

Description	Williams County Commissioners' Regular Session #54	
Date	Tuesday, August 18, 2026	
Time	Speaker	Note
9:02:11 AM	SL	Alright, we will bring the meeting to order and begin with the Pledge, please.
9:02:29 AM	Roll Call	TR: Here; BW: Present; SL: Here; Quorum is met.
9:02:39 AM	Resolution 431	Approving Minutes from August 13, 2026; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:03:06 AM	Chatter	TR: Forgot his name? SL: I'm not the one leaving. AR: I started thinking of something else. I'm sorry. SL: You don't have to forget mine, you can forget Terry's here in a little bit. TR: I haven't announced it officially yet, Scott. (Laughter). SL: I thought you were going back to Florida.
9:03:21 AM	Resolution 432	Approve Agenda as Presented; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:03:54 AM	Resolution 433	Approving Payment of Bills; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:04:23 AM	Bills	TR: Anne, is it possible for you to bring up our screen for the payment of bills? We have a visitor from Hancock County for the record. Tim is here, and a fellow commissioner, and I just kind of wanted to show him how we process bills. I think this is one of our best, the new software, we use VIP as our software platform, and we really have enjoyed, I have, we used to use an old clunky thing that broke all the time, and we've got VIP really dialed in. AR: I don't have it. TR: You don't have it? AR: Not back here on this one. VH: Defiance uses it, Henry uses it, Fulton uses it. TR: I can move over there too. VH: So, if there's an issue, the auditor can literally go to another county and update our data and get a (inaudible). TR: For the record the dog's here. (Terry showing Hancock County Commissioner on computer). TR: So, this is our payroll platform. And so, when the bills come in, the night before we can look at them. So, we can look at the bills, we can click on them. I'm a pretty big advocate of this software. But then to pay them it's literally one stroke, approve. And that's it. VIP is the name of the software. Since we've done this, do you know what you're using in software now? Comm Tim Bechtol: It starts with an "M". I cannot remember the name of it. It starts with an "M" though. TR: I think as a business person, and I run a small office supply store that sells copy machines uptown. And to run that store is off of my QuickBooks. And this simulates like a QuickBooks scenario for me. But it also does the government stuff for the people that look at it for more budgeting and things like that. Vond lives and dies on budgeting and things. I like profit and loss statements. And VIP has developed, and we've come up with the reports that I like to run it more as a business. So, it has really helped me understand it. VH: I spent 30 years in Fulton County as their administrator. So, and they've been on VIP for 20 years. We've been on it for 2. SL: And since I've been here this VIP, it works almost 50% of the time. BW: No, you can work

		it almost 50% of the time. There's a difference. (Laughter). TR: (Inaudible) mine was sluggish. (Background talk about error message on SL's computer). TR: Have you ever heard the mechanic say it's the loose nut behind the wheel? Bart has one, what's yours Bart? BW: PICNIC. Problem in Chair, Not in Computer. TR: Scott doesn't like technology. He wants to love it.
9:07:17 AM	Resolution 434	Supplemental Appropriation(s) as listed in resolution; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:08:12 AM	Chatter	TR: The bills did pay, so they all went away. So, whatever Scott did, did work. AR: They're gone now. TR: Yeah, they're gone. SL: They just went away. SL: Is there somewhere we're supposed to sign this? AR: Yep, second page. SL: Anne usually puts a mark where we sign. AR: I'm sorry. (Conversation about Ollie's panting).
9:08:26 AM	Resolution 435	Advertising for Sealed Bids for Project #05-2026; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:09:07 AM	Resolution 436	Resolution Affirming that the Williams County Courthouse and its Grounds are Government-Owned Property and Directing the Enforcement of Ohio's Criminal Trespass Statute, R.C. 2911.21, Against Persons Who Remain on Courthouse Property After Closing Hours or Who Refuse to Leave When Lawfully Ordered to do so; BW: Motion; TR: Second. Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Can we talk about that a second? So, we're, I get what we're trying to do. We're trying to get these people from sleeping on the benches and doing the laundry in the fountain. BW: Or defecating on the courthouse. SL: Or, yeah, so are we, this is giving us an option to make people to leave if they're doing the wrong thing? VH: Correct. SL: But, I mean people walking across the courthouse are not going to be? VH: They won't be asked to leave if they're walking across. BW: Just gives authority. SL: We're gonna use some common sense on that, but the people that are abusing it are going to be asked to leave. And this gives us the authority to do that, right? VH: That is correct. BW: Is that policed by the county or by the state? VH: It is policed by the county. BW: So, it would be the sheriff, not the city? VH: Correct. It would be the sheriff. AR: Motion Carried.
9:10:30 AM	Chatter	TR: We may have had an instance of somebody taking a crap on the courthouse lawn. BW: Or doing their laundry in the fountain. TR: Or doing laundry in the fountain. So, this is a result of that. We were very tolerant up until that point, so, you know, we might as well tell the record how it really is. Because that's what really happened. As our maintenance is cleaning it up wanting hazard pay, it's like okay, enough's enough. We've had enough of this crap. Tim: You guys do have one of the beautiful courthouses in the state. TR: Thank you. BW: If you get the time, I'd be glad to give you a tour.
9:10:56 AM	Resolution 437	Approving the Updated Policy Manual for Use by Williams County Hillside Country Living; BW: Motion; TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.

9:11:22 AM	Chatter	VH: There were some changes and we never approved. BW: I was gonna say they've been making the change, we just never officially adopted it. VH: We are officially adopting it. BW: So, we may have some more changes coming in anyways. VH: Correct. BW: Just one place in the front? AR: Yep.
9:11:28 AM	Also Signed	Dog Warden Weekly Report for the week of August 10 th . And then Scott you need to sign the ED RLF Semi-Annual Report and Housing RLF Program Income First Half Reports.
9:11:53 AM	AR/SL/BW	And then that's all I have until your 9:30. SL: We will stand in Recess unless you have anything else Terry? Bart? BW: I have nothing at this point.
9:11:59 AM	TR	I would just like to make a comment that you guys increased the dog licenses \$2.00 the last time I was in Florida. I might as well say it, Scott will. But, I just want to commend you on staying ahead of these changes and not waiting and waiting and waiting. In the past we have drug our feet and been too afraid to do things, and then, before you know it you're upside down on that. And I just want to thank you guys for being ahead of the curve on that. You know, we're already 5 bucks cheaper than anybody else, so, we're running a good mean, lean ship. And the price of everything's going up. A little bit up here is a heck of a lot easier than doing it slowly, or one big jump. So, thank you guys.
9:12:36 AM	BW/TR	Proactive, not reactive. TR: Yeah, there you go.
9:12:42 AM	SL	And we stand in recess?
9:12:46 AM	TR/SL/AR	I guess I'm going to go ahead and announce that, pretty much everybody knows this. SL: We are not in recess. AR: Nope. TR: I'm going to, yeah, we are not in recess, Scott. I changed my mind. That I'm going to publicly announce that my last day of Williams County Commissioner will be October 17 th . After long discussions, and everybody knows I spend a lot of time in Florida, and it's time for me to spend more time in Florida. And, you know, I think we've got the county sitting in a really good place with where Hillside's at. I know you guys still got some work that's gonna have to be done at the senior center on how that goes out. But, EMS is on track. I think I'm probably most proud of where EMS is at. They went from running at a deficit to actually having a couple hundred thousand dollars in the bank. And they bought a new truck. Or a new body to do a conversion. So, you know, with the headway that we've made I wasn't planning on being here long than 8 years, and then with the commissioner change and how that all worked out it's like gosh, I can't just leave after the 8 years. That would have put 2 brand new commissioners, kind of, Bart I think would have been here for two. But, with where we're sitting I look forward to spending time, if I was a little older I would say I'm retiring, but I think I'm a little too young for that yet, thank goodness. But, October 17 th will be my 61 st birthday so I thought that was a good time to be gone. And this gives the Central Committee plenty of time. You know, you always question how do I do this? What's the right way? What's the best way? Some people wait until the last day and say they're gone, see you. And Google says the polite way to do it is to give as much notice as you can. So, this gives the Central Committee a chance to

