



**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

MOUNT VERNON, OH

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

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**10:00 AM Call to Order**

**Present:** Commissioner, President Bill Pursel  
Commissioner Barry Lester  
Commissioner Drenda Keesee

**Additional Staff**

Jason Booth, County Administrator

Penny Doyle, Clerk/Executive Assistant

Andrew Champlin, I.T. Communications Coordinator

## **10:00 AM Departmental Update - Knox County 911**

Commissioners met with Laura Webster, Operations Director of Knox County 911 in a regular departmental update. Laura provided a report of call information for the 911 Dispatch Center for the month of March.

CAD Calls for the month of March 2025 - 3,872

911 Calls - 1,572	Non-Emergency Calls - 5,329	Outgoing Calls - 3,091
Burglary - 8	Disturbance - 95	Domestic Violence - 35
Drug Overdose - 10	Drug-Related - 4	Mental - 28
Suicide - 1	Attempt/Threat Suicide - 21	

Peak Day 911 - Monday      Peak Day Non-Emergency - Monday  
Peak Hour 911 - 7:00 p.m.      Peak Hour Non-Emergency - 3:00 p.m.

Laura reported ten dispatchers completed training on Crisis Intervention. There are four more dispatchers scheduled for the training next week. This training is provided by Mental Health and Recovery for Licking and Knox Counties. She also reported three trainees will be completing the Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) course by the end of April.

Laura reported Telecommunicator Week kicks off Sunday, April 13th. The Dispatcher of the Year will be announced on Tuesday, April 15th.

Laura reported the Dispatch Center is short one full-time Dispatcher and she is reviewing applications. Commissioner Lester asked how long it takes from start to finish, for a Dispatcher to be ready for the position and if they are graded on response time. Laura stated it takes approximately 4-6 months, depending on the individual. All new employees are required to obtain required certifications and rotate on in-chair shadowing/training. New employees must learn each call station which consists of the City Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, Probation, Fire/EMS, Call Taker, etc. Employees are not graded on response time, however, the audit grades on call/answer time.

## **Resolutions to be Presented**

### **RESOLUTION 2025-221--ACKNOWLEDGE CHASE BELL AS THE KNOX COUNTY 911 DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2024.**

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Commissioners recognizes the vital role played by emergency dispatchers in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, Chase Bell, a dedicated member of the Knox County 911 Emergency Communications Center team, has consistently demonstrated exceptional professionalism, dedication, and skill in his role as a dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year 2024, Chase Bell has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty, handling emergency calls with calmness, efficiency, and compassion, and making significant contributions to the overall effectiveness of emergency response efforts in Knox County; and

WHEREAS, Chase Bell's outstanding performance, exemplary work ethic, and unwavering commitment to public service have earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues, supervisors, and members of the community alike; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize and honor Chase Bell for his exceptional contributions to public safety and emergency communications in Knox County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knox County Board of Commissioners hereby acknowledges and honors Chase Bell as the Knox County 911 Dispatcher of the Year for 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to Chase Bell in recognition of his exemplary service, dedication, and professionalism, and as a token of the deep appreciation of the Knox County community for his outstanding contributions to public safety.

A copy of the official resolution is attached to Journal No. 2025.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Drenda Keese
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Barry Lester
<b>AYES:</b>	Pursel Lester Keese

**RESOLUTION 2025-222--AUTHORIZE THE KNOX COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER DIRECTOR TO DISPOSE AND/OR SELL OBSOLETE ITEMS VIA AN ONLINE SALE OR TRADE-IN.**

WHEREAS, the Knox County Water and Wastewater Director has requested to dispose and/or sell the following obsolete items via an online sale or trade-in:

Items Valued Under \$5,000.00

Invirosight Sewer Camera (old one)

Generator electrical hook ups (Male/Female)

Old Aerators from PVA Lagoons

John Deere 350 sickle bar mower

10'x10' Dog Kennel

Items Valued Over \$5,000.00

Atlas 60 KW portable Generator

Atlas 150 KW portable generator

Non potable pressure tank and Gorman Rupp Package pump station

John Deere 5220 Tractor

2015 Ford F250 4x4 pick up

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Knox County Commissioners, that the Knox County Water and Wastewater Director is authorized to dispose and/or sell the above-mentioned obsolete items and that any proceeds of the disposal and/or sale be retained by the Knox County Water and Wastewater Department.

