

Description	Williams County Commissioners' Regular Session #31	
Date	Thursday, May 7, 2026	
Time	Speaker	Note
9:01:45 AM	SL	I will bring the meeting to order and begin with the Pledge, please.
9:02:03 AM	Roll Call	TR: Here; BW: Present; SL: Here; Quorum is met.
9:02:13 AM	Resolution 233	Approving Minutes from Regular Session on May 5, 2026; Motion: BW; Second: TR: Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:02:44 AM	Resolution 234	Approve Agenda as Amended or Presented. AR: Approving agenda to be amended because I added the credit card appropriation for the Prosecutor's office and the Treasury Management by Fund for the month ending April. It is on your agendas now but it wasn't before this morning. Motion: BW; Second: TR: Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:03:28 AM	Resolution 235	Approving Payment of Bills; Motion: BW; Second: TR: Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried. (Conversation among commissioners regarding payment of bills online).
9:05:02 AM	Resolution 236	Supplemental Appropriation(s) on behalf of Common Pleas Court, Commissioners, Communications and Engineer; Motion: BW; Second: TR: Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:05:34 AM	Discussion	VH: Getting money back from Todd. 175. TR: Oh, you got 175 back. I didn't see that one. Todd's loan payback? VH: Yeah. TR: Was that Hickory Hills? SL: Hickory Hills wasn't it? BW: I did see that. TR: I know I looked at it last night. I can't believe I missed that one. It's so hard to see. BW: I didn't realize it was a loan payback, but I saw it (inaudible) project. TR: Oh, it was down there, yeah. VH: I think they got tired of me asking. TR: Knowing the great old government way, that will show up as income, right? VH: Yep. TR: So, when we run what I call my profit and loss statement, then I got to take out that, or uncheck that little check box. VH: Because the number's gonna show. TR: My number's gonna show that we brought in more money than what I say really. We just got a loan payback. VH: Yep, we just got money back. TR: Welcome to government accounting.
9:06:25 AM	Resolution 237	Award Bid for MVPO CDBG Project and Notice of Award; Motion: BW; Second: TR: Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:06:59 AM	Discussion	BW: Morning Brian. Brian: Morning. TR: You were late. VH: Yeah, Bart, yours went through. Brian: I had a (inaudible). SL: I'm getting it. BW: Yeah, alright, good. BW: Oh, I like this. It's got a road map for all of us.
9:07:35 AM	Also Signed	Courthouse Permit for the weekly Bryan cruise-ins; Credit Card Appropriation for Prosecutor's office for May; and Williams County Treasury Management by Fund for the month ending as of April. AR: Then that's all I have until your 10:00.
9:08:01 AM	RECESS	SL: We stand in Recess.

9:49:43 AM	BW	All right we are back in regular session and on the record. And we're here with the Williams County Department of Aging, an update from Sarah Stubblefield as the Executive Director. You have some guests, so go ahead if you want to introduce your guests, and the floor is yours.
9:49:55 AM	SS	I am gonna have them introduce themselves. I will give you a little bit of update of what I've done since the last time we met. I've completed our 5-year grant application with the Area Office on Aging. Every 5 years we need to request funding from them. And so, that application is done and submitted to them. When I submitted that, I figured that the cost per meal was \$16.48. So, the last time we met you asked me to finalize that number. And so, I now have it. It's \$16.48 per meal. And that's for both the, averaging across both home delivered meals and the congregate in the center meals. So, I, make an average, that's the number. I also wanted to give an update about Farmer's Market. We put in every senior center and some centers, the larger ones like Lisa's, a couple of iPads so that seniors would have access to signing up for that. Unfortunately, the state ran out of funding in 8 days. So, we are currently advocating for more funding from the state, hoping that that program will come back because it is very important to our seniors. It is heavily utilized. For both the growers and the seniors it is a benefit in our area. To run out of money in 8 days was very disappointing. But on par with what I'm seeing for a lot of our programs. So, I am also currently hiring for two site managers who are retiring in June. And those positions I am looking at having no insurance when they get filled. If it's filled internally and everything gets moved around I am looking at a position at the end that I'm hiring to replace that does not have insurance to save me money. I did hire a fiscal officer. She started this week. Her name is Amber Jones and she's replacing Joan Horne who is retiring. And she has a retirement party on the 28 th here and she'd love to see you.
9:52:13 AM	TR/SS	How much overlap do you have between those two? SS: Three weeks.
9:52:21 AM	TR/SS	Oh wow, okay. SS: Two pay periods, so that's also very nice. TR: Yeah, trying to catch that pay period for training. SS: Yes. TR: Okay.
9:52:25 AM	SS	And I've also completed contracts for re-negotiating our food and our copier and both came down with a lower cost. My membership for food now is zero. I'm on a zero membership. I have a membership, but it cost me zero dollars. And it's a program that we buy food as members from Gordon's Food and then we get rebate checks back because of that.
9:52:55 AM	BW	Do they actually write a check or are they doing product?
9:52:57 AM	SS/BW	They do a check. They actually give me funds back. And I'm currently on a project to replace our cell phones because we were using flip phones and we've been using them the last 5 to 10 years. And they're just getting to the point where they don't, simply don't work. So, I'm grateful to the Sheriff's office who wrote a letter saying that we work so closely with them and getting us onto a program so that we can get the phones replaced. The actual devices are

