

The Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, met in regular session this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026 with the following members present: Barry L. Woodruff, Member Gordon Ellis, Member Tony Applegate, President

**IN THE MATTER OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting and dispense with the oral reading. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Paul Riley questioned the Board on the status of the NDAs with DB STU LLC and if NDAs with other entities have been signed. He also questioned the Board's knowledge of the development of Small Nuclear Reactors in Huntington Township.

**IN THE MATTER TO APPROVE THE BILLS**

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to approve the following bills for payment. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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

<b>DEPT</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>
AUDITOR	\$553.83
BOE	\$165.00
BUILDING DEPT	\$0
CLERK OF COURTS	\$0
COMMISSIONERS	\$97,388.47
COMMON PLEAS	\$22,331.86
CORONER	\$330.50
CSEA	\$83,477.60
DEVELOPMENT	\$275.00
DOG TAGS	\$0
E911	\$1,629.75
EMA	\$0
ENGINEER HWY	\$3,637.57
ENGINEER OFFICE	\$0
ENGINEER SEWER & WATER	\$0
JFS	\$102,818.27
JURY COMMISSION	\$0
PROBATE/JUVENILE	\$122.66
MAINTENANCE	\$7,498.39
MUNICIPAL	\$0
PROSECUTOR	\$724.23
RECORDER	\$18.88
SHERIFF	\$20,167.83
TITLE	\$0
TREASURER	\$0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$341,139.84</b>

**IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to approve the request of James Berry, Building Official, for a supplemental appropriation of unappropriated funds from 1000 CGF into the following accounts:

1000-8011-52518 *Commercial Permit Inspection Fee* in the amount of \$45,000.00.

1000-8011-52530 *Commercial Fee State Share* in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Second: Mr. Woodruff.

Said funds are needed for commercial permit expenses.

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

**IN THE MATTER TO ENTER CONTRACT – GUARDIAN RFID – SHERIFF**

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff, upon the request of Sheriff Hodges, to enter contract with Guardian RFID, 6900 Wedgwood Rd. N, Suite 325, Maple Grove, Minnesota 55311, to deliver a wide range of inmate management, monitoring, and tracking solutions, in the amount of \$12,324.54, for a period of three years. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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

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**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION – DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

Motion by Mr. Ellis to adopt the following proclamation. Second Mr. Woodruff.

**Proclamation for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month  
March 1-31, 2026**

**WHEREAS** Ohio's county boards of developmental disabilities and The Brown County Board of Developmental Disabilities were established by the Ohio General Assembly on October 25, 1967; and

**WHEREAS** the mission and purpose of Ohio's county boards of DD remain as strong as ever, with county boards continuing to provide vital supports and resources to Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families; and,

**WHEREAS** the more than 300 people with developmental disabilities served by the Brown County Board of Developmental Disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers encourage everyone to focus on the abilities of all people; and

**WHEREAS** the most effective way to increase this awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution; and

**WHEREAS** policies must be developed, attitudes shaped, and opportunities offered that allow people with developmental disabilities to live as independently and productively as possible in our community; and

**WHEREAS** we encourage all citizens to foster and support such opportunities that include full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities; and

**Now, therefore, we, The Brown County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 2026 as**

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

and offer full support to efforts that assist people with disabilities to make choices that enable them to live successful lives and realize their potential; and

**Furthermore,** we urge all citizens to join in this celebration by spreading awareness of the many contributions offered by people with developmental disabilities in our community, and

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused our seal this 25th day of February two thousand twenty-six.

In attendance: Jennifer Bohrer, Director, staff, and clients of the Board of Developmental Disabilities.

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

**IN THE MATTER TO RECORD**

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to initiate live-streaming of meetings, no later than Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

**IN THE MATTER TO RECESS**

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to recess the meeting at 9:54 a.m. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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

**IN THE MATTER TO RECONVENE**

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to reconvene the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Second: Mr. Applegate.

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

Commissioner Gordon Ellis entered the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Commissioner Barry Woodruff exited the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

**IN THE MATTER TO ADJOURN**

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to adjourn this meeting with no further business before the Board this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026. Second: Mr. Applegate.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Ellis, yea Mr. Applegate, yea

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2/24/2026

Commissioner Barry Woodruff attended the Business Advisory Meeting, SHCTC.

2/25/2026

Commissioners met with Patrick Clark, Ohio Public Defender, for a contract update.

Approval: March 2, 2026

  
Tony Applegate, President

  
Gordon Ellis, Member

  
Barry Woodruff, Member

  
Hannah Birchfield, Clerk

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