Defiance County
Board of Commissioners

Dana Phipps, Mick Pocratsky, and Matthew J. Koester

NEWS RELEASE
Monday, November 16, 2026

The Board of Defiance County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 9, 2026, in the Commissioners' Conference Room. President Dana Phipps called the meeting to order. Also present were Vice-President Mick Pocratsky; Commissioner Matthew Koester; County Administrator, Sherry Carnahan; Administrative Assistant, Carla Lucas; and Clerk, Liz Stuart.

The Commissioners met in General Session to approve and sign various resolutions, contracts, and documents. The Commissioners also reviewed the calendar of events and discussed upcoming meetings. The Board held an executive session for personnel matters per ORC 121.22 (G) (1).

The Commissioners met with Board of DD Director Heidi Hull and Director of Business Operations Karrah Rath for a quarterly update. They reported on increasing costs of the Medicaid Waiver system and capital projects needed to maintain the Good Sam building. Part of the HVAC system needs to be replaced at an estimated cost of $150,000, and they will also need a new roof in the near future. The Commissioners will be looking into funding options for these projects.

The Commissioners met with representatives from Kleinfelder for an interview for the OH15 sewer expansion project. Once a choice is made for this project and a contract is signed, the County will be able to apply for funding for the project, which will provide access to the County sanitary sewer system for an area with many failing septic systems.

Court Street will remain closed during the construction of the Courthouse Addition. The completion date of this project has been delayed and is currently scheduled for November 2026.

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