		appoint my replacement. And as I understand Ohio Revised Code, then my replacement will be in effect until the end of my term which will be basically two and a half years. So, however the Central Committee
9:14:39 AM	VH/TR/BW	No. TR: You say no? VH: You have to have completed your second year. TR: Well, we'll see what it says. VH: Yeah, that's what it says. TR: Alright. BW: Either or. TR: It seems to be.
9:14:43 AM	BW	I appreciate your decision and understand your reasoning, and I appreciate what you've done for the county, Terry, and thank you for your contribution as a commissioner.
9:14:52 AM	SL	And I would like to say thank you for the learning experience I've had the last year and a half, year and 8 months. That uh, you've made my job a lot easier to learn and I feel like it was a fast track to learning things. And I don't know if anybody else would have drug me along and put up with me as long as you did. But, thank you Terry for everything you've done. And I feel a lot more confident going into this without you being around than I would have. So, thank you.
9:15:22 AM	TR	You're welcome, it has been fun Scott. That I know, it feels you get fed from a fire hose that first year. I remember it all too well.
9:15:32 AM	BW	The first two years.
9:15:36 AM	TR	The first two years. And sometimes it's the first two years, right? On just how much it takes. So, that's all I have.
9:15:41 AM	RECESS	SL: We stand in Recess. TR: But wait, no I'm kidding. (Laughter).
9:27:33 AM	SL	Alright, we are back in session and we have the OSU Extension annual update with Becky McGuire and Karie MacDonald. So, whichever one of you wants to take over, go for it.
9:27:46 AM	Becky McGuire	I will go first. This handout is just short of an overview of all three of our areas. In our county we have 4-H, Family Consumer Science, or FCS and A & R, which is Ag and Natural Resources. So, this is actually an update that our, we kind of put together. But our office administrator, Rosie Witt put this together for us to send to our advisory committee. We have an extension advisory committee that meets 4 times a year, and our summer is kind of a, this hard copy instead of getting together. Because of the busyness of summer, we send this out to our extension advisory committee. So, I kind of thought it would be neat if you wanted to see this. We're not gonna read this all to you, but this is sort of what we've been doing this summer. So, you can see FCS is on the first couple pages and Ag & Natural Resources, and then 4-H is on the back. Before I continue, Kayla Wyse is our A & R Educator, and she is out for a family funeral, so that's why she's not here. But I will start with her update unless there are any questions over this.
9:28:53 AM	BM	So, Kayla's update, which is the A & R update, I am supposed to read this to you. In 2026 OSU Extension Williams County continues to provide ag and natural resources programming that supports local farmers, landowners and ag

		business professionals through educational workshops, field meetings, pesticide and fertilizer recertification opportunities, and one on one consultations. Specifically, this summer she's talked about nutrient management through manure management workshops, field days, animal mortality certification workshops, and manure spreader calibration kits. She's held pesticide and fertilizer application recertification. She's held 3 classes for adult learners in floriculture. She did an 8-week floral class for high school students at Stryker, Stryker High School. And then she spent a 6-week interview skill development for high school students. I'm not sure what school that was at. Karie: Stryker and West Unity. BM: Okay. And then she's also writing a bi-weekly gardening column which is in The Bryan Times. Thank you for that, called the Scarlet Sprout. I think last week, or this week she's doing a tri-county field day. I think that's actually Thursday. There's a Quicken workshop and she's going to host a backyard chicken raising workshop at some point. Audience numbers approximately 2,300, 49 education programs, and 91 one-on-one consultations to date. Those numbers might include some Fulton County, because the Fulton County A & R educator departed, gosh, I think it was winter time so she's having to answer some phone calls from that county as well. Any questions for Kayla?
9:30:44 AM	BM/BW	I will just keep going. BW: She's on a roll.
9:30:49 AM	BM	Mine is the next stapled packet. I'm not gonna, again, read all of this to you. We're gonna actually - I am going to start with the last 1, 2, 3, 4 pages in super tiny font. So, if you're curious, Ohio State, we have, any educational program that we do, we have to enter it into a program so Ohio State Extension can track what we do, what's our reach, what audience are we reaching. And so, these are my numbers from January to current. So, this will tell you in what area that I'm reaching our county population and what we're doing. As you can see, there is a lot of aging educations. I am at every senior center once a month providing education. Again, you can read. I do some teen programming. I do some financial education, some mental health education in Fulton and Henry and Williams County. That's a partnership with NAMI, etc.
9:31:49 AM	TR/SL	Who's NAMI? SL: Look on your new sheet.
9:31:55 AM	TR	Tim brought us a sheet of all the acronyms of all of stuff we've got to know.
9:31:58 AM	Tim/TR	I think that is actually (inaudible – several talking). TR: No, you're not allowed, if you don't know it. You're not allowed to say it if you don't know what it means.
9:32:08 AM	BM/Tim/TR	It's mental something, mental health. Tim: Let me which one it's on. BM: Mental health. TR: I'm just picking on you.
9:32:16 AM	SL	So was I. BM: National Association of Mental Illness.
9:32:19 AM	TR	Does he have it?

9:32:21 AM	Tim/TR	Let me look. TR: Tim has a sheet of all of acronyms. Tim: Acronyms that you can think of. And if it's not on here I'll add it. TR: Now he's gotta Google it to figure out what it is.
9:32:27 AM	BW	Not me, is that what you said?
9:32:31 AM	TR	I've heard it a million times. This is the first time, because Tim's here I decided to ask.
9:32:36 AM	BM	Nami is very (inaudible) in the county. It's an excellent mental illness non-profit that operates, I think statewide honestly. Nationally.
9:32:49 AM	BM	So, instead of just reading through all those numbers and what I do because a lot of it's the same, there's continuous programs that I do. I just decided to go through January to current and pick out what I thought was a highlight. So, matter of balance, we talked about that a lot. That is a falls prevention program. It's been a long time since Becky got trained in that, and through some hiccups of logistics as far as finding a place to host it, it has to be 8 lessons, each lesson has to be 2 hours. So, between my.
9:33:19 AM	BM	Look at that, I was right. National Alliance on Mental Illness.
9:33:22 AM	TR	Nice. And Tim had it.
9:33:26 AM	BM	Between trying to find those consecutive dates on my calendar in addition to finding a place to host, this falls prevention program has become a little bit of a hiccup. I am in works, I've talked to Majestic, when they were Majestic, and got punted to, I don't know what its name is now. It's new.
9:33:44 AM	TR	San something.
9:33:46 AM	BM/SL	So, I'm in that cycle of, I'm not sure who to talk to. I would like host it some place where there are people that if we do have a fall there is staff there that can help with this. I have also talked to Fountain Park and I just need to continue those conversations to find a date and a location to host that. Karie's been trained. SL: What's the program again?
9:34:13 AM	BM	It's called Matter of Balance.
9:34:16 AM	SL	Okay. Have you reached out to Hillside?
9:34:22 AM	BM	I have not. Let me add to my list, I'm sorry. I am trying to find a location where people will come to it.
9:34:26 AM	TR/BW	Hillside's hard to get to. BW: Yeah, more population density.
9:34:30 AM	TR	What about the senior center?
9:34:35 AM	BM	The Bryan one? That's, again, they really don't have staff to help. TR: You're looking for some staff to help. BM: Yeah, that's what, the training was a lot and I have to kind of follow their curriculum almost word for word. And they're adamant it has to be held someplace where there's somebody on site that can treat or help somebody if they happen to fall.