		going to cost us \$1.00 each and then I'll have, I think it's \$23 for every line that we have. BW: How many lines do we have? SS: 25.
9:53:38 AM	BW/SS/BW	Do you have one every truck? Yes. And then people transporting and then one in every center. BW: Senior center?
9:53:48 AM	SS/TR	So, I have almost 30 staff members and 25 phones. So, it is going to be \$600 a month. In that ballpark. TR: \$7,000 a year.
9:54:03 AM	SS	Yes, for phones. Which I'm currently paying.
9:54:08 AM	TR	23 don't seem too bad per, until you take it times 25, right? (Laughter).
9:54:14 AM	SS/TR	It is things like that that remind you of how big a department, that I have a lot of people in a lot of places. Any time we transport, we have to by Ohio Revised Code have a phone. TR: Do you have cell phones in each center? SS: Yes.
9:54:29 AM	BW/SS	Each director. Each site manager has one. SS: Each site manager has one. Each truck has one. I have to. It's Medicaid regulation.
9:54:38 AM	TR	But each site manager has one, but does each site also have one?
9:54:44 AM	SS	Well no, when I say site manager I meant.
9:54:45 AM	TR	Okay. Just the site manage has one, okay.
9:54:48 AM	SS	If we are transporting seniors we have to have a phone to call for an emergency.
9:54:54 AM	BW	What network are you on? Or what, is AT&T with the FirstNet?
9:55:01 AM	SS	I'm moving from Verizon to the AT&T.
9:55:05 AM	BW	Is that FirstNet? Okay, that's what the Sheriff (inaudible).
9:55:06 AM	TR	It's a pretty reasonable rate, I mean, alright.
9:55:11 AM	SS	So, I do have some guests with me. They would like to talk to you about their experiences at the senior center. They are from the Montpelier senior center. I'll let them introduce themselves.
9:55:20 AM	Lisa Seiler/SS/BW	I'll let you guys introduce yourselves. SS: And this is Lisa Seiler. She's my site manager. BW: At Montpelier, yeah. SS: Did I say Montpelier or West Unity? BW: You said Montpelier. SS: Okay, good. (Laughter). Sorry. It's been a long morning already.
9:55:34 AM	Brenda Bohner	I'm Brenda Bohner. Always been in Montpelier. You might know Dan Bohner, my husband. And we love the center. I mean, for Dan he's not active at all and this is about the only thing that he can do. I mean, he has a scooter so if he needs to he can even ride the scooter inside because it's handicap accessible there. But at this point if I drop him off at the door he can walk into the center and have his meal. And we love it. I mean, it's Dan's highlight for the week. Monday through Wednesday. And then we play cards. We like to eat lunch with everybody, but he loves to play cards. He plays Hand and Foot. And we have anywhere from four, sometimes in the winter, but lately we've had 12 every Monday and Wednesday. And of course, those people come and eat

		lunch too, most of them do. There are some who are late risers, so that's too early for lunch. But we really love the center. We like that it's a part of us. I don't know what we would do without it. I mean, we have other things that we do with family during the week, but Mondays and Wednesdays are the highlight. And then today is birthday. The first Thursday of the month they celebrate whoever has a birthday for the month. But, we like to go just to fellowship with people. I mean, we do go to church on Sunday, but during the week, you know, this is a different group. And we truly enjoy it.
9:57:08 AM	Willie Peters	I'm Willie Peters. I attend up there every morning I think. Some of the lunches, depending on what I've got going that day. All I can do is just comment on what I hear because I don't participate in playing cards or stuff like that. I just go up there to occasionally eat lunch and associate with some of my friends I know. But, I guess I don't, I don't even know what the question is on about the senior center. What's being questioned about it?
9:58:00 AM	SS/Lisa	I don't think it's a question so much as like the importance. Lisa: The importance to you.
9:58:07 AM	SS	The community may not know the senior center the way you do and why is it important I think may be a question. Why should we fund it in the community?
9:58:20 AM	Willie	Well, it's important because of all the people who go there. Just like Brenda just said. It's very, what else they gonna do? Sit home and do nothing? They have no place to go. I understand you have several roots on these meals and everything for disabled people and all this, but I thought the voters already spoke. I've never seen one issue ever go down. So, the people must think it's necessary or they wouldn't be voting for it. But, if they're not coming up there and enjoying it, they're missing out. Because it's wonderful for these older people.
9:59:00 AM	Brenda/Lisa	I do have to say one more thing. Dorothy Parks, do you know who Dorothy Parks is? She worked at Spangler's. Lisa: She was Spangler's longest working employee.
9:59:09 AM	BW/TR	BW: Yeah. TR: Oh. I knew the name but I couldn't come up with why I knew the name.
9:59:11 AM	Brenda/Lisa	Well she's gone to the senior center since she retired. Since she retired she's been at the center and she was the person who wiped off the tables every day. She fell and she hurt her ankle. Today she is coming back for the first time after being hurt with an ankle, and she loves the center. She goes every Monday through Friday s what she did until she. Lisa: Drives herself at 97.
9:59:38 AM	Brenda	She drives herself, yes. And she just loves it. But there are people who go every day for something. I can think of at least 5 that I know of that come every day. We play cards on Monday, Wednesday, but the play something else, oh, not Tuesday, but Thursday and Friday.

