

The Board of Commissioners met this date with all members present.

Mr. Kleineke moved the minutes of the meeting held December 30, 2025, be approved as read. Mr. Timmons seconded. Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Yes; Mr. Morelli, Abstain.

IN THE MATTER OF RECEIPT OF CHECK FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY AUDITOR-JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH-DISPOSAL FEE PAYMENT-APEX SANITARY LANDFILL AND C & D DISPOSAL TECHNOLOGIES LLC-NOVEMBER, 2025

Mr. Kleineke moved the checks totaling \$8,682.00 be accepted from the Jefferson County Auditor, Mr. E.J. Conn, which represents reimbursement for Apex Sanitary Landfill and C & D Disposal Technologies, LLC, for the month of November, 2025, and that same be deposited in the proper account (Construction & Demolition Debris Fees). Mr. Timmons seconded.

Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Yes; Mr. Morelli, Absent.

IN THE MATTER OF RECEIPT OF MONEY ORDER-JOHN SPIVEY-DONATION

Mr. Kleineke moved the money order in the amount of \$100.00 be accepted from John Spivey, P.O. Box 118795, Carrollton, TX 75011, for a Donation to Jefferson County. Mr. Timmons seconded.

Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Yes; Mr. Morelli, Absent.

IN THE MATTER OF APPEARANCE OF MR. MARK NELSON-SWEARING IN FOR THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER, ERIC TIMMONS

Jefferson County Commissioner, Eric Timmons, swore in Mr. Mark Nelson, of member of the Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District, Board of Supervisors, this date of Thursday, January 8, 2026.

IN THE MATTER OF APPEARANCE OF MR. KENNETH PERKINS-SWEARING IN FOR THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER, ERIC TIMMONS

Jefferson County Commissioner, Eric Timmons swore in Mr. Kenneth Perkins, of member of the Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District, Board of Supervisors, this date of Thursday, January 8, 2026.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE #7-JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC.-JEFFERSON COUNTY WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT-JEFFERSON COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT-ARCADIS US, INC.-OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (OWDA)

Upon recommendation of Jefferson County Director of Sanitary Engineering, Mr. Jonathan Sgalla, Mr. Kleineke moved Invoice #7 in the amount of \$651,477.00, be paid to Johnson Controls, 9797 Midwest Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44125, for the WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT-Arcadis US, Inc. Mr. Timmons seconded.

Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Yes; Mr. Morelli, Absent.

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**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FORCE ACCOUNT-YEAR 2026-
JEFFERSON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

Upon recommendation of Jefferson County Engineer, Mr. Eric B. Hilty, Mr. Kleineke moved the Board of Commissioners, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio, Adopt the following:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FORCE ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, It is being determined by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners that the health, welfare and safety of the people of Jefferson County can best and most efficiently be served by force account in matters pertaining to maintenance, repair, construction and reconstruction of Jefferson County Roads.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That Eric B. Hilty, Engineer of Jefferson County is hereby authorized to employ labor and proceed by force account in maintenance, repair and construction of roads, bridges and culverts in Jefferson County during the year of 2025.

2. That the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners reserve unto themselves the right and authority to make all purchases of materials and equipment required in the maintenance, repair or construction of roads, bridges and culverts in Jefferson County During the year of 2025, except that as the Board may from time to time, by resolution, delegate such purchase authority to Mr. Eric B. Hilty, Engineer of Jefferson County.

/s/ Ronald K. Kleineke
/s/ Tony Morelli
/s/ Eric Timmons

Mr. Timmons seconded.

Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Yes; Mr. Morelli, Absent.

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ENGINEER, MR. ERIC B. HILTY-25% LOAD LIMIT REDUCTION ON VARIOUS JEFFERSON COUNTY HIGHWAYS-FEBRUARY 1, 2026 TO APRIL 30, 2026

The Board of Commissioners, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio, received the following:

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 5577.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of County Commissioners may reduce the maximum weight of a vehicle on roads susceptible of damage during times of thawing and/or excessive moisture.

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We are requesting the Board grant permission to post 25% load reduction from February 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026 on the following County Highways:

