

Sandusky County Commissioners – 622 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420		2026 MEETING	
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Meeting: Board Of Commissioners	Location: Commissioners' Board Room	Date: 3/31/2026	Time: 8:00AM
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Present: Commissioners: Russ Zimmerman – Vice President; Charles Schwochow

Present: Theresa Garcia – County Administrator

Others Present: Julie Schwochow, Roger LaPointe, Gary Beamer, Jeff Jackson, Amanda McGinnis, Beth Hannam, Bob Gross, Lisa Kuelling, Atul Chopra, Josh Randell

(*action-on items)				
AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	DOLLAR AMOUNT:	MOTION / VOTE
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (8:00am)	Commissioner Miler is not in session today	Russ Zimmerman, Vice President		
*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, incoming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 3/24/2026 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.	Russ Zimmerman Charles Schwochow		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3
Commissioners and Administrator Discussion	Today's session was the last session for Commissioner Schwochow. He has served the county for eleven years and his service has been greatly appreciated. He has worked very hard in shaping the county in decisions he has made and projects he has been involved in. His presence and his insight will be missed. Several guests stopped in to wish Charlie good luck in his retirement. Congratulations to Charlie!!			
* Then /Now Documents	None			
* Personnel	Mileage reimbursement Coroner Investigator signed			
* Travel Requests	None			

<p>EMS</p>	<p>Jeff Jackson – EMS. Chief came in for his regular meeting with the Commissioners. Captain Amanda McGinnis came in with Chief. See attachment for agenda items. They are still waiting a date to have the box remounted on LS-15. He is down one medic at this time. Chief wanted to recognize Captain McGinnis for completing the first program for Paramedics. She has put together the classes and taught the classes. She has had two employees pass the program and will be going out to take their National Registry exam. They have worked with the faculty at Vanguard for the program. Captain McGinnis is a certified instructor and they have three more staff that are going to complete certification. Gibsonburg LS-14 has all the floors down and they are finishing the apparatus floor. Head Quarters LS-18 the exterior boards are going up and all seems to be going on schedule. Chief handed out the 2025 annual report.</p>	<p>Jeff Jackson – Chief Amanda McGinnis - Captain</p>		
<p>Sandusky County and City of Fremont EDC</p>	<p>Beth Hannam and Bob Gross came in to meet with the Commissioners to present the 2025 abatement reviews. Bob reviewed the tax incentive review report and the CRA report for City of Fremont. In 2025 they had two enterprise zones on the books. One will expire in the end of 2028 and starting this year is the spec building at the Industrial Park and that has a 15 year agreement. They had one come off the books last year. They have had multiple visits on the spec building. Beth reviewed the eight agreements they currently have opened. All the agreements have been continued and doing well.</p>	<p>Beth Hannam – Sandusky County EDC Bob Gross – City of Fremont EDC</p>		
<p>EMA/9-1-1</p>	<p>Lisa Kuelling – EMA/9-1-1. Lisa came in for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment for agenda items. All grants are current and still the same. The one grant they will get in one lump sum instead of quarterly payments. She continues to attend several meetings (29) at State level and local. They have held many public outreach programs. She has been meeting with more Churches to discuss security plans and homeland security plan. Atul, IT Supervisor, and Lisa continue to work with vendors on the NexGen 9-1-1 system. Lisa touched base on a high level threat call regarding Iran/Israel situation and the concerns with oil distribution including petroleum and what it affects. There has been an international call to get some relief on oil distribution. This also has a big interruption in medical supplies including pharmaceuticals and</p>	<p>Lisa Kuelling - Director</p>		

