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

January 14, 2025

Minutes

President Chris Wallace called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 8:41am.

Commissioners present: Mr. Chris Wallace and Mr. Brendan Shea

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

The minutes of the January 7, 2025, regular meeting were tabled for review.

Madison County Sheriff, John Swaney

- Reported that a Level One snow emergency was briefly issued over the weekend. He commended all road crews for their excellent work in clearing the roads efficiently. The Sheriff emphasized that significant consideration is given when determining official snow emergency levels to ensure public safety.
    - Mr. Shea proposed amending the county personnel policy to include an automatic closure of the courthouse during a Level Three snow emergency in the county. However, Mr. Adkins raised concerns that such a policy could potentially conflict with the constitutional requirements of court proceedings. He emphasized the need to consult with the judges before implementing any changes and suggested that they would likely be open to attending a meeting to discuss the matter further.
    - Mr. Slane noted that the current policy is unclear regarding whether employees who live in another county under a Level Three snow emergency are still required to report to work if Madison County has not declared the same emergency level. He suggested that, in such cases, employees with a work-from-home policy should be required to utilize it.

Madison County Prosecutor, Nick Adkins

- Explained that January is a particularly busy month for the Prosecutor's office, and it is likely he will be unable to attend some upcoming meetings.

Bryan Dhume, Madison County Engineer

- Stated that his office remains focused on snow and ice control. Although the snowfall has stopped, drifting is expected to continue due to ongoing strong winds across the county.
- The bridge on Dyer Road was originally scheduled for an upgrade but was postponed due to the I71 project led by ODOT. Currently, the bridge is under a three-ton weight

restriction. Efforts are underway to repair and restore it as soon as possible to ensure the safe passage of school buses and emergency vehicles.
ODOT has indicated that repairs to I71 are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2025.

Julia Cumming, Madison Soil and Water Conservation District

- Announced that the Friends of the Madison County Parks and Trails annual meeting will take place tomorrow at 7 p.m. at MATCO. She invited the Commissioners to attend and join her in honoring 23 dedicated volunteers who contributed a combined 2,000 hours to ensure the county's parks and trails remain safe, thriving, and beautiful.
- Reminded the board that the next Park District Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21st, and will take place during the Commissioners' regular meeting. As President of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Wallace will serve as the Chairman of the Park District Board.
- Mr. Shea asked if there has been any further discussion at the Soil and Water Conservation District about taking a position on the proposed biodigester project. Mr. Dhume and Mrs. Cumming explained that, due to their regulatory responsibilities involving such businesses, it is important for the district to remain neutral.

Erin Fawley, Madison County Health Commissioner

- Requested a resolution approving the County Auditor to certify the tax valuation and revenue for a 1.15 mill levy for Madison County Public Health. The resolution was passed unanimously.
- Mr. Shea thanked the Madison County Health Board for recently adopting a resolution of opposition to the proposed biodigester project.

Open Session/Public Comments

Steve Dersom

- Reiterated his desire to share the information he and other concerned citizens have compiled with the attorney hired by the county to help oppose the biodigester project. Mr. Adkins affirmed that he would gladly review any information the community group provides and would share it with the county attorney is needed.

  Mr. Wallace emphasized that the County's attorney has been directed to explore all possible avenues to build a strong case to oppose the development of the biodigester.

  Mr. Shea requested that the county attorney provide a timeline for when he will update the Commissioners on his findings regarding the biodigester project.

Additional Comments

- Mr. Shea requested an update on the healthcare policy for employee insurance coverage. Mr. Slane responded that Steve Campbell, the county HR specialist, is currently working to provide it.
- Mr. Shea requested that information regarding the United States Semiquincentennial (America 250-OH) be sent to each of the townships. This would provide them with the opportunity to collaborate with AMERICA 250-OH on activities within Madison County to contribute to the celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary.

Resolution 118-25 – Presented on behalf of Jennifer Hunter, Madison County Auditor - A Resolution Approving the Payment of Invoices for the Madison County Auditor (attachment)

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

Resolution 119-25 - Presented on behalf of Nick Adkins, Madison County Prosecutor – A Resolution Amending Resolution 117-25 and Approving an Additional Allowance for the Prosecutor's Furtherance of Justice Fund

Mr. Shea moved to approve an additional allowance for the Prosecutor's Furtherance of Justice Fund. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 120-25 - Presented on behalf of Nick Adkins, Madison County Prosecutor – A Resolution Increasing Appropriations to the 2025 Prosecuting Attorney Contract Service Expense Line

Mr. Shea moved to increase appropriations to the 2025 Prosecuting Attorney Contract Service expense line. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 121-25 – Presented by Amy Rees, Commission Clerk - A Resolution Increasing Appropriations to the 2025 Public Defender Expense Line.

