

Sandusky County Commissioners – 622 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420

2026 MEETING

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 4/9/2026

Time: 8:00AM – 10:38AM

Present: Commissioners: Scott Miller – President, Russ Zimmerman – Vice President

Present: Theresa Garcia – County Administrator

Others Present: Melanie Allen, Gary Beamer, Paul Lotycz


(*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 4/7/2026 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.	Scott Miller Russ Zimmerman		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2
Commissioners and Administrator Discussion	EDC requested a letter of support for the LEAP Grant. They are asking for funds to update their web page. A letter was presented for signature.			
	Prosecutor Tischler did not need to meet with the Commissioners today.			
Job and Family Services (JFS)	<u>Melanie Allen – JFS.</u> Melanie came in for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment for agenda items. Commissioner Miller thanked Melanie for the case study update with the Commissioners last month. Custody count is the same as last month they added three and three were placed with a parent, grandparent or kin. She has three employment openings and two retirements. Due to some revenue reduction she is doing some reorganization in one of her divisions and do some other restructuring. They are waiting on	Melanie Allen - Director		

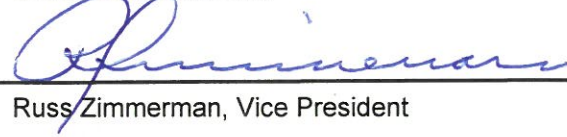
	renovations in the kitchen at the new treatment foster home. They also are waiting on accreditations. She has posted for a new supervisor for the facility. Not much can be done on placement costs but they will be higher than in the past several years. The State is going to subsidize some of the SNAP funding that was lost at the Federal level but not enough to make up for that lost.			
* Then /Now Documents	One certificate was presented by the Commissioner's Office. One certificate had a PO but for the wrong vendor, another had a PO but it was closed, and another had a PO that was used. Three invoices make up this certificate. Visa - \$1,565.89 John Deere - \$799.46 Treasurer of State - \$180.00	Commissioners	\$1,565.89 \$799.46 \$180.00	*Motion: Move to Approve certificates Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2
* Personnel	Statement of expense for Josh Clark from Magistrate training was signed.			
* Travel Requests	None			
* Resolutions	2026 - 101 ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (STATE) FOR LPA (PID NO.: 112222 COUNTY/ROUTE/SECTION: SAN US 20 20.80 ROUNDABOUT) WITH THE SANDUSKY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (LPA) ON BEHALF OF THE SANDUSKY COUNTY ENGINEER	Engineer		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2
	2026 - 102 RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH 2026	Commissioners		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2
	2026 – 103 APPROVING OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR SHERIFF CHRISOPHER HILTON TO ORLANDO, FL. FOR SMALL AND RURAL LE EXECUTIVES' CONFERENCE FROM JULY 25TH TO JULY 29TH 2026	Sheriff		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2

	2026 - 104 APPROVING APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN COUNTYWIDE FROM BENEFITS TO CONTRACT SERVICES (\$50,000.00) FOR 2026 PROGRAM EXPENSES; APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN COMMISSIONERS FROM UTILITIES TO SUPPLIES (\$25.00); AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO CAPITAL OUTLAY (\$95,000.00) FOR OLD JAIL ARCH REPAIR	Commissioners	\$50,000.00 \$25.00 \$95,000.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2
Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – see sign in sheet Media Attendees – Tom Fullen, The HUB Elected Officials – none			
	Tom Fullen from the HUB attended the meeting. He mentioned the EMS station on the East Side was coming along and asked about a possible opening date. Commissioner Miller noted hopefully in July. He also asked about the roundabout on the East Side and the progress. It will be started this year. The project will make easier access going East and West into and around Fremont. There was discussion on the repair of the arch on the front porch of the Commissioners building.			
First Public Hearing for the Community Housing Program (CHIP)	Commissioner Miller turned the hearing over to Tiffany Shaver of GLCAP. Tiffany came in to present the first public hearing for the CHIP Program. CHIP has to have two public meetings. This is the first meeting. The program helps with housing assistance. The County is applying for \$1,350,000.00. It is in partnership with the Cities of Fremont, Clyde and Bellevue. This is a partnership program with the four communities. See attachment for program details. Commissioner Miller noted we did not qualify for the 2026 program and were short by a couple points and we are now reapplying for the 2027 program.			
* Adjournment (10:38am)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes - 2

Signature of:



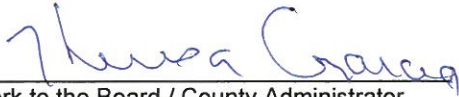
Scott Miller, President



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

Sandusky County PY26 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
AGENDA AND MINUTES
1st Public Hearing
Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Tiffany Shaver of Great Lakes Community Action Partnership reviewed the following information to apply for funding under the State of Ohio 2026 CDBG Programs:

1. This is the General Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program public hearing.
2. Any CDBG-funded activity must qualify as meeting one of the three national objectives of the program. The three CDBG National Objectives are:
 - a. Benefiting low- and moderate-income individuals
 - b. Preventing or eliminating slum or blight
 - c. Meeting an urgent need
3. Approximate Funding anticipated for the following major CDBG funds, from the PY26 draft consolidated plan. Approximately \$18.9 million in total: Approximately \$8.7 million in CDBG funds will be combined with an estimated \$10 million of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds and SFY 2026 Ohio Housing Trust Funds (\$250,000).
4. The County is eligible for the following PY26 Community Development programs, providing the County meets the applicable requirements:

a. **Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP)**

The County intends to request funds from the Community Housing Impact & Preservation Program (CHIP) which includes HOME and CDBG funding. Under the current CHIP, the State of Ohio is encouraging cities and counties to partner on CHIP applications. The County may apply alone for a base grant of up to \$400,000 for CHIP activities. Sandusky County is eligible to partner with the cities of Fremont, Clyde and Bellevue in PY26. Together, they may request up to \$1,350,000 in CHIP funds.

Sandusky County and the cities of Fremont, Clyde, and Bellevue are discussing an agreement to partner for PY26, with Sandusky County to serve as lead applicant and grantee. County commissioners and city councils will have to formally approve this partnership.

A second public hearing will be held to cover the details of the CHIP application. Specific activities and funding requests will be based on recommendations from the results of the Housing Needs Assessment that is in the process of gathering information for local stakeholders.

CHIP eligible activities include financing residential rehabilitation or repairs for low- and moderate-income homeowners, rehab and repair loans for rental properties where tenants are low- and moderate-income, and tenant based rental assistance. CHIP is a competitive grant program - not all applicants will receive funds.

Application Timing: Submission: June 2026 / Grant Award: December 2026

5. Comments/Questions:




The Hearing Concluded at _____

Apr Commissioner's Agenda

4/9/26

- I. Placements
 - a. Current custody count: **52** (last month 52)
 - b. +3, -3
- II. Finances
 - a. Working on restructure and reorganization as we lose people to retirement
 - b. Additional cost saving measures

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