



Today. Tomorrow. Together.

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

Lisa A. Sobecki, President
Pete Gerken
Anita Lopez

February 17, 2026 - 11:00 AM
Commissioners' Hearing Room
1st Floor, One Government Center
Toledo, OH 43604

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance - Ottawa Hills Elementary School

Call to Order

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

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Presentation - Black History Month

Commissioner Sobecki provided opening remarks and gave an overview of the program being presented for the Black History Month celebration.

Commissioner Gerken thanked St. Mark's Church for presenting him the stole he was wearing. Commissioner Gerken stated that the stole was awarded to him for being a difference maker in the community in celebration of Black History Month.

Crystal Harris Darnell provided remarks about the Art Tatum theme for Black History Month. Crystal introduced Mr. Gary Jobe, a saxophonist. Mr. Jobe performed "Night and Day" by Art Tatum.

Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken, and Lopez provided remarks about the Art Tatum Zone.

Commissioner Sobecki welcomed Dr. Calvin and Mrs. Christine Sweeney to provide remarks about the Art Tatum Zone.

Senghor Manns of LMH was present and provided remarks about Dr. Calvin and Mrs. Christine Sweeney.

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation to Dr. Calvin and Mrs. Christine Sweeney.

Commissioners

Commissioner Sobecki presented item 1; Michael Hart presented items 2 through 4.

1. - Proclamation honoring Dr. Calvin and Mrs. Christine Sweeney during Black History Month

Resolution No. 2026-151

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

2. - Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Among the Members of the Toledo Regional Alliance and Appointing Commissioner Lisa A. Sobecki as the "TRA" Membership Designee

Resolution No. 2026-152

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

3. - Reappointments of Megan Malczewski and Josh Hughes to the Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commission

Resolution No. 2026-153

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

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

Resolution No. 2026-154

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

Sheriff

Brittany Sedlar was present and requested approval of the following:

5. - Approval of 2026 Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and 2025 Certification Form

Resolution No. 2026-155

6. - Permission for Lucas County Sheriff's Office to exercise the Fourth Renewal Option of PROWARE for the Civil Division Case Management System in the amount of \$17,900.00

Resolution No. 2026-156

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

Common Pleas

Kevin Helminski was present and requested approval of the following:

7. - Approval of Agreement with District V Forensic Diagnostic Center for Forensic Mental Health Evaluations

Resolution No. 2026-157

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

Integrated Justice System

Michael Hart presented the following for approval:

8. - Permission to Amend Contract for Project Management Services with Longrun, LLC

Resolution No. 2026-158

9. - Permission to Renew our Contract with Lexis Nexis to provide Lucas County with Legal Research Tools

Resolution No. 2026-159

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

Office of Management & Budget

Cheri Crane was present and requested approval of the following:

10. - Permission to Enter into Memorandum of Understanding with the Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio to Temporarily Modify Section 6(E) of the Sixth Amended Operational Agreement for Calendar Year 2026

Resolution No. 2026-160

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

Administration

Ben Pushka was present and requested approval of the following:

11. - Agreeing to Federal Compliance Measures for the University Parks Trail Resurfacing Project (PID 124339)

Resolution No. 2026-161

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

Employee Benefits

Colleen Abbott was present and requested approval of the following:

12. - Authorization to Complete an Application and Enter into a Policy for Specific Stop Loss Reinsurance

Resolution No. 2026-162

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

Executive Session

Brian Cunningham was present and requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters related to collective bargaining.

Commissioner Sobecki made a motion to enter into executive session at 11:40 a.m.

Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Commissioner Sobecki made a motion to exit executive session at 1:02 p.m.

Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

No action taken.

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to return to executive session at 1:03 p.m. to discuss the conduct of an elected official.

Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Commissioner Sobecki made a motion to exit executive session at 1:08 p.m.

Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned their meeting at 1:08 p.m.



Jody L. Balogh, Clerk of the Board

The next open meeting will be held on February 17, 2026 at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 1st Floor, One Government Center, Toledo, Ohio.

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