9:59:55 AM	Lisa	I have a lady Jean who is completely deaf. She is right there with Dorothy as far as age. I think she's 96. I pick her up every morning. She doesn't let her disability stop her from participating. Her and Dorothy sit together every morning, they do a little craft. But she always participates in everything that I offer. Or if I have a trip, Jean always signs up to go.
10:00:23 AM	Willie/Lisa	Well, back to Dorothy, what is she 96? Lisa: 97. Willie: 97, and every morning she comes in and she wraps all the silverware. And I remember one time, it's been a couple years ago, some lady started doing that before she got there. And she went over and asked her, what are you doing? And she said I'm helping. And she said I don't need no help. (Laughter). But anyway, that's what it's all about. It's hard for you guys to relate because you're not in our age bracket and you don't go to these places to see what goes on. I can only speak about Montpelier. I know Bryan's got a big senior center. I know several people that go there. I mean, it's an entirely different world when you get our age. I know your father. I knew your father. (Laughter). So, I'm telling my age. And I'll be 80 in June. And when you get to this age bracket it's, it's mainly a place for people to do something that just don't have nothing to do.
10:01:29 AM	TR	Do you think you can make my dad go because he's not old yet? (Laughter).
10:01:35 AM	Willie	Well that's his side of the story.
10:01:39 AM	Lisa	I mean we, we'd like to invite the commissioners to come to the Montpelier center because I have what I call my breakfast club. And that's like 10 to 15 guys that come in. And they all have their tables and their conversation, but, you know, there's two or three of those vehicles sitting in the parking lot before I even get there. And as soon as I unlock they come in. It's just great socialization.
10:02:05 AM	TR/Lisa	I heard we've been snubbing you guys. Lisa: You have. TR: But I didn't realize that we were snubbing you. I did catch rumor. I don't think my mom told me this. But for some reason it got through to her that it's like why are you guys not going to the Montpelier senior center? I guess I don't know, I don't remember, but I'm sorry. And we'll do better. But, yeah, and thanks for the invite.
10:02:24 AM	Lisa	I mean like if you wanted to do your Coffees with Commissioners at the Montpelier center would be great because you're already gonna have a crowd.
10:02:32 AM	TR/AR	And we did it at the fairgrounds, right? BW: Yeah. TR: But we've been doing Coffee with the Commissioners at the, and we kind of stopped doing Coffee with the Commissioners. Is there a reason we stopped those? AR: You guys. (Laughter). TR: Did I sign that piece of paper?
10:02:46 AM	BW/TR	Let's schedule one in Montpelier. TR: Yeah, that sounds like, it's a good time. And we like going. BW: Or we can just go up there. What time is your coffee club? TR: I'd rather go.
10:02:57 AM	Lisa	They come at 8 and they usually hang out until about 9:30, quarter to 10.