9:34:55 AM	SL	I thought you were teaching them how not to fall? BM: Exactly. (Laughter).
9:34:58 AM	TR/SL	Which is the problem, right? SL: This is how you don't do it.
9:35:01 AM	BM	Right. It's needed. It's a program and if we read the statistics, falls in our county and surrounding counties is a high rate of hospitalization. So, we're working on it, I promise. I just, if I went to every senior center I would get great attendance. But I don't want, I can't, there's no way I can do 8 lessons times.
9:35:20 AM	BW/BM	At each one, absolutely. That would. BM: So, we're working on it.
9:35:25 AM	Karie	And you have to have 2 certified instructors at every lesson.
9:35:28 AM	BM	And a physician at one of the lessons.
9:35:31 AM	BW/TR	And two people schedule (inaudible). TR: And a physician?
9:35:35 AM	BM	One of the, I think the 4th one or 5th one we have to have a physician there to show people how to correctly get up. So, that's another schedule we have to.
9:35:45 AM	TR	That is a tough one. I get, I would think Williams County EMS could probably help at the Bryan senior center for a location. And then we ought to be able to pull that off within the county. But boy, then you add the physician. And Dr. Park is always willing, but man, that guy's busy. He does 100 hats.
9:36:01 AM	BM	So, I'm still, I had a great meeting with Fountain Park and so we'll continue to work there and see if we can get in that facility.
9:36:11 AM	BM	February, Buckeye Banter, I'm not sure if you've seen that passed around. It's in the break room. I serve as a lead editor on that. That's a state project. All educators are supposed to be on a state team of some type, and so that's the state, one of the state teams that I'm on. So, February, January, February and March are the ones where I'm lead editor on that. March, this began a 4-month series. So, Sarah Stubblefield from the Department of Aging reached out and said I would like some education for my seniors who are on their last penny. You know, they're in a hole and they're paying for groceries on credit cards. Can we have a little series for these seniors? So, I reached out to Fulton County and their FCS educator is a little more well versed in presenting that information, so we partnered up. Held it in Montpelier for 4 weeks, once a week. Great concept. Our attendance was very low, unfortunately. So, we did do that, I mean we did it, we did the best we could. It's just hard to get the people that we need in those seats.
9:37:16 AM	SL	Do you find it hard to get advertising out there in the right place and what form of advertising to use? That seems to be like what's going on everywhere now. Because the Bryan Times and the Village Reporter, but so many people don't seem to get the paper like they did 10 years ago.
9:37:36 AM	BM	Right, and that audience especially. So, we have, you know, Facebook and we have our website, but that audience does not browse, typically, Facebook or social media.

9:37:46 AM	TR	What did you call it when you were looking for the attendance? How did you, because you said it's people that are on their last dime. So, how did you market that?
9:37:56 AM	BM	We gave Sarah the flyer and then she distributed to each location.
9:38:04 AM	TR	I'm just wondering if you can do it, because I see so many times, just in real people's lives, you know, my cell phone bill is 25 or 30 dollars a month. And I was paying 100 and some. And I switched to Verizon, or to Visible. And there's so many things out there on monthly reoccurring that we could save every senior in Williams County probably 75 dollars a month. I would best guess on everybody that I look at and say, what's your cell phone bill? Oh, it's 100, 150. It's like stop it. You know, I'm the master of getting rid of monthly reoccurring to a fault. My family say's I'm a tightwad. But, I hate monthly reoccurring's.
9:38:41 AM	BM	Are you gonna come and be a guest lecturer because I have one. (Laughter). In (inaudible) on scams so that would be great. TR: Do you? BM: I'll let you know.
9:38:51 AM	SL/TR	I mean, you're not doing anything in February. TR: Right
9:38:53 AM	BM	Yeah, again, I have great attendance at my monthly programs. It's just, that's not always the audience that needs this financial information. So, I can continue to talk to Sarah about maybe one on ones, but that's sometimes not feasible. So, again, that's kind of.
9:39:08 AM	BW/BM	On a program, how much time does this take? I mean, what is your presentation? How long is it? BM: Mine is about an hour.
9:39:17 AM	BW	Okay. I find that when we're dealing with the seniors it's best to get them in and have a lunch. Now, that seems to be when you get the best concentration of them. Especially over at Montpelier. Because there's 30 of them every day.
9:39:26 AM	BM	Right, so perhaps maybe we could do a lunch.
9:39:31 AM	BW	A program and maybe she can just have it over the lunch where people can eat and learn. That's a suggestion.
9:39:34 AM	BM	And so, mine are scheduled before or after, usually right after lunch and they'll stay.
9:39:37 AM	TR	Because they're there.
9:39:40 AM	BM	So, I will talk to her about maybe doing a lunch and learn on the financial one. April, we did Real Money, Real World. If you're not familiar with that, that is a budgeting simulation for teens. And we've talked about that before so you know what I'm talking about maybe.
9:39:54 AM	BW	I participated in that, I (inaudible). Oh my gosh, it is eye opening to these kids to realize that I've got to figure this out. Financially.
9:40:00 AM	BM	Yes. So, she does it every year. She does a very nice job. It's, they host it at Montpelier at, what is it, the Quality Inn, whatever it's called. That's where they host it. For 40 students, approximately 13 volunteers. Again, we do that not just

		at Hilltop. In December we do it for Bryan and Montpelier. But that what I kind of picked out for April. In May, Mercy Health Systems approached me a year ago. They have a grant. They said could you do some healthy cooking nutrition using our grant funds? And so, we did, in May we had a 4-week series held at Defiance senior center. Ranged from probably 5 to 12 participants. Teaching them about budgeting and cooking for 1 or 2. Mostly we focused on aging and nutrition because as we get older our nutrition needs are different. So, that was a 4-week series. It's a lot, but it is a great way to get our extension them out there and I also partnered with Paulding County Extension to help teach that.
9:41:13 AM	BM	June, I assisted at Camp Palmer. Karie will talk about that. I did a session on selectivity in sports in July as was publicized and approved. Thank you, we did our first ever career closet in the day that we got to come inside because that was the day that we picked where nobody could breathe because of the.
9:41:32 AM	KM	Air quality.
9:41:35 AM	BM	Air quality. Our intern did a great job helping us set up. This was project that I've had in the works since I started FCS. We had a lot of clothes to donate. Unfortunately, we had absolutely zero attendees. We had lots of people walk by and say this was a great idea. Nobody shopped. So, it's all packed right now in my car and I'm going to CCNO tomorrow for their career fair. So, I will be there with my clothes hopefully passing some of those out tomorrow. August, which we're in, was it last week we did STARS camp? Last week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, we did our 2nd STARS camp. Approximately 22 campers, court staff, volunteers. This is an effort that encompasses a lot of different moving parts and it's amazing that all of our parts, and kudos to you as well. We did have our Sheriff's Department, our EMS, our court system, our extension office, volunteers on board to make this happen for these kids. Great feedback again. Some new additions, I know I talked about this last year, but some new things we did. We had our EMS there and they talked to, kids actually got a certificate because he brought in the dummies and they did the CPR training. Our extension off through volunteer, through private donations were able to provide first aid kits for the kids. So, we got to open the first aid kit, because if you have a first aid kit lots of time you're like I don't know what this is. So, he tore it all apart and told all the kids like this is what you do with that. Those kits went home with the kids. I had Detail Service from Bryan and Edgerton come in and talk about basic car safety so that the kids know, you know, what's that squeak, what does that belt do, what is that button? How to check your oil. They even got to change a tire. So, that was great and then Detective Zook was there to talk about when you get pulled over, here's what you should do. Here's what you should not do. If there's an accident in the snow, he kinda talked about walking the kids through making sure you tail pipe is out of the snow bank. So, that was awesome. We did some self-defense, general awareness with Detective Willis, and then all of our Camp Palmer activities of course are very, very impactful. If you want to go sometime and watch these kids, I highly recommend it. It's eye

