Board of Commissioners of Ohio County
Minutes of a Special Meeting
Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 5:00pm

This meeting will be held via teleconference.
Members of the public may listen in by dialing
Telephone: 13052241968
Meeting ID: 3628896548#
Passcode: 123456#

- **County Commission members present:**
  Commission President Zach Abraham (teleconference)
  Commissioner Don Nickerson (teleconference)
  Commissioner Randy Wharton (teleconference)

- **Staff members present:**
  County Administrator Randy Russell
  County Solicitor Don Tennant (teleconference)

- **Other public officials present:**

- **Call to Order**
  Commission President Abraham called the teleconference meeting to order at 5:00pm.

- **Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**

  Special Teleconference Meeting of July 14, 2026

  Commissioner Wharton made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2026. Commissioner Nickerson seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- **New Business**

  - **General County Fund 01, FY2026-27, Budget Revision 1**
    Budget Revision #1 to the County General Operating Fund (Fund 01) is due to the State Auditor's office by July 30, 2026, to reconcile the fund balance with any year end increase or decrease. During the 2026-27 budget process, we budgeted for a carry-over of $3,900,000. The account balance as of June 30, 2026, was $6,040,247. The administration recommends that the excess $2,140,246 be budgeted as follows: $531,098 be used to increase budget lines 401 through 406 for the elected official pay raises awarded effective July 1; $18,412 be budgeted to line 408 for the increase in costs for the Statewide Computer Network; $1,796,248 be budgeted to line 425 for other buildings to allow us to begin renovations on the judicial annex; and $285,010 be budget to line 699 for contingencies.

    Commissioner Wharton made a motion to approve Budget Revision #1 to General County Fund 01. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nickerson. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- **Exonerations**

  Commissioners were presented with a list of thirty-three (33) exonerations that were corrected by the Assessor before tax bills were mailed to taxpayers. All of these exonerations are corrections. The administration has reviewed these exonerations and found all exonerations to be reasonable and recommends your approval of all thirty-three (33) exonerations.

  Commissioner Wharton made a motion to approve the exonerations. Commissioner Nickerson seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- **Commissioner Comments**

  Commission President Abraham reminded those on the teleconference that there is no meeting of the County Commission of Ohio County on August 4, 2026, and that the next meeting will be conducted in person on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 8:00am

- **Future Meetings and Important Dates**
  - **Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 8:00am, Regular Meeting**
  - *Monday, September 7, 2026 – Labor Day (Holiday)*
  - **Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 8:00am, Regular Meeting**
  - **Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 8:00am, Regular Meeting**
  - **Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 8:00am, Regular Meeting**
  - *Monday, October 12, 2026 – Columbus Day (Holiday)*
  - **Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 8:00am, Regular Meeting**
  - *Tuesday, November 3, 2026 – General Election Day (Holiday)*
  - **Monday, November 9, 2026, at 9:00am Board of Canvassers**
  - **Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 8:00am Regular Meeting**
  - *Wednesday, November 11, 2026 – Veterans Day (Holiday)*
  - **Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at 8:00am, Regular Meeting**
  - *Thursday, November 26, 2026 – Thanksgiving Day (Holiday)*
  - *Friday, November 27, 2026 – Lincoln's Day (Holiday)*
  - **Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at 8:00am, Regular Meeting**
  - **Tuesday, December 15, 2026, at 8:00am, Regular Meeting**
  - *Thursday, December 24, 2026 – Christmas Eve (4 hour Holiday)*
  - *Friday, December 25, 2026 – Christmas Day (Holiday)*

- There being not further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07pm.

I, Zachary T. Abraham, President of the County Commission of Ohio County do hereby certify the the above is a true and correct transcript of the minutes of a special meeting of County Commission of Ohio County held via teleconference on June 14, 2026, and that the meeting was duly called and held in all respects in accordance with the laws of the State of West Virginia and the bylaws of the County Commission and that a quorum was present.

Zachary T. Abraham, President

Attest: _____

Randel A. Russell, County Administrator