



Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

Lisa A. Sobecki, President
Pete Gerken
Anita Lopez

January 13, 2026 - 11:00 AM
Commissioners' Hearing Room
1st Floor, One Government Center
Toledo, OH 43604

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance - Toledo Public Schools Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy for Boys

Call to Order

Commissioner Sobecki called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM; Commissioner Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez were present.

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Sobecki motioned to approve the previous meeting's minutes. Commissioner Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Presentation

1. - Honoring David Kontur on his Retirement

Scott Sylak, Michelle Myerholtz, Christa Luttmann and David Kontur were present and offered comments. Members of Family Council's staff were also in attendance.

2. - Recognition of 2025 LEAD Program Graduates

Brian Cunningham was in attendance to recognize and present the LEAD graduates with certificates.

3. - Citizens Levy Review Committee (CLRC) Recommendation

Mark Wilson, Citizen Levy Review Committee Member, presented the CLRC's recommendation on the zoological and 9-1-1 levy requests.

Commissioners

Administrator Ford was present and requested approval of the following items:

4. - Resolution declaring it necessary to levy an additional 0.8-mill tax levy for the purpose of operation of a 9-1-1 system and a Countywide Public Safety Communications System and requesting the County Auditor to make certain certifications, pursuant to Sections 5705.03 and 5705.19(SS) of the Revised Code

Resolution No. 2026-38

5. - Resolution declaring it necessary to levy an additional 0.9-mill tax levy for the purpose of the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities and requesting the County Auditor to make certain certifications, pursuant to Sections 5705.03 and 5705.19(Z) of the Revised Code

Resolution No. 2026-39

6. - Accepting the Filing of Annexation Petition No. 2026-1, Portion of Waterville Township to the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, Parcel No. 91-09804

Resolution No. 2026-40

7. - Accepting the Filing of Annexation Petition No. 2026-2, Portion of Waterville Township to the Village of Whitehouse, Lucas County, Ohio, Parcel No. 91-45001

Resolution No. 2026-41

Commissioner Sobecki moved to approve; Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

County Engineer

Mike Pniewski was present and requested approval of the following:

8. - Authorization for the Lucas County Engineer to Purchase and Acquire by Agreement or Appropriation for Real Property including Fee Interest, Permanent Easements and/or Temporary Easements Necessary for the Angola Road (E) and Crissey Road Roundabout Project, PID 118970, Springfield and Spencer Townships, and to Accept and Record such Deeds and Easements

Resolution No. 2026-42

Commissioner Gerken moved to approve; Commissioners Gerken, Lopez and Sobecki voted yes.

Sheriff

Lindsay Szymczak presented the Sheriff's items and requested Item #9 be tabled.

9. - Permission to Trade In a 2023 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited and Purchase a 2026 Ford Explorer 4x4 Platinum from Baumann Ford Oregon, LLC (Oregon, OH) **TABLED**

10. - Acceptance of FY2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

Resolution No. 2026-43

Commissioner Gerken moved to approve; Commissioners Gerken, Lopez and Sobecki voted yes.

11. - Amendment to Resolution No. 2025-881 for the FY24 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Grant

Resolution No. 2026-44

Commissioner Sobecki moved to approve; Commissioners Sobecki voted yes; Commissioners Gerken and Lopez voted no.

12. - Rescinding Resolution No. 2025-881 Accepting the FY24 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Grant

Resolution No. 2026-45

Commissioner Lopez proposed rescinding Resolution 2025-881 (walk-on); Gerken motioned to approve rescinding Resolution No. 2025-881; Commissioners Gerken and Lopez voted yes; Commissioner Sobecki voted no.

Juvenile Court

Marcie Garlick presented the following for approval:

13. - Approval of Agreement between the Lucas County Board of Commissioners, the Lucas County Juvenile Court and the City of Toledo to Provide "Shoot This Not That" Programming

Resolution No. 2026-46

14. - Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Lucas County Juvenile Court and the Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Center for the Empowered Chef Program

Resolution No. 2026-47

Commissioner Lopez moved to approve; Commissioners Lopez, Gerken and Sobecki voted yes.

Canine Care & Control

Terra Bundy presented the following for approval:

15. - Approval of Contract between the City of Oregon and the Board of Lucas County Commissioners for Canine Control Services

Resolution No. 2026-48

16. - Approval of Contract between City of Toledo and the Board of Lucas County Commissioners for Canine Control Services

Resolution No. 2026-49

17. - Approval of Contract between City of Sylvania and the Board of Lucas County Commissioners for Canine Control Services

Resolution No. 2026-50

Commissioner Sobecki moved to approve; Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Sanitary Engineer

Nate Inkrott was present and requested approval of the following:

18. - Approval to Trade in a 2015 International Vactor 2100 Plus and Enter into a 5-Year Lease for 2027 Freightliner 900 15-Yard Sewer Combo from Brown Equipment Company through Sourcewell Pricing

Resolution No. 2026-51

Commissioner Lopez moved to approve; Commissioners Lopez, Gerken and Sobecki voted yes.

Workforce Development

Burma Stewart was present and requested approval of the following:

19. - Adoption of the Amendment to the 2025-2029 Ohio Workforce Area #9 (Lucas County) Workforce Development Strategic Plan – Assurances Section Adopted by the Lucas County Workforce Development Board on December 17, 2025

Resolution No. 2026-52

Commissioner Sobecki moved to approve; Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Administration

Jessica Poupard was present and requested approval of the following:

20. - Disbursement of 2nd Half Funds to Shelters for Victims of Domestic Violence

Resolution No. 2026-53

Commissioner Lopez moved to approve; Commissioners Lopez, Gerken and Sobecki voted yes.

Executive Session

Trent Burner was present and requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters related to appointments, tables of organization/chart of positions, and discipline of public employee.

Commissioner Sobecki made a motion to enter into executive session at 12:11 p.m.

Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Commissioner Sobecki made a motion to exit executive session at 12:52 p.m.

Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Human Resources

Trent Burner offered the following items for approval:

21. - Appointment of Imani Williams to Fill the Economic Support Worker Position in the Department of Job & Family Services

Resolution No. 2026-54

22. - Appointment of Jessica Firsdon to Fill the Eligibility Specialist 1 Position in the Department of Job & Family Services

Resolution No. 2026-55

23. - Appointment of Shantya Houston to the Eligibility Specialist 2 position in the Department of Job & Family Services

Resolution No. 2026-56

24. - Appointment of Saniyah Brandon to Fill the Position of Budget Analyst in the Office of Management & Budget

Resolution No. 2026-57

25. - Appointment of Daniel Gibson to Fill the Position of Design Technician at the Sanitary Engineering Department

Resolution No. 2026-58

26. - Appointment of Ricky Kwapich III to Fill the Position of Plant Electrician Specialist at the Waste Water Recovery Facility in the Sanitary Engineering Department

Resolution No. 2026-59

27. - Amendment to the Table of Organization and Chart of Positions for the Building Regulations Department to Add One Permitting Systems & Operations Manager position

Resolution No. 2026-60

28. - Approval of the 2026 Economic Reopener for the Collective Bargaining Unit Employees in the Lawyers in Action to Win Support (LAWS) Bargaining Unit

Resolution No. 2026-61

Commissioner Sobecki moved to approve; Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned their meeting at 12:55 p.m.



Jody L. Balogh, Clerk of the Board

The next open meeting will be held on January 27, 2026, at 11:00 AM in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 1st Floor, One Government Center, Toledo, Ohio.

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