Sandusky County Commissioners – 622 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420			2026 MEETING
Meeting: Board Of Commissioners	Location: Commissioners' Board Room	Date: 10/29/2026	Time: 8:00AM

Present: Commissioners: Scott Miller – President, Russ Zimmerman- Vice President, Justin Smith

Present: Marc Glotzbecker – County Administrator

Others Present: Rich Farmer, Barb Bristley, Beth Hannam, Kara Hetrick, Mike Pendleton, Joshua Clark, Linda Knudsen, Jerri Miller, Bob Bordner

(*action items)				
AGENDA ITEMS	**BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:**	**PERSON RESPONSIBLE:**	**DOLLAR AMOUNT:**	**MOTION / VOTE**
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (8:00am)	**Commissioner Miller called the session to order at 8:00am**	Scott Miller, President		
***Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, in-coming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices**	The 10/27/2026 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.	Scott Miller Russ Zimmerman Justin Smith		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Smith 2nd: Zimmerman Yes – 3
Commissioners and Administrator Discussion	Various items of note and upcoming events on the Commissioners Calendar were reviewed and discussed.			
***Then /Now Documents**	1. Common Pleas- Vendor not in system prior to registering for Conference. $150.00. 2026 Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges.	Common Pleas	$150.00	*Motion: Move to Approve certificates Moved by: Zimmerman 2nd: Smith Yes – 3
***Personnel**	None			
***Travel Requests**	None			*Motion: Move to Approve certificates Moved by: 2nd: Yes – 3

Sandusky County EDC	Beth Hannam, SCEDC Director, came in to meet with the Commissioners and update them on activities of the SCEDC. Beth presented a report on the value of the SCEDC to Sandusky County. Points included: Business Retention and Expansion Visits (116 so far in 2026), Marketing Sandusky County to Potential Businesses and Developers, Making Available Properties Accessible to Potential Investors (website, documents). In 2026, SCEDC has summitted 58 sites so far based on leads for potential development by new businesses. SCEDC competes with other organizations nationwide to attract new businesses and developments to the County. Discussion was had on the tariffs at the federal level have been forcing companies to consider building and developing in the country instead of overseas. The SCEDC also manages the business tax abatement program in the county and the Tax Incentive Review Council. SCEDC is also involved in the housing development studies in the County. Workforce Development activities are also a key component of the SCEDC (Teacher Bootcamp, Student Career Camps and the 9th Grade Manufacturing Showcase). Beth detailed how the SCEDC has taken over Leadership Sandusky County and the value that the program has to businesses and communities in the County. Beth gave brief information on the feasibility study that will be done prior to determining what level of a Annual Campaign will be implemented in the future. Commissioner Zimmerman and Beth had a discussion on the viability of volunteer fire departments and how upcoming changes in the state standards could affect businesses. Beth gave an update on the Industrial park on 412 and stated that the one spec building has been sold, and a full announcement will be made after the first of the year and by April or May of 2027 the business should be in operation. The second spec building is coming along well and is getting a great deal of attention.	Beth Hannam, SCEDC Director		
Sheriff Office	Sheriff Hilton came in for his regular meeting with Commissioners. The 2026 Budget was discussed and efforts to alleviate issues related to the Sheriff Office Budget for the remainder of the year. He detailed where they are at with those efforts and how they will continue to do so for the remainder of the year. He detailed conversations he has had with the union regarding Comp Time Payouts at the end of the year and discussions will continue and the Commissioners will	Sheriff Hilton		

	need to be a part of the final conversation on the issue. Sheriff detailed that the DTF has bought a new cruiser for the Office and he is working to keep his fleet operational as he does not plan to purchase any new vehicles in 2027. Commissioner Zimmerman asked a question in regard to decals on cruisers in the state and Sheriff explained how the OAC dictates how cruisers can be marked. Sheriff reported that the body scanner is up and running and reimbursement ($96,000.00) from the state has been received. Current jail statistics were discussed. Sheriff announced that they did submit a grant to the state for body cameras but has not heard anything back yet.			
Barb Bristley	Barb Bristley, Sandusky County Resident, addressed Commissioners on concerns regarding the budget shortfall. She detailed concerns that she has and has heard from other residents regarding budget issues. EMS, DJFS and other costs were addressed as concerns by her as items that should have been more clearly investigated and causes for some of the budget issues. Mrs. Bristley detailed issues with property tax increases and reasons why property taxes should be abolished and ways in which property taxes can be abolished and essential services be continued. Mrs. Bristley reviewed a manual that she has put together regarding property taxes, abolishing them and ways in which to retain essential services. She gave statistics for Seneca and Sandusky Counties as far as petition signatures for the ballot issue (1 in 5 residents have signed). She offered a copy of the manual for the Commissioners to review. It will be available in the Administrator's Office. Commissioners thanked her for her time and acknowledged her work and efforts on the issues. Jerri Miller, Auditor, detailed some information on the property tax issue and changes that should be coming in an attempt to help residents, especially with the Homestead Exemption. Commissioners and Mrs. Bristley discussed how Sandusky County compares with our neighboring counties and issues that exist with school financing. Mike Pendleton, Sandusky County Resident, asked Commissioners if they felt they owed the public an apology for a comment made on abolishing property taxes. Commissioner Zimmerman replied that he issued an apology and presented his view on property taxes			

