

Description	Williams County Commissioners' Regular Session #44	
Date	Tuesday, July 7, 2026	
Time	Speaker	Note
9:49:55 AM	SL/Pledge	Alright. We will call the meeting to order and begin with the Pledge please. (All saying the Pledge of Allegiance).
9:50:13 AM	Roll Call	Roll Call: TR: Here; BW: Present; SL: Here. Quorum is met
9:50:21 AM	Resolution 349	Approving the Minutes from Regular Session held July 2, 2026; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:51:05 AM	Resolution 350	Approving the Agenda as Presented; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:51:32 AM	Resolution 351	Approving the Payment of Bills. BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:52:08 AM	Resolution 352	Supplemental Appropriation(s) for Williams County Board of DD and Williams County Board of Elections; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion is carried.
9:52:31 AM	Discussion	SL: So, we're, cause we got into that. What's uh, this is just their budget getting passed down and they are paying bills? I haven't read this yet. AR: Yes, it is all changes within their own budget.
9:53:14 AM	Also Signed	Courthouse Permit for Christkindl Market which will be November 17 th through December 19 th . BW: So moved. AR: Don't need a motion. BW: I didn't hear you say also signed. AR: You're alright. BW: No, I'm not. AR: Just Scott make sure you mark approve or deny whichever you are. SL: How will I know until two people sign it? AR: Well then have Terry do it. SL: Just saying. AR: Easy enough. Someone needs to check it. SL: Here you go getting me to do your job again Anne.
9:54:00 AM	Discussion	TR: I think special conversation about this Christkindl Market with the volunteers, the Sheriff's Department does a great job of bringing in their special deputies on covering that. And it makes a really nice event for the whole, and the folks who come out and do that. And I just want to give a special thank you to the specials and the Sheriff's for stepping up and taking care of that. SL: Hear, hear. TR: It's a great thing.
9:54:38 AM	Also Signed	And Credit Card Appropriation for Prosecutor's Office for her expenditures. AR: And that's all I have.
9:54:45 AM	SL/BW	I would like to make a mention. We did receive a letter from a senior citizen worried that we are not going to put a levy on for the senior center. And that's, when does that levy actually have to be put on? Is that '28? That's a '28 levy or a '27? BW: No, on this Fall.
9:55:09 AM	TR	Well, by August, in my opinion, we need to make a decision in August, because we are running out of cash fast, and if we don't make some pretty hard decisions

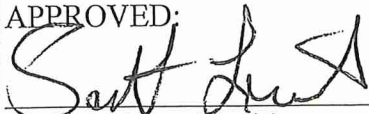
		really quick or pass a levy, we have to, we have to do something. So, we have to, and my recommendation is, is we do something by August. It'll be on in November. The voters can say yes or no to how they want us to move forward. How the outcome is, is then we, we make the appropriate budget steps in order to make that work.
9:55:39 AM	BW/AR/TR	We, we, we, and I want to clear up the air. I've heard out there too that we are not in favor of it. We have not taken it, we're trying to work with the Department of Aging with Sarah Stubblefield. Matter of fact, we've got a meeting with her Thursday to talk about options to move forward with how we do if we move forward, so we can meet the deadline to apply before the August deadline. Correct? AR: Yes. TR: That's how I understand it too.
9:56:05 AM	BW	So, it's not, we haven't said we're not going to apply. And we're not looking at a lot of additional, we're trying to consolidate and get it down to where we don't have four levies, maybe get down to three of them.
9:56:15 AM	SL	Yeah. Right now we have four levies. Two of them are what they call qualifying levies. Those qualifying levies give us matching funds of about \$78,000. If we would combine all four levies into one and have one go every four years, we would lose that \$78,000 that the state sends us and we would have to take out more tax.
9:56:34 AM	BW	I want to clear that, that \$78,000 is a tax credit that every taxpayer that lives in their own home gets. So, they're getting that tax credit directly to the homeowner. If we were to eliminate those two tax levies, they would lose that, and they would have additional money on their homeowners each. Again, if you're living in your own home, I think that's not homestead, but it's, it's called a, it's an exemption you get, or credit you get for living in your own home,
9:57:01 AM	TR/BW	And that's for older folks that are under a certain income level. BW: No, this is everybody. TR: No? Alright. I am still a little foggy on what that really is. BW: That \$78,000 is on a residential home.
9:57:16 AM	SL	So, but anyway, \$78,000 is \$78,000. I get it. If you divide that out between the 36,800 people we have, well, however many taxpayers, because that's every man, woman, and child. But there's fewer taxpayers, and then our population, and so, I mean, if it's, if it's 50 bucks a person, it 50 bucks a person, I don't see any reason to combine those two levies. We'll continue to ask for those two levies, and we're looking at combining the other two levies that are non-qualifying levies, and that's, and now, not only do we want to combine those two, so we're not voting on one every year. Now the question is, if we're losing \$133,000 a year at the senior center, do we, what do we do to make that up? And then are there, and then I believe there's also a question of other services that they think they see that they might want to expand on that. So, like I saw one of them was a bed bug remediation. I can't remember what all the things that Sarah put on there right now. I don't have it in front of me. But you know, it, the question is, do people want to pay more taxes? And we think, we love our senior citizens, we want to take care of them. Is there's no truth in the matter

