

Sandusky County Commissioners – 622 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420		2026 MEETING	
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Meeting: Board Of Commissioners	Location: Commissioners' Board Room	Date: 3/10/2026	Time: 8:00AM – 11:20AM
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Present: Commissioners: Scott Miller – President, Russ Zimmerman – Vice President; Charles Schwochow

Present: Theresa Garcia – County Administrator

Others Present: Julie Schwochow, John Johannsen, Mike Meggitt, Peggy Courtney, Michael Russell, Frank Caspio, Keith,

(*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 3/3/2026 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.	Scott Miller Russ Zimmerman Charles Schwochow		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3
Commissioners and Administrator Discussion	Commissioner Miller read a letter that was presented by Commissioner Schwochow. Commissioner Schwochow sadly presented his resignation notice. He feels it is in the best interest of the Commissioners, Constituents and is health to step down at this time. Commissioner Schwochow has done an amazing job for the County and we are sad to see him leave.			
* Then /Now Documents	One certificate was presented by the Board of Elections. PO no in place at time of use at the end of 2025. One invoice makes up this certificate. CANVA - \$128.70 One certificate was presented by the Dog Kennel. PO was not entered in appropriate time frame. One invoice makes up this certificate. Paws & Remember - \$530.00	Board of Elections Dog Kennel	\$128.70 \$530.00	*Motion: Move to Approve certificates Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3

* Personnel	None			
* Travel Requests	None			
Community Work Program (CWP)	<u>John Johanssen and Mike Meggitt – CWP.</u> Deputy Johanssen and Captain Meggitt came in for their regular meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment for agenda items. Work is picking up for them. They have three new mowers and two older mowers to work with this season. He has purchased his supplies that were requested for 2026. They will be helping set up for the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. He has been working with the Ignite Program staff.	John Johansen – Sheriff Deputy / CWP Coordinator Mike Meggitt – Sheriff Captain		
	Administrator Garcia asked to go into executive session to discuss personnel hiring and wages. Commissioner Miller moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel hiring and wages. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Miller moved to exit executive session. Commissioner Schwochow seconded the motion. Motion carried.			
Visitors Bureau	<u>Peggy Courtney – Visitors Bureau.</u> Peggy came in for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment for agenda items. They met with the Mayor last week to talk about the July 4th parade structure. She has another meeting later today about funding. See draft of parade attached. There is discussion regarding events throughout the year to celebrate America 250. The Heartland Travel showcase was last week. They met with several vendors and tour groups and presented what is happening in Sandusky County. The new community guide is out and has been passed out throughout the county. The guide is very informative and has great information.	Peggy Courtney – Executive Director		
Regional Airport Authority	<u>Michael Russell – Regional Airport.</u> Michael came in for his regular meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment for agenda items. One of the helicopters was down for three weeks and the cold weather had traffic lower than normal and decrease in fuel revenue. They have 20 tenants at this time and will interview when contacted. The tenant count keeps them a regional	Michael Russell – Airport Manager		

	<p>airport. Michael explained the snow removal process for the taxiway, runway and aprons and how important the assessment process is. Airport projects were reviewed. The Life Flight contract is up for renewal. They were contacted about having a Commemorative Flight this summer with an America 250 theme and an Airport 25+ year anniversary. The condo hangar sale is progressing and hopefully will be sold by the end of the month. Michael was able to go and see the snow plow they received the grant for. Michael asked the Commissioners what their vision is for the airport. Commissioner Miller noted the Airport Board was put together and appointed to have "boots on the ground" to work on what it takes to make the airport self-sufficient. The hope is for that Board to come up with a plan even if it is to go in a new direction.</p>			
* Resolutions	<p>2026 – 76 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR EMA/ 9-1-1 CONTRACT SERVICES (\$70,000.00) AND CAPTIAL OUTLAY (\$17,000.00); HAZMAT CONTRACT SERVICES (\$31,000.00); AND EMA UTILITIES (\$200.00)</p>	EMA/9-1-1	<p>\$70,000.00 \$17,000.00 \$31,000.00 \$200.00</p>	<p>*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3</p>
	<p>2026 - 77 APPROVING THE IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SANDUSKY COUNTY CHILD SUPPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (CSEA), A DIVISION OF SANDUSKY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (SCDJFS), AND THE SANDUSKY COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT (CPC) FOR MAGISTRATE SERVICES</p>	DJFS		<p>*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3</p>
	<p>2026 - 78 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DITCH MAINTENANCE FUND ACCOUNTS FOR 2026 BUDGET</p>	Ditch Maintenance		<p>*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3</p>
	<p>2026 - 79 AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A PARTICIPATING PUBLIC HOSPITAL AGENCIES AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF HOSPITAL FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2026</p>	City of Bellevue		<p>*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2 (Schwochow</p>

