

The Board of Clark County Commissioners met in regular session pursuant to adjournment in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (Sunshine Law) in the Commission Chambers, 3130 East Main Street, Springfield, Ohio.

Commission Rittenhouse called the meeting to order, and introductions were made. **Resolution 2026-0032**

The following members and guests were present at the regular session: Commissioner Sasha L. Rittenhouse; Commissioner Charles A. Patterson; Commissioner Richard L. Lohnes; Jennifer Hutchinson, County Administrator; Angela Wheeler, Clerk; Madison Smith, Media Specialist; Beau Thompson, Chief Legal Counsel; Theresa Cox, Administrative Specialist; Tom O'Neal and Anissa Younts, Veterans Service Commission; Ethan Harris, Community and Economic Development; Greg Kaffenbarger, Pike Township; Daren Cotter, Moorefield Township; Sheriff Chris Clark, Mark Lane, Chad Eubanks, Ronnie Lemen, and Robert Trimble, Clark County Sheriff's Office; Brooke Spurlock; Chuck Bauer, Dean Ziegler; Bill Boggs, Ben Moore, Drew Thompson, and Jacob Barger, Utilities Department; Charlotte Trapp; Larry Adkins, Jack Oliver; Denise Brooks; Joshua Trapp; Jill Flax; Kimberly Flax; Justin Flax; Douglas Rice; Bill Agle; Jay Flax; Mary Ann Schmidt; Brooke Wagner, Reentry Director; Marcia Farquer; Becky Carden; Holly McHenry, Personnel Assistant Director; Kathy Dennis; Shannon Ward; Dean Blair, Clark County Agricultural Society; John Harper and Michelle Clements Pitstick, EMA; Diana Daniels; Tom McGrath, Department of Job and Family Services Director.

***Utility Department Staff Recognition:***

Chuck Bauer, Utilities Director, explained that a number of staff from the Utilities Department are at the meeting today because they recently received licenses from Ohio EPA for drinking water and wastewater. The individuals are Drew Thompson, Ben Moore, Bill Boggs, Dean Ziegler, and Jacob Barger. Mr. Bauer said he would like to recognize their accomplishments. It is very important to have licensed operators to be able to safely operate the drinking water and sanitary sewer systems, and with them, the Utilities department cannot do what is needed.

Commissioner Rittenhouse said the drinking water is very important to our community and she thanked them for all they do for the community.

***Agenda Review:***

Ms. Hutchinson reviewed the agenda.

Resolution 2026-0033 authorized contract with Adam Dwyer Funeral Trade, on behalf of the Clark County Coroner, for removal and transport of bodies.

Commissioner Patterson asked if this contract includes the second person on that team.

Ms. Hutchinson confirmed it does.

Resolution 2026-0034 authorized memorandum of understanding between Clark County Board of Commissioners/EMA and Butler County EMA for Incident Management Team training.

Commissioner Patterson asked if this is a two-way agreement with Butler County.

Mr. Harper said the agreement provides for Clark County to help Butler County and Butler County can help Clark County.

Resolution 2026-0035 authorized memorandum of understanding between Clark County EMA and Northwestern Local Schools for establishing additional personnel list for a countywide reunification team.

Resolution 2026-0036 authorized memorandum of understanding between Clark County EMA and Tecumseh Local Schools to establish additional personnel for a countywide reunification team.

Resolution 2026-0037 authorized contract with Preparedness Solutions, on behalf of EMA, for training compliance with grants.

Resolution 2026-0038 authorized contract amendment #1 with Calvin Electric LLC, on behalf of the Department of Job and Family Services, to extend the contract for one year and increase the value.

Resolution 2026-0039 authorized contract with Bethel Township, on behalf of the Clark County Sheriff's Office, for dispatching services for fire and EMS.

Resolution 2026-0040 authorized contract with German Township, on behalf of the Clark County Sheriff's Office, for police dispatching.

Resolution 2026-0041 authorized contract with The Village of Donnelville, on behalf of the Clark County Sheriff's Office, for police dispatching.

Resolution 2026-0042 authorized contract with CDW Government, LLC (Arrow Electronics), on behalf of the Clark County Sheriff's Office, for Citrix licensing renewal for private cloud.

