

The Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, met in **EMERGENCY** session this 7th day of February 2019 with the following members present: Tony Applegate, President Daryll R. Gray, Member Barry L. Woodruff, Member

Motion moved by Mr. Gray to enter Emergency Session at 9:52 a.m. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

The Board met to discuss the collapsed culvert in the Pine Valley Subdivision within Sterling Township. Also, in attendance: Zac Corbin Prosecutor, Todd Cluxton, Engineer, Barb Davis, DPS, Todd Richter, Sterling Twp., Marilyn Lawrence, Sterling Twp. and Wayne Gates, Brown County Press.

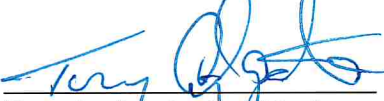
The culvert collapsed on February 6, 2019, due to deterioration and excessive storm water. Pine Valley is a private subdivision with private drives, although all county and township officials sought to assist the 32 homes that are now inaccessible to motorized traffic. It was determined there are no provisions in the Ohio Revised Code allowing officials to spend public funds on privately owned real estate. Legal counsel advised there is not an ORC that grants the Board of Commissioners, Brown County Engineer or Township Trustees authority to repair the culvert. Pine Valley Road does not qualify for township or county specs, therefore cannot be assumed by either party. Pine Valley residents have been cautioned to not cross the remaining portion of the culvert in vehicles. In addition, if immediate health problems are a concern they should not reside in the homes impassable to emergency service vehicles. A complete interruption in emergency services by the Village of Mt. Orab is in effect until the time the culvert is replaced, inspected and approved for emergency apparatus.

**IN THE MATTER TO ADJOURN**

Motion moved by Mr. Gray to adjourn emergency session at 11:15 a.m. with no further business before the Board this 7th day of February, 2019. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Woodruff, yea Mr. Gray, yea Mr. Applegate, yea

Approval: February 11, 2019

  
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Tony Applegate, President

  
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Daryll Gray, Member

  
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Sarah Beath, Clerk

February 7, 2019