10:03:06 AM	TR	Okay. Well, it's good for us to know too we can just swing through, right?
10:03:09 AM	Lisa	Any time. TR: A lot of times it's easiest to do that. But we should schedule it.
10:03:12 AM	BW/Willie	Yeah. Willie: You don't have to be invited. Lisa: Yeah, you should just surprise us. BW: Well, I'm of age, I'm welcome there. Just for the record. (Laughter).
10:03:21 AM	AR	Is that every morning? Is that coffee every morning?
10:03:22 AM	Lisa	Every morning. And it started after COVID because we closed down. And these guys used to go to Rowe's and McDonalds and then when we opened back up they slowly started coming in.
10:03:35 AM	TR	Well, I think the biggest question is, is here's the problem. You may not know this. But right now, the senior center's running at a loss. So, they're losing about 140,000 a year. So, we're running at a loss. So, we have to put some new levy on to get it. And the last time the levy was going around there was this big anti-no levy thing, and we were scared to death to put a new levy on. So, we chose to leave it alone. Well then health insurance increased and payroll increased and all this stuff increased and it put us kind of at the hurts. Now, we have a big cash reserves thanks to the years of conservativeness. But we're now over spending and we have to do something major. So, it started in Pioneer and we actually made a really hard decision to say okay, the site manager in Pioneer's gonna come and help everybody else and we're gonna run Pioneer without a site manager and try it. It's kinda working. It's a little rough.
10:04:26 AM	SS	We are finding our balance there.
10:04:34 AM	TR/SS	They're pretty upset. They're wanting to stick me with a, it's my home town, so they're wanting to stab me with knives when I walk in there. (Laughter). But, you know, we're not closing it. And I went to the village and we said hey, can we keep the center open? And we open the door in the morning, get them started. SS: We start our day there.
10:04:45 AM	TR/Willie	And then we try to run it more as a volunteer basis for right now just to see if we can. And if they repeal this property tax it's a big hurt, right? So, it's also trying to get the word out that one, we're probably gonna have to have a new levy in November that we're already starting to talk about in order to fill the hole that we have. But then we still have to fight that, because even if it passes in November, which we hope it does. And I agree people seem to support that. Then we can move on to wondering what's gonna happen. But we don't think the property tax repeal thing's getting much traction. It's dying a little bit right now. Willie: I heard it didn't have enough signatures for the ballot.
10:05:25 AM	TR	It won't go on November. We don't think it will make the November, but this, the signatures can go on to next year too, so they can just keep adding to that list. So, they'll eventually get their numbers. We think.
10:05:37 AM	Willie	Well we've got a new governor maybe coming in that's gonna change a lot of stuff.

10:05:43 AM	TR	Change the world there, right. But, you know, none of us want to pay property taxes, but that's what funds all of the services that we're all, like the seniors and those things. So, that's kind of why when we're out doing these road shows in Edgerton, somebody stopped, one of the drivers stopped and talked to Sarah and I said you know Sarah, you should bring guests with you. Because we hear Sarah all the time telling us these great things. And it means different coming from you guys. You know, the ones that are using it. So, we, I really appreciate you coming in and sharing your stories with us. Because, and then with the media and with the, on the record, so everybody hears these stores, not just, maybe my dad will listen and actually pay attention.
10:06:17 AM	Willie/TR	Well, I will have a talk with him. TR: There you go.
10:06:22 AM	SS	I'd like the community to hear that we're more than just a meal. I know we provide lunches at places, but we are senior center that goes beyond just providing a lunch and a meeting. Like, do you want to discuss some of the other programs that we've been doing, like the Financial Literacy?
10:06:35 AM	Willie/SS	I have a couple questions before you get into another subject. Well, didn't you just recently increase the prices of the meals? SS: I did. It went from \$3.00 to \$4.00. Willie: That's a 33% increase. SS: It is. Willie: That should help a lot, I would think. No? SS: The funding that I get from that is about, I'm doing some math in my head. It's about 7% of my budget. So, I rely heavily on tax dollars. I'm pushing almost 80% of my funds come from tax dollars. Willie: Okay. SS: So, does it help? Yes, 100%. But, is it going to get me across the threshold of that \$140,000 hole that I'm in? Not alone. Not alone.
10:07:21 AM	Willie	Well, I just, I don't understand how it works myself, so I just had to ask.
10:07:38 AM	TR	So, that dollar will bring in, in my best guess, about \$25,000. So, if everybody participates and nobody gets mad, because it's a donation, right? So, if it torques off some people and they say screw you, I'm not paying it, you know, then you lose a little. So, but somewhere around \$25,000 out of a \$140,000 hole that should bring in. That was really quick math, so don't report that real hard. (Laughter). (Inaudible) \$77,000 a year. That line item as I remember right brings in \$77,000 a year. For \$3.00. Divided by 3 is \$25,000. You add \$1.00 it should bring in about that.
10:08:06 AM	BW	But you've gonna remember it's \$16.48 for each of those meals. So, you know, again, and it's certainly is gonna help. And we recognize that senior centers do more than just feed people. Absolutely. And if it wasn't for those interactions and socialization, you know, you wouldn't have a lot of any other during the week, etc. So, we feel, we know that it's important.
10:08:36 AM	Willie	Well, I don't know how much complaint you're getting from the outside world.
10:08:40 AM	BW/Willie	Oh, we're not. Willie: So, you're just looking at it as a business.