A copy of the certified resolution and request are attached to Journal No. 2025.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Barry Lester
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Drenda Keese
<b>AYES:</b>	Pursel Lester Keese

**RESOLUTION 2025-223--DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW ALL OF A TEN-YEAR LEVY FOR TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY FOR LICKING AND KNOX COUNTIES, FILED IN 1995 UNDER SECTION 5705.221 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Knox County, Ohio, determined on August 7, 1995, that the amount of taxes which would have been raised within the ten mill limitation would not be sufficient to provide the necessary requirements of the County's contribution to the Joint County Mental Health Service District of which Knox County is a part, and that it was necessary to levy a tax in excess of such ten mill limitation for the operation of mental health programs and the operation of mental health facilities, as provided in Section 5705.221; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 1995, the Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation pursuant to Section 5705.221 of the Ohio Revised Code, and that said tax was resolved to be collected through the tax year 2005; and is, as present, in existence and operation; and

WHEREAS, after the 1986 resolution, the Joint County Mental Health Service District changed its name to the Community Mental Health and Recovery Board; and subsequently changed the name to Mental Health and Recovery for Licking and Knox Counties in 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, it is hereby determined by the Board of County Commissioners of Knox County, Ohio, that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the support of the Mental Health and Recovery for Licking and Knox Counties, and it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such ten mill limitation to supplement the appropriation for the support of the Mental Health and Recovery for Licking and Knox Counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a renewal levy of one (1) mill for each year be placed upon the tax duplicate for the aforesaid purposes pursuant to Section 5705.191 of the Ohio Revised Code, to replace all of the present tax levies under Section 5705.221, said levy not to exceed the term of ten (10) years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said renewal levy be placed upon the tax list for the next year, beginning with the tax year 2026, and for the tax years 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034 and 2035; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the question of such renewal levy be submitted to the electors of Knox County, Ohio, at the same time as the General Election to be held in the usual voting places within said County on the fourth day of November 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the form of the ballots cast at such election shall be:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Knox County for THE OPERATION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY PROGRAMS AND MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY FACILITIES at a rate not exceeding one (1) mill for each one dollar of valuation which amounts to ten (\$0.10) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for ten (10) years commencing in tax year 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE TAX LEVY

\_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk/Executive Assistant of the Board of Knox County Commissioners, Knox County, Ohio, be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Board of Elections of Knox County, Ohio, and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

A copy of the certified resolution is attached to Journal No. 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-224--APPROVE THE STATE OF OHIO - OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - REQUEST FOR PAYMENT FOR CDBG MARTINSBURG WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PHASE II, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,656.00 (GRANT #B-X-23-1BM-1).**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the State of Ohio - Office of Community Development - Request for Payment for CDBG Martinsburg Water Improvement Project - Phase II, in the amount of \$8,656.00 (Grant #B-X-23-1BM-1).

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

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-225--APPROVE UTILITY PERMIT FROM LEDCOR GROUP ON BEHALF OF BRIGHTSPEED OF OHIO, INC., FOR DANVILLE AMITY ROAD IN UNION TOWNSHIP.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Utility Permit from Ledcor Group on behalf of Brightspeed of Ohio, Inc., for Danville Amity Road in Union Township - Multiple Service of Telecommunications - Overhead/Aerial.

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

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-226--APPROVE UTILITY PERMIT FROM LEDCOR GROUP ON BEHALF OF BRIGHTSPEED OF OHIO, INC., FOR WEST RAMBO STREET IN UNION TOWNSHIP.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Utility Permit from Ledcor Group on behalf of Brightspeed of Ohio, Inc., for West Rambo Street in Union Township - Multiple Service of Telecommunications - Overhead/Aerial.

