Commissioners' 34th Business Meeting
49th Overall Meeting
September 1st, 2026
10:06 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	Absent
Mr. Mike Finley, Member	Present

Motion by Commissioner Finley, Seconded by Commissioner Holliday
To approve the Meeting Minutes on August 25th, 2026, as corrected.
Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Finley
To approve the following floodplain permits submitted by the Soil and Water Conservation District:
Renewal:
2026-845 Gregory L. Walker-Filling & grading and stream maintenance projects located at 13650 St. Rt. 141
Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes

The motion to approve the following appropriations and transfers dated September 1st, 2026, under $75,000.00 submitted by Dylan Bentley, County Administrator, was tabled.

Motion by Commissioner Finley, Seconded by Commissioner Holliday
To authorize Patrick D. Leighty, Lawrence County Engineer to prepare and submit applications to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commissions State Capital Improvement and/or LOAL Transportation Improvement Programs and to execute contracts as required.
Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes

Motion by Commissioner Finley, Seconded by Commissioner Holliday
To approve the permit request for Heather's Tavern & Grill, LLC at 1459 CR-1 South Point.
Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes

Motion by Commissioner Finley, Seconded by Commissioner Holliday
Implement Sections 3735.65 Through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, Establishing and Describing the Boundaries of Community Reinvestment Area in Lawrence County, and Designating a Housing Officer to Administer the Program, and Creating a Community Reinvestment Housing Council and a Tax Incentive Review Council.
Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes

County Engineer Patrick Leighty updated the Board on maintenance concerns at the Engineer's facilities. The Board requested a complete punch list prioritizing the ten most critical items.

Julie Monroe reported that Open Door School is operating for the current school year and that strategic-planning surveys will be distributed after Labor Day.

Nicole Cox and Sue Lunsford requested that the Board consider providing $20,000 annually to the Lawrence County Historical Society. The Board requested the Society's recent financial statement, latest audit, monthly expenses, and carryover balance for review during the budget process. Ms. Lunsford also announced the September 26 Cemetery Walk at Woodland Cemetery.

Commissioners Finley and Holliday discussed the Community Reinvestment Area approved under Agenda Item 9. The program will provide property-tax incentives for qualifying residential and commercial construction or remodeling. Applicants must submit an application and $150 fee before beginning construction.

Commissioner Finley recognized the passing of George McCalvin and announced a Special Needs Youth fishing event on September 12. The Board extended its condolences to Mr. McCalvin's family and friends.

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

Motion by Commissioner Holliday, Seconded by Commissioner Finley
To meet in executive session with Dylan Bentley, Chris Kline, Parker Rowe and Colton Kuhn regarding real estate and legal contracts.
Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes
Call Back: Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes

Motion by Commissioner Finley, Seconded by Commissioner Holliday
To approve Commissioners' employee compensation package changes as submitted by the County Administrator, effective August 31, 2026
Roll Call: Commissioner Finley Yes Commissioner Holliday Yes

Commissioner Holliday adjourned the meeting.

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DeAnna Holliday, President

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Dr. Colton Copley, Vice President

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

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