10:08:47 AM	BW/Willie.	Well, if we're losing \$120,000 a year, even though we have reserve, it doesn't take long and you're gonna be out of money and then we're out of business. That's what we're trying to avoid. Willie: Right.
10:08:53 AM	TR	And really look for suggestions on what can we do to help bring in more money.
10:08:57 AM	Willie/SS	Well on that Pioneer deal, now I have a couple people that I sit with at the (background conversation going on). They are from Pioneer. Now they have a suggestion, and I haven't told her yet, but they said they are not having new meals now? SS: They do not have meals there.
10:09:15 AM	Willie	Okay. But they said they don't understand, because the meal truck goes right by the facility. SS: It does. Willie: Well, why couldn't they add that, I mean if they would call you in the morning and say we got 10 people here, that, would that, that wouldn't be an extra expense to have him stop and drop 10 meals would it?
10:09:33 AM	SS	They, they used to deliver meals there and they were not eating them.
10:09:39 AM	Willie	Oh, there's always two sides to the (Inaudible- laughter).
10:09:44 AM	BW	And they're still open for the socialization. I mean, they still have some events going on.
10:09:46 AM	TR	So, the other problem with that is, is you have to have a site manager there to check the food table because Health Department wants this food served at a certain temperature. We have all these rules. You know, between you and I if we could just drop by with some food, heck yeah, every day of the week and it would be cheap. But now we've got all the rules that we gotta follow because we're government. And, yeah, so now you've got a full-time employee sitting there to serve a few.
10:10:09 AM	Willie/SS/Lisa	I understand. Yeah, that makes sense. I mean it'd probably be cheaper to bus them over to Montpelier. SS: Which is an option. Lisa: Which is an option.
10:10:20 AM	TR	Oh, don't close down their center.
10:10:21 AM	Lisa/TR/Willie	Because they won't come. TR: The won't come. Willie: That's their choice.
10:10:25 AM	TR/Lisa	Everybody wants their own center. SS: And West Unity would also welcome them. Lisa: And see that they're comfortable in there, yeah.
10:10:31 AM	TR	They want their own.
10:10:32 AM	Willie/TR	What is the major expense in this? The food or the facilities? TR: Labor.
10:10:37 AM	SS	It's not, yeah, it's labor and the food cost.
10:10:40 AM	BW/TR	The facilities are all basically donated. Same way in West Unity. TR: No electricity. BW: Used for other than.
10:10:43 AM	TR	Only in Montpelier and Bryan have electricity and building repairs.
10:10:49 AM	Willie	Because we own all the food so they gotta, I mean it's a little different situation.

10:10:52 AM	BW	Right. And the transportation of the food there, etc.
10:10:55 AM	Brenda	But you don't own Montpelier's building.
10:11:01 AM	SS	The 501(c)(3) owns Montpelier's building. But I pay the electricity, the garbage.
10:11:04 AM	Brenda/Lisa	Well, what about renovating? That building is, I'm sorry, is the worst looking building of all of them. I mean. Lisa: On the inside. Brenda: It is the same.
10:11:16 AM	Willie	Yeah, they did some on the exterior. It looks good.
10:11:18 AM	Brenda	Paint and carpet that was there when it was the Moose.
10:11:22 AM	TR/Brenda	Did you hear me say we are losing \$140,000 a year? (Laughter). Brenda: I did.
10:11:28 AM	BW/Brenda	You know, that could be a project that you do as your facility. Take on a fund raiser that you put toward that. Brenda: We are trying that.
10:11:35 AM	TR	Another thing Bart, what about a capital project? Could we get capital project funding to do that? Sarah?
10:11:42 AM	SS/TR	I admit that if I was going to choose capital funding I (inaudible) Montpelier. But I do have a floor problem in the Bryan Senior Center that I would address first. TR: Which is another \$100,000 expense.
10:12:04 AM	SS/TR	SS: Your center isn't the only one. TR: When that pipe backs up sewer runs across the floor. Lisa: That's what happens there.
10:12:06 AM	Brenda/SS	And that's a new building compared to Montpelier. SS: To Montpelier, yes, it is.
10:12:12 AM	TR	We've just gotta find money. I mean the money, can you plant a money tree out in front? (Laughter)
10:12:16 AM	Willie	So, you're afraid if you put a heavier levy on that it might go down?
10:12:21 AM	BW	Well, we have 4 levies. And so, and I understand that some of them are maxed funds so we can't eliminate them. Okay, I found that out since. So, we're talking about maybe doing a consolidating of certain ones so we don't have to go back every year or every two years and ask for money. Consolidating them into one and this would be the year to do it because it gives us a little bit of cushion with all the dynamics with that. But, we're in that discussion. But yes.
10:12:43 AM	Willie	But you've got another scenario, too. You know, there's a lot of, well first of all a lot of those seniors at Montpelier have lost their spouse. So, they have nobody to even sit home & watch TV w/. That's another reason they love that.
10:13:07 AM	Lisa/BW	In fact, one of my breakfast guys, he wasn't able to come, but he wrote this, so he wanted me to read it. His name is Frank Middleton. Do you know Frank? So, he says my wife passed away 17 months ago. The senior center of Montpelier was a great asset to me. The people at the center were great. The people that came to the center really helped me during my time of grief. It's not good to stay home staring out the window. I really enjoy coming to the