Ms. Hutchinson said this contract is for one year. The Sheriff's office is in the process of switching over to VPN, but it will not be done by January 19 when the previous contract expires. The shortest timeframe that CDW was willing to work with us was one year. Since this was not a budgeted expense this year, the county will have to take the money from the general contingency fund.

Commissioner Patterson asked Sheriff Clark to address what the plan is moving forward so the county does not have this unforeseen \$56,000 expense in the future.

Sheriff Clark said Sundog's plan was to move everyone off Citrix over to VPN. He said there was a meeting scheduled with the city this past Friday to get a timeline scheduled. The original timeline was to have the county switched off of Citrix over to VPN by the end of January. . The city had to work out a few bugs, so their timeline to switch to VPN was the end of February. Sheriff Clark said this fell through the cracks of the email system when the email was sent back in November. The Sheriff's office did not find the email until January 12 for the contract renewal. The current contract expires January 18. When he reached out to Arrow Electronics, the person was less than pleasant to deal with. He said unfortunately they only need 30 to 60 days of Citrix service to get the switch completed to VPN, but CDW will only contract for a year. The service would have been switched off from the city to dispatch on January 18, which did not give them enough time to get the city switched over.

Commissioner Rittenhouse said it is frustrating this was missed and we had to continue this contract for another year, but when it comes to officer safety, the county has to do it.

Commissioner Patterson said he has no qualms about officer safety.

Resolution 2026-0043 authorized grant submission to Ohio EMA for LEPC Grant.

Resolution 2026-0044 instructed Clerk to advertise for bids for 2026 Herbicidal Spraying on behalf of the Engineer's Office.

Resolution 2026-0045 instructed Clerk to advertise for bids for 2026 Unit Prices: Asphalt Emulsion, Fog Seal & Aggregate on behalf of the Engineer's Office.

Resolution 2026-0046 acknowledged Reappointment to Veterans Service Commission.

Mr. O'Neal noted is last name is spelled incorrectly in the resolution.

Staff will correct the spelling.

Resolution 2026-0047 authorized intra-fund transfers.

Resolution 2026-0048 was a resolution to establish fund 2467 (Northridge Gardens D41).

Resolution 2026-0049 acknowledged 2025 Furtherance of Justice Account Annual Report from the County Prosecutor.

Resolution 2026-0050 acknowledged Treasurer's Investment Report.

Resolution 2026-0051 approved travel and expense allowances.

Resolution 2026-0052 was the formal opposition to the Sloopy Solar Project Case No. 25-0636-EL-BGN.

Commissioner Rittenhouse said she spent the day going through the comments on the project yesterday. She used a spreadsheet to keep track of the public opinions on the project. There were 410 people opposed to the project and 130 for the project. She thought that was a significant statement of how the community feels about this project.

Resolution 2026-0053 authorized OPWC Resolution of Intent for the OPWC Project ID CK08/AC / CK09AC Crystal Lakes & Medway Vacuum Sewer Tank Replacement Project.

***Commission Updates:***

Commissioner Patterson said he is not against solar energy use. To him it is simple, it is a zoning issue. He hears the term property rights. It is the rights of all the property owners around the project. The county would not typically rezone an I-1 (Industrial) area next to an A-1 (Agricultural) or R-1 (Residential). There would typically be a buffer. He is not against solar energy, but he does not want to put it on prime farmland. He wanted to go on record saying that.

Commissioner Rittenhouse said she has to update everyone again on the county's Republican Central Committee situation. There was a meeting at the Board of Elections where they acknowledged that they received two certificates from two different individuals, and they will be sending them on to the Secretary of State. She said until that process happens and the Board gets someone with a certificate signed by the Secretary of State and the Governor, Commissioner Lohnes will remain in the position.

Commissioner Rittenhouse said she has an interview scheduled later today with a news source who has reached out to ask the Boards feelings on data centers. She wants to share group thoughts instead of just her own opinion. She said her own thoughts are data centers for our community are that they take a lot of energy, a lot of electricity that she does not feel we have. As technology changes, and potentially they can generate their own electricity and they do not have such a heavy burden on our system, they become more palatable. The one that is going in to the community already, the county was never part of the process. It is in the city limits. She asked the other commissioners if they would like to weigh in.