		opening. Every day that, you know, Brian was there too and every time that we're there it's just, it's little moments that happen that just blow my mind.
9:44:03 AM	BM	I already talked about the attachments. And then special mention, we had 2 interns this summer. Karie can attest to them too. Mackenzie King and Anne Hug did a phenomenal job of stepping in and helping us pull off all of the things that we can pull off. So, I just wanted to let you know that they were there with us this summer and did a great job. And that's all I have.
9:44:17 AM	Karie	Alright, on the 4-H side, I am the, still the Program Coordinator. However, our educator left beginning of July, so that lead role has kind of fallen on me. So, beginning of the year enrollment was great. We went into all of the schools, promoted 4-H with mostly the kindergartners as well as 3 rd grade as our 2 target audiences. Did leave flyers and information to everyone in the 3 rd through 6 th grade. We have found that after 6 th grade 4-H is not really an invested interest in them because that's when they're heavy into, already heavy into athletics. So, if we do not have them captured by 6 th grade we usually will not get anyone above 6 th grade starting 4-H. So, that was our focus area this summer, or this spring. We did have an Open House here at the, in the conference room. That was great. It ended up bringing in 54 new 4-H members and it was great opportunity for families to come in. We had registration there. We had different examples of projects. We actually had some amazing 4-Hers that can speak heavily on project areas and helped guide kids through their first projects. So, that started out a good spring. We have just kind of been trudging along. We had camp in June. We had 33 counselors, 123 campers and approximately 48 Clover Buds attend our first Clover Bud day camp only. Normally Clover Buds come in the last day of regular camp so they're there at camp with the big kids. This year we decided the little ones get first dibs. They came in on Sunday, a full day to themselves. It ended up being a great opportunity. Because that way we were not torn between big kids and little kids. They got our full attention. They also had full access to the entire Camp Palmer which they have never experienced before. Because we're usually like littles go this way and bigs go this way.
9:46:41 AM	SL	What age group is that?
9:46:44 AM	Karie/SL	This is 6 through 8 years old. SL: Clover? Karie: Clover Buds. SL: 6 through 8. Karie: Yes. So, we had a great opportunity. Camp staff, we worked with them on different programs. Then that rolled into our big kids' camp. We were successful. I will say it was, my goal is to not have any go home homesick. We had 1. And I hung on to him for dear life. He promises he is coming back next year and will not go home. We pinky swore to it and I am holding him to that. (Laughter). But yeah, so we did lose one going home the second day to home sickness. We successfully, all succeeded there. Everything was great. Had a lot of fun opportunities with crafts, outdoor nature study, things of that nature.
9:47:32 AM	Karie	We rolled straight into then, into judging. And that is kind of where I ended up taking lead. We had our food and clothing judging as well as miscellaneous judging is the second week in July. Numbers for our food and clothing are a little

		down this year, but we're working on increasing that. And that is down statewide. Miscellaneous judging was great. We ended up, we had 20 some judges all come on pretty much a volunteer basis. We ran all of our kids through within 2 hours of judging. Then late July rolls around. State fair we had 108 of our county kids were selected to go to state fair on their projects. We had 103 represent. Which was phenomenal. We did bring home a couple clock trophies which means that they were the best projects in the state. So, we were super excited to have our kids represent Williams County. During that time, I was at state fair judging clothing for the state fair. And at that same time, we had our livestock interviews. That was successfully completed by our intern as well as Becky's support and our district, new area leader Zach Mikesell stepped into my place for that so that we, we could still be, achieve that. That involved about 34 volunteers that came and judged the kids. They also completed all of their Skill-A-Thon projects. That also includes FFA kids in that as well.
9:49:07 AM	Karie	Now we are rolling in, I have 24 days before fair. Not that I'm counting down at all (Laughter). Not that the panic is setting in. We are on track for fair. I have established communication with senior fair board on that as far as needs. What they need from us, what we need from them, etc. How we can support them to the best ability. That also entails our 4-H building that I have been lead of last year, so is still the on, but that is where our clubs put up their booths every year. So, we've got that building under control. We also on the 29th of this month we'll be over at the fairgrounds completing a Scott's Miracle Grow grant that I had received of \$750. So, we are "planting with pride" and we are planting all of these perennials around the 4-H building for beautification. That is a grant that was, I applied for and it's in conjunction of not only community grounds beautification, but also creating teen leadership. So, I have a bunch of 4-Hers that we will be planting flowers and plants together.
9:50:33 AM	SL	Is that the building you just put a new floor in last year? They did a bunch of work on? That's the 4-H building? You did all that?
9:50:39 AM	Karie	Yes. Yeah. There is no greenery around it or anything. Senior fair board has promised they will not spray any weed killer on my plants. I reassured them, keep your distance. I will manage the plants. So, but we're gonna be doing that on the 29th, 9:00 to I am assuming probably about noon will take us to get all our plants in the ground. Those are all being purchased at Farrell's with the grant money. I'm doing that this week. Other than that, it is just full speed ahead and until we have an educator. The approximate date that has been forwarded is October 1st as a start date for a new 4-H educator.
9:51:28 AM	BW	What is the fair dates?
9:51:40 AM	Karie	September 11th is move in day. That's Friday. Fair day is technically the 12th through the 18th.
9:51:41 AM	BW	Is the junior fair sale on the 19th? Karie: Yes.
9:51:43 AM	Karie	Yes.

9:51:47 AM	BM	I did forget, Karie mentioned our new district director is Zach Mikesell. He's great. He wanted to be here to meet all of you. He's looking forward to meeting you. He has 9 counties that he's in charge of, so as you can imagine his schedule is pretty calculated and tight with travel. So, at some point he will be meeting you and he says he apologizes he can't be here today, but he's, in my opinion he is doing a great job. We've met him numerous times. He came to STARS camp, hung out, ate lunch with the kids. He's a dedicated professional. So, excited to have him on board.
9:52:20 AM	Karie	Yeah, he was at our 4-H clothing judging. He came to livestock interview judging. So, he is very much a hands on, usually here at least, about once a week at least. So, very amazing.
9:52:35 AM	BW	Great.
9:52:38 AM	SL	Great.
9:52:40 AM	BW	Great job. Keep up the good work.
9:52:42 AM	SL	Sounds like 4-H is alive and doing well, huh? A lot of participants. That's good.
9:52:48 AM	Karie	Yeah, this year's enrollment total count was 434 youth involved. 126 Clover Buds. 95 advisors. We did lose 5 advisors last year. We have lost right around 13 families to 4-H this year. Most of it was due to families moving. We did have a couple families, illnesses played a part of it. Things of that nature. So, we're, at least if we are losing them it's not from necessarily program issues, it's personal. And I get it, they're moving out of state. We can't, we do everything we can to get them completed. It's just unfortunate sometimes you have to relocate.
9:53:37 AM	SL	So, you lost 13 but you gained how many that you had the?
9:53:43 AM	Karie	Total our numbers were up 27 from last year because we do lose, you know, our senior count. This year our seniors is very low. We have very few seniors. I want to, I think our count is like 12 seniors this year. I will say my panic is here in about 2 years because our sophomore class is our huge age for 4-H. So, currently right now we have about 43 that are current sophomores, so that age level when they hit senior that's gonna be our big drop in our numbers. I'm just hoping that the, you know, kindergarten class and the 3 rd class of those same years are a big class to counter.
9:54:29 AM	SL	So, do you have people that help these kids get projects in? It sounds like that's pretty much, you're heavily involved in that?
9:54:34 AM	Karie	Yes. Yes, so we are involved from the day they sign up for 4-H. When they sign up they, I work with them to find a club that is a good fit based on schedule, based on area of location. Also, the amount of support they will need. If it is a family that has no knowledge of 4-H I will try to match them with an advisor who is more likely to hand hold and walk through the process. If it is a parent who grew up in Williams County 4-H, they know the process. I am confident with putting them in any club, just because they already know how to navigate

