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| Sandusky County Commissioners – 622 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                     | 2025 MEETING     |                                                                                                   |
| Meeting: Board Of Commissioners                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Location: Commissioners' Board Room                 | Date: 11/13/2025 | Time: 8:00AM – 10:15AM                                                                            |
| Present: Commissioners: Scott Miller – President, Charles Schwochow– Vice President; Russ Zimmerman         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                     |                  |                                                                                                   |
| Present: Theresa Garcia – County Administrator                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                     |                  |                                                                                                   |
| Others Present: Julie Schwochow, Tianlun Jian, Peggy Courtney, Cassey Morrow (see sign in sheet for guests) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                     |                  |                                                                                                   |
| (*action items)                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                     |                  |                                                                                                   |
| AGENDA ITEMS                                                                                                | BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | PERSON RESPONSIBLE:                                 | DOLLAR AMOUNT:   | MOTION / VOTE                                                                                     |
| Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (8:00am)                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Scott Miller, President                             |                  |                                                                                                   |
| *Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, in-coming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices        | The 11/6/2025 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.                                                                                                                                              | Scott Miller<br>Charles Schwochow<br>Russ Zimmerman |                  | *Motion: Move to Approve minutes<br>Moved by: Russ Zimmerman<br>2nd: Charles Schwochow<br>Yes – 3 |
| Commissioners and Administrator Discussion                                                                  | Administrator Garcia sent out notices regarding the resolution to restrict unincorporated areas from large wind and solar farms. The libraries have the maps and the notice to post and the resolution will be on the agenda for December 18, 2025.                    | Theresa Garcia                                      |                  |                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                             | Commissioner Zimmerman sat on a call regarding SNAP benefits. He was happy to hear that many organizations in the community were assisting with food drives and collections to help community members that need assistance.                                            |                                                     |                  |                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                             | Commissioners discussed the request presented by Judge Welty to designate Clyde as the County Court. Commissioner Miller stated that there was a lot of information shared at a couple of meetings to review. He does not feel the timing is right on a move. It makes | Scott Miller<br>Charles Schwochow<br>Russ Zimmerman |                  |                                                                                                   |

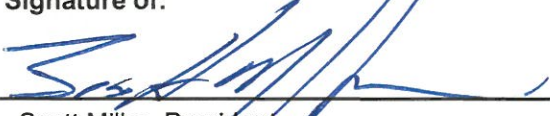
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|                              | <p>sense to have one court but at this time he thinks it is not logistically good for the county. Commissioner Zimmerman understands that individuals are looking out for the residents but feels the January 1st is too soon. He does feel we need to make sure that security is updated for Clyde Court. He does not feel that the consolidation should be done right now and they should have the Judge pull her January 1, 2026 date back. Commissioner Schwochow agreed with the comments made by Commissioner Zimmerman. Sheriff Hilton was in attendance and is working on a temporary security plan for the courts until something permanent can be put together. Several letters from the west end of the county were sent asking the Commissioners not to move the court to Clyde. (see attached letters)</p> <p>Commissioner Zimmerman moved to suspend the January 1, 2026 date to close the Woodville Court.</p> |                                     |                                | <p>*Motion: Move to suspend the January 1, 2026 consolidation date<br/>Moved by: Russ Zimmerman<br/>2nd: Charles Schwochow<br/>Yes – 3</p> |
| * Then /Now Documents        | <p>One certificate was presented by the Commissioner's Office. The PO's were not done due to a previous PO that had been completed and the second one due to an oversight. Two invoices make up this certificate.<br/>Promedica - \$525.00<br/>Squire Patton Boggs - \$3,500.00</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Commissioners                       | <p>\$525.00<br/>\$3,500.00</p> | <p>*Motion: Move to Approve certificates<br/>Moved by:<br/>2nd:<br/>Yes – 3</p>                                                            |
| * Personnel                  | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                     |                                |                                                                                                                                            |
| * Travel Requests            | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                     |                                |                                                                                                                                            |
| Tianlun Jian - OCA           | <p>Tianlun Jian came in to talk to the Commissioners about the serious threats from the Chinese Communist Party. They pose a threat to the World. He talked about how dangerous they are and gave some examples of what they are doing. There have been several crimes committed in the US that needs to stop. The propaganda of China is so serious to brain wash people. China spends \$7 billion on propaganda a year. Every year the Chinese Association of Media are invited to a gathering and they entertain them and brain wash them. New York Times was strongly against</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                     |                                |                                                                                                                                            |
| Community Work Program (CWP) | Deputy Johannsen was unable to attend his meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                     |                                |                                                                                                                                            |
| Visitors Bureau              | <p><u>Peggy Courtney – Visitors Bureau.</u> Peggy came in for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. See</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Peggy Courtney – Executive Director |                                |                                                                                                                                            |