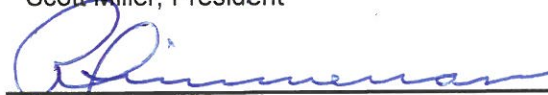
	(FISHER-TITUS MEDICAL CENTER) OF THE COUNTY OF HURON, OHIO; APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.			absent)
	2026 - 80 APPROVING FUND TRANSFER FROM COUNTYWIDE TO OSU EXTENSION FOR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION (\$14,000.00) AND APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FROM COUNTYWIDE BENEFITS TO CONTRACT SERVICES (\$50,000.00) FOR 2026 CYBER PROGRAMS	Various	\$14,000.00 \$50,000.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3
Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – none Media Attendees – none Elected Officials – none			
	Commissioners entered recess at 10:09 am until the next meeting. Commissioner came out of recess at 10:25am. Commissioner Schwochow left session at 10:39am for a personal appointment.			
Facility Management	<u>Pat Dickman and Rich Oddo – Facility Management.</u> Pat and Rich came in for their regular meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment for agenda items. Pat brought Frank and Keith in from Grunwell-Cashero to talk about their proposal to repair the arch on the front porch of the building. The red sandstone on the porch is crumbling and he believes it needs to breath in order to keep it from deteriorating. He explained their process in repairing. Pat did not have any further updates since his last meeting on the updates to the JDC. The second draft of Clyde Court was received this morning. He continues with the internal maintenance projects. He is working on the sign request discussed with the Health Department. He is getting quotes on moving the Sheriff impound yard.	Pat Dickman – Director Rich Oddo – Purchasing Manager		
Fisher Titus	Ally came in representing Fisher Titus. They came in today to talk about the bonds needed for the medical building being built in the City of Bellevue. Resolutions need to be passed by three counties authorizing the	Scott Sylvester -		

	bond issuance. The debt is solely on Fisher Titus and not to the counties. The bond issuance will be for building and medical equipment. Local contractor is working on the project which keeps those jobs in the community. The facility is slated to open in September. Commissioner Miller opened the public meeting for any comments. There were no guests to make comments.			
* Adjournment (11:20am)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2 (Schwochow absent)

Signature of:



Scott Miller, President



Russ Zimmerman, Vice President



Charles Schwochow

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.

Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio

Fremont, OH America 250 July 4th Parade
Saturday, July 4, 2026 @ 10 a.m.

Parade Era Structure

- **ERA 1: 1776-1799 – Birth of the Nation** (Birchard Historic Neighborhood)
Things that happened during this era:
 - Declaration of Independence
 - Revolutionary War
 - Early American government
 - Founding Fathers
- **ERA 2: 1800-1859 – Expansion, Frontier and Early America** (Possibly Historical Societies and Birchard Library??)
Things that happened during this era:
 - Ohio statehood (1803)
 - Westward expansion
 - Erie Canal
 - Early railroads
 - Pre-Civil War America
- **ERA 3: 1860-1899 – Civil War, Reconstruction & Industrial Rise** (Possibly Fremont Lions??)
Things that happened during this era:
 - Civil War
 - Emancipation
 - Reconstruction
 - Industrialization
 - Immigration waves
- **ERA 4: 1900-1919 – Early Modern America & WWI** (Hayes Presidential Library & Museums-confirmed)
Things that happened during this era:
 - Early automobiles
 - Wright Brothers
 - WWI “Doughboys”
 - Early women’s suffrage
- **ERA 5: 1920-1939 – Roaring 20s & Great Depression** (Fremont Exchange Club)
Things that happened during this era:
 - Jazz Age
 - Prohibition
 - Speakeasies
 - Stock market crash
 - New Deal programs