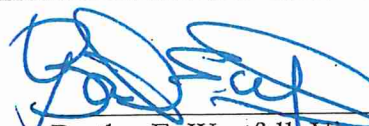
		that we're not going to put a levy on. There will be a levy put on when it's time to renew it. And if we do it early enough, we can combine the two levies, and if something goes sideways with the voters, and they don't want that, then we have to really look at it, say, okay, if we can't pass that levy, then we have to look at, are we putting in more resources than what we should be? So, then it's just responsible spending the taxpayers' money, what do we need? What do we want? It's more than meals on wheels. It's taking care, it's taking care of people, because many times our drivers find people on the floor and they call the EMS. That's important. I don't think anybody understands that. There's a lot of people out there in their 80s and 90s living alone, and this keeps them at home, if that's where they want to be, but you, so we're just really looking at this to make sure that money is not being used frivolously. It means a lot to us
<u>9:59:19 AM</u>	BW	I want to add to that also. The, the Department of Williams County Department of Aging is not funded 100% by tax levy. They do receive some money through the area aging out of Toledo, and that funding has also been cut. That's part of the issue also, and they're saying that they're okay for a few years, but they can make that change any day and decide they're going to cut their funds coming back to Williams County.
<u>9:59:44 AM</u>	SL	And I do believe that the money that comes in that way also dictates how much we're allowed to charge for a meal. Am I right?
<u>9:59:51 AM</u>	BW/TR	To receive it. Yes, you have some restrictions. TR: To receive that money, you have to live under their rules.
<u>9:59:55 AM</u>	SL	So even though a meal, if you add in all the Hot Shot trucks, the facilities, the cooks, the people opening the senior centers. That meal is \$13 a meal I think is what they said. And we are charging, we are only allowed to charge \$4.
<u>10:00:13 AM</u>	BW	And it's just a suggested donation. We can't charge anything for it, it has to be a donation.
<u>10:00:19 AM</u>	SL	So, just a little clarification on where that's gonna go, or how many letters I am going to receive now. BW: You will hear some more by the end of the week after our Thursday meeting. SL: We do care about the elderly and we will not fail them.
<u>10:00:31 AM</u>	TR	I had some ideas, because it is such a split group up there. You know, you get blown up on Facebook that you know, don't these commissioners listen? We don't want any taxes. And you get the other side, don't these commissioners listen, we love our seniors, and commissioners are devils because they hate our seniors. So, you got both sides coming at us, and it's like, we truly want to do what's best for the seniors, like you guys are saying, but also what the citizens want, and it's going to be a balance. And I still think that instead of running, because we're talking right now, maybe three levies, we're going to leave those two qualifying on, 100% support that. One more levy would be the what's the number going to be? But if we put two, two levies on at the same time, and said levy number one will leave us kind of breakeven, status quo, we get doing