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|                                              | <p>attachment for agenda items. The 2026 Community Guide ad sales are complete. They did better this year than last year in quantity of ads and vendors. They will have a bigger guide. Printing costs didn't go up much compared to last year. They are almost ready to go to print, they are just waiting for some pictures. They started to set up the Holiday Lights. When setting up the tree the cable snapped on the 18 foot tree. They had to contact the manufacturer and they were looking at how to repair and possibly sending a loaner for the season. They haven't heard anything since. Peggy did find someone that can fix the tree they have now and the plan would be to send the invoice to the vendor for reimbursement. The lights "grand opening" will be at 6:00pm on November 26th. They had eight tours scheduled for the light shows and five of them have canceled. They are not sure why. They were at the Great Lakes travel show and they shared events in Sandusky County and some of the America 250 events. The Bellevue Tourism website is up and running. They are working with Bellevue on different venues and events. Peggy did want to talk about a call she received from a gentlemen whose wife stayed at Days Inn and had a bad experience. There was no attendant at the desk just a monitor and it was very unkempt. She did not stay the whole time and they would not give her a refund.</p> |                                           |  |  |
| <p><b>Job and Family Services (DJFS)</b></p> | <p><u><b>Cassey Nead – DJFS</b></u>. Cassey came in for the regular meeting for DJFS. See attachment for agenda items. Current custody count is up by 6 children. They had a couple of multiple sibling groups. They are working on finding relatives and kinship. The SNAP program has been highly discussed. They are seeing that some of the benefits are being submitted at 65% of the benefits. December 8th is the Foster Family Christmas. The Department of Children &amp; Youth Director and Deputy Director visited the Treatment Foster care team. They are impressed with the program and they came to get information on how the program works. They are doing interviews for the Group Home Director. They have one person that is out for drug testing at this time. All group homes have to have a monitoring and door system and they are getting quotes for these systems. The agreement on the facility has been signed and they will be receiving the keys and will be able to get in to set up. The fire department will need to come in for an</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>Casey Nead – Program Administrator</p> |  |  |

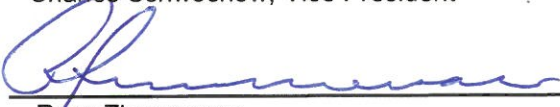
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|               | inspection to meet State compliance. Cassey reviewed the current custody and where some of the cases are. There is much more trauma going on in families now than in the past. The group home will be a great benefit for the kids that need specialty care. They will stay in the County where they can monitor them better and know they are being cared for the way we want them to be cared for and have control of their care. |                     |                          |                                                                                                      |
| * Resolutions | 2025 - 312<br>APPROVING APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FOR BOARD OF DD FROM DONATION FUND FROM SUPPLIES TO CONTRACT SERVICES (\$300.00)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Boar of DD          | \$300.00                 | *Motion: Move to Approve resolution<br>Moved by: Charles Schwochow<br>2nd: Russ Zimmerman<br>Yes – 3 |
|               | 2025 - 313<br>AUTHORIZING THE SANDUSKY COUNTY AUDITOR TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO THE CITY OF FREMONT FROM THE COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX FUND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | City of Fremont     | \$82,265.91              | *Motion: Move to Approve resolution<br>Moved by: Charles Schwochow<br>2nd: Russ Zimmerman<br>Yes – 3 |
|               | 2025 - 314<br>APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO DOG KENNEL SUPPLIES (\$4,500.00) TO PURCHASE NEW INDUSTRIAL WASHER AND DRYER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Dog Kennel          | \$4,500.00               | *Motion: Move to Approve resolution<br>Moved by: Charles Schwochow<br>2nd: Russ Zimmerman<br>Yes – 3 |
|               | 2025 - 315<br>APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO AUDITOR REAL ESTATE FUND WAGES (\$6,000.00) AND BENEFITS (\$6,000.00) FOR END OF YEAR EXPENSES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Auditor Real Estate | \$6,000.00<br>\$6,000.00 | *Motion: Move to Approve resolution<br>Moved by: Russ Zimmerman<br>2nd: Charles Schwochow<br>Yes – 3 |
|               | 2025 – 316<br>ADDRESSING PETITION FOR PROPOSED VACATION OF HOWARD STREET SITUATED IN STANLEY BOYER SUBDIVISION, BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP; FIXING DATE/TIME FOR VIEW OF THE AREA REQUESTED FOR VACATION; FIXING DATE/TIME OF FINAL HEARING ON SAID PETITION                                                                                                                                                                                | Road Vacation       |                          | *Motion: Move to Approve resolution<br>Moved by: Russ Zimmerman<br>2nd: Charles Schwochow<br>Yes – 3 |