- **ERA 6: 1940-1959 – WWII & Post-War Boom** (Possibly Fremont Soroptimists??)
 - Things that happened during this era:
 - WWII home front
 - Rosie the Riveter
 - Victory parades
 - 1950s Americana
 - Early Space Race

- **ERA 7: 1960-1979 – Social Change & Space Race** (Remont Rotary-confirmed)
 - Things that happened during this era:
 - Civil Rights movement
 - Vietnam era
 - Moon landing (1969)
 - 70s culture and music

- **ERA 8: 1980-1999 – Technology & Pop Culture Explosion** (Fremont Kiwanis-confirmed)
 - Things that happened during this era:
 - Cold War conclusion
 - Early computers
 - MTV generation
 - 80s/90s pop culture
 - Internet beginnings

- **ERA 9: 2000-2026 - Digital Age & Today's America** (Possibly Fremont City Council, elected officials and community leaders??)
 - Things that happened during this era:
 - Smart phones
 - Social media
 - 9/11
 - Iraq/Afghanistan era
 - Modern Fremont achievements

- **ERA 10: Modern/Catch-all** (Cody Bischoff- confirmed)
 - Things that don't fit in other eras
 - Groups that don't want to be in other eras
 - Last-minute entries

Era Options/Expectations

- Era point person/organization responsible for logistics of that Era
- Era point person will need to attend some 4th of July Committee meetings
- Floats encouraged
- Maximum of 6 cars per Era (where applicable)

- Try to have people dress for that era
- Music for the era is encouraged
- Encouraged to toss out candy
- Have fun!

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GROUP TOUR EXPERIENCES

2026-2027

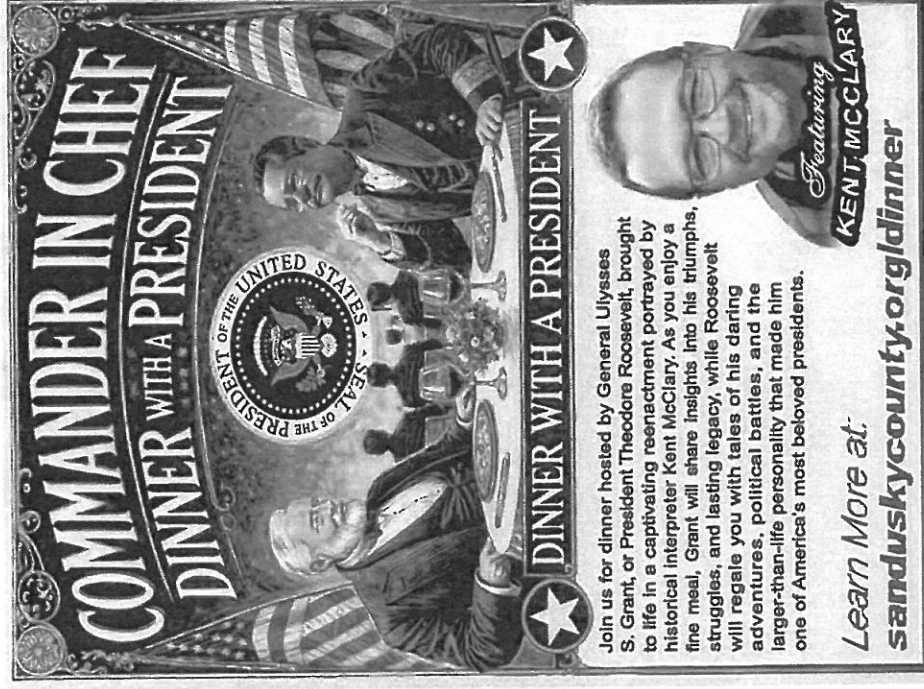


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Heartland Travel Showcase 2026-2027 Tou