	vaccines. She also had several upcoming events for this year she will be taking part in. Lisa will forward the report to the Commissioners so they can read more details.			
* Resolutions	2026 – 95 APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE SANDUSKY COUNTY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL (SCTIRC) OF EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENTS FOR YEAR 2025	EDC		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3
	2026 - 96 APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE CITY OF FREMONT TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (CFTIRC) OF EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENTS FOR YEAR 2025	City of Fremont		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
	2026 - 97 GIVING FINAL CONSENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONFIGURATION OF THE EAST INTERCHANGE (U.S.R. 20/STATE STREET) ON THE FREMONT BY-PASS (PID NO.: 112222 COUNTY/ROUTE/SECTION: SAN US 20 20.80 ROUNDABOUT)	Engineer		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3
	2026 - 98 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO MICHAELS DITCH TRANSFER FUND (\$59,000.00) AND PAYMENT TO OTHER AGENCIES (\$21,469.42) AND FUND TRANSFER TO DITCH ROTARY FUND (\$59,000.00) TO COMPLETE DITCH PROJECT	Michaels Ditch	\$59,000.00 \$21,469.42	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
	2026 - 99 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR DOG WARDEN TO CONTRACT SERVICES (\$2,300.00) FOR SPECIALIZED PEST TREATMENT AT THE DOG KENNEL	Dog Kennel	\$2,300.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3
Josh Randell	Josh Randell came in with Atul Chopra to discuss the current ADA compliance needed to Government web pages. Josh presented information on what the requirements are. He has been working on several web pages to set up the requirements. Atul updated the Commissioners on where IT is at in updating the web			

	pages to meet these requirements. The County has several different web pages managed by different elected officials. There was discussion on how to make sure that the sites all look similar to make sure when individuals navigate from site to site people know they are still on a Sandusky County page and to make sure all the pages are in compliance. Josh will work with the offices that he currently manages.			
Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – see sign in sheet Media Attendees – Roger LaPointe, Gannett News Elected Officials – none			
* Adjournment (am)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: 2nd: Yes - 3

Signature of:



Scott Miller, President



Russ Zimmerman, Vice President

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



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EMS Agenda March 31, 2026

- **EMS Vehicles**

No date yet for the remount to take place on LS-15.

- **Personnel**

Down one medic position.

- **General discussion**

Paramedic class has finished, our 2 employees, passed all in class testing and will take the National Registry exam on Wednesday the 1st of April.

A Big Kudos goes out to Captain Amanda McGinnis for all her hard work in making this class a success. The collaboration between Captain and the faculty at Vanguard was amazing.

Construction projects are moving along well.

Station 14 – All floors are down and finishing the apparatus floor.

EMS HQ and Station 18 – Exterior boards are going up now, garage doors are being installed east side of building has doors. Several areas of concrete work being completed.

EMS Week is May 17-23, 2026

2025 Year - end report

EMA
3/31/26
0930 A.M.

Grants: 2024-2025-2026

- A.) EMPG FY24- \$52,029.00
- B.) SERC (LEPC)-\$22,824.00-awarded in august 2025
- C.) HMEP-Grant awarded, 19,120.00
- D.) Homeland Security-Partnered with EMS and applied for equipment for IC-Mass casualty/fatality bus. Announcements delayed due to shutdown
- E.) Mitigation-Grant closed out
- F.) Davis Besse Contract dollar amount will stay the same through 2027. Going to 1-time Full year payment vs. 4-quarterly each year

Meetings:

OEMA Regional
EMAO Regional Directors-North Central Sector
Homeland Security regional meeting
Sand. Co. LEPC
Sand. Co. Regional Planning
Sand. Co. Fire Association
Sand. Co. Dept. Head Mtg
EMAO-Education Committee
EMAO-Executive Committee
OEMA-State
Cybersecurity Regional Planning Committee
NW Ohio Healthcare Coalition Steering Committee
NW Ohio Regional Hazmat Conference Committee
Sandusky County Drone Team
State 911 Director/Coordinator
State 911 Executive Committee
State 911-ESI Net Steering Committee
Weather Center Briefings
MS-ISAC (Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center)
9-1-1 PSAP Ops Committee
P&S-Incident Command Bus
IPAWS-State of Ohio
Election Sit. Rep with state
Winter Wx briefing
Comprehensive Planning
Ohio Nuclear Counties
GO-Bus Expansion
Health Department-Biological
ESF6-Stakeholder