County Highway #1	Glen Robbins-Mt. Pleasant Road
County Highway #2	Yorkville-Glen Robbins Road
County Highway #3	Zeyer Road
County Highway #4	Hopewell Road
County Highway #5	Pleasant Grove Road
County Highway #6	Mt. Pleasant-Adena Road
County Highway #7	Dillonvale Road
County Highway #7C	Yellow Creek Road
County Highway #8	Dry Fork Road
County Highway #9	Old State Route 22 (Woodvue Lane)
County Highway #10	Smithfield-Adena Road
County Highway #11	Piney Fork Road
County Highway #12	Pine Valley Road
County Highway #14	Connerville Road
County Highway #15	Warren Ridge-Smithfield-Rayland Road
County Highway #16	Hopewell Road
County Highway #17	Rush Run Road
County Highway #18	Graham Road
County Highway #19	Brilliant-New Alexandria Road
County Highway #20	Bradley Road
County Highway #21	Santucci Road
County Highway #22	Steubenville Street
County Highway #22A	Reeds Mill-Bloomingtondale Road
County Highway #23	Bloomingtondale-Smithfield-Chandler Road
County Highway #24	Cow Path Road
County Highway #25	Smithfield Station-Weems Road
County Highway #26	Fernwood-Bloomingtondale Road
County Highway #28	Goulds Road-Devils Den-Rinker Road
County Highway #29	Wilson Ave Ext.-Mingo Jct. Rd.
County Highway #30	Hills School Road-Kimberly Way
County Highway #33	Wintersville-Airport Road
County Highway #34	Bantam Ridge Road
County Highway #34	Two Ridge Road
County Highway #36	Seminary Road
County Highway #38	Beacon Ridge Road
County Highway #39	Unionport Road
County Highway #40	Kragel Road
County Highway #41	Sunset Lake Road
County Highway #42	Sunset Drive
County Highway #43	Ross Ridge-Alikanna Road
County Highway #45	Pleasant Hill Road
County Highway #46	Island Creek Church Road
County Highway #47	JFK Highway
County Highway #49	Elkhorn Road
County Highway #50	Hammondsville-Irondale Road
County Highway #50A	Main Street
County Highway #51	Hollow Rock Road
County Highway #53	Bergholz-New Somerset
County Highway #54	State Park-Mooretown Road
County Highway #55	Monroeville-Irondale Road
County Highway #56	Costonia-Mt. Tabor Road
County Highway #57	Mt. Zion Road

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County Highway #58	Timothy Ridge Road
County Highway #59	Becon Ridge Road
County Highway #60	Circle Green Road
County Highway #61	Amsterdam-Wolf Run Road
County Highway #65	Sunshine Park Road
County Highway #68	Sugar Grove Road
County Highway #71	Maynard Road
County Highway #72	Pine Grove Road
County Highway #74	Mingo Junction-Goulds Road
County Highway #75	Wolf Run Road
County Highway #75A	(John Gregg Elementary)
County Highway #77	Permars Run Road
County Highway #78	Apex-Amsterdam Road

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
/s/ Eric B. Hilty, P.E., P.S.
Jefferson County Engineer

Upon request and recommendation of Jefferson County Engineer, Mr. Eric B. Hilty, Mr. Kleineke moved authorization be granted to said Jefferson County Engineering Department to Post 25% Load Reduction signs on various County Roads between February 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026. Mr. Timmons seconded.

Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Yes; Mr. Morelli, Absent.

IN THE MATTER OF SIGNING THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ANNUAL COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION (2025)-JEFFERSON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Upon recommendation of Jefferson County Engineer, Mr. Eric B. Hilty, Mr. Kleineke moved the Board of Commissioners, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio, approve and sign the 2025 Ohio Department of Transportation Annual County Highway System Mileage Certification Form, and as of December 31, 2025 ODOT has certified the county mileage to be 257.948 miles, which was the same for 2024. Mr. Timmons seconded.

Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Yes; Mr. Morelli, Absent.

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE-JEFFERSON COUNTY FACILITIES SUPERVISOR-JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Kleineke moved the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners be authorized to advertise for the Position of Jefferson County Facilities Supervisor, for various County Buildings. Mr. Timmons seconded.

Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Yes; Mr. Morelli, Absent.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF QUOTATION-SECURITY SOLUTIONS SPECIALISTS, LLC-

ADDITIONAL KEY FOBS FOR THE SECURITY ACCESS CONTROL PROJECT-JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE-JEFFERSON COUNTY DATA PROCESSING-JEFFERSON COUNTY FACILITIES SUPERVISOR, MR. PATRICK BOYLES

Upon request and recommendation of Jefferson County Facilities Supervisor, Mr. Patrick Boyles, Mr. Kleineke moved the Board of Commissioners, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio, accept the quotation from Security Solutions Specialists, LLC, 115 Stratford Court, New Stanton, PA 15672, for Thirty-Five Additional Key Fobs for the Access Security Control System, located at the Jefferson County Courthouse, 301 Market Street, Steubenville, Ohio 43952, in an amount not to exceed \$261.10. Mr. Timmons seconded.

Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Yes; Mr. Morelli, Absent.

Said payment to be made using Permissive Capital Improvement Funds.

IN THE MATTER OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING-JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL/CIO, CLC-HOLIDAY PAY (CHRISTMAS EVE)

Mr. Kleineke moved the Board of Commissioners, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio, approve and sign the following:

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND
COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA

Memorandum of Understanding Between the
Jefferson County Board of Commissioners
and the
Communications workers of America, AFL/CIO, CLC

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on the 30th Day of December 2025 between the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners/Dog Shelter ("the Employer") and the Communication Workers of America, AFL/CIO, CLC ("the Union") (collectively referred to as the "Parties") for the purpose of amending and modifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners/Dog Shelter and the Communication Workers of America, AFL/CIO, CLC effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025;

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the current Collective Bargaining Agreement effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025, as if fully re-written herein;

WHEREAS, the parties agree to amend Article 21 (HOLIDAYS), Section 1 to add as follows:

Christmas Eve (12/24/25) as paid holiday (8 Hours holiday pay)

Be agreement of the parties, this Memorandum of Understanding is effective on the date all parties have executed this Memorandum, Executed on this 30th day of December, 2025.

