

The Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Ohio, met in regular session this 17th day of August, 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

Frank Fussnecker was in attendance to observe county business.

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 *PCSA Transfer Out* in the amount of \$794.23 into 2552-5000-40547 *FCFC Transfer In*. Said funds are to provide FCFC with the remaining MSY2027 allocation. 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 \$210.00 into 1000-8007-51119 *Maintenance Medicare*. Said funds will be used to pay the remaining Medicare due for 2026. Second: Mr. Ellis.

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

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION – DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08172026-1
RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY
BROWN COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, Brown County, Ohio has experienced a natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2026, Brown County experienced heavy rains and at times torrential rainfall with flash flooding and extremely severe winds. Results of these events, Brown County, Ohio experienced damaged homes and other structures, large amounts of tree damage and downed trees, flash flooding, extremely high wind damage, and extended power outages for many residences for an extended time period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Brown County Commissioners declares a state of emergency which began in the county on August 11th, 2026, due to heavy rains and at times torrential rainfalls with flash flooding and extremely severe winds causing extended power outages for several residences and businesses. The Board of Brown County Commissioners hereby invokes and declares those portions of the Ohio Revised Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this declaration to the full force and effect in the county for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of lives and property of the people of Brown County and restoration of Local Government with a minimum of interruption.

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances and resolutions, and particularly to Section 5502 of the Ohio Revised Code.

All public offices and employees of Brown County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directions- state and local.

ADOPTED at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, Ohio, this 17th day of August, 2026.

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

LOAN AGREEMENT – NEXT STEP FUND – DEVELOPMENT

Motion moved by Mr. Woodruff to approve the disbandment of the Build Brown County Fund and approve the new Next Step Fund guidelines and supporting documents, upon the recommendation of Madison Glenn, Development, for use in providing low-interest loans for county projects. 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 17th day of August, 2026. Second: Mr. Woodruff.

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

08/13/26
Commissioners attended the monthly Solid Waste Authority Board Meeting.

Approval: August 19, 2026

Absent

Tony Applegate, President

Gordon Ellis

Gordon Ellis, Member

Barry Woodruff

Barry Woodruff, Member

Charlene Fithen

Charlene Fithen, Clerk