Commissioner Patterson said he is certain there was a conversation with the city of Springfield and the Community Improvement Corporation that Clark County has their one data center now, which is still under construction, and we are not supporting another location within Clark County until they are able to provide their own power and provide the county information that they will not be affecting our water supply negatively. There is a verbal agreement that Clark County will not support any further data centers.

Commissioner Rittenhouse said data centers do generate sales tax and income tax. There is some slight benefit to the community.

Commissioner Lohnes commented on people complaining that sales tax was forgiven for several years on the current data center. This all being done without making the county aware.

Mr. Harris said it is 10 or 15 years of 50% sales tax relief. It was approved by the state. There was zero local input into that abatement.

***County Administration Team Updates:***

Ms. Hutchinson asked the commissioners when they want to schedule the first quarter Elected Official Budgetary Meeting.

Commissioner Rittenhouse said the second week of April might work better due to Spring Break.

Ms. Hutchinson asked which commissioner would be leading the meeting.

Commissioner Rittenhouse said she usually takes the first meeting.

Ms. Hutchinson said the county has been asked by the consultants who are working on the homelessness study if a commissioner would be willing to serve on the steering committee.

Commissioner Rittenhouse said she feels Commissioner Patterson will be the best person to serve on that committee.

Mr. Harris said there was a meeting last week for the homelessness committee.

He said they received a preliminary report back on the Walter Street Phase 2. There was little contamination there.

He attended the Harmony Township meeting last week.

Ms. Smith said the MLK Luncheon is on Friday.

She said the Auditor's office will be selling dog licenses next Monday at Pet Supplies Plus from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Tuesday at the Springfield Township Administration Building from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Thompson said he was at the Harmony Township meeting last week. He appreciates the OPSB giving good information. He was also at the Board of Elections Meeting.

Ms. Wagner said there is a Reentry Coalition meeting, and she is planning a clinic for March.

Ms. Clements Pitstick said Butler County MOU is a statewide MOU. The MOU gives her permission to go out of state as well. She also discussed the County Reunification Team.

Sheriff Clark wanted to announce the Sgt. Ceaser Gonzales will be recognized and receive the Sons of American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal. He will receive this award at The Courtyard by Marriot on February 14. He said if any of the commissioners would like to attend, please let him know and he will reserve them a seat.

Commissioner Rittenhouse said she would like to attend.

Commissioner Rittenhouse also mentioned the Greater Springfield Partnership event and asked Ms. Hutchinson if the county normally gets a table for that event.

Ms. Hutchinson said yes.

Daren Cotter, Moorefield Township Trustee, said Moorefield Township had a meeting last night. He wanted to commend the commission on their posture on the Sloopy Solar Project. He also wanted to say he appreciates Commissioner Rittenhouse's comments on data centers. He talked to Bryan Heck from the city, and he has it in writing that the city is done with data centers in the city.

***Audience Comments:***

Diana Daniels said she heard the budget discussed and sales tax discussed. She has been at the city commission meetings, and it has come to light that the county's sales tax is decreasing because the foreign nationals are not paying taxes. Foreign nationals are not contributing.

Commissioner Rittenhouse said the commissioners do not get to see where the sales tax comes from. They just receive a payment from the state. Last year there was a huge increase in one of the sales tax payments due to a business that had not been paying their sales tax and that business did start paying.

Commissioner Patterson said sales tax is not down. Last year's sales tax was up from previous years. The county is conservatively budgeting because an increase is not expected in 2026. It will be a few months into 2027 before it is known what the total for 2026 is. The county has reached out to the state to find out where the numbers come from, but the state will not tell the county. He told Ms. Daniels if she wants to do some digging that might be a place to start to find out where those sales tax breakdowns are.

Mary Ann Schmidt, Springfield, Ohio, read a statement that included information that Mr. Thompson and Commissioner Rittenhouse testified to the state's general government committee on legislation House Bill 308. Based on the record of these testimonies, the testimonies were given as representatives of the Clark County Commission, not private citizens. She asked when the official vote by the Clark County residents was taken and where is this recorded. Ms. Schmidt also asked when the official vote by the county commission was taken and where this is recorded. She asked when in 2025 the commission discussed House Bill 308 and give Mr. Thompson and Commissioner Rittenhouse sanction and permission to provide written and oral testimony in support of HB 308 on November 13, 2025. She asked the commission to provide the written proof in certified minutes when these meetings and votes occurred. She also requested to provide in writing if these meetings and votes did not occur. She said it appears that both Mr. Thompson and Commissioner Rittenhouse conspired against the Republican Central Committee of Clark County, Ohio. She also mentioned Commissioner Wilt's resignation letter being withheld from the central committee until the last minute. She reiterated this is a public records request for all mentioned records to be certified, including the names of the co-conspirators.