		the system. Then we work with the youth, all projects approval has to come through the 4-H online process. Which is approved by the educator so we can see exactly what every 4-Her signed up for so we are setting them up for success at the very beginning. And that also falls into with, we have workshops available for them to complete their projects. And then we also, any type of judging, if they're struggling with books and livestock, we have specialty advisors of each of our species that is willing and able to assist and walk them through. I know for instance last Friday we had 8 kids from Williams County all head to Henry County fair to complete in the open class sheep show. All of those kids' sheep were taken over by 2 4-H volunteers because not everyone has livestock trailers that takes livestock. So, this one parent actually spent the day Friday driving around the county loading up sheep and hauling them over there. We all met over there at 4:00. The kids did the show and then this parent spent the next 2 hours driving around the county dropping the sheep back off. So, we do have an amazing support system in the county and it is not achievable without them.
9:56:30 AM	SL	Great.
9:56:32 AM	BM	One last plug. Our 4-H educator as you know left July 3 rd . That was her last day. So, I just want to give kudos to Karie and our interns for pulling off, this is like one of the busiest times for 4-H. So, there has not been a beat missed.
9:56:51 AM	Karie	That is the whole plan.
9:56:55 AM	BM	And now bad news I just had a thought we need to talk to Anne about.
9:57:00 AM	Karie	Yeah, I know. I saw that.
9:57:06 AM	SL	Alright, anything else?
9:57:10 AM	TR/BW	TR: Very good. BW: Thank you very much. Keep up the good work.
9:57:12 AM	RECESS	SL: Thank you. We stand in Recess.
10:04:07 AM	SL	We are back in session.
10:04:12 AM	Executive Session	BW: I would make a motion we go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(2), Purchase or Sale of Property requested by Engineer Todd Roth. Who else would you like to join us Todd? Todd: Uh, park board members and Ron Buda and Tim and Vond. AR: Do I have a second? TR: Second; Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
10:47:49 AM	SL	Alright, we are back in session. We've come out of Executive Session with NO DECISION.
10:48:01 AM	SL	And now we're here with the Village of Pioneer right-of-way permit extension request with Tommy Thompson, the Village Solicitor. You've got the floor Tom.
10:48:08 AM	Tom	Thank you. Good Morning gentlemen. Thanks for having us. So, Anthony had sent you a request back in early August with a copy of the original permit which was issued in October of '25 and had construction dates of October '25 through October '26. As indicated in his letter, you know, due to circumstances beyond

		the Village's control, the transmission utility is not going to be able to be installed this year. So, they're requesting a one-year extension on the installation permit. We believe that is in keeping with the, you know, the spirit of the original request. That water transmission utility, wastewater transmission utility is still something that the Village is very interested in and it is going to be a very important asset for the development of the industrial park. And the Village is requesting that the commissioners approve an extension of 1 year. Happy to try to answer any other questions if you have any.
10:49:18 AM	SL/Tom	What are they going to do with that transmission lines now? Tom: Same thing. SL: Do we have a project?
10:49:28 AM	Tom	So, there is still, you know, the AquaBounty project has not been canceled. Everybody's read the paper and understands that they may be looking at selling the property. But, with regard to what's going to happen at the property, the village doesn't know what is going to happen with the property. But, the way that I would ask the Commissioners to consider this is, you know, the village has been granted the right to install its transmission utility. I am assuming the commissioners haven't asked Frontier, you know, what are people going to be using that fiber for? You know, what are they gonna be watching? What are they gonna be streaming? What are they gonna be doing? What's the end user gonna do with these things that have been placed as utilities in our right-of-way? Similar situation for Pioneer. You know, Pioneer's going to control the transmission utility. As for what end users are going to do with what flows through the transmission utility, the village doesn't currently know. Depending on how the site gets developed, it could be considerably less usage than what was intended for the aqua culture facility. All of that kind of remains to be seen, but I don't think that is necessarily a consideration that, you know, the commissioners should be weighing in on. You know, well, we'll allow it if, you know, it's gonna be for this. Or we'll allow it if it's gonna be for that. You know, it's a public utility and what the end users do with it, you know, isn't really something that the commissioners I believe can control.
10:51:16 AM	SL	So, what if they did put the line in tomorrow and they run the two lines to wherever they want it to, but then it never gets used? Just like if Frontier put a line in down these county roads in the middle of nowhere, and who knows for how long they're ever gonna get used, maybe years, and then somebody else wants to come in and do something, will there be room? A transmission of these two water lines is gonna take up a lot more space than what a Frontier pipe this big around is gonna take up.
10:51:53 AM	Tom	Certainly agree with that.
10:51:58 AM	SL	So, it just seems like if there is not a project at hand, it doesn't seem like it's something we're just gonna willy nilly give permits to.
10:52:07 AM	Tom	So there, I mean, there still is a project at hand. You know, AquaBounty, you know, AquaBounty has an agreement with the village that it's going to install that infrastructure.

10:52:14 AM	SL	Why didn't they?
10:52:19 AM	Tom	I cannot speak for AquaBounty. They found themselves I think in a very precarious financial situation after their project was delayed for 3 and a half years.
10:52:33 AM	BW	If I remember correctly we had some issues with what they presented on the permit. Is that correct Tom? Is that why the engineer is here? There were some things that they were supposed to tighten up or refine. Have those been done?
10:52:48 AM	Todd	Yeah, I mean we worked through the plans. There's still some utility conflicts that will have to be addressed at some point. They were all noted in the plans and in the comments back and forth.
10:53:18 AM	BW	So, they have been addressed?
10:53:19 AM	Todd	They haven't been addressed, they've just, we're in agreement that they were going to address them.
10:53:23 AM	BW	Acknowledged that there was an issue.
10:53:28 AM	Todd	Yeah, you know, there are some lines that are there that they are proposing to lay their lines over top of or poles that would have to be moved. And those would have to be addressed by the village with those other utility companies. At some point and time.
10:53:41 AM	Tom	Those are more appropriate for the construction phase. Is that accurate?
10:53:44 AM	Ron	No.
10:53:46 AM	Todd	Well, honestly, no. We would never, we would never do it like that. Our office would not do it like that. You know, we would have to address them before we ever got to construction because, you know, but again I don't know to what level of utilities they are. You know, it might just be a service pole that's going across the street to service a house that's easily moved. But really it needs to be addressed before the construction starts. And that was kinda how the comments were written was that, you know, it's going to be up to the village to address it to ensure that they can put the utility or the lines where they want them. We're trying to be careful. You know, it is not our position, for example, there's no way in heck I would lay a water line and a discharge line a foot apart. You're not even gonna be able to get down there and mechanically put them together. But that's not our position. Our position is can it go in this right-of-way? You know, it's not gonna be our end product. So, we're trying to be careful on what we, you know, what we get into with review.
10:55:06 AM	Todd	My personal, I'll just give you my personal opinion on the whole thing. So, whether you want to hear it or not. So, I, it goes back to, a permit is issued for a project. You know, for one the new permits are 6 months. So, if you are going to extend it I wouldn't extend it any further than 6 months. Because that's what the permit says today. So, and the reason it says that is you've come in with a project, you're ready to go. You get the permit and you build it. And that way nothing comes in between. So, if you don't have a project ready. When they

		come in with a project you're gonna have to issue a permit. I mean the courts have already said that. And you know, Tom, it's correct that it's been, you know, addressed. My concern is but there is no project at hand, so what we are giving is a blanket permit that at some point we're gonna do something. We don't know when, but we're gonna do something. So, I would be a little careful on that. At best 6 months. I wouldn't go any further than 6 months because that's what your new permits say. So, I guess that's, and if the plans change, and I think we've addressed that in some of the comments. If the plans change they need to resubmit plans, and everybody was in agreement with that. Because it changes your permit. So, I don't know if it is the same plans or if it will be different plans. Again, it kind of goes back to the permit's issued when it's a project ready to go.
10:56:54 AM	BW	So, at least (inaudible) well, what you are saying is now issuing it is kind of a moot issue because it is going to only be for 6 months and if it's not built in 6 months we're gonna be right back here in 8 months asking for it again. Wait and ask for it after the project's ready to go and be done within the 6 months and then we can issue it at that time.
10:57:07 AM	Todd	And I am trying to be careful because I am not saying deny the project. We've already gone through that.
10:57:13 AM	BW	(Inaudible) can't.
10:57:14 AM	Todd	We have been through that whole thing. You know, and we have to accept it as a project. I guess my, all I'm saying is, you know, when do we actually issue the permit? I personally think you issue the permit when it's time. I don't know that there's.
10:57:29 AM	BW	Well, that's what I'm saying. If we issue it now and if nothing gets done in 6 months we're right back here asking for it again. For what we don't know when it's gonna be done.
10:57:38 AM	Ron	Yeah, well it's an unknown.
10:57:43 AM	Todd	Yeah. But I, again, your, I would, you know, the new permits do say 6 months, so I would try to at least, at least hold to that. That's it's no longer than 6 months. But, typically.
10:57:54 AM	BW	You have to sign off on the permit, correct? As the engineer?
10:57:56 AM	Todd	I just sign off on the review. So, if there's no changes, if there's literally no changes then you don't even need my review.
10:58:03 AM	Tom	We have no changes at this point.
10:58:07 AM	Todd	If it's the same set of plans.
10:58:11 AM	Tom	Same project, same plans. I think the village, the village is concerned with getting the extension and getting the extension of an appropriation period of time, is that we are not starting from scratch again. I appreciate that the courts have all sided with the village and you know, made orders indicating what needs

