

Sandusky County Commissioners – 622 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420**2026 MEETING**

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 1/6/2026

Time: 8:00AM – 10:50AM

Present: Commissioners: Scott Miller – President, Charles Schwochow– Vice President; Russ Zimmerman

Present: Theresa Garcia – County Administrator

Others Present: Julie Schwochow. Sheriff Hilton, Atul Chopra, Brayden Haar, Meagan Grammer, Sharie Chagnon, Lisa Hartley

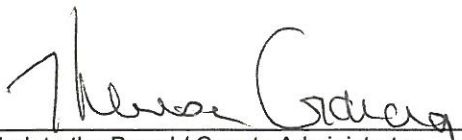
(*action items)

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, incoming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 12/30/2025 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.	Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2 (Zimmerman absent)
Commissioners and Administrator Discussion	Administrator Garcia presented a spread sheet with the 2025 revenue collection compared to the 2026 official certificate. The official certificate is much lower than the actual collection for 2025. The discussion continued with Sheriff Hilton and if there is a reasoning for decreasing what the 2026 collection will be. This is a question to be brought up to the budget commission.			
* Then /Now Documents	None			
* Personnel	None			
* Travel Requests	None			
Sheriff	<u>Chris Hilton – Sheriff.</u> Sheriff came in for his regular meeting with the Commissioners. Commissioner Miller asked Sheriff if he had increased patrol. Sheriff	Chris Hilton – Sheriff		

	<p>explained that he does want to be more visible but a lot of the presence is to serve paperwork for the courts. They do most of this during the afternoon when they find more people home. Commissioner Miller asked about a secure room for video arraignments. Sheriff said they do use the service as much as they can with the room they have to provide for these services. Captain Dumminger has coordinated security with Judge Welty for the County Courts and they are happy with the schedule. Sheriff was asked about weather emergency levels. At one time they talked about discontinued these levels. Sheriff can see the purpose of the levels. Although when he makes those decisions it does cause a lot of comments from the general public. Right now there is an Attorney General's opinion that authorizes the Sheriff to make this decision. There are six counties right now that talk about weather emergencies and how their individual roads.</p>			
IT	<p><u>Atul Chopra and Brayden Haar – IT.</u> Atul and Brayden came in for their regular meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment for agenda items. Atul reviewed the updates on the servers at the courthouse and the jail. Brayden talked about backups, email security, networking, phones and other program updates. IT will help the Clerk of Courts with the migration to Henschen for court management systems. They are working with CommTech on the EMA/911 system. They continue to help EMS on the new buildings and setting up new iPads for patient charting in the squads.</p>	<p>Atul Chopra – Supervisor Brayden Haar – Director in training</p>		
Soil & Water	<p><u>Meagan Grammer – Soil & Water.</u> Meagan came in for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. Meagan handed out copies of the Soil Scoop newsletter (see attachment). The H2Ohio program has grown from 9000 to 13800 acres. They received grant funds for their crop coverage program for an employee. They are going to start up a pod cast for producers to ask question regarding the H2Ohio program environment conservation and farming. They have had two applications turned in for the Ohio Farmland Preservation Program. This is for landowners who want to prohibit their land from ever being converted to no-agricultural use. There was a discussion on manure application and when they can and can't apply it to fields.</p>	<p>Meagan Grammer – Program Administrator</p>		

* Resolutions	2026 – 01 APPROVING THE SUBGRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SANDUSKY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (SCDJFS), AND THE SANDUSKY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (SCDPH) FOR DISTRIBUTION OF DIAPER AND OTHER INFANT RELATED NEEDS TO CURRENT AND EXPECTANT ELIGIBLE MOTHERS OF SANDUSKY COUNTY	DJFS		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott miller Yes – 2 (Zimmerman absent)
	2026 - 02 APPROVING APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FOR BOARD OF ELECTIONS FROM SUPPLIES TO OTHER AGENCIES FOR 2026 CHANGE FUND AND FUND TRANSFER AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR SICK LEAVE FUND FOR CONVERSION PAYOUTS (\$23,545.00)	Board of Elections Sick leave	\$200.00 \$23,545.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott miller Yes – 2 (Zimmerman absent)
Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – none Media Attendees – none Elected Officials – Chris Hilton, Sheriff			
Board of Elections	Sharie Chagnon and Lisa Hartley – Board of Elections. Sharie and Lisa came in for their regular meeting with the Commissioners. Commissioner Miller asked about staffing. They are still in good shape. The carpet and painting is completed and it looks so much better. The Elections Board would like to carpet the center room. Commissioner Miller asked to get a quote on the carpet. Facility Management is getting a quote. They are getting new furniture for the front office. They believe the May election will be busy. February 4th is the deadline to turn in petitions for the May election.	Sharie Chagnon – Election Director Lisa Hartley – Election Deputy Director		
* Adjournment (10:50am)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2 (Zimmerman absent)

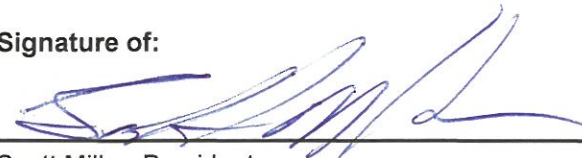
Attest:


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.

Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio

Signature of:



Scott Miller, President



Charles Schwochow, Vice President



Russ Zimmerman

Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County Ohio

2025 December Projects

	County	City
Item	Description	Description
Servers	Working with HPE to update all our servers.	New detective's server setup, files migrated and users have access. Migrating to new DC/FS this month.
Backups	Monitoring Backups, they have been completing successfully. Rubrik Cloud storage needs increased.	All backups completing successfully. Backup recovery testing has been setup for all servers.
Email Security	KnowBe4, additional campaigns implemented, trainings sent out this month. Monitoring the percentage completing	Setting up network controls recommended by CISA and NIST. Implementing Best Practices on all routers.
Networking	Setting up network controls recommended by CISA and NIST. Implementing Best Practices on all routers.	GoTo Phone Migration, all departments have been migrated. No issues with phones have been reported.
Phones	Completing Dispatch and Engineers this month	Migrating the Courthouse to the Jail connection to dark fiber.
Dark Fiber	Migrating the Courthouse to the Jail connection to dark fiber. Completing this month.	
Cybersecurity	Started meetings with DUO and implementing YubiKeys	Started meetings with DUO and implementing YubiKeys
I.T.	Setting up new PC's to replace Win10 PC's. Starting meetings with Kaseya to onboard with our new products (VSAx, ITGlue, Datto, and AutoTask.	Setting up new PC's to replace Win10 PC's.
RMM / Backup	NinjaOne backups setup for all servers. Setup backups for key personnel workstations. Working on setting up new backups with Datto.	NinjaOne backups setup for all servers. Setup backups for key personnel workstations.
County Courts		
Clerk of Courts	Most of the new versions of Rockware (DocketOS) have been installed. Assisting Clerk of Courts with migration to Henschen when the meetings start.	
Prosecutor		
EMA/911	Meeting with CommTech for the new system. Received quote from AT&T.	

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SCSO	Setting up vehicle AVL/GPS Ordered new dispatch equipment, computers are set up, and working on setting up a new desk setup.	
EMS	Setting up New iPads for their patient charting	
Fire	Set up vehicle AVL / Switching over to new APN Purchased new CradlePoint routers, setting them up this month	
BOE	Working on updating to new Bridge computer	
Auditor		OpenGOV is taking over for the application FUND. They are migrated to OpenGOV. No issues reported.
Water Treatment		Win911 paging system setup, needs testing.
Water Reclamation		Replace aging SCADA PCs. New server setup waiting for a quote from DJE.
Parks		
Police		
Engineers	Moving to New ISP - OmniFiber (Today)	

SOIL SCOOP

SANDESKY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

H2Ohio

Updates

- The H2Ohio 2026-2027 contract signing period has begun. We will be in contact with you when your contract is ready to sign.
- H2Ohio 2025 Verification is underway.

What We Need From You:

2026 Overwintering Cover Crops:

- Acres and field maps where cover crops are established
- Seed tags (including: % purity, % germ., % weed seed, Ohio noxious weed content)
- Bills for cover crop

2026 Small Grains:

- Acres and field maps where small grain is planted

Reminders

- Overwintering Cover Crops must remain on fields until March 15th.



CRP Mid-Contract Management

- If your CRP contract is up for Mid-Contract Management, our office will be sending you information in the mail.
- The deadline for ordering forb flats is February 27th.

Winter Manure Guidelines

If you are in H2Ohio, you are unable to apply manure on cover crops until March 15th or you will forfeit your payment.

Livestock or poultry manure may not be surface-applied under any of these conditions:

1. On snow-covered or frozen soil.
2. When the top 2 inches of soil are saturated from precipitation.
3. When the local weather forecast has a greater than 50% chance of precipitation exceeding 1/2 inch in a 24-hour period.

Above restrictions do not apply if the manure is:

1. Injected into the ground.
2. Incorporated within 24 hours of surface application.
3. Applied onto a growing crop.



New SWCD Podcast!

Tune into our office's new podcast, *One Stop Crop*, on the third Wednesday of every other month starting in January, for unique discussions focused on the environment, conservation and farming!

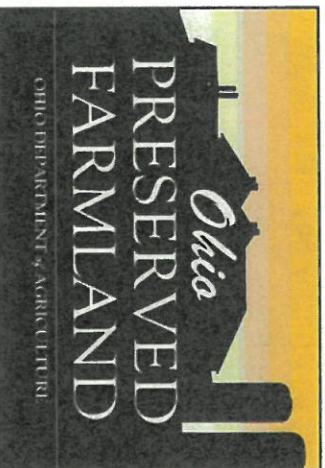


One Stop Crop can be found on both Spotify and YouTube!



Ohio Farmland Preservation Program

Our District is a Certified Local Sponsor for Ohio's Farmland Preservation Program. If a landowner wants to prohibit their land from ever being converted to non-agricultural use, they can put it into an agricultural easement by applying for the program. If you are interested in enrolling some of your acres into the Ohio Farmland Preservation Program, please call the office at 419-334-6324. The deadline to apply is April 1st.



Sensible Salting Snowman Craft

Materials:

- 2 oz Plastic Salt Shakers
- Ping Pong Balls
- Craft Materials
- Hot Glue Gun
- Road Salt

Instructions:

1. Remove salt shaker cap and fill with road salt.
2. Hot glue the ping pong ball to the top of the salt shaker, as well as the cap to the top of the ping pong ball at a slight angle.
3. Festively decorate!



This wintery craft can serve as a visual reminder to salt less while trying to melt ice off driveways and sidewalks. The salt in the shaker can cover and efficiently de-ice about two sidewalk squares.

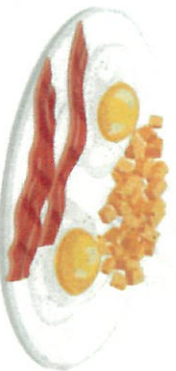


Producer Appreciation Time!

As a token of our gratitude to you, please join us for a
FREE producer appreciation breakfast!

Friday, February 6th | 8-10am

The Victors Event Center
2270 Hayes Ave, Fremont, OH 43420



RSVP by January 30th to 419-334-6324
or sanduskycountyswcd@gmail.com