	and how to ensure that essential services continue if property taxes were abolished. Kara Hetrick, Sandusky County Resident, asked Commissioners about the Flock Cameras and if the contract was indeed over after next year and what the cost is. Commissioner Miller responded that he cannot answer that as he does not have the contract with him right now. Sheriff Hilton explained that the Flock system is operated with funds from the DTF and is a collaboration between all departments in the county. Each department signed the contract, but the DTF pays. Mrs. Hetrick stated that Flock cameras are in infringement on rights and are being misused. Sheriff Hilton explained how the cameras are used, the results that come from their use and the system that is used to audit them in the County. The question was asked how they will be paid for if the DTF Levy fails. Sheriff responded that he hopes the levy does not fail as the DTF overall has been doing amazing things to keep residents safe and Flock Cameras are just one part of that. Sheriff Hilton gave some examples of how Flock Cameras have assisted law enforcement in Sandusky County. Sheriff said he understands the negatives associated with them but feels that there are more positives associated with them than negatives. Mrs. Bristley stated that from a strict constitutional perspective, she is not for Flock Cameras. Sheriff Hilton stated that he understands and respects everyone's concerns but will continue to work to ensure that things are done as they should be done in the County.			
HR	Ian Cantu came in to meet with Commissioners about Personnel *Motion: To enter Executive Session at 10:25am for the purpose of Personnel with Ian Cantu and Marc Glotzbecker being invited in. Moved by: Zimmerman 2nd: Smith Yes – 3 *Motion: To return to Regular Session at 10:48am Moved by: Smith 2nd: Zimmerman Yes – 3	Ian Cantu, HR Director		

* **Resolutions**	RESOLUTION 2026-279 APPROVING FUND TRANSFER FROM SALES TAX INCOME TO GENERAL FUND AND DEBT FUNDS TO COVER LOAN PAYMENTS	Commissioner's	$3,815.22 $11,151.90 $26,965.15 $4,616.22 *$1,077,758.94*	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Zimmerman 2nd: Smith Yes – 3
	RESOLUTION 2026 - 280 AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE SENIOR CITIZENS TAX LEVY TO GREAT LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP (GLCAP) FREMONT OHIO SENIOR SERVICES	Commissioner's	$675,382.43	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Smith 2nd: Zimmerman Yes – 3
	Bob Bordner, Sandusky County Resident, asked what the final number was for the EMS HQ/LS18. It was explained that retainage was still being worked through, but the number right now is around $14,000.000.00			
Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – none Media Attendees – none Elected Officials - none			
* **Adjournment (10:50am)**	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Smith 2nd: Zimmerman Yes - 3

Signature of:

Scott Miller, President

Russ Zimmerman, Vice President

Justin Smith

Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County Ohio

Attest: _____

Clerk to the Board / County Administrator

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Is a true and correct copy from the official record of said Board of County Commissioners as recorded in its Journal.

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Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio

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Board of Commissioners:
Scott Miller
Russ Zimmerman
Justin Smith

County Administrator:
Marc Glotzbecker

Agenda
Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners
Thursday, October 29, 2026, 8:00am

*(** Item requires Board approval)*

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion of Electronic Bills
** Review and approval of Minutes
** Approval of Then/Now Certificates, Personnel Documents and Travel Requests presented

Beth Hannam- Sandusky County EDC

Sheriff Hilton

Barb Bristley

Ian Cantu- Sandusky County HR

Public forum – (**resolutions, questions, comments)

Public Conduct Policy – Persons who wish to address the Board of Commissioners regarding any item on the agenda may be granted the privilege of the floor for a five-minute period unless, at the discretion of the Board President or other presiding person, circumstances dictate a longer or shorter period of time. All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a body and not to any one member.