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Join us for dinner hosted by General Ulysses S. Grant, or President Theodore Roosevelt, brought to life in a captivating reenactment portrayed by historical interpreter Kent McClary. As you enjoy a fine meal, Grant will share insights into his triumphs, struggles, and lasting legacy, while Roosevelt will regale you with tales of his daring adventures, political battles, and the larger-than-life personality that made him one of America's most beloved presidents.

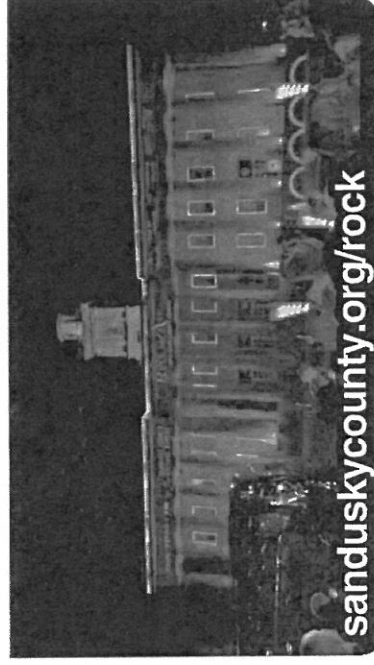
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Sandusky County
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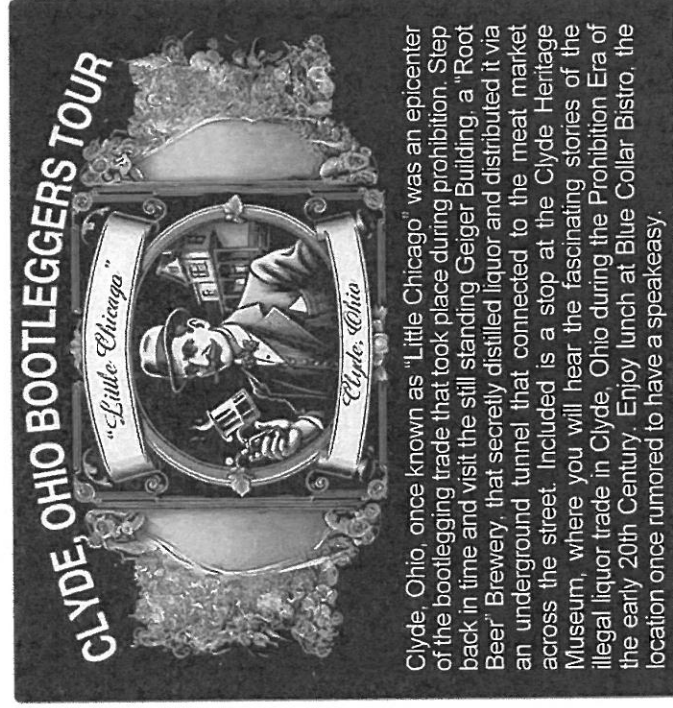
Experience the magic of Christmas in Sandusky County with a festive visit to Fremont! Enjoy holiday-themed stops, a special meal, and a dazzling synchronized light show at the county courthouse. Watch 33,000+ lights dance to music from your bus or bleacher-style seating. Fun for all ages—don't miss this holiday spectacle!



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Homestead Holidays *Experience*

Step back in time with the Sandusky County Park District at Creek Bend Farm for a 1940s-style holiday celebration! Experience the warmth of Grandma's house with festive decorations, homemade cookies, and a guided tour of the historic 1862 Homestead House. This beautifully restored homestead serves as a museum to days gone by. Add a group wreath making or door swag class taught by Becca Matthews, from River Bend Homestead and feel the magic of the holidays!