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|                                | 2025 - 317<br>APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO BUILDING CODE FEES (\$5,000.00) AND CONTRACT SERVICES (\$105,000.00), PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT SERVICES (\$75,000.00) AND BOARD OF ELECTIONS POLL WORKERS (\$18,000.00) FOR END OF YEAR EXPENSES; APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FOR CORONER FROM CONTRACT SERVICES TO SUPPLIES (\$130.00) AND SEVERAL APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS TO AUDITOR & TREASURER FEES TO COVER NEGATIVE BALANCES | Various | \$5,000.00<br>\$105,000.00<br>\$75,000.00<br>\$18,000.00<br>\$130.00 | *Motion: Move to Approve resolution<br>Moved by: Russ Zimmerman<br>2nd: Charles Schwochow<br>Yes - 3 |
| <b>Public Open Session</b>     | Citizens Attendees - none<br>Media Attendees - none<br>Elected Officials - none                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |         |                                                                      |                                                                                                      |
| <b>* Adjournment (10:15am)</b> | With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |         |                                                                      | * Motion: Move to adjourn<br>Moved by: Charles Schwochow<br>2nd: Russ Zimmerman<br>Yes - 3           |

Signature of:

  
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Scott Miller, President

  
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Charles Schwochow, Vice President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Russ Zimmerman

**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

**Garcia, Theresa A.**

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**From:** Paul Runion <paparunion@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025 9:41 PM  
**To:** Garcia, Theresa A.  
**Subject:** Woodville Court

**Caution:** This is an external email and may be malicious. Please take care when clicking links or opening attachments.

Good Morning Commissioners: Due to a recent surgery I cannot attend your meeting where I am told there will be further discussion regarding the woodville court status. Would like to emphasize that closing this court would do undue harm to our end of the county. As a woodville township trustee I firmly believe that keeping status quo with with having court at both of the county is in the best interest of our residents . As a father, grandfather Businessman and landlord we should make available to all and especially the younger generation the Sandusky county court system with ease of availability . Hopefully the differences with Judge Welty and Clerk Christy can be resolved without putting the public in harms way . Looking forward to hearing a positive outcome. Thank You Paul Runion

Paul Runion  
R2  
CS

**Garcia, Theresa A.**

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**From:** John Havens <jhavens@rbhayes.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025 9:19 AM  
**To:** Garcia, Theresa A.; Gilkerson, Steve; jacksontownshipsandusky@gmail.com; Jonathon Timmons; Brandon Shull (sshaulingllc@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Closing of the western court

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11/12/2025

Sandusky County Commissioners,

I am writing to you as the Chairman of the Jackson Township Trustees. It has been brought to our attention that there is a plan to close the western court in Sandusky County and make all residents of western Sandusky County travel to the eastern Sandusky County court. This has taken us by surprise as we have not been contacted, and this greatly affects us and our residents. We ask that a decision is not made until we can discuss this very important matter. Our next Township meeting is Monday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 and we ask that you attend to discuss this movement of our local court system. Due to the sunshine law we as Trustees cannot discuss this until we have our meeting next Monday. I'm sure you understand this and will not decide until we all can talk about this very important action.

