

The Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, met in regular session this 25th day of August, 2025 with the following members present: Barry L. Woodruff, Member Gordon Ellis, Member

In attendance: Sarah Beath, County Administrator.

IN THE MATTER OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF PERSONNEL – DPS

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis, upon the request of Dominick Daulton, Director, to accept the resignation of Savannah Estep, part-time Telecommunications Specialist, effective 8/19/2025. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION – CROPPER FAMILY FARM

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to adopt the following Proclamation. Second: Mr. Ellis.

PROCLAMATION HONORING THE CROPPER FAMILY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR FARM BEING DESIGNATED A CENTURY FARM

WHEREAS, agriculture is the backbone of our great nation and the strength of our local communities, with Century Farms standing as proud symbols of commitment, perseverance, and stewardship of the land; and

WHEREAS, the Cropper family has upheld these values through 100 years of continuous farming on their homestead, now known as Cropper Century Farm, a living legacy in Brown County; and

WHEREAS, the farm was originally established by Clara Seaman, whose dedication to agriculture laid the foundation for generations of family stewardship, and was later passed down to her daughter and son-in-law, and now continues under the Cropper family name through the devoted efforts of Harold and Becky Cropper; and

WHEREAS, throughout its century-long history, the farm has been primarily a dairy operation, while cultivating corn, soybeans, tobacco, wheat, and hay, reflecting the versatility, resilience, and agriculture richness of Brown County; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and hard work of the Cropper family reflect the enduring spirit of the American farmer and serve as an inspiration to future generations; and

WHEREAS, the year 2025 marks the 100th anniversary of continuous farming on the Cropper family homestead, a remarkable milestone worthy of recognition and celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brown County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and commend the Cropper Family for a century of agricultural excellence, family heritage, and dedicated service to the community, and extends its deepest appreciation and congratulations on the achievement of becoming a Century Farm.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the official seal of Brown County to be affixed this 25th day of August, 2025.

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

Commissioner Tony Applegate entered the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Commissioner Tony Applegate exited the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Commissioner Tony Applegate re-entered the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

IN THE MATTER TO ADJOURN

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to adjourn this meeting with no further business before the Board this 25th day of August, 2025. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

8/21/2025

Commissioner Barry Woodruff attended the Ohio Department of Development site visit, on behalf of the Brown County Land Reutilization Corporation.

8/22/2025

Commissioner Barry Woodruff attended a Law Library Resources Board Meeting.

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Commissioner Tony Applegate met with Bob Wilson, Robert A. Wilson Construction LLC, and Darin Schweickart, DS2, to discuss building renovations at 800 Mt. Orab Pike.

Approval: August 27, 2025


Tony Applegate, President


Gordon Ellis, Member


Barry Woodruff, Member


Hannah Birchfield, Clerk

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