

The Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, met in regular session this 17th day of November, 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 OF RESOLUTION – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11172025-1

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
O.R.C. § 307.07

The Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, Ohio, met on the 17th day of November, 2025, in regular session at the offices of said Board in the Administration Building, Georgetown, Ohio, with the following members present:

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

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

WHEREAS, the Brown County Board of Commissioners finds the Village of Mount Orab desires to receive a subsidy for improvements to extend Apple Street known as the Apple Street West Connector;

WHEREAS, the Board finds it has the authority to make loans or grants to provide financial assistance for the purpose of economic development, including financial assistance for permanent public improvements;

WHEREAS, the Board finds extending Apple Street would enable development of 125 acres immediately and offer future development of an additional 117 acres;

WHEREAS, the Board finds this development could offer commercial and small to mid-sized industrial enterprise opportunities in Brown County expanding employment opportunities for Brown County workforce;

WHEREAS, the Board finds the street connection would greatly improve semi-truck traffic for existing companies allowing access for large trucks from the industrial park to go straight through the traffic signal at Apple Street/U.S. 68 and access SR 32 via the new interchange on Bruce Lunsford Way;

WHEREAS, the Board finds, extending Apple Street would serve a majority of Brown County residents by not only providing improved access to SR 32 but also quicker access to medical services;

WHEREAS, the Board finds the Village has identified an estimated price of \$5,250,000.00 of which they have acquired funding in the amount of \$4,825,000.00 leaving a funding deficit of \$425,000.00;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, Ohio, that on the above findings, hereby approves to provide funding in the amount of \$212,500 as a forgivable grant for the Apple Street West Connector in the Village of Mount Orab for a county-wide impact;

Upon call of the roll:

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

November 17, 2025

IN THE MATTER TO ESTABLISH A NEW FUND – DEVELOPMENT

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to approve the request of Austin Sanders-Williams, Director, to establish a new fund to track funds used to fund the Build Brown County Fund. The new fund code will be 2111 *Build Brown County Fund* and will be used to provide low-interest loans to political subdivisions in Brown County for public infrastructure, capital improvements, and time-sensitive needs. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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

IN THE MATTER OF PERSONNEL – DPS

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis, upon the request of Dominick Daulton, Director, to accept the resignation of Kristina Brandow, probationary Telecommunications Specialist, effective 11/10/2025. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

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 2018 *Medicaid Local Sales Tax Transition Fund* in the amount of \$212,500.00 into 2018-1000-52118 *Contract Expenses*. Said funds will be used as the county's commitment to the Village of Mount Orab for the Apple Street West Connector Project. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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

IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING – 2026 AGGREGATE – ENGINEER

A bid opening was held this day in the office of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at 10:00 A.M. for the 2026 Aggregate. The following 1 bid was received timely and will be forwarded to the Brown County Engineer for review and awarded at a later date.

Heidelberg Materials
13526 Overstake Rd.
Winchester, Ohio 45697

\$287,510.00

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 November, 2025. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

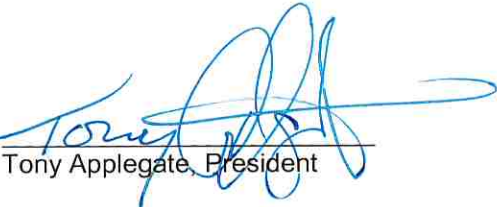
11/12/2025
Commissioner Barry Woodruff attended the virtual OVRDC Personnel Committee meeting.

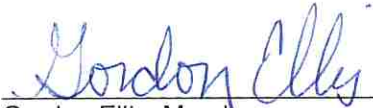
11/13/2025
Commissioners attended the monthly Solid Waste Authority Board Meeting.

11/14/2025
Commissioner Gordon Ellis attended the Chamber of Commerce's Murder at the Banquet event, The Willow Event Center.

11/17/2025
Commissioners reviewed the Monthly Transport Report from the BCSO.

Approval: November 19, 2025


Tony Applegate, President


Gordon Ellis, Member


Barry Woodruff, Member


Hannah Birchfield, Clerk