		to be done. But that doesn't necessarily give the village, you know, strong feelings that whatever board may be sitting here, if it has to come back with a new request, is going to say, yeah, we're gonna follow those court orders. We don't know what the commissioners board is going to do in the future. We know that right now we have an issued permit for a project that the courts have said the commissioners have to abide by. And that's what we're asking the commissioners to do. I would also like to address the 6 months versus a year. For a project of this size and scope, the village doesn't believe that an additional year is, you know, extraordinary. We're not asking for 2 years, 5 years, 10 years. The village is asking for an additional year to allow this project time to come to fruition. If we find ourselves in the same spot next year and we come back, then maybe we have to have a different conversation. But for now, the village believes that a one-year extension is very reasonable in light of the delays that were caused to this project specifically.
10:59:45 AM	TR	If we are going to say no to this, we should at minimum contact our attorney. Our attorney probably should be here or have been contacted before we had this conversation. Because this is way deeper than us three can have knowledge on. We've already had courts tell us one thing. I certainly hope we don't go back to another court process and spend money again, all over again, to get told we were wrong again. So, at a minimum we have to consult, and we should consult with our attorney anyway.
11:00:15 AM	BW	Right.
11:00:16 AM	TR	I mean, to be very honest with you, that's the only way we can move forward.
11:00:20 AM	BW	Can we contact him through email and he can review it and give us an opinion without waiting and having (inaudible) save some time?
11:00:27 AM	VH	I don't know how quickly he can reply to it, but yeah. Certainly.
11:00:31 AM	BW	I know we have changed our policy going to a 6-month permit. And obviously if we changed our policy if we do it for a year then we are defying our own policy, correct? Todd: Yes.
11:00:41 AM	TR/SL	Who is our attorney on this? I forget his name. SL: It was Marc Fishel wasn't it?
11:00:47 AM	Tom	Mr. Glasgow.
11:00:56 AM	Todd	Aaron.
11:01:03 AM	SL	Todd, refresh our memory on why we went to a 6-month permit over an open-ended 1 year.
11:01:06 AM	Todd	Because it was, things were being left open ended. You know, if I got a permit to a utility company and they're gonna come in, then what if, you know, what if somebody else wants to come in and there is that overlap? And so, that's why I say it's project specific. You come in, like what we've been seeing with Spectrum that was referenced. You know, they came in, they got permits, they started working. They have had to extend a couple of them. But the plans were

		the same. And they were working. And so, it is just to keep, you know, the right-of-way is only so big. You know, only so much can fit in it. And I don't want to see 2 entities conflicting with each other during a period of time. And that can happen if you leave it just an open end. And I understand Pioneer. I mean, they don't want to get caught up in delays again.
11:02:06 AM	BW	I get that too.
11:02:08 AM	Todd	Trust me, I mean, the whole time, what has been wanted was that piece of paper saying we have the ability to do this so now I can sell it. So, but on our end, we have to watch, we have to be careful and so that was the reason for the 6 months. I mean it is not, if they don't start, they come back in and we extend it. If there is nothing else, if there's nothing else that's come in, if there's nothing that's changed, you know, then we extend it. So, typically we don't have, you know, typically we don't have that many permits. And right-of-way permits are usually not an issue.
11:02:48 AM	SL	That is a pretty desolate area, so the chances of somebody else coming down that road other than what's been going on already with Spectrum. Is Spectrum already on that road?
11:02:58 AM	Todd/SL	They are. SL: Are they on the other side? Todd: They are I believe on the other side. We can double check their permits and see. And I think some of it is aerial. But, you're right, I don't have any projects planned that would deter Pioneer from doing it. There's some storm sewer and we reviewed that with our, with the plans that were sent in. But we don't have any plans for any storm sewer going down that road.
11:03:28 AM	SL	So once these guys put these two pipes down that ditch, is that gonna leave room, can somebody else come in? And how deep are they? And will that, will that take up all the space in the right-of-way? I mean, we've already been told we have to let them do it. Is that going to complicate the farmer that's there that wants to run a tile down that ditch?
11:03:52 AM	Todd	No, they are going to run in their field.
11:03:55 AM	SL	The farmer can't run one in the ditch, can they?
11:03:59 AM	Todd	No, it would be, yeah, that would be back to.
11:04:01 AM	SL	It's a private to private.
11:04:05 AM	Todd	Yeah. So, it's tight. There's no doubt it's tight. I mean, that's why the two lines are 1 foot apart. Because it's so tight. So, yeah, it will restrict the area, but.
11:04:18 AM	SL/Todd	But they could still do a fiber optic on top of their line? Todd: We would not encourage it. We have been trying to push the fiber optic to the very outside edge of the right-of-way so that it leaves room.
11:04:31 AM	BW	Room for that.
11:04:34 AM	Todd	For others such as what Pioneer is proposing.

11:04:36 AM	Ron	That is the one thing we do get when we get a permit is we get a set of plans that tells us the scope of the work. And the set of plans that we have seen didn't facilitate all of the changes that they were referencing when we were going through all this discussion back when this whole thing was going on. You know, because they were gonna make a fire line and they were gonna put hydrants on it. You know, there was all this stuff, well that never got shown on any plans we ever saw because 1 foot of separation isn't adequate if you're gonna do that. So, we don't know at this point whether that's till in the city's planning because we haven't been given that information. So, there is some unknowns that we don't know.
11:05:17 AM	Todd	And we are trying to be careful because it's not our set of plans. It's not our construction job. It's not our end product. So, yeah, we are trying to be careful there.
11:05:28 AM	Tom	And I may be wrong, but I thought that the hydrants and the (inaudible) and everything were shown on the plans.
11:05:35 AM	Todd	The last set they were. Again, we're not sure you can build it that way, but it's not our problem.
11:05:46 AM	SL	So, they don't have a user yet. They are just using this for an economic development tool? We don't even have a construction company, do we?
11:05:56 AM	Tom	The way that it is designed, or the way that it was expected to work, AquaBounty was going to keep working on their facility. As part of the AquaBounty construction, AquaBounty was going to build the lines and donate them to the village. There is still a contract, a memorandum of understanding between the village and AquaBounty for AquaBounty to finish the project. We don't know what's going to happen with AquaBounty. We understand from their public releases that they're looking at selling their property. They may sell it to another aqua culture facility. They may sell it to somebody that is still going to be a larger water user. We don't know if that's going to happen or not. But, depending on how that transaction transpires, someone could theoretically purchase AquaBounty as an entity and assume all of their rights and obligations. And in that kind of a scenario then the village would be looking to them, alright, let's put in the transmission utility. Does that answer your question, Scott?
11:07:12 AM	SL	Well, it looks to me like we're just, all we are doing is we are trying to make sure that we can use 5 and a half million gallons of water and that's gonna be a tool for them to sell their property. There's not really a, there's really a, anybody even on the hook to buy the property as far as we know. Is that fair to say?
11:07:34 AM	Tom	We have not been told that the property has sold?
11:07:40 AM	SL	It's not even, is it for sale?
11:07:43 AM	Tom	I believe according to their press release they said they were looking at options for somebody to acquire the property.