Looking forward to seeing you November 17<sup>th</sup>.

John C Havens, Chairman Jackson Township Trustees

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# Woodville Township

Sandusky County

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November 12, 2025

Dear Sandusky County Commissioners:

This matter comes before you regarding the closure of the Sandusky County Court, Woodville location. Woodville, Woodville Township, Gibsonburg, the county prosecutor, the Sheriff, etc. have all expressed our concerns for the west end of Sandusky County.

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, our concerns were discussed with you and the judge and remain the same. The Clyde location is too far away to serve the west end of the county. This was all discussed and nothing sufficiently supported the closing of the Woodville court, and it became clear to "appear" to be more of an inter-office issue between Judge Cynthia Welty and Clerk of Courts Christie Schneider and not necessarily a court location issue.

The Clyde location is 30 minutes from the Woodville area, 25+ miles and even further from other parts of the county such as Scott, Madison, and Jackson Townships. All victims, suspects, witnesses, filings of small claims, evictions, civil procedures, etc. would then have to go to the Clyde court location on the far east end of the city. That is not practical or efficient for our residents nor is it fair to them!

**The commissioners have the authority under ORC 1907.15 to not allow this to happen. The law reads specifically that the Judge can only designate a location in CONCURRENCE with the commissioners. You HAVE to agree to it and ALLOW it for the judge to do this.**

Sandusky County Prosecutor Beth Tischler confirms the reading of the law and agrees that the commissioners have the authority over this matter. **So, all you simply have to do is say NO, it is not in the best interests of the whole county and specifically the west end of the county.**

You and the Judge took an oath and took positions to always do what is in the best interests of the county, its residents, and communities. We can all agree, especially after our meeting, that this is not in the best interest of the whole county, the west end of the county, and all our communities. **This does not make sense; nothing gets resolved with this location change and honestly would probably make it worse.** The timing of this and the hastily measures being pushed cannot and should not happen like this.

We are hoping that you consider all of us in this matter. Please closely consider all things that would and will be affected by this when this decision is made. This is a decision that will affect the entire county and remember that it will be permanent with permanent consequences to us all.

Thank you all for your serious consideration of this matter.

The Woodville Township Trustees  
On behalf of Woodville Township,

Paul Runion

William Hammer

  
Kenneth Green

# The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Posts the Biggest Threat to the World

**Propaganda**     Annually allocates over \$7 billion for global propaganda. Utilizes newspapers, radio, television, and the internet to spread the CCP's ideology, employing buyouts and investments to infiltrate Western Chinese- and English-language media.

**Religion and Faith**     Mobilizes state machinery to persecute individuals of all different religious faiths, using horrific methods. And extends this persecution overseas through Chinese consulates in various countries.

**Education**     Dispatches [Confucius Institutes] to countries around the world. Controls Chinese teachers, textbooks, and curriculum content in primary, secondary, and university Chinese language programs in various nations.

**Culture**     Blocks and sabotages Shen Yun performances. Sends letters to theaters spreading rumors and slandering Shen Yun to prevent theaters from signing contracts with it; sabotages Shen Yun's transportation; issues bomb threats and harasses Shen Yun's normal operations.

**Government**     Corrupts, tempts, and lobbies government officials at all levels in various countries. Establishes sister cities and offers free sightseeing tours.

**Legal** Exploits loopholes in democratic societies' legal systems to wage endless legal battles against overseas dissidents and groups. This disrupts normal social order.

**Public Security**     Utilizes Interpol and underground police agencies, allowing CCP police to interfere in other countries' internal affairs and enforce laws illegally.

**Military**     Employs unrestricted warfare. Forces the entire population to become CCP spies. Bribes and recruits personnel from foreign political, business, and military sectors to spy on foreign military intelligence.

**Finance**     Organizes BRICS countries to jointly undermine the international status of the US dollar. Disrupts the global financial system.

