

Commissioners' 29th Business Meeting
42nd Overall Meeting
August 4th, 2026
10:02 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 Holliday

To approve the Meeting Minutes on July 28th, 2026, as corrected.

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

Motion by Commissioner Copley, Seconded by Commissioner Finley

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

2026-829 Mark A. Kipp-Filling & grading, bank stabilization and stream maintenance projects located at 7136 Co. Rd. 15

2026-830 VFW Post 6878-Filling & grading and camper in a floodplain project located on Twp. Rd. 1222

2026-831 Symmes Valley Local Schools-Filling & grading, materials storage and accessory structure projects located at 13959 St. Rt. 141

2026-832 Mark Crawford-Stream maintenance and brush clearing projects located at 6623 Co. Rd. 16

2026-833 Jason G. Ellis-Stream maintenance and filling & grading projects located at 38 Pvt. Dr. 331 Co. Rd. 36 and between Twp. Rd. 170 and the Windsor line along Co. Rd. 36

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 August 4th, 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 CEBCO 2027 Rate Renewal pending prosecutor approval.

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

Motion by Commissioner Copley, Seconded by Commissioner Finley

To approve and sign the Project Closeout Report for AIP Grant NO. 3-39-0107-015-2023 pending prosecutor approval.

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

Rich Donahue provided an America 250 update. Recent activities included the Sweet Land of Liberty courthouse event, opening the Memorial Hall time capsule, dedication of the Garden Tomb of the Unknown Buffalo Soldier, and preparation of a Lawrence County history book based on Bob Leith's work. Upcoming projects include:

- A first-responder family event at the courthouse on November 14.
- An updated Lawrence County history book featuring elected officials and county offices.
- Placement of a new courthouse time capsule.
- Installation and future dedication of a plaque recognizing the county's connection to Ohio's first state forest.

Julie Monroe of Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities discussed the proposed state funding solution for 10 southeastern Ohio counties facing serious financial sustainability issues. The proposal would have the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities assume the counties' Medicaid waiver-match obligations.

Monroe explained that the statewide association opposes the regional proposal on equity grounds and instead favors broader funding for all 88 counties. She emphasized that Lawrence County's situation is urgent, noting that the county cannot afford additional Medicaid waivers and has already relied on outside assistance to preserve early-intervention and school programs.

The Commissioners expressed support for the southeastern Ohio proposal and agreed to prepare a letter to the County Commissioners Association explaining Lawrence County's circumstances and supporting the 10-county solution.

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Finley

To meet in executive session with Dylan Bentley and Colton Kuhn regarding legal contracts and 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

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

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