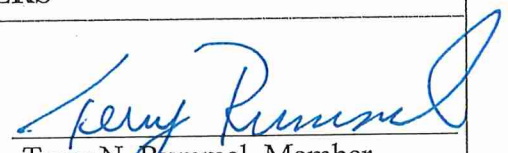
		what we're doing. If you vote, so you have the option, you go, we'll vote for one levy, you can vote for both levies, or you can vote for no levies. It makes it so confusing, but that's the truly way you can get a read on your citizens on what they want. You know, because they either want this, this, or this, and it's so hard in our position to try to decide. So, I think we should at least consider two levies, two additional levies that would replace, so that would still put us back at four levies, but it would give our voters the choice to say, instead of just saying it's all or nothing, right, you pass this, it's kind of all or nothing. It's the Hail Mary. They could have the choice of saying, "Well, I don't mind it. This is keeping me a little bit, and I don't want that new stuff. I don't know.
<u>10:02:01 AM</u>	SL/BW	The only thing is if that would split the vote between the no's and the. BW: I think it is the confusion of it.
<u>10:02:10 AM</u>	TR/SL	It's confusion, right? But when they run for township trustees, you can vote for two of the three, and they don't seem to be confused with that. SL: Well, the top two win.
<u>10:02:15 AM</u>	TR	The top two win, right? So, I don't know. I, just another, floating another idea. We are still in a, such a quandary. I'm, my heart hurts thinking about this, because I want to appease this group, but I also understand the other group, and yeah, it's tough one.
<u>10:02:35 AM</u>	SL	So, there's no, it's, we will be putting a levy on and the correct amount is the hard part to decide, and that's what we're working on. We're not just making this a willy nilly decision.
<u>10:02:46 AM</u>	TR	Are we for sure on with Sarah? Do we know that?
<u>10:02:47 AM</u>	AR	Yep, it's been confirmed you will be, work session 8 am on Thursday.
<u>10:02:53 AM</u>	TR	8 AM on Thursday, probably in Sarah's, we don't know where yet? AR: I didn't specify. It doesn't. TR: We will figure it out if somebody wants to show up, if media wants to show up you're welcome to come.
<u>10:03:05 AM</u>	AR/TR/BW	It will be on the agenda. TR: That's all I have. BW: All I got. Thank you.
<u>10:03:07 AM</u>	SL	We're done for the day?
<u>10:03:10 AM</u>	ADJOURNED	SL: We stand Adjourned. Anybody want to roof?

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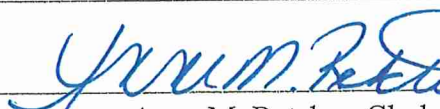
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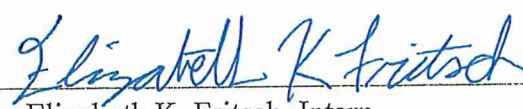

Scott A. Lirot, President


Bartley E. Westfall, Vice-President


Terry N. Rummel, Member

ATTEST:


Anne M. Retcher, Clerk


Elizabeth K. Fritsch, Intern

RESOLUTION 26-0349

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
July 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 July 2, 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

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Terry Rummel
Member of the Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 26-0350

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
July 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

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RESOLUTION 26-0351

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
July 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:

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RESOLUTION 26-0352

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
July 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 Board of DD

From:	2053-49-140-509005	Contingencies	\$6,000.00
To:	2053-45-140-506300	Seminars & Training Expenses	\$6,000.00
<i>Reason: Increased training opportunities offered</i>			

Department: Williams County Board of Elections

From:	1001-40-130-506050	BOE Repairs-Office Machines	\$75.00
To:	1001-40-130-503200	BOE Postage & Shipping	\$75.00
<i>Reason: Return of voting machines from Texas</i>			
From:	1001-40-130-502700	BOE Travel-Lodging-Meals	\$500.00
To:	1001-40-130-503001	BOE Supplies-Election/Ballot Printing	\$500.00
<i>Reason: Envelopes for Voters, Form 12-C</i>			

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

Commissioner Rummel seconded the motion.

The vote upon adoption resulted as follows:

Mr. Scott A. Lirot, yes

Mr. Bartley E. Westfall, yes

Mr. Terry N. Rummel, yes

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