

The Board of Greene County Commissioners met in regular session at 1 p.m. Those present were: Tom Koogler, Sarah J. Mays and Richard D. Gould.

The prayer was offered by Pastor Joe Godwin of Patterson Park Church.

The minutes of Thursday, February 12, 2026 previously circulated and available for public viewing were approved. The work session minutes of Thursday, February 12, 2026 previously circulated and available for public viewing were approved.

Employees at the Parks & Trails Department were recognized for receiving third place in the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association Annual Awards program. The Department placed third in the Adaptive Program & Events category for the Camp Weebalong program.

Nova Hoos, Naturalist, said the camp was designed specifically for kids with special needs. She said the program was an idea from personal experience. She has four adopted children with special needs and there weren't organized outdoor activities available for special needs children. Ms. Hoos said it was a joy and privilege to offer and work this camp. She said participants overcame obstacles, made friends, and there was an opportunity for parents to come together. She added that the parks are your backyard for all bodies, all brains, and all abilities.

Commissioners congratulated the Department for receiving the award and thanked them for their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Koogler asked Brandon Huddleson, County Administrator, to respond to questions concerning the funding for Veterans Services.

Mr. Huddleson said Veterans Services is a department under the General Fund. Departments under the General Fund submit a budget request every year. There are discussions held with the department, comparisons made between the previous year's budget and the proposed budget, and then a number is agreed upon by all in the discussion for the proposed budget.

He said budgets are based on anticipated needs, but if a department or office finds that additional funding is needed, all they have to do is make a request to the Board. Mr. Huddleson said as an example, when the Federal government shut down last year, Veterans Services needed a supplement to their budget of about \$25,000, which the Board allotted.

According to Mr. Huddleson, the misnomer or lie that has been perpetuated is that there is a specific amount of money earmarked for Veterans Services in Greene County; that is not the case. The General Fund is comprised of property tax revenue (inside millage of 2.5 mills), sales tax, local government funding, casino funding, fines/fees, and investments, he said, and it all goes into one pot to fund all the operations of the County.

There is a part of the Ohio Revised Code that allows a County to levy a tax up to .5 mills for Veterans Services, which is the maximum amount that the department can request. If that happened, the funds would go into a special fund which can only be used for advertising, transportation, financial assistance, and a few other specific expenditures. It is a request that can be made, if needed; it is not an entitlement, Mr. Huddleson said. Greene County does not levy a tax specific to Veterans Services.

Mr. Huddleson said that like every County in Ohio, it is audited every year by the State and Greene County has never had an audit finding related to Veterans Services. He said some have thought that the County has done something wrong and went to the Ohio Attorney General's Office and State Auditor, and those folks have been given information that the County has not done anything wrong.

Prior to receiving public comment on agenda items, Mr. Koogler reminded the public that this is the Board's business meeting and is not like cities or villages. The Board will take comments, not questions, regarding items pertaining to the agenda. He also reminded the public that their time at the podium begins when they start speaking and the time is maintained by the County Administrator.

John Stafford was the only person signed up to speak. Mr. Koogler indicated that because Mr. Stafford provided his card for the Safe at Home program at last meeting, all he needed to do is provide his name and address when at the podium. Mr. Stafford refused to provide his name and/or address.

Mr. Stafford said a prayer during his time at the podium. Following the prayer, he said he heard Mr. Huddleson’s earlier comments and they were “simply not true.”

IN RE – APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mrs. Mays moved Resolution 26-2-19-1 for approval of vouchers.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

IN RE – APPROVAL OF TRAVEL/TRAINING EXPENSES

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 26-2-19-2 for approval of travel or training.

Mrs. Mays seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

IN RE – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Mrs. Mays moved Resolution 26-2-19-3 authorizing the transfer of appropriations.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

IN RE – PROCLAIMING GREENE COUNTY UNPLUGGED

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 26-2-19-4 proclaiming March 6 and March 7, 2026 as Greene County Unplugged, which is part of the Global Day of Unplugging, and encouraging residents to prioritize time to unplug and connect with family and friends.

Mrs. Mays seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

IN RE – DECLARING PERSONAL PROPERTY NOT NEEDED, TO CERTIFIED RECYCLER (DR COURT)

Mrs. Mays moved Resolution 26-2-19-5 declaring personal property, a printer, at Domestic Relations Court, as not needed for public use, obsolete or unfit; and authorizing the property to be sent to a certified recycler.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

IN RE – APPROVING A LETTER OF SUPPORT: CITY OF XENIA

Mrs. Mays moved Resolution 26-2-19-6 approving a letter of support for the City of Xenia’s Market District Project. The City is seeking federal funding in the amount of \$1.5 million for the Phase II infrastructure needs of the project.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

IN RE – CHANGING MEETING DAY: THURSDAY, MARCH 26th to TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 26-2-19-7 changing the Thursday March 26th meeting to Tuesday, March 24th at 9 a.m., as a result of a scheduling conflict.

