



OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MOUNT VERNON, OH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025

TO VIEW THE RECORDED MEETING VISIT

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10:30 AM Call to Order

Present:	Commissioner, President Bill Pursel Commissioner Barry Lester Commissioner Drenda Keesee
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Additional Staff

Jason Booth, County Administrator

Penny Doyle, Clerk/Executive Assistant

Andrew Champlin, I.T. Communications Coordinator

Robin Santo, Budget Analyst

Public Attendance

Cheryl Splain, Reporter for Knox Pages

10:30 AM Bid Opening - Consumable Office Supplies for 2026 for KCDJFS

Commissioners held a bid opening regarding the Knox County Department of Job and Family Services - Consumable Office Supplies for 2026. The following bids were received:

Quill Corporation
Master \$5,267.32
Paper \$9,232.60
Toner \$23,220.25
Total \$37,720.17

Ritters Office Outfitters
Master \$6,703.34
Paper \$7,631.25
Toner \$29,873.62
Total \$44,208.21

The bids will be reviewed and an award made at a later date.

Resolutions to be Presented

RESOLUTION 2025-821--APPROVE THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,644,279.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the General Fund Budget for 2026, in the amount of \$28,644,279.00.

A copy of the budget is attached to Journal No. 2025.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Drenda Keesee
SECONDER:	Barry Lester
AYES:	Pursel Lester Keesee

RESOLUTION 2025-822--APPROVE CERTIFICATION FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT WATER AND WASTEWATER ACCOUNTS TO THE KNOX COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PLACEMENT UPON PROPERTY TAXES.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Certification for Collection of Delinquent Water and Wastewater Accounts to the Knox County Auditor for Placement Upon Property Taxes.

A copy of the certification and supporting documentation is attached to Journal No. 2025.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Barry Lester
SECONDER:	Drenda Keesee
AYES:	Pursel Lester Keesee

RESOLUTION 2025-823--APPROVE INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN KNOX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, LICKING COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, AND THE OHIO NETWORK FOR INNOVATION (ONI) PURCHASING PARTNERS, FOR GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Inter-Agency Agreement between Knox County Department of Job and Family Services, Licking County Job and Family Services, and the Ohio Network for Innovation (ONI) Purchasing Partners, for Guardianship Services. The effective date of the agreement is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. KCDJFS cost is \$13,912.00.

A copy of the agreement is attached to Journal No. 2025.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Drenda Keese
SECONDER:	Barry Lester
AYES:	Pursel Lester Keese

Approval of Transfer of Funds, Supplemental Appropriations and Bills

RESOLUTION 2025-824--APPROVE BILL LIST.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Bill List dated December 18, 2025.

A copy of the Bill List is attached to Journal No. 2025.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Drenda Keese
SECONDER:	Bill Pursel
AYES:	Pursel Lester Keese

RESOLUTION 2025-825--APPROVE BILL LIST - THEN AND NOW.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Bill List dated December 18, 2025.

A copy of the Then and Now Bill list is attached to Journal No. 2025.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Drenda Keese
SECONDER:	Bill Pursel
AYES:	Pursel Lester Keese

County Administrator Updates

County Administrator Jason Booth distributed the 2026 General Fund Budget and discussed in detail the Estimated Revenue Sources, Expense Appropriations, Breakdown of Major Changes in the 2026 Budget vs. 2025 Budget, Breakdown of "All Other" Expense Sources, and Potential Risks/Increases.

Jason reported he should have the Non-General Fund Budget ready for Commissioner approval on January 8, 2026.

Commissioner Committee Updates

Commissioner Pursel reported there will be a regular session meeting on Tuesday, December 23, 2026, and Tuesday, December 30, 2025. All county offices will be closed for the holidays on Thursday and Friday, December 25th and 26th.

Commissioner Keese stated she felt the Ford Creek Public Meeting went well.

Commissioner Lester did not have any new committee updates.

Adjourn the Meeting

Commissioner, President

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Penny R. Doyle
Clerk/Executive Assistant