
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THEIR OFFICE IN THE COURTHOUSE, 105 SOUTH MARKET STREET, LISBON, OHIO, ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER PAPARODIS, COMMISSIONER GINTER, COMMISSIONER HALLECK

CLERK: CALLIE SOWARDS

PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY: BRIAN DAVIS

Father God, we come before you
this morning with gratitude and
thankfulness that you've given
us another day of life. I ask you
right now to help us have our
ears open to your H/S guidance.
I also ask that all things that are
decided here are for the best
interest of Columbiana County .
I want to thank you for the men and women here and
acknowledge that you have
placed them in these positions
of authority. We know that you
are a faithful and sovereign
God! Now we ask in the mighty
name of Jesus to be with them
in their thoughts and to guide
them as they protect and make
decisions for our county.
May everyone here feel your
presence and love.
Ask all this in Jesus name! Amen

PLEDGE BY: COMMISSIONER HALLECK

RE: MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, 2026 and the bills as presented.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: HALLECK, GINTER, PAPARODIS
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: TRAVEL

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Halleck to; approve travel as presented:

Commissioner: August 30-Sept. 1, 2026; CCAO Summer Symposium, Cincinnati, OH; Halleck - \$1,312.52

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: GINTER, HALLECK, PAPARODIS

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

RE: THEN & NOW BILLS

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; approve the Then & Now bills as presented:

COMMISSIONERS	PO#519962	THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY	\$2,490.00
SHERIFF	PO#519984	PAUL MORRIS AUTO REPAIR	\$1,895.96
WATER & SEWER	PO#519268	POLYDYNE INC	\$1,450.80
WATER & SEWER	PO#519299	BORDER PATROL LLC	\$49,293.60

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: HALLECK, GINTER, PAPARODIS

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

RE: ACCEPT COURT/AGENCY REPORTS FOR JOURNALIZATION - NONE

RE: APPROPRIATIONS

Motion by Mr. Ginter, seconded by Mr. Halleck to; accept as presented the following appropriations:

APPROPRIATE:

A00-E01-E-0002 \$2,480.00

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: GINTER, HALLECK, PAPARODIS

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

RE: ADOPT RESOLUTIONS – FIBER OPTIC – COUNTY ENGINEER

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; adopt Resolutions approving a permit to work within a county road right of way to Charter/Spectrum for installation of fiber optic lines in the following townships:

- o Resolution #31-2026 - Liverpool Township, Section 36;
- o Resolution #32-2026 - Salem Township, Section 13;
- o Resolution #33-2026 - Salem Township, Section 36
- o Resolution #34-2026 - West Township, Section 11
- o Resolution #35-2026 - West Township, Section 22
- o Resolution #36-2026 – Elkrum Township, Section 31

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: HALLECK, GINTER, PAPARODIS

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

RE: ADOPT RESOLUTION #37-2026 – OWNER OCCUPANCY TAX EXEMPTION

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; adopt Resolution #37-2026 for the purpose of authorizing a local permissive owner occupancy credit for qualified homeowners in Columbiana County, Ohio, and directing the County Auditor to establish and administer the necessary procedures for application, verification of eligibility, and calculation of the local permissive owner occupancy credit, in accordance with ORC 323.152.

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2026

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING A LOCAL PERMISSIVE OWNER OCCUPANCY CREDIT FOR QUALIFIED HOMEOWNERS IN COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION, VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY, AND CALCULATION OF THE LOCAL PERMISSIVE OWNER OCCUPANCY CREDIT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 323.152.

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly of the Ohio Legislature through House Bill 96, signed by Governor Mike De Wine on June 30, 2025 notwithstanding with sixty-seven line-item vetoes, granted boards of county commissioners the authority to implement a local permissive owner occupancy credit to provide additional property tax relief to eligible homeowners within their respective counties;

WHEREAS, an owner occupancy credit, only exercised by the State of Ohio prior to House Bill 96, is designed to reduce the property tax burden for qualifying homeowners by authorizing a credit of two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the amount of taxes to be levied by qualifying levies on the property or home after applying Ohio Revised Code Section 323.152;

WHEREAS, the local permissive owner occupancy credit allows counties to authorize a local credit to be applied concurrently with the state owner occupancy credit, providing further assistance to eligible homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbiana County, Ohio ("Board") recognizes the importance of providing property tax relief to its residents, particularly those who qualify for the state owner occupancy exemption;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO, THAT THIS BOARD DOES HEREBY:

1. Authorize a partial exemption from the real property taxes or manufactured home taxes on any property or manufactured or mobile home that receives the partial exemption under Ohio Revised Code Section 323.152(B)(2);
2. Authorize and direct the County Auditor to implement a local permissive owner occupancy credit program ("Local Credit") for qualified homeowners in Columbiana County, Ohio, consistent with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 323.152(B)(3);

3. Authorize that this Local Credit shall provide an additional credit equal to two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the amount of taxes to be levied by qualifying levies on the property or home;

4. Direct the County Auditor to establish and administer the necessary procedures for application, verification of eligibility, and calculation of the local permissive owner occupancy credit for the Local Credit, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code and applicable guidelines;

5. Resolve that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and that the partial exemption shall apply, in the case of real property taxes, to the current year, and with regard to manufactured home taxes, the following tax year;

6. Direct the Clerk of the Board to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor and Ohio Tax Commissioner within thirty (30) days of its adoption; and

7. Finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board; and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Motion by Commissioner Halleck, Commissioner Ginter seconded the motion for the adoption of said resolution, and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner <u>Paparodis</u>	voted <u>yes</u>
Commissioner <u>Ginter</u>	voted <u>yes</u>
Commissioner <u>Halleck</u>	voted <u>yes</u>

Adopted: June 24, 2026.

CERTIFICATE

I, Callie Sowards, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbiana County, Ohio, hereby do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of resolution adopted by said Board under said date, and as same appears in Commissioners' Journal Volume 95 Page A10.

Callie Sowards
Callie Sowards, Clerk
Board of Commissioners Columbiana County, Ohio

Commissioner Halleck thanked the staff for working on this and although it's not always pleasant decisions for all involved, we believe it is fair as the legislature gave us some relief with a percentage being reimbursable. Commissioner Ginter added as property taxes have increased substantially, this is unsustainable and as the State has afforded us the tools to do something, at least this is some relief.

ROLL CALL VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: PAPARODIS, GINTER, HALLECK

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – ROAD VACATION – SKYVIEW DRIVE, ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by Mr. Ginter to; adopt Resolution #38-2026 granting the petition for the road vacation of a 40' section of Skyview Drive in Huston's Second Addition, Section 20, Township 6 (St. Clair), Range 1, Columbiana County, Ohio. Petitioner Tammy L. Palma.

No one in attendance opposes the road vacation and Ms. Palma stated that this has always been a "ghost" road.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: HALLECK, GINTER, PAPARODIS

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Being no further business, Commissioner Paparodis adjourned the Commissioners' regular meeting.