Mrs. Mays seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

IN RE – BID AWARD: SUGARCREEK HEADWORKS PROJECT 2602SA

Mrs. Mays moved Resolution 26-2-19-8 accepting the bid of Peterson Construction Company for the Sugarcreek Headworks Project 2606SA in the amount of \$876,000, as recommended by the Sanitary Engineering Department. Engineer’s estimate was \$1 million.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

IN RE – AUTH. CO. ENG. TO ENTER LPA AGREEMENT WITH ODOT: ROXANNA NEW BURLINGTON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 26-2-19-9 authorizing the County Engineer to enter into a Local Public Authority Project agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the GRE-CR 69-2.81 Roxanna New Burlington Bridge Replacement Project, PID 122137.

Mrs. Mays seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

IN RE – APPROVING PARK DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Mrs. Mays moved Resolution 26-2-19-10 approving the Park District Management agreement for the management of parks under the purview of the Park District. Dates and organizational charts were updated, and includes the Rangers Management Agreement.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

IN RE – AUTH. TO PARTICIPATE IN OHIO PURCHASING COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. COOPERATIVE MEMBER

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 26-2-19-11 authorizing participation in The Ohio Purchasing Council (TOP-C) of Governments as a cooperative member in order to take advantage of the TOP-C process and competitively awarded contracts for goods and services.

Mrs. Mays seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

IN RE – AUTH. CO. ADMIN. TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH PRODIGY BUILDING SOLUTIONS: JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER PROJECT

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 26-2-19-12 authorizing the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with Prodigy Building Solutions, LLC, for the Juvenile Justice Center HVAC project, if the County is approved for membership into The Ohio Purchasing Council (TOP-C) of Governments.

Mrs. Mays seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

IN RE – APPROVING REPLAT: SUNSHINE ACRES

Mrs. Mays moved Resolution 26-2-19-13 approving the replat of Lots 14 and 15 of Sunshine Acres, Sugarcreek Township, to create Lot 14A and Lot 15A.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

IN RE – APPROVING REPLAT: WHITE BARN TRAILS AT STONEHILL VILLAGE

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 26-2-19-14 approving the replat of Lots 48 and 49 in White Barn Trails at Stonehill Village, Section 2, Beavercreek Township, to create Lot 48-A.

Mrs. Mays seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

IN RE – RECOGNIZING GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS (6)

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 26-2-19-15 through 20 recognizing the following recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award: Kayleigh Derbis, Beavercreek, "Path of Hope"; Nora Meek, Beavercreek, "Girls Leading STEM"; Heera Nair, Spring Valley, "Bridge Across Program"; Kendra Schofield, Bellbrook, "Community Flag Education and Restoration"; Stella Toth, Kettering/Greene County, "Preserving Our Local Habitat"; and Madilyn Berkey, Beavercreek, "Be Someone's Sunshine".

Mrs. Mays seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

IN RE – RECOGNIZING XENIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD RECIPIENTS (6)

Mrs. Mays moved Resolution 26-2-19-21 through 26 recognizing the following Xenia Area Chamber of Commerce Award recipients: Collett Propane, Dodds Monument Industrial Award; Jasper Kitchen + Bar, Russ Remick Retail-Service Industries Award; Natalie Johnson, S.L. Stephan Volunteer Service Award; William “Tim” Spradlin, Sheriff Gene Fischer Hero Award; William “Will” Urschel, Torrence Award; and Chris Adams, Barb Zajbel Xenia Ambassador Award.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mrs. Mays-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye

Mr. Gould attended a signing of an agreement for development of a STEM project on land located near the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. He said it is a great program between the Air Force and Air Camp for children, preparing them to be the next generation of scientists, engineers and technical professionals.

Commissioners adjourned at 1:25 p.m. and will reconvene Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Attest: _____
Clerk

Contracts signed by Co. Admin., pursuant to Res. No. 23-10-3-7:
TBH Construction, CO, Waterline Relocation, New Floor Drain/Water Heater, \$9416.10, Co. Services
Woolpert, Addendum 1, Prof. Services Agreement, Facilities Master Plan, \$9,750, BoCC
Wade G. Smith Medical Services, LLC., Medical Care, \$1,200, Juvenile Detention
Midwest Cedar Fish Co., Trout & Channel Catfish, \$23,484, Parks & Trails