

The Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, met in regular session this 17th day of September, 2025 with the following members present: Barry L. Woodruff, Member Gordon Ellis, Member

Tony Applegate, President, was absent.

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 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

DEPT	EXPENDITURE
AUDITOR	\$13,296.82
BOE	\$6,723.05
BUILDING DEPT	\$0
CLERK OF COURTS	\$0
COMMISSIONERS	\$1,243.66
COMMON PLEAS	\$3,724.65
CORONER	\$0
CSEA	\$97,380.14
DEVELOPMENT	\$0
DOG TAGS	\$0
E911	\$3,412.48
EMA	\$175.11
ENGINEER HWY	\$3,444.95
ENGINEER OFFICE	\$3,901.52
ENGINEER SEWER & WATER	\$0
JFS	\$15,897.64
JURY COMMISSION	\$0
PROBATE/JUVENILE	\$4,919.42
MAINTENANCE	\$1,289.53
MUNICIPAL	\$50.00
PROSECUTOR	\$267.56
RECORDER	\$136.00
SHERIFF	\$7,060.06
TITLE	\$5,157.83
TREASURER	\$0
GRAND TOTAL	\$168,080.42

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION – SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to adopt the following Proclamation. In attendance: Kelle Winkle, Alan Bird, Rachel Cummings, and Rachel Corboy, Adams County Regional Medical Center. Second: Mr. Ellis.

Proclamation: Designating September as Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month in Brown County

WHEREAS, more than 49,000 people die by suicide each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 132 suicides are completed daily and each one directly impacts an estimated 100 additional people, including friends, family, social media connections and neighbors, we can reasonably assume everyone has been affected by suicide;

WHEREAS, early intervention and access to quality care are crucial for preventing suicides and managing mental health conditions;

WHEREAS, Brown County publicly places its full support behind those who work in the field of mental health, education, and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all residents to take time to understand mental health through education and recognize that we need to take care of our mental health while we take care of each other.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the Brown County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as "Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month" in Brown County.

We encourage all residents of Brown County to:

- Educate themselves and others about mental health conditions, suicide risks, treatment options, and available resources.
- Challenge stigma by speaking respectfully and inclusively about mental health.
- Seek help if they are struggling with their mental health and encourage others to do the same.
- Support organizations that provide mental health services and advocacy.
- Create safe and supportive environments for open conversations about mental health.
- Together, we can create a community where everyone feels empowered to prioritize their mental well-being and seek help when needed.

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

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IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION – SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to adopt the following Proclamation. In attendance: Kelle Winkle, Alan Bird, Rachel Cummings, and Rachel Corboy, Adams County Regional Medical Center. Second: Mr. Ellis.

PROCLAMATION**“Sepsis Awareness Month in Brown County”**

WHEREAS, sepsis is the body’s extreme response to infection that can lead to tissue damage, organ failure and death; and

WHEREAS, some people are at higher risk of developing sepsis, including infants, the elderly, those with chronic illnesses, and those the weakened or impaired immune systems; and

WHEREAS, with more than 350,000 lives lost to the condition per year, sepsis ranks as the third-leading cause of death in the United States, and with more than 1.7 million cases of sepsis every year, survivors often face long-term effects, including amputations, anxiety, memory loss, chronic pain and fatigue, and more; and

WHEREAS, Only 66% of American adults have ever heard the word sepsis. With more than 350,000 lives lost per year, sepsis ranks as the third leading cause of death in the U.S. There are more than 1.7 million cases of sepsis every year and survivors often face long-term effects post-sepsis, including amputations, anxiety, memory loss, chronic pain and fatigue, and more; and

WHEREAS, sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic “TIME”, which stands for Temperature, Infection, Mental decline, and Extremely ill; and

WHEREAS, to avoid sepsis, people should take good care of chronic conditions, get recommended vaccines, and practice good hygiene, especially when treating wounds; and

WHEREAS, awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, we the Board of Brown County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of September 2025, as “**Sepsis Awareness Month**” in Brown County, Ohio.

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

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAMATION – CONSTITUTION WEEK

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to adopt the following Proclamation. In attendance: Dawn Osborne, Carolyn Tinnel, and Marianne Moran, Taliaferro DAR. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

Proclamation of Constitution Week

WHEREAS; September 17th, 2025 marks the two hundred and thirty-eighth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS; It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS; Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17th through 23rd as Constitution Week,

NOW, THEREFORE I, Barry Woodruff, by virtue of the authority vested in me as a Member of the Commissioners, in the county of Brown, in the state of Ohio, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17th through 23rd as

Constitution Week

AND ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Brown County, Ohio to be affixed this 17th day of September of the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five.

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

IN THE MATTER TO ADJOURN

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to adjourn this meeting with no further business before the Board this 17th day of September, 2025. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Woodruff, yea Mr. Ellis, yea
September 17, 2025

9/16/2025

Commissioners Barry Woodruff and Tony Applegate attended the monthly ABCAP Board Meeting.

Approval: September 22, 2025


Tony Applegate, President


Gordon Ellis, Member


Barry Woodruff, Member


Hannah Birchfield, Clerk

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