

Commissioners' 18th Business Meeting
24th Overall Meeting
May 19th, 2026
10:00 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:

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 12th, 2026, as corrected.

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

Motion by Commissioner Copley, Seconded by Commissioner Holliday

To approve the following floodplain permits submitted by the Soil and Water Conservation District:

New:

2026-782 Shawn Garrido-Filling & grading and residential structure projects located at 66 Twp. Rd. 1284

Renewal:

2026-781 Lawrence County EMA-Debris removal project located Multiple County Wide.

2026-783 Beverly Sue Greene -Filling & grading and Stream maintenance projects located at 5681 St. Rt. 217

2026-784 Danny Holschuh-Filling & grading and materials storage projects located between Co. Rd. 107 and Rolo Sand and Gravel.

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

Motion by Commissioner Finley, Seconded by Commissioner Copley

To approve the following appropriations and transfers dated May 19th, 2026, under \$75,000.00 submitted by Dylan Bentley, County Administrator.

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

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Copley

To approve and sign the Subgrant Award Agreement for Lawrence County Prosecutors Office (2025-SK-SAK-86723.)

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

Motion by Commissioner Finley, Seconded by Commissioner Holliday

To receive and refer the petition regarding 11014 Private Road to the Engineer's Office.

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

Motion by Commissioner Finley, Seconded by Commissioner Copley

To allow Airport Manager to apply for the SFY 2027 Ohio Airport Improvements Program.

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

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Copley
To receive and file the DJFS April Report.

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

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Finley
To receive and file the Certificate of County Auditor That the Total Appropriations from Each Fund Do Not Exceed the Official Estimate of Resources.

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

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Copley
To approve and enter into the Grant Agreement with Foundation for Appalachian Ohio for Civics Education Fund and to authorize the County Administrator to execute all necessary documents pending prosecutor approval.

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

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Finley
To sign the letter of commendation and award the certificate of appreciation to Sheriff Jeff Lawless.

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

The Commissioners presented the commendation to Sheriff Jeff Lawless in recognition of National Police Week and expressed appreciation for the dedication and sacrifices made by law enforcement officers and their families. Sheriff Lawless thanked the Board on behalf of law enforcement personnel throughout the county and nation, noting the challenges officers face while continuing to protect the public. Commissioners acknowledged the important role law enforcement plays in maintaining community safety, highlighted the positive relationships deputies build within local schools, and recognized the support and sacrifices made by officers' families.

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Finley
To proclaim the Week of May 17-23rd as EMS Week.

Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Commissioner Holliday Commissioner Copley

Commissioners recognized and expressed appreciation for the dedication and professionalism of Lawrence County EMS during EMS Week. Remarks highlighted the high level of care provided by EMS personnel, their quick response to emergencies throughout the county, and the trust medical professionals and residents place in their service. Commissioners also acknowledged the department's award-winning reputation and thanked EMS staff for their continued commitment to serving the community.

Discussion was held regarding potential countywide zoning related to future data center development in Lawrence County. Dylan Bentley provided an update that letters had been sent to all township trustees requesting feedback on whether they wished the county to assume zoning authority and pursue a ballot initiative for countywide zoning in unincorporated areas. At the time of discussion, two townships had responded in support. Commissioners discussed the complexity of countywide zoning, emphasizing the importance of local control, township input, and understanding the legal definitions and impacts surrounding data centers before taking action. Commissioners also noted the need to balance public concern with responsible planning, while recognizing the importance of protecting Lawrence County's land, quality of life, and future development interests.

Commissioner Holliday reported on a recent work session discussion with La Soupe, a nonprofit organization focused on reducing food waste and addressing food insecurity by repurposing surplus food into prepared meals for individuals and families in need. She stated that the county is exploring potential partnership opportunities, identifying local resources, and planning follow-up meetings with additional stakeholders to determine how a similar program could be implemented in Lawrence County.

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Finley
To meet in executive session with Dylan Bentley, Colton Kuhn and Missy Evans regarding personnel:
hire, fire, reprimand.

Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Commissioner Holliday Commissioner Copley
Call Back: Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Commissioner Holliday Commissioner Copley

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Finley
To meet in executive session with Dylan Bentley, Corey Watson, and Colton Kuhn regarding real estate
and legal contracts.

Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Commissioner Holliday Commissioner Copley
Call Back: Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Commissioner Holliday Commissioner Copley

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Copley
To meet in executive session with Dylan Bentley, Colton Kuhn, Alex Osborne, Randy Lambert, and
Brigham Anderson regarding personnel: hire, fire, reprimand.

Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Commissioner Holliday Commissioner Copley
Call Back: Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Commissioner Holliday Commissioner Copley

Motion by Commissioner Finley, Seconded by Commissioner Holliday
To meet in executive session with Dylan Bentley and Colton Kuhn regarding personnel: hire, fire,
reprimand.

Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Commissioner Holliday Commissioner Copley
Call Back: Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Commissioner Holliday Commissioner Copley

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Commissioner Finley
To appoint Mike Finley and Colton Copley to the Lawrence County Port Authority Board.

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

Motion by Commissioner Finley, Seconded by Commissioner Holliday
To approve the donation of \$5,000 to the William C. Lambert Military Museum & Archive.

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