Commissioner Rittenhouse said HB 308 basically requests that the state republican chair is supposed to decide what happens in a case such as what is going on with the current Board. The testimony shared was the situation Clark County is in right now, which is a detriment to the community. It is not up to the commissioners who is the

correct central committee. No one in the commission is on the central committee. The voters of Clark County need an answer. It could potentially hinder the Board from conducting business. It is frustrating to sit here and not know tomorrow what is going to happen. She said if there is a legal battle, there could be tax dollars wasted on that. She said Commissioner Wilt's resignation letter had nothing to do with her. She asked Mr. Thompson if he wanted to add anything to Ms. Schmidt's request.

Mr. Thompson said his testimony is public record and he does not have anything to add. He said the commission office will respond to the public record request in writing.

Bill Angle, Harmony Township, said Township started a Farmland Preservation Coalition Group back in March 2025 to try and stop the Sloopy Solar Project. He wanted to thank the three commissioners for all they have done and the time they invested. He asked if the commissioners were okay if the group gets the Engineer and Soil and Water to send a letter of opposition.

Commissioner Rittenhouse said any elected official is able to send a letter of opposition if they choose to. As far as the Soil and Water District, the commissioners cannot tell them what to do.

Commissioner Lohnes discussed a meeting he had been to last March regarding SB 52. The commissioners also invited a man from Highland County to educate them on SB 52. He said he has been keeping track.

Commissioner Patterson said he realizes how much time the coalition has put into this. It is a testament to what happens when people volunteer. He hopes that no matter how this turns out that people will volunteer when they are passionate.

Dean Blair, Clark County Agricultural Society, said they support the preservation of agricultural land not being used for solar. He thinks the commissioners taking this stand is a very important step. Mr. Blair also commented on a statement the Clark County Agricultural Society received from Ohio Edison with an 835% increase in the transmission portion of the electric bill.

Terry Adkins, Springfield Township, said he sees things on the internet. He has been reading that some of the data centers are using air cooled instead of water. He also said he heard nothing could be done until five days after Commissioner Wilt's resignation. He wants to know what happens after the 45 days of Commissioner Lohnes being in the commission seat.

Commissioner Rittenhouse said she misspoke at the beginning of all of this. The Republican Central Committee has from 5 to 45 days to make an appointment stating this is Clark County's new appointment. She said Commissioner Lohnes' appointment is not necessarily just for 45 days, his appointment is until the county receives confirmation from the state of the new appointment.

Mr. Thompson said Commissioner Rittenhouse's statement was accurate. The law states Commissioner Lohnes' appointment is until someone is qualified and takes the office.

Commissioner Patterson said the 5 days had nothing to do with Commissioner Wilt's resignation letter. He personally sent the letter to Mr. Lindsey after he had a conversation with Mr. Lindsey. Mr. Lindsey had the letter months in advance. The only thing that happened later was Commissioner Wilt's original letter said she was resigning at the end of the year. It did not have a specific date. Commissioner Patterson said when he found out the county had a letter with an actual date, he forwarded that letter to Mr. Lindsey too. The law does not care about a resignation letter. The law cares about the vacancy. The vacancy happened January 1. What the Board is waiting for is the commission from the Governor. He said as far as the public records request, the commissioners did not necessarily have a discussion in public session regarding HB 308. Each of them discussed it with Mr. Thompson individually as they are permitted to do and authorized him to testify on their behalf. There was no

public vote. Mr. Thompson testified the facts, which is if that bill was in place, Clark County would not be playing this game, that they have no control over, about who is going to be sitting in Commissioner Wilt’s seat.