		center. I've gained several good friends at the center and we help each other. We lift each other up. And I think that's a huge thing right there. Is the ones that have lost spouses. Because then they can talk. Otherwise they would be sitting all, and Frank was coming up, you know, it was probably the next day after Linda passed. BW: The community.
10:14:00 AM	Willie	He was just lost in the beginning. He didn't know what to do. I don't know how many years they were married, but a lot of them.
10:14:05 AM	BW/TR	Yeah. Our intent isn't to close the senior center by any means. TR: Any of them.
10:14:13 AM	BW	Our idea is to try to figure out how we can move forward and not be in a place when two to three years from now we're out of money and we're out of business. We're trying, we're trying to get to that point.
10:14:23 AM	Willie/SS	The other bad part about the senior center is the people who come there, I'm just gonna pick on a few, but. (Laughter). SS: Whatever you say.
10:14:35 AM	Willie	They're on a limited income. (Several talking). And you, you know what that is, when you lose your spouse you lose half of your, a portion of your income because your Social Security is cut. So, it's a, it's, and I think, I think the reason the levies usually pass is because people understand that, you know, somebody has to help these seniors out. I mean, they raised us and everything and so, I know it's tough when you, you want to put dollar to dollar on the ballot because there's too many other things on there that, you know, that they don't like.
10:15:29 AM	TR/SS	You know, you bring that up, I didn't look at, and Sarah, do you know the last time we were on the ballot? SS: 2024.
10:15:41 AM	TR/SS	I was just gonna see if I could look up the results of that to see how, how good did we win that? SS: We won by two thirds.
10:15:49 AM	TR	So, it was big. You know, in our world. So, that goes back to kinda your point that maybe we shouldn't be so scared, right?
10:15:57 AM	Willie	Well, I mean, that's pretty good margin.
10:15:59 AM	TR	Right. But it's a balancing act and we want to be fiscally conservative as we can, but still not let the buildings go to ruin.
10:16:02 AM	Willie	Well I mean they all, a lot of these voters has got mom and dads, and if mom and dad says they like going there, they're gonna help, you know, promote it for them. I don't know what the answer is. I can see where you are coming from. You definitely don't wanna go in there and ask double or it will go down. But, how often do they do this? Every two years?
10:16:30 AM	SS/Willie	SS: Right now it is. Maybe we shoulda started nibbling a little higher each time. SS: Well, that's kinda.
10:16:40 AM	TR	Should have, could have, would have. Willie: Well, you learn by experience. TR: The way you used to have to do it though you would have to change the words. So, it would say it was a new levy. So, the last one was, it was just a renewal, right? So, you pay the same and pay the same and the same.

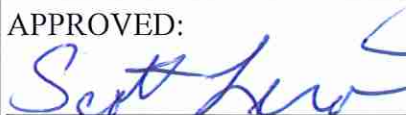
10:16:47 AM	Willie	That helps. That helps.
10:16:51 AM	TR	People know the difference between a new one. If you change it just a little, it instantly goes to new. Well nobody knows what the old was. So, now you changed that word from old to new and people go woah.
10:17:00 AM	Willie/TR	No, not another one. TR: Right. No new levies.
10:17:04 AM	BW	My understanding if they pass legislation then there will be no more renewals. You will have to do a new levy.
10:17:09 AM	TR	From now on they're all gonna be new. Which is probably a blessing. We're all gonna (inaudible).
10:17:12 AM	Willie	Well the other thing is that there's probably, when this started we had more retirees than you had these older folks.
10:17:20 AM	TR	We are serving more people. At a loss. Because let's face it, at \$16 a meal, we're getting 4 if we're lucky.
10:17:30 AM	BW/TR	And that's not the only funding we have, but that goes toward. TR: But still.
10:17:35 AM	Willie/TR/BW	And then there's more and more, as you get older, you're more disabled. TR: More transportation. Willie: Right. I mean, I know it's a big operation. Well, I mean, just like the Thanksgiving dinner. My goodness, there's 3, 4 hundred people there. BW: It amazes me. It still amazes me when I go to those dinners how well attended and. Willie: Yeah. And now, you know, excuse my comment, but you shut them ladies off and you're gonna hear from them. (Laughter). BW: I'm gonna say there's men that probably, somebody's gonna hear from them also.
10:18:17 AM	TR	And we really appreciate our site managers too because we know what you guys do. And you create the atmosphere for that, right? So, you guys all do a really good job.
10:18:23 AM	SS	And actually, Lisa is the one that coordinates my Thanksgiving meals.
10:18:29 AM	BW/SS/TR	Great job. SS: That's a lot of her hard work. TR: That's a lot.
10:18:32 AM	BW	Okay. I appreciate you coming in. And again, our intention is to try to move it forward so we're not at this place in another 5 years. That's kind of what we're working at.
10:18:40 AM	Willie/BW	Well, and just like those people that questioned me, I couldn't give them any answers. I said well I'm gonna go to that meeting. I want to hear what they've got to say. BW: Appreciate that.
10:18:48 AM	Lisa	And they did. They did need to hear this because they come to me with questions. I don't have all the answers, and I bring it to Sarah. But I think them hearing it from you guys.
10:18:56 AM	TR/Lisa	Well, and we need to show up in our building too, to hear it from them. Lisa: Yeah, because they've probably got a lot more questions.