CLYDE, OHIO BOOTLEGGERS TOUR

"Little Chicago"
Clyde, Ohio

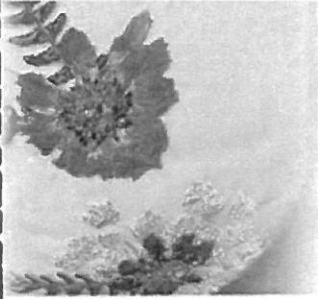
Clyde, Ohio, once known as "Little Chicago" was an epicenter of the bootlegging trade that took place during prohibition. Step back in time and visit the still standing Geiger Building, a "Root Beer" Brewery, that secretly distilled liquor and distributed it via an underground tunnel that connected to the meat market across the street. Included is a stop at the Clyde Heritage Museum, where you will hear the fascinating stories of the illegal liquor trade in Clyde, Ohio during the Prohibition Era of the early 20th Century. Enjoy lunch at Blue Collar Bistro, the location once rumored to have a speakeasy.



GROUP TOUR NEWS

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Hands-On Workshops at Riverbend Homestead



Riverbend Homestead offers seasonal, hands-on workshops that celebrate local flowers, creativity, and sustainable living in Sandusky County. In the Local Cut Flower Workshop (\$15), guests learn why locally grown blooms matter and create a small bouquet to take home. The Pressed Flower Pumpkin Workshop (\$15) transforms real pumpkins into whimsical fall décor using preserved flowers from the farm and a biodegradable adhesive alternative. In the Fresh Evergreen Swag Workshop (\$20), participants hand-wrap festive swags with locally sourced or sustainable greens, then decorate them with pinecones, accents, and bows—creating beautiful, meaningful pieces that bring the spirit of each season home.

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Artist Becca Mathews: River Bend Homestead



