

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

PURPOSE - REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR 2026

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR 2026-RONALD K. KLEINEKE

Mr. Timmons moved that Commissioner, Ronald K. Kleineke, be appointed as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Year 2026. Mr. Morelli seconded.

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR 2026-ERIC TIMMONS

Mr. Morelli moved that Commissioner, Eric Timmons, be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Year 2026. Mr. Kleineke seconded.

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

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINATION OF REGULAR MEETING DAY AND TIME FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DURING THE YEAR 2026

Mr. Timmons moved the regular weekly meeting of the Board of Commissioners be held on Thursdays at 9:00 A.M. Mr. Morelli seconded.

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

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING RULES FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

Mr. Timmons moved the following rules be established for Special Meetings for 2026:

1. All Special Meetings may be called by one or more of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Jefferson, State of Ohio.
2. There is to be a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours notice of any and all such special meetings, and
3. Notices are to be posted at all appropriate locations of any and all such special meetings, said notices to be in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (F) (Sunshine Law).

Mr. Kleineke seconded.

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

IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES

Mr. Timmons moved the following employees of the Jefferson County Commissioners be reappointed:

BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT:

- PATRICK BOYLES - Facilities Maintenance Supervisor** - 301 Lorraine Drive, Weirton, WV 26062.
- MARK DELONG - Custodial Worker 2** - 1385 Township Road 376, Toronto, Ohio 43964.
- TINA EVANS - Maintenance Worker** - 2393 County Road #22A, Bloomingdale, Ohio 43910
- SHANE HARRIS - Maintenance Supervisor** - 84585 Cadiz/Jewett Road Cadiz, Ohio 43907.
- STEVEN H. MICK - Maintenance Supervisor, Justice Facility** - 5841 Township Road #166 Bloomingdale, Ohio 43910.
- ERIC YOUNG - Custodial Worker 2** - 524 Highland Avenue, Steubenville, Ohio 43952.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

- STACY WILLIAMS - Clerk** - 723 North 3rd Street, Toronto, Ohio 43964.
- NANCY WACHENSCHWANZ - Assistant Clerk** - 300 B Nimitz Avenue, Wintersville, Ohio 43953

DOG & KENNEL DEPARTMENT:

- THOMAS ARNETT - Assistant Dog Warden** - 49 Maple Street, P.O. Box 576, Smithfield, Ohio 43948
- KYLEE E. BAKER - Poundkeeper** - 213 Elaine Avenue, Follansbee, WV 26037
- CHAD COIL - Dog Warden** - 1850 County Road #68 Toronto, Ohio 43964

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DEZERA M. JEFFERS - Assistant Dog Warden - 367 Sunshine Park, Wintersville, Ohio 43953

CORINA M. MATTIOLI - Assistant Poundkeeper - 206 Union Avenue, Mingo Junction, Ohio 43938

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT:

BRIAN BOWMAN - Wastewater Maintenance - 263 Beechwood Boulevard, Wintersville, Ohio 43953

CRYSTAL CHIPPS - Administrative Assistant - 121 Beechwood Drive, Wintersville, Ohio 43953

CHAD CORDER - Wastewater Maintenance - 138 Legion Street, Richmond, Ohio 43944

JOHN CRAIG - Waterline Maintenance - 201 Carlisle Avenue, Mingo Junction, Ohio 43938

DANIEL ELERICK - Waterline Maintenance - 136 Overbaugh Avenue, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950

ASHTON ELLIS - Treatment Plant Operator - 222 Harbel Drive, Mingo Junction, Ohio 43938

GLENN EMERY - Wastewater Maintenance - 303 Cadiz Road, Wintersville, Ohio 43953

JUSTIN EMERY - Operator - 119 Karen Place, Wintersville, Ohio 43953

JOHN HARRIS - Water Treatment Technician - 4707 Sciota Drive, Steubenville, Ohio 43952

MARLA KAGLE - Waterline Maintenance - 5512 State Route 151, Mingo Junction, Ohio 43

TREVOR LONG - Waterline Maintenance - 301 Eisenhower Road, Wintersville, Ohio 43953

PETER J. LOPUSHANSKY - Treatment Plant Operator - 721 Street, Route 151, Mingo Junction, Ohio 43938

DAVID ISAAC LUCAS - Waterline Maintenance - 36 Wildens Avenue, Wintersville, Ohio 43953

MELISSA K. MORRISON - Office Manager - 1151 County Road #54, Richmond, Ohio 43944