Mr. Thompson discussed the Ohio Revised Code section 305.02, 305.03, 305.04, 3.22 and 3.23. The Ohio Secretary of State puts out an election official manual every year. Pages 16-1 to 16-3 are written to be understood by election officials and the public. These are the documents that have been guiding him to ensure that nothing this county commission does is invalidated by technicalities, causing a much bigger expense to the taxpayers.

***Motions:***

Commissioner Patterson moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting and dispense with reading of the same. Lohnes seconded the motion. The roll being called for passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

Commissioner Patterson moved to approve the agenda with modification of resolution 2026-0046 so the correct Thomas O’Neal is appointed. Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion. The roll being called for passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

Commissioner Patterson moved to enter into executive session to discuss collective bargaining matters. Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion. The roll being called for passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

Members and guests present for the executive session: Commissioner Rittenhouse, Commissioner Patterson, Commissioner Lohnes, Jennifer Hutchinson, Beau Thompson, Holly McHenry, and Tom McGrath.

Commissioner Rittenhouse returned the meeting to public session.

***Resolutions:***

**Resolution 2026-0033  
CORC file**

**Authorize Contract with  
Adam Dwyer Funeral Trade**

Commissioner Patterson moved, per the request of the Clark County Coroner, to authorize a contract with:

<b>Organization Name:</b>	Adam Dwyer Funeral Trade
<b>Organization Address:</b>	45 College Hill Terrace, Springboro, Ohio 45066
<b>In the amount of:</b>	\$195.00 for removal and transport to Springfield Regional Medical Center and \$195.00 for removal and transport to Montgomery County Coroner’s Office; \$25.00 per body bag; \$50.00 per disaster pouch
<b>Funding Source(s):</b>	General Fund
<b>Purpose:</b>	Removal and transport of bodies
<b>Effective Dates:</b>	January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

Further, move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract and related documents, including the purchase order.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0034**  
**EMAC file**

**Authorize Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between  
Clark County Board of Commissioners/Emergency Management Agency and Butler County Emergency  
Management Agency**

Commissioner Patterson moved to authorize the following MOU:

- MOU with:** Butler County Emergency Management Agency, State of Ohio Incident Management Team
- Purpose:** To provide specialized skills, training and expertise to the Incident Management Team, and to be a deployable asset with team in times of request for assistance both in and out of state.
- Effective Date(s):** January 14, 2026 through March 30, 2027

Further, move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the MOU and related documents.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0035**  
**EMAC file**

**Authorize Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between  
Clark County Emergency Management Agency and Northwestern Local Schools**

Commissioner Patterson moved to authorize the following MOU:

- MOU with:** Northwestern Local School
- Purpose:** Establishing additional personnel list for a countywide reunification team. To support mutual aid in the event of a reunification activation within Clark County.
- Effective Date(s):** January 14, 2026 through January 31, 2027

Further, move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the MOU and related documents.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0036**  
**EMAC file**

**Authorize Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between  
Clark County Emergency Management Agency and Tecumseh Local Schools**

Commissioner Patterson moved to authorize the following MOU:

**MOU with:** Tecumseh Local School  
**Purpose:** Establishing additional personnel list for a countywide reunification team. To support mutual aid in the event of a reunification activation within Clark County.  
**Effective Date(s):** January 14, 2026 through January 31, 2027

Further, move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the MOU and related documents.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0037  
EMAC file**

**Authorize Contract with  
Preparedness Solutions**

Commissioner Patterson moved, per the request of Emergency Management Agency Director, to authorize a contract with:

**Organization Name:** Preparedness Solutions  
**Organization Address:** 2969 County Road A S, Sidney, Ohio 45365  
**In the amount of:** \$12,100.00  
**Funding Source(s):** HMEP and LEPC  
**Purpose:** Training compliance with grants  
**Effective Dates:** January 14, 2026 through June 30, 2026

Further, move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract and related documents, including the purchase order.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0038  
JFSC file**

**Authorize Contract Amendment #1 with  
Calvin Electric, LLC**

Commissioner Patterson moved, per the request of the Department of Job and Family Services Director, to authorize contract amendment #1 with:

**Organization Name:** Calvin Electric, LLC  
**Organization Address:** 7272 Pleasant Plain Road, Clayton, Ohio 45315  
**Original Contract Amount:** \$ 5,000.00  
**Amendment Amount:** \$ 5,000.00  
**New Contract Amount:** \$10,000.00