Reports:

- A.) None at this time

Public Outreach:

- A. Fremont Alliance Church
- B. Severe Weather Awareness Week

- C. Kiwanis Club-911 Levy
- D. ICC-Walk Thru of plant, review of emergency plans (previously Fremont Plastics)
- E. BRIC Funding-pushed out
- F. SR 12 will be closed for 45 days at SR 12 and SR 53 intersection to begin in the summer of 2027

Trainings Provided/Hosted/Attended:

- A. Assisted OEMA-Debris Management
- B. NWS-Hazmat
- C. Health Dept.-Mobility Management
- D. Marion Co.-Mercury Spill
- E. EMAO Spring Conference-Ohio Fire Chief's Response Plan, Response Teams, FEMA Appeals and EM Standards, Statutes and Program Development
- F. Norfolk Southern-Railroad Response
- G. Tractor Stabilization
- H. NWS-Flood Inundation Mapping
- I. Disaster Planning Overview
- J. FEMA shutdown caused the cancellation of many trainings
- K. Mass Care Fundamentals

Emergency/Disasters/ Hazmat Spills:

- A. Whirlpool still being monitored for water run off
- B. 2- Diesel Fuel Spills
- C. 2-Transformer Oil, (non-PCB) spills
- D. Mineral Oil

Community or School Plan Reviews/Updates:

- A. Clyde Schools
- A. Planning underway for LEPC tabletop-Lindsey VFD next 3-year rotation
- B. Regional-Medical Surge
- C. Evaluated-Huron Co., Wakeman Fire tabletop
- D. Severe Wx Awareness Week-Tornado Drill, Mass Notification, Monitors

911-

- A.) Atul and I continue to meet with vendors regarding NG911 systems as well as request quotes.

Homeland Security-

- A. Regular briefings and continue-information is passed along to other agencies as needed.
- B. Election Sit Report briefings were had and info passed along as needed
- C. We will be hosting a class in Sand. Co. on 6/17/26-Demystifying Cyber Attacks
- D. ILO duties continue
- E. Threat Assessment-Fremont Alliance Church-4/20/26
- F. High level threat call-Iran/Israel







Communications-

- A.) Central Channel-Woodville
- B.) Additional Channels were awarded to Sandusky County by Ohio MARCS

2026 upcoming:

1. IRONMAN Triathlon-planning underway
2. SKYWARN-4/7/26 @ 6PM-Terra (Neely Center)
3. MCI-Command Bus-partnered with EMS on this project. Finalizing this project with graphics
4. NG9-1-1-Ongoing project-Carbyne onsite 3/30/26 to see how the communication center operates so they can give us a better quote
5. SC Drone Trailer-Old Bicentennial trailer is getting remodeled to be utilized on scenes. Remodel will not only benefit the Drone Team members but will also benefit the Public Safety agencies with Drone Technology for 9-1-1 calls while on scene and live feed capabilities back to the dispatch center if they want to utilize it.
6. Healthcare Trailer-Donated to EMA by the NWO Regional Hospital Council. We will be working with EMS on both stock inside and a use that will benefit the whole county in Public Safety moving forward-this is being targeted as a 2026 project.
7. Interoperable Communications Plan will have to go through a full overhaul plan update
8. OEMA Spring Conference-4/23
9. LEPC-Tabletop Exercise-Lindsey VFD-State evaluated 5/16/26
10. Health Care Coalition Exercise-4/17/26
11. Safety Town-Campfire-5/8/26
12. REP Evaluator Course-7/21-7/23
13. MSI-Dry Run Exercise-8/27/26, MS1-FEMA Evaluated Exercise-9/10/26
14. OEMA & EMAO-Fall Conference-9/29 & 9/30
15. EMAO-Winter Conference-12/3 & 12/4

3/31/2026

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