Mr. Shea moved to increase appropriations to the 2025 Public Defender expense line. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 122-25 - Presented by Amy Rees, Commission Clerk - A Resolution Increasing Appropriations to the Medically Handicapped Children Claims Expense Line

Mr. Shea moved to increase appropriations to the Medically Handicapped Children Claims expense line. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 123-25 - Presented on behalf of Melissa Howard, Madison County Department of Jobs and Family Services - A Resolution Adjusting the 2025 Expense Budget of the Department of Jobs and Family Services to Accommodate a New Fraud/Publicly Funded Child Care Position and Address Anticipated Retirements

Mr. Shea moved to adjust the 2025 expense budget of the Department of Jobs and Family Services to accommodate a new fraud/publicly funded childcare position and address anticipated retirements. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 124-25 - Presented on behalf of Deb Sims, Madison County Emergency Management Agency - A Resolution Transferring Funds for the Madison County Emergency Management Agency from LEPC Transfers Out to EMPG Transfers in the Amount of $12,000.00

Mr. Shea moved to transfer funds for the Madison County Emergency Management Agency from LEPC Transfers Out to EMPG Transfers in the amount of $12,000.00. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 125-25 - Presented on behalf of Sherry Baldwin, Madison County Department of Jobs and Family Services - A Resolution Approving Budget Revisions for Various Accounts for the Madison County Department of Family and Children

Mr. Shea moved to approve budget revisions for various accounts for the Madison County Department of Family and Children Mr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 126-25 - Presented on behalf of Jennifer Hunter, Madison County Auditor - A Resolution Approving the Estimated Property Tax Revenue and Local Government Fund Distribution for Madison County Tax Jurisdictions for 2025

Mr. Shea moved to approve the estimated property tax revenue and Local Government Fund distribution for Madison County tax jurisdictions for 2025. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 127-25 - Presented on behalf of Erin Fawley, Madison County Public Health Commissioner - A Resolution Approving the County Auditor to Certify the Tax Valuation and Revenue for a 1.15 Mill Levy for Madison County Public Health

Mr. Shea moved to approve the County Auditor to certify the tax valuation and revenue for a 1.15 mill levy for Madison County Public Health. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 128-25 - Presented by Amy Rees, Madison County Commission Clerk- A Resolution Appointing Commissioners to the Madison County Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Shea moved to appoint Commissioners to the Madison County Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 129-25 - Presented on behalf of Dan Brown, Madison County Facilities Maintenance Superintendent - A Resolution Approving the Contract Between Otis Elevator Company and Madison County for the Maintenance of Elevator Systems at the Madison County Courthouse

Mr. Shea moved to approve the contract between Otis Elevator Company and Madison County for the maintenance of elevator systems at the Madison County Courthouse. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 130-25 - Presented on behalf of Dan Brown, Madison County Facilities Maintenance Superintendent - A Resolution Approving the Proposal from Qwest Associates for Construction Services at the Della Selsor Building

Mr. Shea moved to approve the proposal from Qwest Associates for construction services at the Della Selsor Building. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 131-25 - Presented on behalf of Dan Brown, Madison County Facilities Maintenance Superintendent - A Resolution Approving the Proposal from Qwest Associates for Construction Services at the Engineer's Office

Mr. Shea moved to approve the proposal from Qwest Associates for construction services at the Engineer's Office. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 132-25 - Presented by Amy Rees, Commission Clerk - A Resolution Approving the Public Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

Mr. Shea moved to approve the public notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 133-25 - Presented on by Amy Rees, Madison County Commission Clerk - A Resolution Approving the Request for Release of Funds and Certification for Federally Funded State Projects

Mr. Shea moved to approve the Request for Release of Funds and Certification for federally funded state projects. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Mr. Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 am. Mr. Shea seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Dr. Tony Xenikis Commission	Mr. Chris Wallace Commissioner President	Mr. Brendan Shea Commissioner

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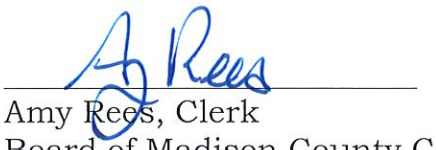

Amy Rees, Clerk
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