**Funding Source(s):** Shared Administrative Dollars  
**Purpose of Contract:** To provide computer drops, wiring, and electrician services, including emergency and standard repairs as needed, throughout Department’s campus.  
**Purpose of Amendment:** To extend the contract for one year and increase the value  
**Original Effective Dates:** January 23, 2025 through January 22, 2026  
**Amendment Effective Dates:** January 23, 2026 through January 22, 2027

Further, move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract amendment and related documents, including the purchase order.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0039**  
**SHRC file**

**Authorize Contract with  
Bethel Township**

Commissioner Patterson moved, per the request of Clark County Sheriff’s Office, to authorize a contract with:

**Organization Name:** Bethel Township  
**Organization Address:** 3333 Lake Road, Medway, Ohio 45341  
**In the amount of:** \$49,334.00  
**Funding Source(s):** Revenue  
**Purpose:** Dispatching Services for Fire and EMS  
**Effective Dates:** January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

Further, move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract and related documents, including the purchase order.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0040**  
**SHRC file**

**Authorize Contract with  
German Township**

Commissioner Patterson moved, per the request of Clark County Sheriff’s Office, to authorize a contract with:

**Organization Name:** German Township  
**Organization Address:** 3940 Lawrenceville Drive, Springfield, Ohio 45504  
**In the amount of:** \$3,000.00 per calendar year  
**Funding Source(s):** Revenue  
**Purpose:** Police Dispatching  
**Effective Dates:** January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028

Further, move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract and related documents, including the purchase order.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0041  
SHRC file**

**Authorize Contract with  
The Village of Donnelsville**

Commissioner Patterson moved, per the request of Clark County Sheriff’s Office, to authorize a contract with:

**Organization Name:** Village of Donnelsville  
**Organization Address:** 363 East Main Street, PO Box 232, Enon, Ohio 45323  
**In the amount of:** \$1,000.00 per calendar year  
**Funding Source(s):** Revenue  
**Purpose:** Police Dispatching Services  
**Effective Dates:** January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028

Further, move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract and related documents, including the purchase order.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0042  
SHRC file**

**Authorize Contract with  
CDW Government, LLC (Arrow Electronics)**

Commissioner Patterson moved, per the request of the Clark County Sheriff’s Office, to authorize a contract with:

**Organization Name:** CDW Government, LLC (Arrow Electronics)  
**Organization Address:** 75 Remittance Drive, Suite 1515, Chicago, Illinois 60675-1515  
**In the amount of:** \$56,406.25 per year  
**Funding Source(s):** General Fund  
**Purpose:** Citrix licensing renewal for private cloud  
**Effective Dates:** January 19, 2026 through January 18, 2027

Further, move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract and related documents, including the purchase order.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0043  
EMAG file**

**Authorize Grant Submission  
LEPC Grant**

Commissioner Patterson moved, per the request of the Emergency Management Agency Director , to authorize grant submission of the following:

**Grant:** Local Emergency Planning Commission Grant  
**Grantor:** Ohio EMA  
**Funding Amount:** up to \$38,700.00 based on filing fees collected  
**Purpose:** Continuation of compliance with the Right to Know Act. To plan for and respond to chemical hazards within Clark County.  
**Grant Effective Dates:** July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

Further, move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the grant submission and related documents.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0044  
ENGB file**

**Instruct Clerk to Advertise for Bids for  
2026 Herbicidal Spraying**

Commissioner Patterson moved, per the request of the County Engineer, to instruct the Commission Clerk to advertise for bids for 2026 Herbicidal Spraying. Said bids will be opened in public session on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, County Office, 3130 East Main Street, Springfield, Ohio 45503. It is noted that bids are due in the County Commission office at the above address no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2026.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0045  
ENGB file**

**Instruct Clerk to Advertise for Bids for  
2026 Unit Prices: Asphalt Emulsion, Fog Seal & Aggregate**

Commissioner Patterson moved, per the request of the County Engineer, to instruct the Commission Clerk to advertise for bids for 2026 Unit Prices: Asphalt Emulsion, Fog Seal, and Aggregate. Said bids will be opened in public session on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, County Office, 3130 East Main Street, Springfield, Ohio 45503. It is noted that bids are due in the County Commission office at the above address no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2026.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Modified**

**Resolution 2026-0046  
BRDV file**

**Acknowledge Reappointment to  
Veterans Service Commission**

Commissioner Patterson moved, per the request of the Veterans Service Commission, to acknowledge the reappointment of the following member to the Veterans Service Commission to represent the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), said reappointment is made by the Common Pleas Court:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>	<b>New Expiration Date:</b>
Thomas M. O’Neal	Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)	January 14, 2030

In accordance with Attorney General’s opinion, the bi-weekly salary will be \$437.29.

