

Minutes

February 5, 2026

Commissioners present: Jeffrey Hunker, Timothy Bechtol and William Bateson

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land and Steve Wilson

Commissioner Hunker opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Hunker announced that next Tuesday meeting will be at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes from the February 3, 2026, meeting was read with William Bateson making a motion to approve, Jeffrey Hunker seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Timothy Bechtol abstained.

William Bateson made a motion to approve two Warrant Journals. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved the January Fund Report and payroll for their employees and JFS employees.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #80-26 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to the General Fund #1001 (Coroner). William Bateson made a motion to approve. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #81-26 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to the MV & GT Fund #2002. William Bateson made a motion to approve. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Cindy Land presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #82-26 – Resolution authorizing the solicitation of bids for the Soil & Waer Conservation District 2026 Spray Program for Hancock County, Ohio. Cindy Land stated that the legal notice, the bid pack and all the maps associated with the areas are attached to the resolution. Jason is looking to begin publication on the 20th and proceed from that point forward. William Bateson made a motion to approve. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Steve Wilson stated the Brownfield work is complete. They will begin removing the fences and backfilling soon. There is a phone call with Norfolk Southern this afternoon. They are hoping to get a status update on the work agreement.

Steve stated the landfill has received the new pickup truck and the new Concover machine.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol attended the TMACOG meeting in Perrysburg last Friday. They have decided to rename the board to the Lake Erie West Regional Council. Commissioner Bechtol provided some information and facts from the meeting. Commissioner Bechtol stated we have received the letter of approval for the interior wall at the Board of Elections office in the Olive Street building. He also stated he has some layouts to show the other Commissioners for the changes and renovations to building at the Recycling Hub.

William Bateson attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting yesterday. This morning, he attended an Economic Development Board Meeting.

Jeffrey Hunker stated that yesterday he had a conversation with a Cass Township Trustee in regards to water and he directed them to speak with Allen Township. Yesterday he also spent a lot of the day going around to different county offices and talking to other elected officials and employees of the county.

At 1:30 p.m., the Commissioners met with Treasurer J. Steve Welton for the Investment Update meeting. Also present was Alec Helms, Eileen Stanic and Adam Witterman. The Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Eileen provided the 2025 Year-in-review, an update on the interest rates for investments, the federal forecast of the rates and the effects current events could have on the rates. The County, Flood Mitigation and Landfill's portfolios are still looking good at this time.

At 2:15 p.m., the Commissioners met with Engineer Doug Cade. Also present was Alec Helms and Kyle Parker. Engineer Cade stated the tax mapping/GIS software currently being used will not be useable at the end of the year. They budgeted \$35,000 for upgrading this software but after doing some additional research on what will be needed the estimated costs are looking to be around \$95,000.00. Doug requested the Commissioners approve an additional appropriation for the additional amount needed. The Commissioners agreed. Doug will send the request to the Clerks soon. There were discussions on the timeframe to implant this new software and the use of AI in the engineer's office.

Kyle and Doug provided an update on the Forest Lake Ditch petition and the timeframe the final report will be given to the Board. Once the is submitted the final hearing can be scheduled.

Doug Cade requested executive session in regards to potential litigation.

At 2:43 p.m., Jeffrey Hunker made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to potential litigation. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Roll call vote: William Bateson: yes; Timothy Bechtol: yes; Jeffrey Hunker: yes; At 3:01 p.m., Jeffrey Hunker made motion to come out of executive session. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 3:11 p.m., the Commissioners met with Adam Miller. Also present was Alec Helms and Cindy Land. Adam stated the cable for the auger needs to be replaced. It is mainly used at the jail, but it does get used at some of the other facilities. The cost is \$534.02 plus shipping. There was a discussion on where this would be paid from. The Commissioners approved ordering the cable. Adam explained what is going to be needed to repair the AC system in the IT room at the courthouse. It looks like it will cost around \$5,000.00 but we are waiting on the official estimate.

There were discussions on the ceiling repair in Courtroom 1, the HVAC project progress and window cleaning at the 514 building.

Work Session Topics

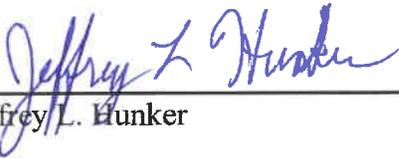
- 1) Capital Planning
- 2) Vet Fest
- 3) Per Diem Inmate Housing
- 4) Utility Bills
- 5) MPRMA Meeting
- 6) America 250 Tree planting
- 7) State of the County

Respectfully submitted,



Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Jeffrey L. Hunker



Timothy K. Bechtol



William L. Bateson

Nov. 25, 2025

INVESTMENT ADVORY COMMITTEE MEETING

11: 00 am., Present: Bill Bateson, Jeff Hunker, Steve Welton, Eileen Stanic with Meeder Investment Management, Auditor Charity Rauschenberg, Adam

Witteman and Barb Marquart. Commissioner Bateson congratulated Treasurer on receiving the Ohio Treasurer of the Year Award. Eileen provided an update on the interest rates for investments; the federal forecast of rates and the effects current events could have on the rates. The County

Flood Mitigation and Landfill's portfolios are still looking good. Discussion on repayment of the loan from the

Treasury that was borrowed for the Olive Street Building.

Meeting adjourned approximately 11:35 am. Moved by Bill Bateson, second by Jeff Hunker, all in favor, meeting adjourned

J. Steve Welton,

Hancock County Treasurer