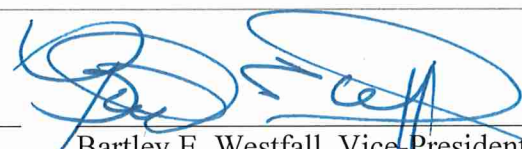
11:07:49 AM	SL	So, what they want to do is they want to, they want to make sure that there is still time left to pump that water down to that location so if somebody wants to come in and needs 5 and a half million gallons of water, they can do it, right?
11:08:04 AM	Tom	I think that is a possibility. But, again the village's part of this is to operate it's transmission utility. Whether or not somebody is taking a hundred thousand gallons off of it, once it's inside the village, or maximum capacity, that's something that the village would have to work out with end users. But there's got to be a way it from point A to Point B. That's all the village is doing is facilitating getting it from Point A to Point B. The same way that the electric transmission lines work. They are not producing the electricity, they're not selling the electricity, they're allowing it to flow through the lines to get from point A to point B. That's what the village is doing. But, to the point of how much water is going to be used, there's not a known quantity there beyond what AquaBounty had planned for. And AquaBounty's withdrawal permit was for the 5.3. And again, that is not something this board can control. That's not something the village can control. That's something that Ohio DNR decided.
11:09:20 AM	SL	So, even if they had those transmission lines in there, I remember they degraded the water in the discharge line, right? The water, to go back into the river they degraded the water quality less than what it was when they pump it out of the ground. Right?
11:09:43 AM	Tom	For the AquaBounty facility, I mean, they were going to do their own water treatment plant.
11:09:48 AM	SL	I get it, but they were not going to make the water as clean as the water that they took out of the ground. They were gonna make it cleaner than the water that goes into the river, that's already in the river. It was degraded.
11:10:01 AM	Tom	I am not sure I can speak on that.
11:10:05 AM	SL	From what I read, this was 8 months, 9 months ago when we were getting into all this. The water was not as clean coming out of the ground as it was going back into the review. It was degraded by the EPA.
11:10:20 AM	Tom	And again, the discharge is controlled by the EPA. Again, not controlled by the village or the county.
11:10:25 AM	SL	So, what, my question is would they even still have those permits? Would they be the same permits because depending on what the water usage is, once again it's a whole other EPA problem, right?
11:10:39 AM	Tom	It could be. But, from the village's perspective, you know, if it's AquaBounty or another user there, they're gonna have to comply with whatever the EPA tells them, whatever ODNR tells them. Those are conditions to them being able to take water out of the ground and being able to discharge it into the creek.
11:11:04 AM	TR	And we have to comply with whatever the courts already told us to apply to.
11:11:09 AM	SL	We're already hamstrung on that.

11:11:10 AM	TR	We have to, we have to abide by whatever the court said, and we can't do that without Aaron Glasgow telling us what to do.
11:11:16 AM	SL	Yeah, I think we should wait until we talk to our attorney.
11:11:17 AM	Motion	I would make a motion that we table this. We've got two months to (inaudible). Let's table it until we contact our attorney and consult with him before we.
11:11:25 AM	Second	I will second that.
11:11:30 AM	Roll Call	Roll Call: TR: Yes; BW: Yes; SL: Yes; Motion Carried.
11:11:35 AM	Tom	Thank you for your time gentlemen.
11:11:36 AM	SL	Thanks Tom.
11:11:42 AM	Tom	If there's no other business for me, I'll be on my way.
11:11:50 AM	SL	Thanks, have a good day. Did we recess? Do we recess or adjourn?
11:11:51 AM	BW	Adjourn. SL: Have you guys got anything else? BW: I have nothing else, thank you.
11:11:52 AM	TR	I have nothing else.
11:11:53 AM	BW	I would like to make this comment real quick. Yesterday I attended the open house, the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new welding and electrical labs at Four County Joint Vocational School. And I'll tell you what, they have a beautiful facility and some great state funded money that went to work for education. And if anybody gets a chance to look at it, if you weren't there, it was impressive. So, kudos to the work they did out there to make that happen. And we have it here in northwest Ohio to benefit our students.
11:12:21 AM	SL	It is good to see that we have people doing, doing a blue-collar training.
11:12:26 AM	TR	Thanks for representing us Bart.
11:12:28 AM	BW	And it will, again, that will affect the region. Just not the students, but also the workforce, it will be a big impact to it. So, kudos to them.
11:12:37 AM	ADJOURNED	SL: If nothing else we will stand Adjourned.

WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

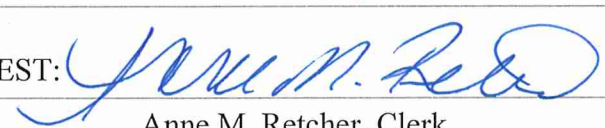
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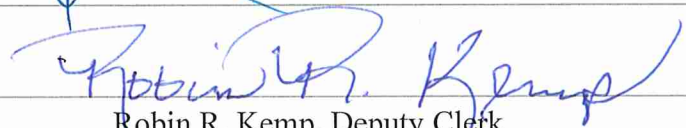

 Scott A. Lirot, President


 Bartley E. Westfall, Vice-President


 Terry N. Rummel, Member

ATTEST:


 Anne M. Retcher, Clerk


 Robin R. Kemp, Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION 26-0431

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
August 18, 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 August 13, 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 Rummel
President of the Board of Commissioners

[Signature]
Vice-Pres of the Board of Commissioners

Terry Rummel
Member of the Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 26-0432

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
August 18, 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

Scott Lirot
President of the Board of Commissioners

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

Terry N. Rummel
Member of the Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 26-0433

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
August 18, 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, <u>Yes</u>	WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS <u>Scott Lirot</u> President of the Board of Commissioners
Mr. Bartley E. Westfall, <u>Yes</u>	<u>Bartley E. Westfall</u> Vice-Pres of the Board of Commissioners
Mr. Terry N. Rummel, <u>Yes</u>	<u>Terry N. Rummel</u> Member of the Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 26-0434

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
August 18, 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 (submitted by Auditor)

From: 9079	Unappropriated	\$50,000.00
To: 9079-90-110-503100	Air Fuel	\$50,000.00

Reason: Shortage in account

Department: Williams County Board of Elections

From: 1001-40-130-506300	Seminars & Training Expense	\$2,100.00
To: 1001-40-130-503001	Supplies-Election/Ballot Printing	\$2,100.00

Department: Williams County Common Pleas Court

From: 2080	Unappropriated	\$8,384.92
To: 2080-41-104-501100	Salary	\$5,956.80
To: 2080-41-104-502000	Medicare	\$212.00
To: 2080-41-104-502200	PERS	\$1,966.12
To: 2080-41-104-509001	Incentives	\$250.00

Reason: Drug Court – New Fiscal Grant Year 2027-further appropriations upon confirmation of OMAHS grant

Department: Williams County EMS

From: 2071-44-230-509110	Insurance Overpayment Refund	\$2,000.00
To: 2071-44-230-509111	Ohio Billing-Overpayment Refund	\$2,000.00

Reason: New Ohio Billing Expense Fund Line – Overpayment Refund

Department: Williams County Sheriff

From: 2076

Unappropriated

\$878.61

To: 2076-42-400-509000

Other Expense

\$878.61

Reason: Replenish line

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 Westfall
Vice-Pres of the Board of Commissioners

Terry Rummel
Member of the Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 26-0435

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
August 18, 2026

In the Matter of
Advertising for Sealed Bids
For Project #05-2026

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

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

Commissioner Westfall moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to advertise for bids for Project 5-2026 – Pavement Markings - on behalf of the County Engineer;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that sealed bids will be received for Project 5-2026 until 10:30 a.m. on September 3, 2026;

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

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

Commissioner Rummel seconded the motion.