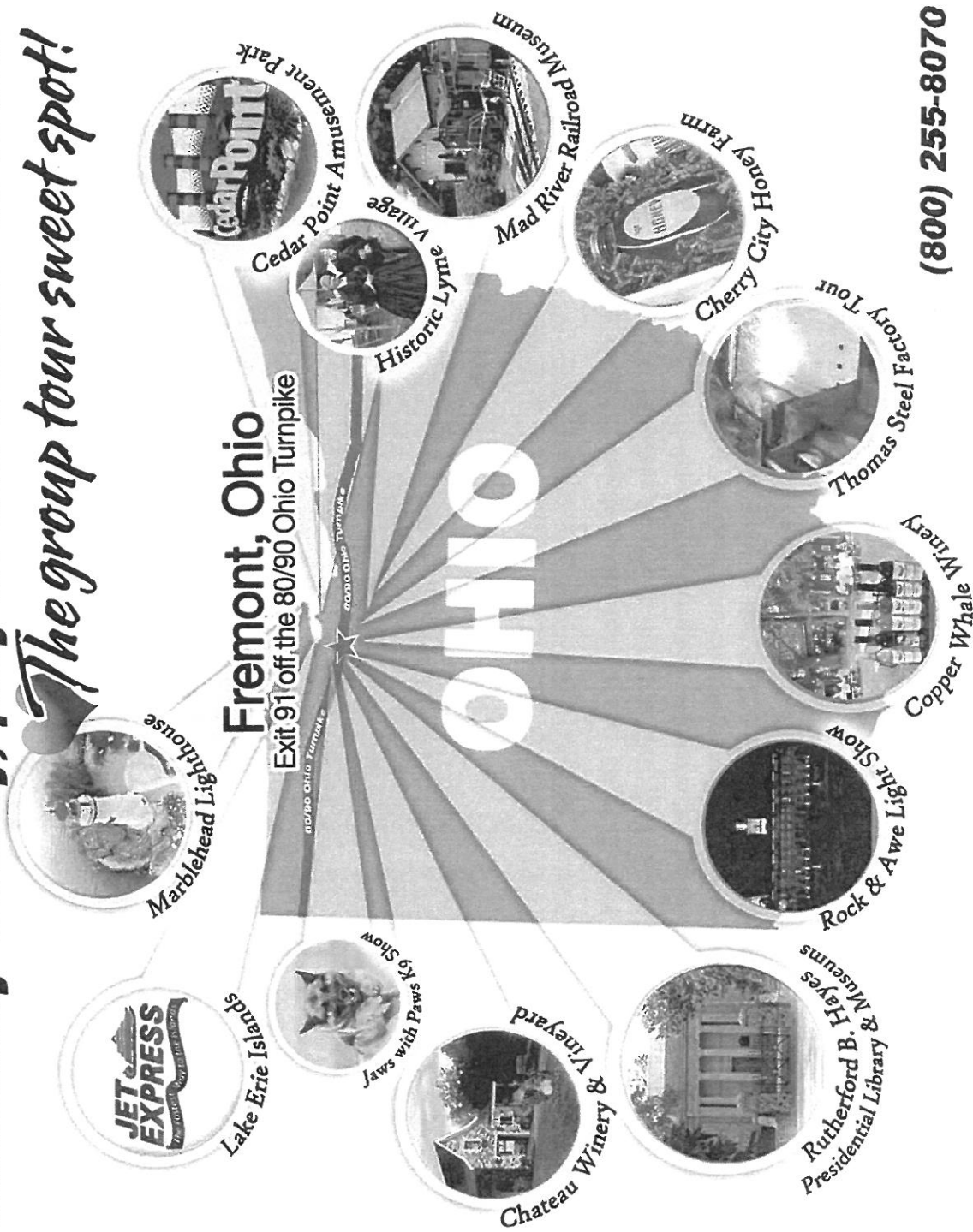
Our Land of Milk & Honey presentation takes your guests on a journey through time, exploring how bees, cows, and farms shaped our nation's culture and traditions. From biblical references that inspired early settlers to the way honey from the hive and milk from the dairy nourished families for generations, this immersive program connects the richness of America's agricultural past with the sweet rewards we enjoy today.



GROUP OFFERINGS AND OPTIONS

- Commemorative make & takes, drinks, pairings, and take home bag
- Shop local honey, teas, and handmade products in our farm store
- Pair your visit with nearby Bellevue attractions for a full-day itinerary
- Signature drinks served: Land of Milk & Honey (hot or iced)
- Honey Tastings, Candle Making, and More!

Sandusky County, play in the center of it all!
The group tour sweet spot!

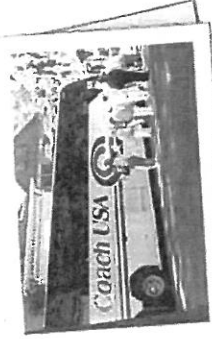


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Sandusky County Work Crew Monthly Report

To: Sandusky County Commissioners

From: Deputy John Johannsen

Reporting Period: February 2nd – March 10th, 2026

Overview

The Sandusky County Work Crew has continued to assist various departments and community partners throughout the months of December and January. Our primary goals remain focused on providing meaningful work opportunities for participants while contributing positively to the community and saving taxpayer dollars through labor assistance.