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Outside and Internal Meetings:
10/29/2026- Terra Meet and Greet: 3:00pm- Miller and Zimmerman
10/30/2026- Elected Officials Meeting: 7:30am at Engineers Office- All
11/3/2026- Budget Commission Meeting: 2:30pm- All
11/4/2026- Sugar Creek Final Hearing: 11:00am at Neeley Center- All

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2026-279

APPROVING FUND TRANSFER FROM SALES TAX INCOME TO GENERAL FUND AND DEBT FUNDS TO COVER LOAN PAYMENTS

RESOLUTION 2026 - 280

AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE SENIOR CITIZENS TAX LEVY TO GREAT LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP (GLCAP) FREMONT OHIO SENIOR SERVICES

SANDUSKY COUNTY
Economic Development Corporation

Value of Continued Investment to the Sandusky County Economic Development Corporation

- **Protect and grow the existing business base.** We have completed **116 Business Retention and Expansion visits so far in 2026**, helping existing employers identify challenges, connect with resources, and plan for growth. We completed **144 or more visits in each of 2023, 2024, and 2025**.

- **Market Sandusky County to developers and prospective employers.** Marketing to developers is part of our organization's broader marketing plan for the entire county. We help put the county's sites, buildings, and opportunities in front of companies considering expansion or relocation.

- **Make county properties easy to discover.** We supply and maintain a robust website featuring a database of available properties. In our latest website update, we will add a housing component—making it easier to showcase housing information alongside the assets that matter to employers, developers, and residents.

- **Compete for new investment across the entire county.** In 2026, we have submitted **58 countywide buildings or sites** for new project leads, helping put Sandusky County properties in front of companies considering expansion or relocation.

- **Bring new prospects directly to Sandusky County.** In addition to 58 property submissions, we have handled **12 direct attraction leads** so far in 2026.

- **Showcase the county to prospective investors.** We have managed **10 site visits in 2026**, most involving foreign investment—giving prospective employers, a firsthand look at Sandusky County's opportunities.

- **Administer a county program that supports business investment.** On behalf of the Commissioners, we manage the **Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement program**: assisting companies with applications, submitting paperwork to the Ohio Department of Development, coordinating the annual SCTIRC meeting, and filing required year-end reports to Ohio Department of Development.

- **Chair the Sandusky County Transportation Improvement District (TID).** The SCEDC Director has been serving this role since the program's approval and inception.

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SANDUSKY COUNTY
Economic Development Corporation

- **Administer the Sandusky County Community Improvement Corporation** by maintaining and organizing its records, coordinating annual and emergency meetings, providing related administrative support, and ensuring compliance with applicable ORC requirements, including the preparation and filing of required paperwork.

- **Address a key barrier to growth: housing.** We have taken the lead in coordinating the **Sandusky County Housing Study** and running the **Sandusky County Housing Taskforce**, bringing partners together around housing needs that affect residents and employers alike.

- **Build the future workforce and local leadership pipeline.** We lead countywide programs that connect students, educators, employers, and emerging leaders, including:
  - Teacher Bootcamp
  - 9th Grade Career Manufacturing Showcase
  - Student Career Camps (**7–8 per year**)
  - High School Career Fair
  - High School Leadership Pinnacle program
  - Sandusky County Business Advisory Council
  - Leadership Sandusky County

- **Manage and equip shared County meeting space.** The SCEDC rents shared space from the Commissioners and helps make it useful and accessible for the two other organizations and the County. We manage the shared calendar for the space to make sure no double bookings.

  In addition, the SCEDC supplied the furniture in the lobby, boardroom, and small conference room. We purchased the computer, whiteboard, and overhead projector used in the boardroom by all the organizations and County. We also own the two refrigerators, a microwave, coffee pots, and other ancillary supplies that are shared amongst the other organizations.

Continued County investment helps ensure Sandusky County has a dedicated organization like the SCEDC, working every day to retain employers, attract new investment, strengthen the workforce, and coordinate solutions to the challenges that affect our communities.

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Administrator's Report
Week of October 26, 2026

Koenig Fund Report- Discussions with the family on how to make best use of the funds granted continue with a decision expected to be made very soon.

State Audit Report- 2025 State Auditor Report has been released, and the exit interview is still to be scheduled soon and will be held at the Commissioner's Office.

