

Commissioners' 17th Business Meeting
22nd Overall Meeting
May 12th, 2026
10:08 a.m.



The Lawrence County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session on the above date and time. Commissioner Holliday, President of the Board, opened the meeting with roll call:

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| Mrs. DeAnna Holliday, President | Present |
| Dr. Colton Copley, Vice President | Present |
| Mr. Mike Finley, Member | Present |

Motion by Commissioner Finley, Seconded by Commissioner Copley
To approve the Meeting Minutes on May 5th, 2026, as corrected.

Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes Commissioner Copley Yes

Motion by Commissioner Finley, Seconded by Commissioner Copley
To approve the following floodplain permits submitted by the Soil and Water Conservation District:
Renewal:

2026-780 Union Township-Grading, culvert and paving projects located on Twp. Rd. R.O.W's.

Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes Commissioner Copley Yes

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Copley

To approve the following appropriations and transfers dated May 12th, 2026, under \$75,000.00 submitted by Dylan Bentley, County Administrator.

Roll Call: Commissioner Finley ABSTAIN Commissioner Holliday Yes Commissioner Copley Yes

Motion by Commissioner Copley, Seconded by Commissioner Holliday

To approve and sign the GOWBI Program Year 2026 and 2027 Sub-Grant Agreement.

Roll Call: Commissioner Finley ABSTAIN Commissioner Holliday Yes Commissioner Copley Yes

Motion by Commissioner Finley, Seconded by Commissioner Copley

To approve and sign the Design Airport Drainage/Erosion Control Application for the Lawrence County Airport.

Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes Commissioner Copley Yes

Motion by Commissioner Copley, Seconded by Commissioner Holliday

To approve and sign the Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Grant 2025 sub-grant.

Roll Call: Commissioner Finley ABSTAIN Commissioner Holliday Yes Commissioner Copley Yes

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Copley

To approve and sign the Lawrence Drug & Major Crimes Task Force sub-grant.

Roll Call: Commissioner Finley ABSTAIN Commissioner Holliday Yes Commissioner Copley Yes

Motion by Commissioner Finley, Seconded by Commissioner Copley
To declare the following vehicle as surplus property: 2016 Ford F-150, VIN 1FTEW1EG2GFB03430 and authorize the transfer of said vehicle to the Lawrence County Port Authority.
Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes Commissioner Copley Yes

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Copley
To meet in executive session with Dylan Bentley, Colton Kuhn, Eric Floyd regarding legal contracts.
Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes Commissioner Copley Yes
Call Back: Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes Commissioner Copley Yes

Executive Session was left as Eric Floyd had not arrived.

Chris Saunders of Burlington addressed the Board to introduce the newly formed nonprofit, *Burlington Heritage Alliance*, a registered 501(c)(3) organization focused on preserving Burlington's history, promoting community pride, and supporting economic development. He noted the group has been in development for approximately six months and currently consists of a small founding board. Saunders highlighted ongoing efforts including historical research, development of signage for the Burlington Commons, and documentation of Underground Railroad sites. He also expressed interest in coordinating with local officials on Burlington-related matters. Commissioners acknowledged and welcomed the organization, expressing appreciation for community involvement and a willingness to collaborate on future initiatives.

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Copley
To meet in executive session with Dylan Bentley, Colton Kuhn, and Corey Watson regarding real estate.
Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes Commissioner Copley Yes
Call Back: Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes Commissioner Copley Yes

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Copley
To meet in executive session with Dylan Bentley, Colton Kuhn, Eric Floyd regarding legal contracts.
Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes Commissioner Copley Yes
Call Back: Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes Commissioner Copley Yes

Commissioner Holliday adjourned the meeting.

DeAnna Holliday, President

Dr. Colton Copley, Vice President

Mike Finley, Member
Board of Lawrence County Commissioners
Lawrence County, Ohio

ATTEST: _____, Clerk
Colton Kuhn, Clerk
Board of Lawrence County Commissioners
Lawrence County, Ohio