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/s/ Eric Timmons
/s/ Ronald Kleineke

Communication Workers of America, Local 4527

/s/ Marya L. McClelland, President
/s/ Andrea Zalesny, Secretary
/s/ James Wharton, Treasurer

Mr. Timmons seconded.

Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Yes; Mr. Morelli, Absent.

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN-LETTER OF SUPPORT-2026 STATE OF OHIO
VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM-JEFFERSON COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE**

Upon request of Jefferson County Drug Task Force, Mr. Kleineke moved authorization be granted to the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Tony Morelli, to sign the LETTER OF SUPPORT for the 2026 State of Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program.

Mr. Timmons seconded.

Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Yes; Mr. Morelli, Yes.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE MR. GARY HALLOCK-JEFFERSON COUNTY
DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD-JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Kleineke moved that Mr. Gary Hallock, 1802 Columbia Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952, be Appointment as a Trustee for the Jefferson County Commissioners, on the Jefferson County District Library Board, for the term of January 1, 2026 through January 1, 2029. Mr. Timmons seconded.

Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Yes; Mr. Morelli, Absent.

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN-RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICE AGREEMENT-
JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE-INDIAN CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
EDUCATION-OFFICER MATT MORGAN-JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Kleineke moved the Board of Commissioners, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio, approve and sign the RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICE AGREEMENT between the Indian Creek School District Board of Education, and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, 16001 State Route #7, Steubenville, Ohio 43952-Officer Matt Morgan. Mr. Timmons seconded.

Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Yes; Mr. Morelli, Absent.

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**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN-RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICE AGREEMENT-
JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE-INDIAN CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
EDUCATION-OFFICER SHAWN LIVINGSTON-JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Kleineke moved the Board of Commissioners, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio, approve and sign the RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICE AGREEMENT between the Indian Creek School District Board of Education, and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, 16001 State Route #7, Steubenville, Ohio 43952-Officer Shawn Livingston. Mr. Timmons seconded.

Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Yes; Mr. Morelli, Absent.

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN-RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICE AGREEMENT-
JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE-JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT-OFFICER
RANDY HENRY-JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Kleineke moved the Board of Commissioners, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio, approve and sign the RESOURCE OFFICER SERVICE AGREEMENT between the Joint Vocational School District, and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, 16001 State Route #7, Steubenville, Ohio 43952-Officer Randy Henry. Mr. Timmons seconded.

Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Yes; Mr. Morelli, Yes.

**THE COMMISSIONER RONALD K. KLEINEKE AND COMMISSIONER ERIC TIMMONS LEFT THE
OFFICE OF 11:10 A.M., THIS DATE OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026 TO CONDUCT A
PUBLIC VIEWING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REQUEST FOR THE VACATION OF CROSS
CREEK TOWNSHIP ROAD #179A-JEFFERSON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING-REQUEST FOR THE VACATION OF CROSS CREEK
TOWNSHIP ROAD #179A-JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS-JEFFERSON COUNTY
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

Purpose - Public Hearing on the Request for the Vacation of Cross Creek Township Road #179A.

Those Present - Eric B. Hilty, Jefferson County Engineer; Tony Morelli, Jefferson County Commissioner; Ronald K. Kleineke, Jefferson County Commissioner; Stacy Williams, Clerk.

THE FOLLOWING LEGAL NOTICE WAS READ INTO THE RECORD:

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there is before the Board of Commissioners of the County of Jefferson, State of Ohio, the matter of the Request for the Vacation of Cross Creek Township Road #179A.

Beginning at its intersection with Township Road #175 aka Valley Glenn Road, and 0.269 miles to the end of Township Road #179A.

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The Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County, State of Ohio, has set the 8th Day of January 2026, at 11:30 A.M., as the date and time for the Public Viewing on such matters and the 8th Day of January 2026, at 1:00 P.M., in their Office in the Courthouse, 301 Market Street, Room #104, Steubenville, Ohio 43952, as the date and time and place for the Public Hearing on such matters.

By Order of the Board of Commissioners, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio.

Tony Morelli, Chairman

Stacy Williams, Clerk

COMMISSIONER TONY MORELLI - There is no one here from Cross Creek Township or the owners of property. There are no objections and there is no one here.

MR. ERIC B. HILTY - I recommend the vacation of Township Road #179A. I see no problems or concerns with this vacation.

COMMISSIONER RONALD K. KLEINEKE - I'll make a motion to vacate.

COMMISSIONER MORELLI - Second.

Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Absent; Mr. Morelli, Yes.

There being no further discussion Mr. Kleineke moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 1:04 P.M. Mr. Morelli seconded. Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Absent; Mr. Morelli, Yes.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Kleineke moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Morelli Seconded. Roll call - Mr. Kleineke, Yes; Mr. Timmons, Absent; Mr. Morelli, Yes.

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