

The Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, met in regular session this 19th day of October, 2026, with the following members present: Barry L. Woodruff, Member Gordon Ellis, Member Tony Applegate, President

In attendance: Sarah Beath, County Administrator, and Charlene Fithen, Clerk

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 Mr. Applegate, yea

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nick Owens and Paul Riley were in attendance and had no public comment. Chris Hicks attended and questioned First Amendment rights.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – BOARD OF ELECTIONS - TABLED

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to table the supplemental appropriation request pending a meeting with the Board of Elections Board/Staff. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS – PROSECUTOR

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to approve the request of Zachary A. Corbin, Prosecutor, for a transfer of funds from 1000-1000-52133 *Transfer Out* in the amount of \$6,941.60 into 2488-3006-40547 *Transfer In*, said funds are the first half match for the 2026-2027 VOCA Grant. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to approve the request of Rita Henize, BCSO, for a supplemental appropriation of unappropriated funds from 1000 *CGF* in the amount of \$11,242.50 into 1000-2000-52118 *Sheriff Contract Services*. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – DEVELOPMENT

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to approve the request of Madison Glenn, Development Director, for a supplemental appropriation of unappropriated funds from 2105 *CDBG Allocation 2025* in the amount of \$8,852.19 into 2105-1005-52192 *CDBG 25 Allocation Projects*. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION – DISSOLUTION OF BROWN COUNTY FCFC – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10192026-2
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE
BROWN COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL (FCFC)
O.R.C. § 121.37

The Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, Ohio, met on the 19TH day of
October 2026, in regular session at the offices of said Board in the Administration Building,
Georgetown, Ohio, with the following members present:

Tony Applegate, President
Barry Woodruff, Member
Gordon Ellis, Member

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Woodruff, who moved its adoption, and
seconded by Mr. Ellis.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §121.37 establishes county Family and Children First
Councils (FCFC) to coordinate services for families and children; and

WHEREAS, the Brown County FCFC is not and has not received sufficient funding to
remain financially stable; and

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WHEREAS, the Brown County Job & Family Services Director and Superintendent of the Board of Developmental Disabilities has made the recommendation and agrees that other alternative programs can meet the needs of the current council more effectively and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the Brown County Job & Family Services has requested dissolution of the FCFC in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §121.37(B)(2)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, Ohio, that the said Board hereby dissolves the FCFC Council effective November 1, 2026, and designates Director Sheri Tabor to notify any and all local or state stakeholders of this action.

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

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to adopt the following proclamation. In attendance: Danielle Rooney, YWCA, Cindy Young, Women Helping Women, Lindsey Longbottom, Women Helping Women, Amber Malott, Women Helping Women, Jennifer Milani, YWCA, Nicole Williams-Kingsley, YWCA, Juwana Hall, YWCA, and Cassidy Snider, Women Helping Women. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

PROCLAMATION

“Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Brown County”

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to be a more prevalent social problem; and

WHEREAS, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group of people, but crosses all economic, racial and societal barriers; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual’s privacy, dignity, security and humanity through the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide-ranging, directly affecting women and their children and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is survivors of domestic violence themselves who have been at the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equity to the home; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside a special time to bring this issue to the attention of all Brown County citizens so they can become better informed and involved in programs to eliminate this epidemic from our society, and to also let families know that they are not alone and there is help and support available for them; and

WHEREAS, the YWCA Greater Cincinnati, is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials and concerned citizens throughout Brown County and across the State of Ohio to observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the Board of Brown County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of October 2026, as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in Brown County, Ohio.

IN THE MATTER TO RECESS

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to recess the meeting at 9:30 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. Ellis to reconvene the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

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IN THE MATTER TO RECESS

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to recess the meeting at 12:00 p.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. Ellis to reconvene the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

IN THE MATTER TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to enter executive session at 1:10 p.m. to discuss the preparation for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations with public employees, per ORC § 121.22 (G)(4). In attendance: Sarah Beath, County Administrator, and Charlene Fithen, Clerk. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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

Commissioners exited Executive Session at 2:10 p.m.

IN THE MATTER TO ADJOURN

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to adjourn this meeting with no further business before the Board this 19th day of October, 2026. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

10/14/26

Commissioners Tony Applegate and Barry Woodruff attended the Land Bank meeting.

10/15/26

Commissioner Barry Woodruff attended the ABCAP Personnel Committee meeting.

10/16/26

Commissioner Gordon Ellis attended the Higginsport Park ribbon-cutting event.

10/19/26

Commissioners met with Logan Asbury for a NexGrant AI demo.

Commissioners received and reviewed the monthly meal report from the BCSO.

Approval: October 21, 2026



Tony Applegate, President



Gordon Ellis, Member



Barry Woodruff, Member



Charlene Fithen, Clerk

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