

The Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, met in regular session this 22nd day of January, 2025 with the following members present: Barry L. Woodruff, Member Gordon Ellis, Member Tony Applegate, President

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 Mr. Applegate, yea

IN THE MATTER TO APPROVE THE BILLS

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

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

DEPT	EXPENDITURE
AUDITOR	\$1,021.45
BOE	\$278.80
BUILDING DEPT	\$30.77
CLERK OF COURTS	\$0
COMMISSIONERS	\$4,809.07
COMMON PLEAS	\$1,534.63
CORONER	\$0
CSEA	\$0
DEVELOPMENT	\$0
DOG TAGS	\$0
E911	\$708.16
EMA	\$0
ENGINEER HWY	\$1,181.89
ENGINEER OFFICE	\$1,241.20
ENGINEER SEWER & WATER	\$0
JFS	\$62,252.80
JURY COMMISSION	\$0
PROBATE/JUVENILE	\$9,044.69
MAINTENANCE	\$3,824.27
MUNICIPAL	\$0
PROSECUTOR	\$0
RECORDER	\$0
SHERIFF	\$6,258.58
TITLE	\$37.13
TREASURER	\$0
GRAND TOTAL	\$92,223.44

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to approve the request of Sarah Beath, County Administrator, for a supplemental appropriation of unappropriated funds from 1000 CGF in the amount of \$12,000.00 into 1000-1000-52112 *Equipment*. Said funds will be used to purchase tables and chairs for the conference/training room at 9116 Hamer Rd. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – SHERIFF

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to approve the request of Rita Henize, BCSO, for a supplemental appropriation of unappropriated funds from 2208 *Sheriff Traffic Grant Fund* into the following accounts:

2208-2000-51122 *Overtime Sheriff Traffic Grant* in the amount of \$45,000.00
2208-2000-51118 *PERS Sheriff Traffic Grant* in the amount of \$8,145.00
2208-2000-51119 *Medicare Sheriff Traffic Grant* in the amount of \$653.00

Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO USE THE “FORCE ACCOUNT” PURSUANT TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE – SECTION 5543.19

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO USE THE “FORCE ACCOUNT” PURSUANT TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE - SECTION 5543.19

The Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 22nd of January, 2025.

Commissioner Woodruff moved the adoption of the following

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has decided that the health, welfare and safety of the people of Brown County can best and most efficiently be served by the "Force Account" in matters pertaining to maintenance, repair, construction, and reconstruction of Brown County roads, bridges, culverts etc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, does hereby authorize Todd Cluxton, Brown County Engineer to use the existing county employee forces and proceed by "Force Account", as outlined in Section 5543.19 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the maintenance, repairs, construction of roads, bridges, and culverts in Brown County during the year 2025; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, does hereby authorize Todd Cluxton, Brown County Engineer to purchase all such materials, supplies, repair parts, tools, equipment, fuels, oils, etc., required to proceed with the force account in the year 2025, when the cost is less than two hundred and forty four thousand, six hundred and fifty dollars (\$244,650), and when he is permitted by law to undertake such construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of roads, bridges, culverts etc., by force account.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code Section 153.64, 4931 and 4933, provides to the Board of County Commissioners, the authority to control the installation and placement of any public utilities within the dedicated public right-of-ways of all County maintained highways; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code Section 5589 and 5543 provides to the Board of County Commissioners, the authority to control any digging and excavating on or along a County maintained highway and for the placement of a private driveway approach to a County maintained highway; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Brown County Commissioners does hereby authorize the Brown County Engineer to develop and administer permits for the above described activities within County road right-of-ways and to keep said permits with the permanent road records of Brown County; and,

Commissioner Ellis seconded the Resolution and upon the roll being called, the Vote resulted in the adoption of the Resolution as follows:

IN THE MATTER TO RECESS

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to recess the meeting at 11:20 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. Ellis to reconvene the meeting at 12:56 p.m. Second: Mr. Applegate.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 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 22nd day of January, 2025. Second: Mr. Applegate.

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

January 22, 2025

1/16/2025
Commissioners Barry Woodruff and Gordon Ellis attended the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Breakfast.

1/17/2025
Commissioner Barry Woodruff attended a Law Library Resources Board Meeting.

1/21/2025
Commissioner Barry Woodruff attended the monthly Planning Commission Board Meeting.
Commissioners Barry Woodruff and Tony Applegate attended the monthly ABCAP Board Meeting.

1/22/2025
Commissioners Gordon Ellis and Tony Applegate attended a construction meeting at the 9116 Hamer Rd building.
Commissioners Gordon Ellis and Tony Applegate attended a preconstruction meeting for the Historic Covered Bridges Rehabilitation Project. In attendance: John Smolen and Emily Roethler, Smolen Engineering, via teleconference, and Chris Tappel, Alex Monman, and Tom Corner, Structural Systems Repair Group.

Approval: January 27, 2025


Tony Applegate, President


Gordon Ellis, Member


Barry Woodruff, Member


Hannah Birchfield, Clerk