EMILY MORRO - Clerk I - 82 Sarah Blvd., Amsterdam, Ohio 43903

WAYNE PARKS - Treatment Plant Operator - 805 5th Street, Brilliant, Ohio 43913

JON-PAUL PELEGREEN - Operator - 608 South Street, Hopedale, Ohio 43976

DAVID ROUSH - Treatment Plant Operator - 711 5th Street, Brilliant, Ohio 43913

**RONALD SAXTON - General Foreman/Waterline Maintenance - 6021 County Highway
15, Rayland, Ohio 43944**

**JONATHAN SGALLA - Director of Sanitary Engineering - 325 Wayne Avenue,
Weirton, West Virginia 26062**

**JAMES STRACHAN JR. - Waterline Maintenance - 404 A.N. Zane Highway, Martins
Ferry, Ohio 43935**

KEVIN VAHALIK - Waterline Maintenance - 242 Cedar Road, Richmond, Ohio 43944

JADDEN VINCENZO - Clerk 1I - 2619 Township Road #275, Amsterdam, Ohio 43903

**SHARON WALKOSKY - Computer Operator - 174 Woodview Lane, Apt. 15,
Wintersville, Ohio 43953**

Mr. Kleineke seconded.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF SETTING FEES FOR COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE PERTAINING TO COPIES
OF DOCUMENTS AND COPYING MEETING TAPES**

Mr. Timmons moved that the following fees be established for copies of documents and copies of tapes of meetings:

Copying tapes: One CD - \$3.00
Two CD's - \$3.50

Copies of Documents: \$.25 cents each

Flash Drive - \$10.00

Mr. Kleineke seconded.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1-JEFFERSON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY**

Mr. Timmons moved the Board of Commissioners, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio, Adopt the following Resolution:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY
RESOLUTION 2026-1

On May 30th, 2002, the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners Adopted Resolution 2002-14, thereby establishing Rules for Public Participation before said Board of Commissioners. The Board of Jefferson County Commissioners Adopts Resolution 2026-1 which supercedes and replaces Resolution 2025-1.

All meetings of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, except those held in Executive Session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G), are open to the public.

Public participation at the Board of Commissioners meetings is not required under Ohio Law and the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners has made the decision to schedule public participation in order to better serve the citizens of Jefferson County and promote open government.

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners invites public participation in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Public participation will be permitted at a meeting only when it is listed and approved by the Board of Commissioners as an agenda item for that meeting.
2. In order for the Board of Commissioners to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an efficient manner, the portion of each meeting devoted to public participation will be limited to thirty (30) minutes. Public participation may occur at the conclusion of the business of the Commissioners Meeting, but before any scheduled Executive Sessions.
3. A public participant must be either a) a resident of Jefferson County or b) a person with a legitimate interest in the actions of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners.
4. Each public participant must complete a participation slip provided by the Commissioners' Clerk and is asked to provide a written copy of any statement he or she presents to the Board.
5. A public participant must be recognized by the presiding officer before speaking and must begin his or her comments by providing his or her name, address and group affiliation, if any.

6. Each statement by a public participant must be limited up to five (5) minutes, unless the presiding officer determines that additional time is prudent or necessary.
7. No public participant may speak twice on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
8. All statements by a public participant must be directed to the presiding officer. No participant may address or question Board members individually.
9. The presiding officer may:
 - A. Interrupt, warn or terminate a public participant's statement when the officer determines that the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant.
 - B. Request a public participant to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum.
 - C. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly participant when that participant's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting.
 - D. Call for a recess or adjournment to another time if the lack of public decorum becomes so extreme that it interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting.
 - E. If an individual is not listed on the agenda and wishes to address the Board then public participation may be permitted at a meeting at the discretion of the President of the Commission.
10. This policy on public participation does not apply to portions of meetings of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners held in Executive Session in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G).

ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026

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

Mr. Morelli seconded.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER, TONY MORELLI-JEFFERSON COUNTY
GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) BOARD MEMBER**

Mr. Timmons moved that Commissioner Tony Morelli, be Appointed as a Member to the Geographical Information System (GIS) Board, representing the County Commissioners for the Year 2026. Mr. Kleineke seconded.

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF ERIC TIMMONS-JEFFERSON COUNTY DATA PROCESSING BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Morelli moved that Commissioner, Eric Timmons, be Appointed as a Member of the Jefferson County Data Processing Board, representing the County Commissioners for the Year 2026. Mr. Timmons seconded.

