



Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

Lisa A. Sobecki, President
Pete Gerken
Anita Lopez

January 27, 2026 - 11:00 AM
Commissioners' Hearing Room
1st Floor, One Government Center
Toledo, OH 43604

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance - Toledo Public Schools - Chase STEMM Academy

Call to Order

Commissioner Sobecki called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM. Commissioner Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez were present.

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Commissioners

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

1. - Proclaiming January 2026 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month in Lucas County

Resolution No. 2026-62

Mindy Lause, Northern Ohio REACH was present and offered comments.

Mona Al-Hayani, Toledo Public Schools, was present and provided comments about the efforts to promote education about human trafficking.

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

2. - Appointment of Michael Horst as Lucas County Apiary (Beekeeper) Inspector

Resolution No. 2026-63

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

3. - Resolution submitting to the electors of the County the question of the levy of an additional 0.9-mill tax levy for the purpose of the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities, pursuant to Section 5705.19(Z) of the Revised Code

Resolution No. 2026-64

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

4. - Resolution submitting to the electors of the County the question of the levy of 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, pursuant to Section 5705.19(SS) of the Revised Code

Resolution No. 2026-65

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

5. - Amendment to the Meeting Schedule for the Board of Lucas County Commissioners for 2026

Resolution No. 2026-66

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

Sheriff

Lindsay Szymczak was present and requested approval of the following:

6. - 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)

Resolution No. 2026-67

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

Emergency Services

Abby Buchhop was present and requested approval of the following:

7. - Approval of the 2026 Lucas County Emergency Operations Plan

Resolution No. 2026-68

8. - Approval of the 2026 Lucas County Radiological Emergency Response Plan

Resolution No. 2026-69

9. - Approval for Receipt of Funding from Vistra for Emergency Planning and Preparedness for the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station

Resolution No. 2026-70

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

Facilities

Jeff Nowak was present and requested approval of the following:

10. - Permission to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Toledo Volleyball Club, Inc. for use of Rec Hall 1 and Related Premises at the Lucas County Rec Center

Resolution No. 2026-71

11. - Permission to Enter into a Lease Amendment Agreement with Boyd & Associates Consulting, LLC for the Use of Space at the Spencer Township Neighborhood Center, Holland, Ohio 43528

Resolution No. 2026-72

12. - Approval of a Management Agreement with Suburban Girls Softball (SGS) for the Management of the Softball/Baseball Fields and Related Premises at the Lucas County Recreation Center for 2026

Resolution No. 2026-73

13. - Permission to Advertise Roof Repairs at the Lucas County Correction Center Located at 1622 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604

Resolution No. 2026-74

14. - Permission to Enter into a Contract with DLZ Corporation (Columbus, Ohio) for Architectural and Engineering Services Associated with the Performance of a Jail Facility Condition Assessment

Resolution No. 2026-75

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

Support Services

Mary Kunckel was present and requested approval of the following:

15. - Approval to Create 2026 Super Blanket Purchase Orders Requests as Permitted by the Ohio Revised Code 5705.41(D)(3)

Resolution No. 2026-76

16. - Approval of Travel for Lucas County Commissioner Departments for Calendar Year 2026

Resolution No. 2026-77

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

Risk Management

Diane Robinson was present and requested approval of the following:

17. - Amending Policy 13, Wage Policy for Work Injury Program

Resolution No. 2026-78

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

Office of Management & Budget

Cheri Crane was present and requested approval of the following:

18. - Ratifying and Confirming Year-End Appropriation Amendments and Transfers of Appropriation Processed by the Office of Management & Budget for Fiscal Year 2025

Resolution No. 2026-79

19. - Ratifying and Confirming Year-End Cash Transfers and Advances Processed by the Office of Management and Budget for Fiscal Year 2025

Resolution No. 2026-80

20. - Appropriation Resolution

Resolution No. 2026-81

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

Administration

Ben Pushka was present and requested approval of item #21; Administrator Ford requested approval of item #22.

21. - Permission to Apply for Department of Agriculture SLF Mitigation Partnership Initiative Pilot Program Grant

Resolution No. 2026-82

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

22. - Delegation of Duties of the Clerk of the Board to the Chief of Staff and Communications Director

Resolution No. 2026-83

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

Executive Session

Trent Burner was present and requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters related to appointments, appointment status, and collective bargaining.

Administrator Ford requested executive session to discuss pending/imminent court action with legal counsel.

Commissioner Sobecki made a motion to enter into executive session at 11:46 a.m.

Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Commissioner Sobecki made a motion to exit executive session at 12:50 p.m.

Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Human Resources

Trent Burner was present and requested approval of the following:

23. - Appointment of Jessica Koerper, Shantae McCarver, and Tanyika Oliver Williams to the Eligibility Specialist 2 Positions in the Department of Job & Family Services

Resolution No. 2026-84

24. - Appointment of Cheryl Yarman to Fill the Position of Security Officer 2 in the Facilities Department

Resolution No. 2026-85

25. - Change in Appointment Status of Megan Shelton to the Permanent Position of Budget Analyst in the Office of Management & Budget

Resolution No. 2026-86

26. - Appointment of Keith Brock to Fill the Position of Plant Maintenance Specialist 1 at the Waste Water Recovery Facility in the Sanitary Engineering Department

Resolution No. 2026-87

27. - Acceptance of Fact Finder's Report in the Matter of Statutorily Required Fact Finding between the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. and the Lucas County Sheriff, SERB Case 2025-MED-09-1075

Resolution No. 2026-88

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

Prosecutor

Administrator Ford requested approval of the following items:

28. - Authorizing an Increase in the Contract Amount for Legal Services Authorized in Resolution No. 2025-614

Resolution No. 2026-96

29. - Authorizing the Settlement of Litigation Involving the Lucas County Sheriff's Department

Resolution No. 2026-97

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

Adjournment

The Board adjourned their meeting at 12:52 p.m.



Jody L. Balogh, Clerk of the Board

The next open meeting will be held on January 27, 2026 at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 1st Floor, One Government Center, Toledo, Ohio.

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