**Telecommunications**     Organizes hacker attacks on the international internet, damages international submarine communication cables, establishes secret communication networks, and interferes with and sabotages the operation of US telecommunications systems.

**High-Tech** Violates copyrights and steals advanced technology. Seizes international markets in 5G and AI.

**Industry** Uses the "Belt and Road Initiative" to plunder other countries' natural resources, destroy the environment, provides state subsidies to export enterprises, and lowers prices to capture international markets.

**Agriculture** Steals seeds and agricultural technology. Introduces crop viruses.

**International Organizations** Stirs up trouble in international organizations such as the United Nations, World Trade Organization, Interpol, and International Organization for Standardization, vying for power and benefits.

**Social Groups** Controls university [student and scholar associations] and Chinese groups, chambers of commerce, and other overseas Chinese organizations through embassies and consulates abroad. Organizes and funds activities involving overseas Chinese worldwide.

## **Healthcare**

1. Spreads viruses, causing a global pandemic. And during the epidemic, uses protective supplies to choke the world, leading to massive deaths from illness.
2. Manufactures and spreads drugs, harming the United States and the world.
3. Conducts illegal organ transplants, forming a systematic industrial chain.

# ROCK & AWE FREE HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW

SANDUSKY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 100 NORTH PARK AVE. FREMONT

## START A NEW TRADITION!

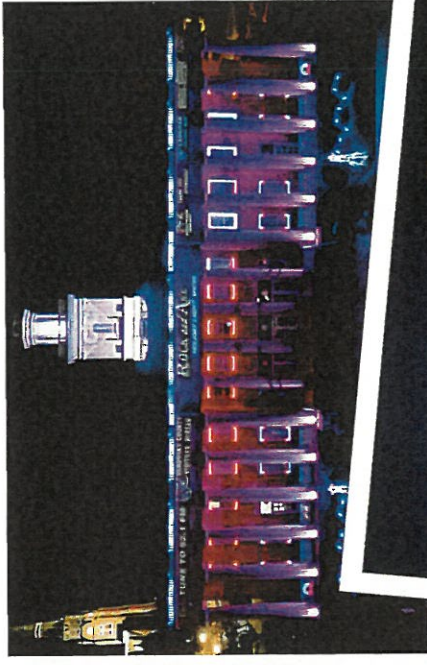
The Sandusky County Rock & Awe Holiday Light Show is quickly becoming a cornerstone of new holiday traditions for families in Fremont, Ohio, and beyond. Each year, as the days grow shorter and the cold air brings the promise of winter, the light show at the historic Sandusky County Courthouse draws families together, turning ordinary nights into something magical.

For many, the Rock & Awe show offers a new way to celebrate the season. With over 33,000 lights synchronized to beloved holiday music, the event transforms the courthouse into a luminous spectacle, blending nostalgia with modern flair. Children's faces light up as they watch the brilliant display, while parents remember holidays gone by. It's more than just a light show—it's a time to pause and enjoy the beauty of the season together.

This free event, running from Thanksgiving Eve to New Year's Day, gives families an opportunity to create fresh memories. Whether you're standing outside with cocoa in hand or listening to the music from your car radio, this immersive experience adds a new layer of joy to the holiday season.

*Learn More at:*

[SanduskyCounty.org/rock](http://SanduskyCounty.org/rock)



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To Sandusky County Commissioners & Judge,