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF TONY MORELLI-JEFFERSON/BELMONT SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Morelli moved that Commissioner Tony Morelli, be Appointed to the Jefferson/Belmont Solid Waste Authority to Represent the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners for the Year 2026. Mr. Timmons seconded.

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF ERIC TIMMONS, JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2026

Mr. Morelli moved that Jefferson County Commissioner Eric Timmons be Appointed as Jefferson County's Representative on the Health Insurance Board for 2026. Mr. Kleineke seconded.

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER, TONY MORELLI-JEFFERSON COUNTY E-911 BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Timmons moved that Jefferson County Commissioner, Tony Morelli, be Appointed as a Member on the Jefferson County E-911 Board, representing the Board of Commissioners for 2026. Mr. Kleineke seconded.

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF TWO (2) REPRESENTATIVES TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY LAND BANK BOARD

Mr. Timmons moved the Board of Commissioners, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio, Appoint the following two (2) persons as Representatives for the Board of County Commissioners on the Jefferson County Land Bank Board:

Mr. Ronald K. Kleineke, Commissioner
Mr. Tony Morelli, Commissioner

Mr. Kleineke seconded.

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

IN THE MATTER OF STATEMENT BY JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER ERIC TIMMONS

COMMISSIONER ERIC TIMMONS - First off, congratulations to Mr. Kleineke. You

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do a great job. I'm going into my forth year. I'm looking forward to another successful year with you gentlemen. We've got a lot going on, YSU and several things ahead that I think are game-changers for the County. So I look forward to a great year.

IN THE MATTER OF STATEMENT BY JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER, TONY MORELLI

COMMISSIONER TONY MORELLI - First of all thanks Stacy (Williams) for putting up with us for another year. We appreciate what you do.

Congratulations to Commissioner Kleineke the new Chairperson. As Commissioner Timmons said, we've got a lot going on in this County and a lot is not seen by the public. I think more will come uncovered this year. We've got YSU. We are getting close to going out for an RFP (Request for Proposals) to develop some property. We've got some hot developers that are eager to see that RFP and come to Jefferson County.

Another plus in 2025 was Milton Jefferson Residential Treatment Center. That is something that I've been talking about for twenty years that we need in this area. So far it's, from my reports in and talking about people who know, it is doing very well. The Sheriff is very happy about it.

We passed a motion and we are getting close to hiring a grant writer, which is a big move for the County. And I thank Commissioner Timmons for leading that. It was his idea. We had talked about it for awhile. So, soon we will have a Jefferson County Grant Writer. The Children's Home, we've put a lot of money into that. We've spent a lot of time as a Board and a lot of money getting the Children's Home back up to spec, a new roof and security, you name it. Our Job and Family Services is now certified and are not able to take children from all over the State of Ohio.

Out a the Fair Grounds we have a new building and we have another new one coming. Commissioner Kleineke really helped move that first one through, the building that is there now. And I thank you for that. The Courthouse Museum, I think it's great. I've had a lot of positive feedback from that. I think we all have. And we have a multimillion dollar project going on in the County will new water meters. Security at the Courthouse, we're in the process of putting in new locks, electronic locks. We've spent a lot of money doing that. We're in the point of passing out fobs. I'll make a motion at our first meeting that we need to look at the security here.

IN THE MATTER OF STATEMENT BY JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER, RONALD K. KLEINEKE

COMMISSIONER RONALD K. KLEINEKE - First I have to say that these two guys sitting next to me made me feel like I was on a team. I know that is true. They made it smooth the first year walking in the door I got their support and backup all the way through. They helped me understand things that I can and can't do legally. I come from the private sector a business owner my whole life and the government is a bit different. The guardrails are somewhat tighter on time constraints and different decisions you can make. And these gentlemen helped my through that.

Thank you guys for that. I thank you for year leadership and helping me. And helping me to get on Boards and to understand these Boards and what their

functions are.

I'm really happy to be involved with the Spec Building Project right off the get go. We're working on that still to this day. The Land Bank, I'm real proud to be a part of that Board. We went from tearing buildings down to now building brand new homes. I'm looking to grow that in the next few years. I'm really hoping that takes off. We need to give young people graduating from highschool and college a reason to stay here and build families and our communities and our economy. I'm just blessed to be part of it. I look forward to this year and hopefully I can do some good things. I know we can. I think it's going to be an exciting year.

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

