

The Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, met in regular session this 8th day of September, 2025 with the following members present: Barry L. Woodruff, Member Gordon Ellis, Member Tony Applegate, President

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 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to approve the request of Sarah Beath, County Administrator, for a supplemental appropriation of unappropriated funds from 1000 CGF in the amount of \$3,000.00 into 1000-1000-52510 Auditor Treasurer Fees. Said funds are needed for the additional fees collected for manufactured home disbursements. 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 1000 CGF in the amount of \$60,000.00 into 1000-1000-51124 Employee Health Insurance. Said funds are needed due to a change in employee elections throughout the year of 2025. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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 Keller, Assistant Clerk, for a supplemental appropriation of unappropriated funds from 1000 CGF in the amount of \$1,913.91 into 1000-8004-52116 Vet Other Expenses. Said funds are needed due the costs associated with an auto insurance claim. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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. Ellis to approve the request of Sarah Keller, Assistant Clerk, for a supplemental appropriation of unappropriated funds from 1000 CGF in the amount of \$465.15 into 1000-2000-52113 Sheriff Contract Repair Services. Said funds are needed due the costs associated with a supplemental auto insurance claim. 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. Ellis to approve the request of Sarah Beath, County Administrator, for a supplemental appropriation of unappropriated funds from 3000 Capital Project Fund in the amount of \$73,513.80 into 3000-1000-52180 County Capital Improvement Contract/Projects. Said funds are needed to pay the remaining balance on the MCC7500E Dispatch Radio Consoles. The 2024 Purchase Order was closed and funds reverted to the County General Fund. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09082025-1
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL OPIOID
SETTLEMENTS AND RELATED AGREEMENTS, AND DESIGNATING SIGNING
AUTHORITY

The Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, Ohio, met on the 8th day of September, 2025, in regular session at the offices of said Board in the Administration Building, Georgetown, Ohio, with the following members present:

Tony Applegate
Gordon Ellis
Barry L. Woodruff

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

WHEREAS, the opioid crisis has significantly impacted communities across the United States, including Brown County, Ohio, leading to loss of life, increased healthcare and law enforcement costs, and disruption of families and communities; and

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WHEREAS, Brown County has previously joined national efforts seeking accountability and compensation from entities involved in the manufacturing, distribution, and sale of opioids; and

WHEREAS, new opportunities for participation have arisen in the following settlements and agreements related to the opioid litigation:

- 1. The **Secondary Manufacturers National Opioid Settlement**;
- 2. The **Purdue Bankruptcy Plan**;
- 3. The **Sackler Agreement**, also known as the **Global Escrow Settlement Agreement (GESA)**; and
- 4. The **Sandoz Agreement**; and

WHEREAS, participation in these agreements allows Brown County to receive settlement funds for remediation efforts and contribute to the national resolution of opioid litigation; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to authorize participation in these settlements and designate a representative to execute related documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, Ohio:

- 1. **Participation Authorized**
The Board hereby authorizes and approves Brown County's participation in:
 - o The Secondary Manufacturers National Opioid Settlement;
 - o The Purdue Bankruptcy Plan;
 - o The Sackler Agreement (GESA); and
 - o The Sandoz Agreement.
- 2. **Affirmative Votes**
The Board votes **YES** to participate in each of the above-listed settlements and agreements.
- 3. **Execution of Documents**
The Board hereby authorizes **Sarah Beath**, Brown County Administrator, to execute all documents, releases, participation forms, and other necessary agreements on behalf of Brown County related to the aforesaid settlements.
- 4. **Effective Date**
This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Upon call of the roll:

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – BOARD OF HEALTH – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to approve and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Brown County Board of Health and Brown County Board of Commissioners, to provide adequate and secure space for the Board of Health's storage needs in support of its public health-related responsibilities. See the complete MOU on file. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Motion moved by Mr. Ellis to approve and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Brown County Board of Elections and Brown County Board of Commissioners, to provide adequate and secure space for Board of Elections' storage needs in support of its election-related responsibilities. See the complete MOU on file. 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 11:38 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 12:32 p.m. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

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IN THE MATTER TO ADJOURN

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to adjourn this meeting with no further business before the Board this 8th day of September, 2025. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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

9/8/2025
Commissioner Gordon Ellis met with Chris Rogers and Danielle Thompson, SWCD, to discuss the Soil and Water Conservation District's budgeting process.
Commissioners met with Darin Schweickart, Ohio Valley Inspection, Steve Riviera, and Jaime Berry, Building Department, to discuss commercial building permits.
Commissioners met with Sheri Tabor and Janelle Fussnecker, JFS, to discuss the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation contract.
Commissioners met with Austin Sanders, Economic Development, for a department update.
Commissioners reviewed the annual fees and costs report presented by Chris Hodges, Sheriff, ORC 311.16.
Commissioners reviewed the Monthly Transport Report from the BCSO.

Approval: September 10, 2025

absent
Tony Applegate, President

Gordon Ellis
Gordon Ellis, Member

Barry Woodruff
Barry Woodruff, Member

Hannah Birchfield
Hannah Birchfield, Clerk