November 10, 2025

This matter comes before you about the closing the Sandusky County Court, Woodville location. Woodville, Woodville township, Gibsonburg, the county prosecutor, the Sheriff, etc. have all expressed our concerns for the west end of Sandusky County. Our concerns have been discussed and remain the same, they are that the location is too far away to serve the west end of the county. The location is 30 minutes from the Woodville area, 25+ miles and even further from other parts of the county such as Scott, Madison, and Jackson townships. All victims, suspects, witnesses, filings of small claims, evictions, civil procedures, probationers, etc. would then have to go to darn near Bellevue for court, due to the Clyde location being on the far east end of the city. That is not practical or efficient for our residents, nor is it fair to them. This move is going to put a hardship on anyone in the west end needing to use that court with travel time, travel expenses, fuel, time in general, losing a day's pay from work, time off from work, etc. It simply would not serve our county and communities the way it should, if that move were to take place. It will affect the same to anyone outside of our county that would need to respond to our court jurisdiction as a person described above. On top of that it will cause officers from agencies to be out of their perspective jurisdictions when at court for long periods of time, leaving our areas uncovered or under covered for longer periods of time. This will create a public safety issue to our communities. It will also create new and unnecessary hardships for our departments and municipalities, such as additional O.T. pay for court time, additional fuel expenses, additional wear & tear on vehicles, which will result in additional vehicle maintenance and repairs, legal counsel issues, etc. Another whole set of issues come up when talking about filing of court documents and official paperwork, original copies, warrants, bonds, technology, etc., the logistics of such is a nightmare. There are A LOT of problems with this proposal to close the Woodville court location and move everything to Clyde, as we have expressed prior to this for your review. The Clyde court is less adequate than the Woodville location. The Clyde building does not function for everyone that needs to use it; it is not as safe, as private, etc.

We met with you the commissioners, with the judge and all of us in one room to discuss our disagreement and concerns. This was all discussed, nothing sufficiently supported the closing of the Woodville court, actually the contrary and it became clear to "appear" to be more of an inter-office issue between Judge Cynthia Welty and Clerk of Courts Christie Schneider, and not necessarily a court location issue. You, the commissioners have the authority under ORC 1907.15 to not allow this to happen. The law reads specifically that the Judge can only designate a location in CONCURRENCE with the commissioners (the county court judge, with the concurrence of the board of county commissioners, shall designate the location at which the judge shall hold court). You HAVE to agree to it and ALLOW it, for the judge to do this. This has been reviewed by legal counsel on our end and now by the Sandusky County prosecutor Beth Tischler, which she confirms the reading of the law and agrees that the commissioners have the authority over this matter. So, all you simply have to do is say NO, it is not in the best interest of the whole county and specifically the west end of the county. We are hoping that is the decision made on Thursday 11/13/2025. You all and the Judge took an oath and took positions to always do what is in the best interest of the county, its residents, and communities. We can all agree, especially after our meeting that this is not in the best interest of the whole county, the west end of the county and all our communities. This does not make sense; nothing gets resolved with this location change and honestly would probably make it worse. The timing of this and the hastily measures being pushed, cannot and should not happen like this.

So, we are hoping that you consider all of us in this matter, consider all things that would and will be affected by this when the decision made. We are requesting that it all, be considered by you all, when making any decisions for the whole county and remember that they will be permanent, with permanent consequences to us all. Thank you all for your serious consideration in this matter.

On behalf of the Village of Woodville,  
Chief of Police,

*SG*  
Steven D. Gilkerson



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### **Commissioner Meeting Agenda – November 13, 2025**

1. 2026 Sandusky County Community Guide
2. Rock & Awe Holiday Light Show
3. America 250-OH
4. Bellevue Tourism Website – [www.bellevuetourism.org](http://www.bellevuetourism.org)
5. Complaint about Days Inn

## Oct Commissioner's Agenda

11/13/25

- I. Placements
  - a. Current custody count: **46** (40 last month Oct)
  - b. Multiple sibling groups
  - c. Working diligently to identify relatives and kin for placement options
  
- II. Agency updates
  - a. SNAP update
    - i. Most recently informed Ohioans will receive 65% of their normal monthly allotment but benefits are currently showing as “submitted” in our system. Will go to “issued” once they are released
    - ii. Working with United Way and continuing to keep an eye at the Federal and State level
  - b. 12/8 Jungle Junction foster Christmas
  - c. Dept of Children & Youth Director, Kara Wentz and Deputy Director, Jeff VanDeusen visited with the Treatment Foster Care team on 11/7/25 after receiving Ohio University study results indicating a social return on investment value of \$4 earned for every \$1 spent under this program!
  - d. Group Home Update
    - i. Interviews occurring; have one taking drug screen
    - ii. Estimate on monitoring and door system received and additional quotes for getting it up to living standards
    - iii. Will get with Fire Dept next to determine if anything additional will be needed on their end for us to meet state compliance