**Reason for Modification:** Correcting spelling of name.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0047  
FINV file**

**Authorize Intra-Fund Transfer(s)**

Commissioner Patterson moved, upon the recommendation of the County Administrator, to authorize the following Intra-Fund Transfer(s):

<b>From</b>		<b>Amount</b>	<b>To</b>		<b>Amount</b>
<b>Department</b>	<b>Expense Acct.</b>		<b>Department</b>	<b>Expense Acct.</b>	
Fund: American Rescue Plan					
Treasurer	Other Expenses	\$12,350.00	Reentry	Other Expenses	\$12,350.00

Reason: Transfer necessary as funds needed for Re-Entry moving expenses.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0048  
FIN\* file**

**Resolution to Establish New Fund**

Commissioner Patterson moved, per request of the County Engineer, to establish a new fund:

<u><b>Fund Name</b></u>	<u><b>Fund Number</b></u>
Northridge Gardens D41	2467

This fund will be used to track maintenance and petitions for a county-maintained ditch.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0049**  
**PRSR file**

**Acknowledge 2025 Furtherance of Justice Account Annual Report from County Prosecutor**

Commissioner Patterson moved to acknowledge receipt of the 2025 Furtherance of Justice Account annual report from the County Prosecutor.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0050**  
**TRSR file**

**Acknowledge Treasurer's Investment Report**

Commissioner Patterson moved to acknowledge the receipt of the Treasurer's December 31, 2025 Investment Report.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0051**  
**TRAV file**

**Approve Travel and Expense Allowance(s)**

Commissioner Patterson moved, per the request of the following Department Director(s) or Elected Official(s), to approve the following not to exceed travel allowances:

<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
JFS	T. McGrath	OHPELRA Conference	Columbus, OH	2/2-3/26	\$399.00
Includes: Registration					
Fund Public Assistance					

Further, move reimbursements shall comply with all requirements of the Travel Policy as adopted in the Personnel Manual and/or Office Policy.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0052**  
**COMO file**

**Formal Opposition to the  
Sloopy Solar Project Case No. 25-0636-EL-BGN**

Commissioner Patterson moved to adopt the following:

**WHEREAS**, an application has been or will be filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB") for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a solar electric generation facility known as the "Sloopy Solar

Project,” located in Harmony Township, Clark County, Ohio, designated as OPSB Case No. 25-0636-EL-BGN (the “Project”); and,

**WHEREAS**, the OPSB is vested with exclusive jurisdiction under Chapter 4906 of the Ohio Revised Code to certify the construction, operation, and maintenance of major utility facilities, including large solar electric generation facilities such as the Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, under the law applicable to projects initiated prior to the effective date of Senate Bill 52, the OPSB’s review and certification of major utility facilities is governed by the criteria set forth in Section 4906.10 of the Ohio Revised Code, including the requirement that a proposed facility serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 52, effective October 11, 2021, subsequently established new county-level procedures and authorities with respect to certain utility-scale wind and solar projects, while also creating “grandfathering” provisions for projects that had reached specified development milestones before that effective date; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Sloopy Solar Project has been treated as a project that is “partially grandfathered,” such that the county-level pre-application approval, restricted-area, and prohibition mechanisms created by Senate Bill 52 and codified in Sections 303.57 to 303.62 of the Ohio Revised Code do not apply to the Project, but the Project remains subject to OPSB jurisdiction and procedures under Chapter 4906 of the Ohio Revised Code; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Ohio (“Board”) nevertheless retains its longstanding authority, under Chapter 4906 of the Ohio Revised Code and the rules and procedures of the Ohio Power Siting Board, to express the County’s position regarding whether a proposed major utility facility such as the Project satisfies the statutory standard that it serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity, and to provide information and perspective for the OPSB’s consideration; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board has received and considered information regarding the Sloopy Solar Project, including public comments from residents and local officials, and has evaluated potential impacts on agricultural land and farmland preservation, rural character and township development patterns, local roads and infrastructure, environmental resources, and the general health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Clark County; and,