Northcoast Strategies- As a reminder, Adam Greenslade and his team will be meeting with Elected Officials and Department Heads on Friday, November 6th in the Conference Room at EMS HQ to begin the long-range planning process. Elected Officials will meet at 7:30am and Department Heads will meet at 9:00am. Initial notice has been sent out to everyone, and we will send reminders as the date gets closer.

Elected Officials Meeting- As a reminder, the meeting is scheduled for 7:30am on October 30th at the Engineer's Office.

Electric Aggregation Information- Information on the updated aggregation program was posted online and social media for view by residents.

Part Time Account Clerk Position- Part Time Account Clerk position to assist in the Commissioner's Office has been advertised on social media and Indeed. Interviews have been taking place and we expect to have an offer out and a person in place very soon..

Commissioners Facebook Page- Commissioner's Facebook Page (Sandusky County Commissioners) continues to be operated and is being utilized to push out information from the Commissioner's Office and other organizations that the Commissioners work closely with in an information only format. As a reminder, it is set up for information only and comments are not activated.

Vehicles- Advertisement for sealed bids for two county owned vehicles assigned to the Commissioner's Office (Grey Ford Edge and Black Ford Edge) are now posted after Commissioners approved the Resolution allowing for the sale of unneeded equipment by sealed bid. While Commissioners approved a Resolution early in 2026 to sell items online, sealed bid was not specified, and we felt it better to be safe. Advertisements will be posted again on the County Webpage as well as other areas where the public can see them. We expect to open bids on November 9th.

Sugar Creek Final Hearing- As a reminder, the Final Hearing has been set for 11:00am on November 4th at the Neeley Center.

Sugar Creek Legal Notices- Legal Notices for the Final Hearing have been advertised per ORC in the News Messenger on October 21st and October 28th. Affidavit is filed in the Commissioner's Office.

Sugar Creek Engineers Final Report and Plans- A copy of the Final Report was placed at each of your desks this week for review. The Plans are rather large and are available upstairs if you would like to review them.

Sandusky County Sugar Creek Assessments- Notice of Estimated Assessments for Sandusky County have been received in the amount of $6,136.61.

Organizational Chart- No further information at this time. The process will continue as time permits for the formulation of a countywide organizational chart to be made available to the public.

EMS Plaques- No additional information at this time. Text for the plaques to be installed at both locations is still being worked on. I would anticipate that this will not be completed until 2027.

Press Releases- Weekly press releases of county specific information continue to be sent out to the area media as a means to keep them updated and informed of events and other items related to Sandusky County.

2026 Budget Reviews- Meetings with Officials and Departments continue as needed as we continue to evaluate our current position and look to make adjustments to finish the year as positively as possible. Elected Officials and Department Heads continue to come to the table with open minds and solutions to the issue and this is very much appreciated.

2027 Budget Timeline/Process- 2027 Budget Process continues. Budget Meetings with Offices/Departments and the Commissioners are behind but will be scheduled soon and the schedule will be listed on the Commissioner's Meeting Agendas.

Budget Commission Meeting- The Budget Commission will meet again on Tuesday, November 3rd at 2:30pm in the Law Library.

City of Fremont IT Meeting- Atul, Brayden and myself are set to meet with the City of Fremont on the afternoon of November 9th to review the IT Contract ahead of 2027.

Jingle Bell Jog- The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, December 5th at the Rotary Lodge/Don Miller Park. The event will be sponsored by the Sandusky County Elected Officials and Departments, Sandusky County Park District, Sandusky County Visitors Bureau, Sandusky County YMCA and Sandusky County Communities Foundation. Entry fee will be a new and unwrapped toy, non-perishable food items or personal hygiene products. All items collected will directly benefit Sandusky County residents in need during the holidays. More information to come.

The Wall That Heals- We will be able to make a formal announcement on Veterans Day regarding the event, but it really is a very special thing to be able to host The Wall That Heals for a stop on its 2027 National Tour, especially on Memorial Day Weekend. Once we make the official announcement, we will begin to put a call out for volunteers to serve on various committees to assist with the event.

10/29/2026

Name	Signature	Contact Information
Rich Farmer		
Kathy Laird	Kathy Laird	
Kara Hetrick	Kara Hetrick	
Mike Pendleton	Michael E Pendleton	
John Clark	John D. Clark	
Linda Knutson		
Beth Hanson		
Jerri Miller		
John Hoffman	John Hoffman	
Bob Bordner	Bob Bordner	
Jan Cantu	Jan Cantu	