unknown. Terry Huffman: I just read an article the other day about data centers (inaudible). Choosing these states because (inaudible) less restrictions. Jim Hoops: Well, that might be. I didn't see the article so I don't know. Terry Huffman: I think it said there was 51 in the state of Ohio was either under construction or actually (inaudible). Jim Hoops: I don't know. (Both trying to speak). Jim Hoops: Well, and that's where you get, do you want more restrictions on this state or do you want less? I mean, that's what we always, you know, that's always a debate out there of just how much restrictions do you want to put on, you know, on the state of Ohio. You know, I hear from people less restrictions, we are tired of the government telling us what to do. And telling us what to do with the land. BW: Thank you Jim. I know you've got to leave and we have a lunch to go to as well. So, anything else at this point? I think what I would like to see is us moving forward is to figure out if you guys want to move forward with this as townships. You've got the support of the commissioners. We can have meetings, how do you want to be represented is up to you. Whether you want to (inaudible) it might be the president of the board representing. It doesn't matter to us, but if you want to move forward it I think that's what we need to determine how we approach it. That's my opinion.
11:49:40 AM	Data Centers Continued	SL: Matt, would you be able to set up the same type thing we went to on Monday? Matt Davis: I don't write the checks for all those guys that come to those meeting but we can absolutely say hey, there's an interest in one of our communities to hear (inaudible). SL: I would love this group be able to say it's a great thing or it's a shitty thing. We can say it's a great thing, but I think what we need to do is we need to put up a plan where in the county, who wants

to do it, and how it can happen if we can all agree on it. Because if it's a great thing, do you want it to go to Fulton County or do you want to have it here? If it's good for our community then I think we should pursue getting it. But I really, I don't know, I want to make sure. I would like to go and visit a site because I would like to know what they are doing. **Matt Davis:** We can coordinate that (inaudible). **BW:** They did make a comment there's been a date center in Paulding for over 20 years now. The community has hopefully accepted them and they have received benefits for it in their community. So, it's not the big bad wolf that we have been told. **SL:** It's not going to add people to our school system because they are not going to labor intensive, are they Matt? **Matt Davis:** Well, you know, hopefully you guys can make it (inaudible), this coming. When I talked about jobs, and I know it's kinda, and typically a 100, 150 permanent high paying technical jobs. A thousand plus construction workers. Construction (inaudible) as much as the one and done. You're not going to build for two years. There's always maintenance. You guys (inaudible) drive by Blue Steel. There's always contractors, always (inaudible). The construction jobs are probably going to happen. Long-term maintenance opportunity contracts. Draws attention to white-collar tech companies to the region. (Inaudible) that fly over state. There's none of that type of stuff going on here. If we land some of these, they're going to say there's something going on in Ohio. What is it? So, yeah, I think, and again we've got a lot of universities here too. So, if you think about that talent that we're creating and we're sending them off. Wouldn't it be great to have the talent potentially, to give them a place to land closer to home? So, there's just some things to consider. But, it's not a fit for everybody. So again. **SL:** I'd like to see the downfalls of what they do. **Matt Davis:** Sure, well I think, and that's (inaudible) living with one for ten years. (Several talking). **Matt Grube:** (Inaudible). **Matt Grube:** Bart, I don't know which, you've got a perfect resource sitting over here to have a meeting to touch every one of the people here. I can't believe you didn't speak up Bob. He is soaking it all in. But I mean, everybody's that's here, he touches because he runs the township association. So, I think if you guys are going to have someone speak, that's the guy. (Several talking). **BW:** (Inaudible) communicate (inaudible) and then we'll set up. I am going to assume that they are going to want to have a closed meeting. I think that is the nature of the beast. So, it won't be a public open meeting at this point. Now, that doesn't mean that we as a collective group in the future can't get to that point and have an open public meeting where we get some public input. But you can always talk to your constituents in your townships and see what they think. I think you are going to find a lot of people are probably like we are. We really don't know enough about it to make a really good decision. I feel that way on that one. So, we need to educate ourselves (inaudible). A lot of people don't know. **TR:** Well, with the tax bills. Let's see what New Albany's doing with their tax bill and see where that money's going. It's sitting in town probably, so it's inside the village. **BW:** No, it's outside of town. **TR:** But in the industrial park. **BW:** It's not in the township (inaudible). **SL:** When they come in they buy, they are buying property, I've heard \$100,000 in some of the places east of us. What's that going to do to your neighbor's property value. That, when the Amish came in