Monthly Summary of Activities

Location	Task(s) Performed	Hours Worked
Community Health Building	Bed Dropped off	4
Records Office	Construction Prep	24
Fremont Food Pantry	Load shelves	2.5
Peak Building	Paper Shredding	6
PEAK	Painted	7
Countryside Drive	Salted sidewalks	8
Participants		4

Average Crew Size: 2 individuals per day

Total Participants this Month: 05

Referral Sources: Jail

Discussion points:

1. Toured Seneca County Work Program. We were able to share ideas about both programs.
2. I have the last two Township meetings scheduled at the end of March. After I meet with them, I will have spoken to all Townships about the CWP being back up and running.
3. I have purchased the approved items for the 2026 budget. I am currently waiting on the pressure washer from Willies, but it should be in by middle of March. I still need to pick up the toolbox from Lowes along with the air compressor.
4. The Kiwans breakfast is at the end of April.
5. I attended the Ignite graduation last week. They are currently working on the grant for the program. I also been working With Deputy Nimitz on incorporating the CWP to assist in projects such as making raised gardens beds at the jail.
6. I have the new mowers at the shop ready for spring. I also have 2 old mowers to allow the inmates to learn prior to using the new ones.

Challenges:

Goals for Next Month:

- Continue scheduling projects.
- Assist Job and Family Services in completion of the Juvenile home.
- Ensuring I have enough help for the Kiwana's pancake breakfast.

Thank you for your continued support of the Work Crew program. Our participants are gaining valuable skills while helping improve the community in a meaningful way.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy John Johannsen

Work Crew Coordinator

Sandusky County



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Commissioner Meeting Agenda – March 10, 2026

1. America 250-OH
2. Heartland Travel Showcase
3. 2026 Sandusky County Community Guide

2026 AT-A-GLANCE

- Airport Activities
 - Charter, corporate jet activity – decreased due to wx trends
 - General comments: no overcrowding, positive customer service and professional treatment
 - Fuel revenues – dramatic decrease due to wx, BSMH acft out of service>upgrades
 - Hangar revenues
 - 20 tenants; opportunity interviews as contacted by interested parties
- Presence in Community
 - Collaboration with county agencies and local business
 - Increased website and social media use
 - Promotion of emergency services as based tenants
 - Participation in local and state future visions



Sandusky County
Regional Airport - KS24

AIRPORT PROJECTS

- Infrastructure
 - SCEDC and Marketing Initiatives
 - Continued Airport awareness and self-promotion
 - Revenue generation vs. Expenses-improvements continue
 - BSMH/LifeFlight contract up for renewal
 - Commemorative flight – summertime
 - Sale of Condo Hangar
- Direct Assistance
 - County services-in-kind
 - Commissioners
 - Facilities Management
 - CWP for area improvements
 - How to pay for service/s, as only by donation?



Sandusky County
Regional Airport - KS24

AIRPORT PROJECTS

- Considerations for Assistance
 - SRE - Local match funds
 - Thanks to the Commissioners for guidance and support
- TWY A REHABILITATION request for support:
 - REHABILITATE now vs. RENOVATE later (at much greater overall cost)
 - Lesser overall cost
 - TWY current width of 35' can remain if rehabilitated; more attractive to commercial aircraft
 - FAA payout percentage: 95% vs. 90%, not including what ODOT will contribute
 - Remains a two-phased project, spread out over 2-3 years to balance local match



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Facility Management Project Update 03/10/2026

1. JDC upgrades; new RTU's, HRU, controls, ext.
Update: Remaining Task
 - Kleinfelder and Wadsworth met on site on 1/18/26. No update since last meeting.
 - Final documents have been sent to Kleinfelder from Warner but rejected.
 - Holding \$36,818.00 retainage fee.

2. Clyde Court Renovation

Update:



The cost estimate was received on 2/17/26. Second option was received 3/9/26.

3. Internal Maintenance Projects

Update:

- Office area renovation at the Service Center complete.
- Parttime landscape job posted. I attended Job Fair on 3/7/26.
- Jail office area upgrade to start end of March.
- Working with BOH on office furniture upgrade and new digital sign quotes. Office furniture change out scheduled for 4/2-4/6
- Working with JFS on budgetary quotes for office space changes they may need.
- Investigating moving impound yard.
- Attending weekly EMS 18 contractor reviews.
- Discussion about arch repair at historical jail with Grunwell-Cashero and Commissioners.

3/10/2026

Name	Signature	Contact Information
John Johnson		SC50
Mike Messitt		SC50