The vote upon adoption resulted as follows:

Mr. Scott A. Lirot, <u>yes</u>	WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS <u>Scott Lirot</u> President of the Board of Commissioners
Mr. Bartley E. Westfall, <u>yes</u>	<u>Bartley E. Westfall</u> Vice-Pres of the Board of Commissioners
Mr. Terry N. Rummel, <u>yes</u>	<u>Terry N. Rummel</u> Member of the Board of Commissioners

LEGAL NOTICE

PROJECT #5-2026 COUNTY OF WILLIAMS SEALED BIDS FOR 2026 PAVEMENT MARKING

The Board of Williams County Commissioners will receive sealed bids in their office, East Annex 1425 East High Street, Bryan, Ohio, until **10:30 a.m.** Local Time on **Thursday, September 3, 2026** for **2026 Pavement Marking of Various Roadways in Williams County, Ohio.**

Complete sets of bidding documents for the project will be available for examination, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. at the above-named office, and at the Office of the Williams County Engineer. Bid Documents with the project information may be obtained by request from the Williams County Engineer's Office, 12953 County Road G, Bryan, Ohio 43506, 419-636-2454. A nonrefundable fee of \$35.00 will be charged per set. An additional fee of \$15.00 will be charged for Bidding Documents that are to be shipped. All fees must be pre-paid prior to shipping. Checks should be made payable to: Williams County Engineer. Bidding Documents and Specifications may be viewed or downloaded at no cost on the Williams County Engineer's web site <http://www.wmscoengineer.com/bidprojects.asp>.

Bids must be submitted on the forms found in the Bidding Document; must contain the names of every person or company interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The Owner intends and requires that the County work be completed by October 31, 2026.

Bidders for this project are required to be pre-qualified with the Ohio Department of Transportation. Pre-qualification must be in force at the time of bidding, at the time of award, and through the life of the construction contract.

Each bidder shall be required to file with his proposal a Bid Guaranty in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. The guaranty shall be a bond for one hundred percent (100%) of the bid amount. A certified check or cashier's check for ten percent (10%) of the bid can be submitted in lieu of a bond. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond for one hundred percent (100%) of the bid amount.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wages rates on Public Improvements for Williams County, Ohio as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Wage and Hour Division, (614) 644-2239

Bid notice may be viewed on the Williams County Web Site at www.co.williams.oh.us under the heading COMMISSIONERS, LEGAL NOTICES.

SPECIAL ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN to all the requirements contained in this bid packet, particularly to ORC 4115 prevailing wages, various insurance requirements, and the requirement for a performance bond for 100% of the contract price.

Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids, but no bidder shall withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual opening thereof. The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive irregularities in any bid, and to accept any bid which is deemed most favorable to the County.

WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
By – Anne Retcher, Clerk

Advertise: August 18 & 25, 2026

RESOLUTION 26-0436

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
August 18, 2026

In the Matter of

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT THE WILLIAMS COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND ITS GROUNDS ARE GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROPERTY AND DIRECTING THE ENFORCEMENT OF OHIO'S CRIMINAL TRESPASS STATUTE, R.C. 2911.21, AGAINST PERSONS WHO REMAIN ON COURTHOUSE PROPERTY AFTER CLOSING HOURS OR WHO REFUSE TO LEAVE WHEN LAWFULLY ORDERED TO DO SO

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 Board of County Commissioners of Williams County, Ohio (the "Board") has the care, custody, and control of county-owned property, including the Williams County Courthouse and the lawns, sidewalks, and grounds surrounding it (collectively, the "Courthouse Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Courthouse Property is government-owned property held and maintained for the conduct of official county business, and is not designated or held open for camping, sleeping, or overnight lingering by members of the public; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 2911.21 (Criminal Trespass) provides, among other things, that no person, without privilege to do so, shall knowingly enter or remain on the land or premises of another; knowingly enter or remain on the land or premises of another in violation of a restriction on the hours during which the person may be present; recklessly enter or remain on the land or premises of another, the use of which is lawfully restricted to certain persons, purposes, modes, or hours, after notice of the restriction; or negligently enter or remain on the land or premises of another, after being notified to leave by the owner, occupant, or a person with lawful authority to grant or deny access; and

WHEREAS, a violation of R.C. 2911.21(A)(1) through (A)(4) is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, and county-owned property such as the Courthouse Property falls within the statute's definition of "land or premises" protected by the statute; and

WHEREAS, consistent with R.C. 2911.21, persons who remain on the Courthouse Property after posted closing hours without authorization, or who refuse to leave the Courthouse Property when lawfully ordered to do so by a Williams County Sheriff's deputy or other police officer, are subject to citation, arrest, and prosecution for criminal trespass; and

WHEREAS, in *City of Grants Pass v. Johnson*, 603 U.S. 520 (2024), the United States Supreme Court held that the enforcement of generally applicable public-camping ordinances against homeless individuals does not constitute cruel and unusual punishment under the Eighth Amendment, thereby confirming that state and local governments, including Williams County, retain the legal authority to prohibit and enforce restrictions on sleeping, camping, or lingering on publicly owned property; and

WHEREAS, there is no statewide or federal law that grants unhoused or any other individuals an affirmative right to sleep, camp, or otherwise remain overnight on the Courthouse Property or any other county-owned grounds, and many Ohio cities and counties have adopted and enforce similar restrictions on their own municipal and county-owned grounds; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is necessary and in the interest of public health, safety, order, and the proper use and preservation of county facilities to formally affirm the government-owned status of the Courthouse Property and to direct that R.C. 2911.21 be enforced with respect to it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Williams County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Government Property. The Williams County Courthouse building, and the lawns, sidewalks, parking areas, and other grounds surrounding it, are hereby declared and affirmed to be government-owned property under the care, custody, and control of Williams County, Ohio, and are not held open to the public for camping, sleeping, storage of personal property, or overnight lingering.

Section 2. Enforcement of Criminal Trespass. Consistent with Ohio Revised Code § 2911.21, any person who remains on the Courthouse Property after posted closing hours without authorization, or who refuses to leave the Courthouse Property when lawfully ordered to do so by a Williams County Sheriff's deputy or other police officer, shall be subject to citation, arrest, and prosecution for criminal trespass.

Section 3. Authority of Law Enforcement. The Williams County Sheriff's Office and any other law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the Courthouse Property are authorized and directed to enforce this Resolution and R.C. 2911.21, including issuing verbal or written orders to leave the Courthouse Property and, where a person fails to comply, initiating criminal trespass charges against that person.

Section 4. Consistency with Grants Pass v. Johnson. This Resolution is adopted consistent with the holding of the United States Supreme Court in City of Grants Pass v. Johnson, 603 U.S. 520 (2024), confirming that state and local governments possess the legal authority to enforce generally applicable restrictions on public camping, sleeping, and lingering on government-owned property, and in recognition that no state or federal law confers upon any individual the right to occupy the Courthouse Property for such purposes.

Section 5. Notice. The County Administrator, or the Administrator's designee, is directed to cause appropriate notice of Courthouse hours and this policy to be posted at the entrances to the Courthouse and at other conspicuous locations on the Courthouse Property, and to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Williams County Sheriff, the applicable municipal police department(s), and the Clerk of Courts.

Section 6. Severability and Effective Date. If any section, clause, or provision of this Resolution is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

RESOLUTION 26-0437

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
WILLIAMS COUNTY, BRYAN, OHIO
August 18, 2026

In the Matter of
Approving the Updated Policy Manual for Use by
Williams County Hillside Country Living

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 August 17, 2026, the Board of Williams County Commissioners received an updated copy of the Williams County Hillside Country Living's Policy and Procedure Manual;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Williams County Commissioners that we hereby approve the updated Policy and Procedure Manual in its entirety to be used by Williams County Hillside Country Living

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, <u>Yes</u>	WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS <u>Scott Lirot</u> President of the Board of Commissioners
Mr. Bartley E. Westfall, <u>Yes</u>	<u>Bartley Westfall</u> Vice-Pres of the Board of Commissioners
Mr. Terry N. Rummel, <u>Yes</u>	<u>Terry Rummel</u> Member of the Board of Commissioners