		and bought all that property did that screw everybody? TR: Well, they tell you (inaudible – several talking). But they say, oh, it didn't have anything to do with us. Bob Short: But in response to Matt's comment, thank you Matt. And first of all there is a time to talk and a time to soak it in and hopefully you know what I'm talking about. But, first and foremost I was floored when I walked in here because, thanks everybody for coming, because if you want to have an informational meeting it's a great meeting if the chairs are full. And this speaks volumes to me about the unity and the continuity of the townships in Williams County. And that's one reason that Williams County is held to a higher standard in Columbus at the township association. And in the other areas I know, the Engineer's Association and everything. It's got a lot to do with people getting together and people first of all communicating. And I think that's very important. It's vital to this topic and to a lot of other topics. I just want to thank everybody for coming. I know Mr. Hoops, oh he left already. But, just one word of note for those of you that don't read your emails daily. I called down to the Ohio Township Association yesterday and I asked if Heidi was in today and they said Heidi is out. Heidi is no longer affiliated with the association. So, that is a, that wasn't a good day for me. But I have no idea any of the details. But Kyle Brooks is now acting Chairman of the Ohio Township Association. Heidi had years and years of experience and she probably knew the Ohio Revised Code better than a lot of attorneys. TR: Well and it could be resource to come to this meeting to talk about the goods and the bads, right? I mean your association is as strong as the commissioners' association. You might try to reach out to them to see what they have to offer on this subject. BW: (Inaudible) to see if we can (inaudible) hold it here, it's a good place. Anybody have anything else? I am very impressed that we have every township represented (inaudible) and also the subject matter. (Several talking). Bob Short: And everybody, I handed out a bunch of these. We got new bulletins. I handed out a bunch of them at the Health Department meeting. But, I laid them out and forgot to bring them along. But anybody that didn't get some for your township, reach out to me (inaudible). I have been handing them out as I go, but it's a good resource. BW: And thank you Matt for coming on short notice. Bob Short: Thank you Matt for coming and thank the commissioners for hosting it.
11:58:10 AM	ADJOURN	SL: Thanks everybody for showing up and this meeting is Adjourned.
WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		
APPROVED:		
Scott A. Lirot, President Bartley E. Westfall, Vice-President Terry N. Rummel, Member		
ATTEST:		
Robin R. Kemp, Deputy Clerk		

Proclamation

Whereas, National Child Abuse Prevention Month will be recognized through the United States, as well as in Ohio, during the month of April 2026;

Whereas, all children in our community have the right to live and grow in a safe, secure, and supportive environment; to enter school prepared to succeed; to choose healthy behaviors;

Whereas, in Williams County 1,404 calls were received during 2025 alleging child abuse/neglect, which affected 195 child victims;

Whereas, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the county;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention succeeds because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community, and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement, and families;

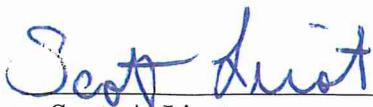
Whereas, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families;

Whereas, to further promote child abuse prevention awareness, Williams County Job and Family Services requests county-wide participation in Wear Blue to Work Day on Wednesday, April 8, 2026;

Whereas, we encourage everyone in the community to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families;

Now, therefore, we, the Board of Commissioners of Williams County, Ohio, do hereby proclaim **APRIL of 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Williams County.**

THE BOARD OF WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Scott A. Lirot
President



Bartley E. Westfall
Vice-President



Terry N. Rummel
Member

Adopted this date: April 2, 2026



RESOLUTION 26-0179

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
April 2, 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 March 31, 2026; 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

Bartley E. Westfall
Vice-Pres of the Board of Commissioners

Terry Rummel
Member of the Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 26-0180

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
April 2, 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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President of the Board of Commissioners

Bartley Westfall
Vice-Pres of the Board of Commissioners

Terry Rummel
Member of the Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 26-0181

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
April 2, 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 Rummel
President of the Board of Commissioners

[Signature]
Vice-Pres of the Board of Commissioners

[Signature]
Member of the Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 26-0182

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
April 2, 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	Unappropriated	\$557.00
To: 9047-90-110-506100	Air Dues-Subscription-Membership-Lic	\$557.00
<i>Reason: Fortinet Coterm Firewall Renewal 03/19/26 – 3/19/29</i>		

Department: Williams County Commissioners

From: 1001-53-161-510000	Comm-Misc Advance Out	\$100,000.00
To: 5018-74-260-474000	Hill Advance In	\$100,000.00
<i>Reason: Funds for Hillside Payroll – Requested by letter from Hillside on March 30, 2026</i>		
From: 1001-49-161-509005	Comm-Misc Contingencies	\$5,500.00
To: 1001-40-163-506051	Comm-Ins Insurance – County Property	\$5,500.00
<i>Reason: Additional funds needed in line to pay 2026 liability insurance in full</i>		

Department: Williams County Hillside Country Living

From: 5012	Unappropriated	\$1,000.00
To: 5012-49-290-509110	Hill Vill Refund-Assisted Living	\$1,000.00
<i>Reason: Refund Residents Security Deposit</i>		
From: 5008	Unappropriated	\$2,000.00
To: 5008-49-290-509110	Hill Vill Refunds Private	\$2,000.00
<i>Reason: Refund for resident</i>		

Department: Williams County Sheriff

From: 1001-42-400-506002 Contract Services \$440.00
To: 1001-42-400-506100 Dues, Subscriptions & Memberships \$440.00
Reason: *PACE Software*

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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President of the Board of Commissioners

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Terry Rummel
Member of the Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 26-0183

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
April 2, 2026

In the Matter of
Entering into a Group Retrospective
Rating Plan Agreement

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 County Commissioners Association of Ohio submitted a County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement between CCAO acting through its Service Corporation and Williams County. The purpose of the group plan is intended to achieve lower workers' compensation costs for the group and the establishment of safer working conditions and environments. Term: from date of execution and applicable to all rating periods beginning January 1, 2027 and thereafter, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$6,500.00 based on annual payroll of total group; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Williams County Commissioners we do hereby approve the Agreement as set forth above and further explained in said agreement. A copy of the Agreement will be on file with Williams County Commissioners; 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

Scott Lirot
President of the Board of Commissioners

[Signature]
Vice-Pres of the Board of Commissioners

Terry Rummel
Member of the Board of Commissioners