10:19:00 AM	BW/Lisa	We're gonna schedule lunch, come up for lunch if nothing else. We haven't been up there for a while. Lisa: Sure.
10:19:06 AM	SS	I think all my seniors could use it. Because there is a fear that the commissioners really want to shut down. That is spreading through the centers. This message that the commissioners want to close centers.
10:19:19 AM	BW/Lisa	Let's start getting our lunches where we can join for lunches. Lisa: That would be great.
10:19:22 AM	TR	Well, we got their attention. They'll show up. (Laughter).
10:19:24 AM	BW	And by all means, any time I've attended there's never been a complaint session.
10:19:28 AM	TR	And we absolutely do not want to do that. I mean we will be forced to do that. At some point when you run out of money there is absolutely no want, to want to close anything down. It's going to be we are just plain out of cash everywhere. You know, so know you pick, you pick police over, and now you've got to start picking and choosing. And that would be if that big, if the property tax thing.
10:19:51 AM	Willie	Well, I think if you go to a lunch, all of them eventually maybe, just like me, I understand the other side of the story now. And if you explain that to the people it will be, they don't know all the circumstances. And once they understand how things work a little bit.
10:20:14 AM	TR	Well, if you can figure out how to bring in more money not from taxes too. I mean, and that's just so hard. In that world especially, because as you say, most folks that are going there, they're not the wants that are going to leave their family farm to the senior center. Right? Because that's one way to get more money. Is through donations of. And we've received some requests.
10:20:32 AM	BW	We've received some though.
10:20:36 AM	TR	We've received some fairly large donations. So, trying to get the word out there, and maybe being broke will help us there and folks will understand if I'm gonna leave it to the Human, you know we're all out there saying we'd take more money.
10:20:44 AM	Willie/SS/TR	Well, I think they've had several vehicles donated, haven't they? SS: Not recently. TR: In years past.
10:20:53 AM	SS	In years past. But not since I've started.
10:20:54 AM	TR	And really it, there wasn't levies on, right? I think it used to almost be fully community funded. And then levies started going on. And let's face it, once we start paying tax levies, it's like, I'm not giving to that. You're getting in my pocket all the time.
10:21:08 AM	Willie	Well, it's hard to give to something that you're not using.

10:21:15 AM	BW	And it is. And, and maybe that's, and again, I know you've had open houses and people don't come just learn, You know, that's the other aspect.
10:21:21 AM	Willie	Well, I think it would make the people feel more comfortable too. Of course, people are gonna talk. I mean, that might help support the vote too, that they understand the circumstances.
10:21:35 AM	BW	Why don't you schedule as soon as you can, a lunch? It doesn't matter either Tuesday or Thursdays. And get with Anne.
10:21:44 AM	TR	I'd rather do Coffee with the Commissioners. Run a meeting there.
10:21:46 AM	Lisa	Yeah, you really do.
10:21:53 AM	TR/SS	Just do it. I mean, it's not an extra meeting for us. It's Anne's favorite thing to do. SS: We'll make sure you have coffee and cookies.
10:21:57 AM	Lisa	But you're gonna have a totally different group at lunch.
10:22:01 AM	BW	Well, that's why we should just do it during lunch. Or what if we did like at 10:00 or 10:30 and stayed over for lunch?
10:22:02 AM	TR/Willie	Do both. Lisa: You'll miss the breakfast club. We'll miss the breakfast club. So, what time do we gotta be there for them? Willie: 8 sharp.
10:22:12 AM	TR	8 sharp. Just do coffee with the, we can get a meeting on our schedule.
10:22:21 AM	Willie	8:15 is the deadline.
10:22:25 AM	TR/BW/Lisa	And then we can come back for lunch. BW: And then lock the doors (inaudible – laughter). Willie: No, that's when Dawn takes my sandwich order. TR: And there's nothing that says we can't come for lunch too. You know, we can come back. Lisa: Okay. TR: All right. We'll be more present.
10:22:28 AM	Lisa/SS	Okay. They would love that. SS: Thank you very much.
10:22:32 AM	TR	Don't make my mom tell me I'm being a slacker. Lisa: Where's your dad? I'm gonna get a hold of him.
10:22:33 AM	BW	Do we have anything else?
10:22:36 AM	ADJOURNED	BW: Okay, then we're adjourned.

WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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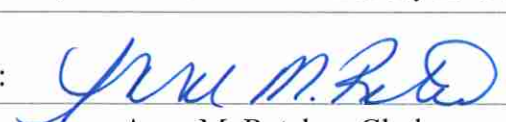
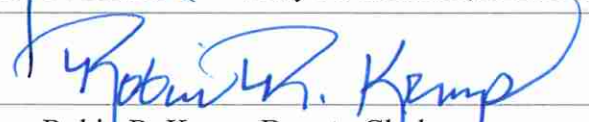


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ATTEST:

Anne M. Retcher, Clerk

Robin R. Kemp, Deputy Clerk

5-7-2026

My wife passed away 17 months ago, the Senior Center of Montpelier was a great asset to me, the people at the Center were great, the people that came to the Center really helped me during my time of grief, its not good to stay at home staring out the window.

I really enjoy coming to the Center I've gained several good friends at the Center, we help each other, we lift each other up, ~~help each other~~

I really would miss the Center if it was closed a good place to go each day, I wish more people would come

Frank Middleton

RESOLUTION 26-0233

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
May 7, 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 May 5, 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

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RESOLUTION 26-0234

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
May 7, 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

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RESOLUTION 26-0235

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
May 7, 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

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RESOLUTION 26-0236

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
May 7, 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 Common Pleas Court

From:	1001-42-176-503000	Supplies	\$167.50
To:	*1001-42-176-502800	Uniform Allowance	\$167.50
<i>Reason: *NEW; Constable Badges</i>			

From:	1001-42-176-506300	Seminars/Trainings	\$90.23
To:	1001-42-176-503300	Non-Capital Equipment	\$90.23
<i>Reason: Locking wall mounts</i>			

Department: Williams County Commissioners

From:	1001-54-161-511000	Comm Misc Transfer Out	\$6,434.71
To:	2026-75-300-475000	JFS PA Transfer In	\$6,434.71
<i>Reason: Request made by JFS to cover overtime costs</i>			

From:	4000	Unappropriated	\$4,500.00
To:	4000-50-160-506000	Capital Assets-Contract Services	\$4,500.00
<i>Reason: Additional funds needed for balance of fees</i>			

Department: Williams County Communications

From:	2055-42-180-506300	B55 Seminars & Training	\$68,392.90
To:	2055-42-180-501100	B55 Salaries-Employees	\$68,392.90
<i>Reason: Added to incorrect account, transferred to correct account to cover salaries</i>			

From:	2055-42-180-506000	B55 Contract Services	\$10,995.00
To:	2055-42-180-502000	B55 Medicare	\$ 995.00
To:	2055-42-180-502200	B55 PERS	\$ 9,600.00
To:	2055-42-180-502300	B55 Workers Comp	\$ 400.00

Reason: Transfer to cover Medicare, PERS & Workers Comp

Department: Williams County Engineer

From:	*5068-53-247-510000	Eng-San Advance Out	\$175,000.00
To:	1001-74-161-474000	Comm-Misc Advance In	\$175,000.00

*Reason: *NEW; % HKHL WWTP – OPWC Funds - Hickory Hills Sewer Replacement Project Completed – (Advance was made on April 29, 2025- Resolution 25-0192 upon completion of project it was to be returned to 1001 from OPWC grant)*

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

Commissioner Rummel seconded the motion.

The vote upon adoption resulted as follows:

Mr. Scott A. Lirot, yes

Mr. Bartley E. Westfall, yes

Mr. Terry N. Rummel, yes

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RESOLUTION 26-0237

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
April 21, 2026

In the Matter of
Award Bid for MVPO CDBG Project and
Notice of Award

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

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

Commissioner Westfall moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2026 bids were received for the Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) Project: East Main Street Waterline Replacement Project, and two (2) bids were received by:

- Bryan Excavating - \$1,491,895.00
- S & S Directional Boring - \$1,761,806.30

WHEREAS, with an Engineer's Estimate for the project at \$1,941,000.00, MVPO, in consultation with the Village of Montpelier, has recommended that the bid be awarded to Bryan Excavating as submitted in the amount of \$1,491,895.00; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Williams County Board of Commissioners accepts MVPO and the Village of Montpelier's recommendation and hereby awards the bid and signs the Notice of Award for the East Main Street Waterline Replacement Project to Bryan Excavating in the amount of \$1,491,895.00 and a contract shall be issued and

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

Commissioner Rummel seconded the motion.

The vote upon adoption resulted as follows:

Mr. Scott A. Lirot, YES

Mr. Bartley E. Westfall, YES

Mr. Terry N. Rummel, YES

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