**WHEREAS**, after reviewing available information and considering the concerns of affected residents and communities, the Board has determined that the construction and operation of the Sloopy Solar Project as currently proposed is not in the best interests of Clark County or its residents and does not satisfy the requirement that the facility serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity under Section 4906.10 of the Ohio Revised Code; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to formally state its opposition to the Sloopy Solar Project on the public record and to request that the Ohio Power Siting Board deny any application for a certificate for the Project.

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

**Section 1.** Findings and Determination - The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Ohio hereby finds and determines that the Sloopy Solar Project, as currently proposed in OPSB Case No. 25-0636-EL-BGN, is incompatible with the general health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Clark County and is not consistent with the preservation of agricultural land, the rural character of the affected area, and existing local land use planning and development patterns. The Board further finds that the Project does not satisfy the requirement of Section 4906.10 of the Ohio Revised Code that a proposed major utility facility serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

**Section 2.** Formal Opposition and Request to the Ohio Power Siting Board - The Board hereby formally opposes the Sloopy Solar Project, OPSB Case No. 25-0636-EL-BGN, and respectfully requests and urges the Ohio Power Siting Board to deny any application for a certificate for the Project, based on the findings and determinations set forth in this Resolution and on the concerns expressed by residents, townships, and other local stakeholders within Clark County.

**Section 3.** Clarification of Scope of Action - This Resolution is intended to place the Board's formal opposition to the Sloopy Solar Project on the record for consideration by the Ohio Power Siting Board. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as (a) an exercise of the county-level pre-application approval, restricted-area, or prohibition authorities created by Senate Bill 52 and codified in Sections 303.57 to 303.62 of the Ohio Revised Code, which do not apply to this partially grandfathered Project, or (b) a present directive that Clark County intervene as a party in OPSB Case No. 25-0636-EL-BGN. The Board expressly reserves the right, consistent with applicable law and OPSB rules and procedures, to determine at a later date whether to seek party-status intervention or to take additional actions with respect to the Project.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Resolution 2026-0053**  
**UTLO file**

**Authorize OPWC Resolution of Intent for the  
OPWC Project ID CK08/AC / CK09AC Crystal Lakes & Medway  
Vacuum Sewer Tank Replacement Project**

Commissioner Patterson moved, per the request of Utilities Director, to authorize the following Resolution of Intent:

**Resolution Of Intent**

A resolution declaring the official intent and reasonable expectation of the Clark County on behalf of the State of Ohio (the borrower) to reimburse its 5120 sewer district reserve fund for the CK08AC / CK09AC, Crystal Lakes & Medway vacuum sewer tank replacement with the proceeds of tax exempt debt of the State of Ohio.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Clark County on behalf of the State of Ohio that:

**Section 1.** The Clark County reasonably expects to receive a reimbursement for the Project named Crystal Lakes & Medway Vacuum Sewer Tank Replacement as set forth in Appendix A of the Project Agreement with the proceeds of bonds to be issued by the State of Ohio.

**Section 2.** The maximum aggregate principal amount of bonds, other than for costs of issuance, expected to be issued by the State of Ohio for reimbursement to the local subdivision is \$785,000.00.

**Section 3.** The Fiscal Officer of the Clark County is hereby directed to file a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County for the inspection and examination of all persons interested therein and to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the Ohio Public Works Commission.

**Section 4.** The Clark County finds and determines that all formal actions of this County concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Clark County and that all deliberations of this County and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

**Section 5.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Further, move to authorize the County Administrator to prepare the attached Resolution of Intent agreement for signature and filing by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Patterson, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Resolution 2026-0054**

Commissioner Patterson moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:04 a.m. Commissioner Lohnes seconded the motion. All were in favor, no one was opposed.

The motion carried.

**BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sasha L. Rittenhouse, President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles A. Patterson

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard L. Lohnes

I certify that the record is true and accurate:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Clerk