The Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, met in regular session this 26th 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 Margery Paeltz were in attendance and had no public comment. Thomas Poor was in attendance and gave an update on the airport. Kelly Faas and Joe Kovach were in attendance and thanked the commissioners for their hard work and for getting the county debt-free.

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 2420 *Law Enforcement Agency* in the amount of $15,000.00 into 2420-2000-52116 *Sheriff Other Expenses*. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – JFS

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to approve the request of Sheri Tabor, JFS Director, for a supplemental appropriation of unappropriated funds from 2551 *Children's Services* Fund in the amount of $175,000.00 into 2551-5000-52133 *Transfer Out JFS*. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS – JFS

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to approve the request of Sheri Tabor, JFS Director, for a transfer of funds from 2551-5000-52133 *Transfer Out JFS* in the amount of $275,000.00 into 2550-5000-40547 *Transfer In*. Said funds are to reimburse the PA Account for Child Welfare Cost Pool Expenses. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

IN THE MATTER TO RECESS

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to recess the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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 9:55 a.m. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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

IN THE MATTER TO ADJOURN

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to adjourn this meeting with no further business before the Board this 26th day of October, 2026. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

10/22/26
Commissioner Gordon Ellis attended the Buckeye Safety Council meeting, the Local Corrections Planning Board meeting, and the CCAO Power Siting meeting.

10/26/26
Commissioners met with Suzanne Buchanan to discuss the SBA Disaster Loans available to Brown County.
Commissioners met with Brenda Siemer and Bethany Phillips to discuss the BOE budget.
Commissioners met with Lester Beair, Scott Null, Patrick Elliott, Dean Miracle, and Mark Fester to discuss the Higginsport sewer system.

Approval: October 28, 2026

Tony Applegate, President

Gordon Ellis, Member

Barry Woodruff, Member

Charlene Fithen, Clerk