

**Madison County Board of Commissioners  
1 North Main Street, London Ohio**

**April 1, 2025**

**Minutes**

President Chris Wallace called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 8:40 am.

**Commissioners present:** Mr. Chris Wallace, Dr. Tony Xenikis and Mr. Brendan Shea

**County representatives present:** Rob Slane, County Administrator; David Kell, Assistant County Administrator; John Swaney, County Sheriff; Nick Adkins, County Prosecutor; Bryan Dhume, County Engineer; Ronda Maynard, Assistant County Clerk and Amy Rees, County Clerk

The minutes of March 25, 2025, regular meeting were approved as written.

**David Kell, Madison County Assistant Administrator**

- Discussed a proposed hotel development near I-70 and State Route 29 with Mayor Ray Martin from the Village of West Jefferson. A rezoning proposal may be submitted in May.
- De Angeli Prodotti, an Italian electrical equipment manufacturer, has withdrawn from its planned expansion into London due to proposed tariffs and uncertainty in the American economy. The company now intends to sell the building it recently purchased.
- Continuing to have discussions with Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District regarding the State Route 161 corridor, as well as the intersection area of State Route 29 and State Route 42.

**Rob Slane, Madison County Administrator**

- Reviewed the two applications received for the open seat on the Mental Health Recovery Board and discussed the selection process. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Slane interview both candidates and provide a recommendation to the Board for the appointment.

**Amy Rees, Madison County Commissioners' Clerk**

- Noted that the Madison County Park Board will undergo a state audit and will be coordinating with the County Auditor's Office to fulfill any financial requests.
- Discussed the lease agreement for Bridges Community Action. Mr. Adkins noted that the subsidy language in the lease needs to be revised to align with the approved language used in other agreements.

### **Bryan Dhume, Madison County Engineer**

- Explained ODOT's proposal to reduce U.S. Route 40 to two lanes between Lafayette and the Clark County line. He expressed opposition to the plan, calling it short-sighted given the region's growth and future development potential along the corridor. He requested that the Commissioners and the Sheriff consider signing a letter or resolution in opposition, which he will draft and present. Mr. Slane recommended informing the Ohio Department of Development and ensuring legislators are aware of the County's position.

### **Julie Harris, Madison County Children Services Administrator**

- Presented a proclamation for the Commissioners to sign recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. She provided an overview of her department's efforts and shared statistics highlighting the number of children served.

### **Nick Davis, Central Ohio Regional Director and Taylor Warren, Central Ohio Regional Representative for Senator Bernie Moreno**

- Shared their background and current work for Senator Moreno and provided an update on key legislative issues. The topics discussed included the impact of tariffs on local manufacturers, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the grant awarded for the new Sheriff's Office.

### **Julia Cumming, Madison Soil and Water Conservation District**

- Explained Resolution 234-25 that authorizes Madison County's participation in the Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program for ten properties submitted by local landowners. She noted that the County has committed \$174,072 in support, pending obligation from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The Commissioners approved the resolution unanimously.

### **Open Session/Public Comments**

#### Brett Rothfuss, Four Fibers, LLC

- Shared his expertise and interest in being involved with the installation of the fiber ring project planned for Madison County. He expressed concern that the initial bidding process was unfair and requested that the project be re-bid.

**Resolution 227-25** - Presented on behalf of Jennifer Hunter, Madison County Auditor - A Resolution Approving the Payment of Invoices for the Madison County Auditor (attachment)

Commissioner Shea moved to approve the payment of invoices for the Madison County Auditor. Commissioner Xenikis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Resolution 228-25** - Presented by Amy Rees, Commission Clerk - A Resolution Nominating David Dhume for the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Through the Ohio Department of Aging

Commissioner Xenikis moved to nominate David Dhume for the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame through the Ohio Department of Aging. Commissioner Shea seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Resolution 230-20** - Presented by Amy Rees, Commission Clerk - A Resolution Rescinding Resolution 192-24, Declaring a Real and Present State of Emergency in Madison County, Ohio

Commissioner Shea moved to rescind Resolution 192-24, declaring a real and present state of emergency in Madison County, Ohio. Commissioner Xenikis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Resolution 231-25** - Presented by Amy Rees, Commission Clerk - A Resolution Accepting an Expedited Type II Petition for Annexation to the Village of Plain City, Ohio for 70.50 +/- Acres from Darby Township, Madison County, Ohio

Commissioner Xenikis moved to accept an Expedited Type II Petition for Annexation to the Village of Plain City, Ohio for 70.50 +/- acres from Darby Township, Madison County, Ohio. Commissioner Shea seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Resolution 232-25** - Presented by Amy Rees, Commission Clerk - A Resolution Approving the Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds for the Madison County PY 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Commissioner Shea moved to approve the Notice of Intent to a Request Release of Funds for the Madison County PY 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Commissioner Xenikis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Resolution 233-25** - Presented on behalf Sherry Baldwin, Madison County Department of Family and Children - A Resolution Increasing Revenue to the FCSS Federal Revenue Line and Increasing Appropriations to the FCSS Transfers Out Expense Line for an Increased FY 2025 Allocation to the Department of Family and Children in the Amount of \$31,000.00

Commissioner Shea moved to increase revenue to the FCSS Federal Revenue Line and increase appropriations to the FCSS Transfers Out Expense Line for an increased FY 2025 allocation to the Department of Family and Children in the Amount of \$31,000.00. Commissioner Xenikis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Resolution 234-25** - Presented on behalf of Julia Cumming, Madison Soil and Water Conservation District - A Resolution Supporting Madison County's Participation in the Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program

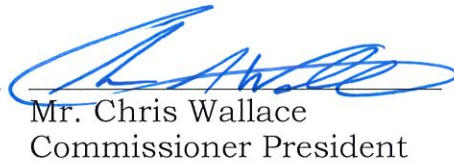
Commissioner Shea moved to support Madison County's participation in the Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program. Commissioner Xenikis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Resolution 235-25** - Presented on behalf of John Swaney, Madison County Sheriff – A Resolution Approving 2025 Annual Fund Reimbursements by Transferring Funds for the Madison County Sheriff's Office

Commissioner Xenikis moved to approve 2025 annual fund reimbursements by transferring funds for the Madison County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Shea seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

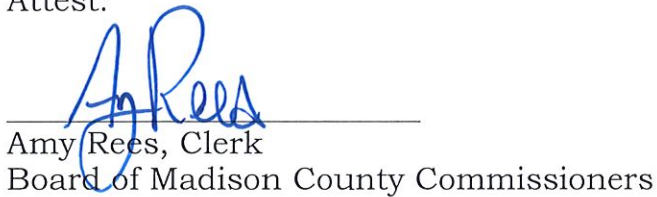
Mr. Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:49am. Mr. Shea seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

  
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Dr. Tony Xenikis  
Commissioner

  
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Mr. Chris Wallace  
Commissioner President

  
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Mr. Brendan Shea  
Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Amy Rees, Clerk  
Board of Madison County Commissioners