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

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-227--APPROVE THE BID AWARD FOR THE KNOX COUNTY ENGINEER - DANVILLE AMITY ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO LAW GENERAL CONTRACTING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,082,501.70 (KNO-CR 14-11.13 PID 115809).**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Bid Award for the Knox County Engineer - Danville Amity Road Safety Improvements to Law General Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$3,082,501.70 (KNO-CR 14-11.13 PID 115809). The Engineer's Estimate is \$3,596,850.10.

A copy of the recommendation letter and supporting documentation are attached to Journal No. 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-228--APPROVE CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KNOX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND MADISON CRAIGO FOR THE OHIO MEANS JOBS SUMMER YOUTH JOB COACH POSITION.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Contractor Agreement between the Knox County Department of Job and Family Services and Madison Craigo for the Ohio Means Jobs Summer Youth Job Coach Position. The effective date is May 5, 2025, through July 31, 2025. The total amount of the agreement is \$8,750.00.

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

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-229--AUTHORIZE THE KNOX COUNTY ENGINEER TO DISPOSE OF SALVAGED VEHICLE.**

WHEREAS, the Knox County Engineer has requested to dispose and/or scrap a wrecked 2023 Chevrolet Silverado (with a scrap value of \$5,400.00).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Knox County Commissioners, that the Knox County Engineer is authorized to dispose and/or scrap the above-mentioned wrecked vehicle and that any proceeds of the disposal be retained by the Knox County Engineer.

A copy of the certified resolution is attached to Journal No. 2025.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Drenda Keese
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Barry Lester
<b>AYES:</b>	Pursel Lester Keese

**RESOLUTION 2025-230--APPROVE THE REQUEST TO WITHDRAW THE FUNDING APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT)/FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FOR THE KNOX COUNTY TRANSIT FACILITY PROJECT.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Request to Withdraw the Funding Application with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)/Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) for the Knox County Transit Facility Project.

A copy of the certified resolution is attached to Journal No. 2025.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Drenda Keese
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Barry Lester
<b>AYES:</b>	Pursel Lester Keese



## **County Administrator Updates**

County Administrator Jason Booth updated the Commissioners on the following items:

The Service Center Back Entrance project is moving along. They are actually pouring concrete today. The steel is scheduled to be delivered on April 21st, and hopefully some of that steel will start going up shortly thereafter. A couple of the issues that the contractors ran into was discussed in a meeting yesterday and they have mitigated those issues. The cavity was filled with gravel and covered by steel.

Jason reported he has spoke to each Commissioner individually but would also like to bring it before the board all together regarding the Transit Center. Jason stated it has been a long process for the past 3-4 years, going back and forth with the architects and working through all the requirements with the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) funding application. A very difficult decision needs made. He believes they are now at a crossroads and with the boards approval today, to notify the FTA (Federal Transportation Administration) that they want to pull out of the project. When the project was originally thought about, it was going to be around \$8 million with the FTA giving \$6 million in grant money and the county would do \$2 million between cash and financing of municipal bonds to launch the project, which was feasible and thought to be a great idea at that time. Jason stated now that this has drawn out for as long as it has, the fear now is that the project could probably be more in the \$10-12 million range. The \$6 million from the FTA grant is not going to change, and the county is not in a position to take out that kind of a bond. Jason also stated on a taxpayer standpoint, he does not think it is wise at this point. There is obviously a lot of unknowns on how funding and things from the federal government is going to come down. On top of that, the FTA keeps kind of moving the goal line. When we think we are right there, they want something else. This week they are requesting additional information and it just seems like we are going on and on and on and getting nowhere. The cost of the project keeps going up and up and up. We have an issue that we have to find a more long-term permanent solution for Transit. Where we are at now - we have outgrown that and the location is not great. Jason stated he has been working with Transit Director Bethany Celmar and they are in alignment that this is the right thing to do at this time. They both feel it is time to pivot and perhaps look for other places to move the administration side of Transit and perhaps leave the bus maintenance and storage facility where it is located, since that building has been paid for. Jason stated they have some thoughts of where that could happen and we are actively looking at those options. He stated the property purchased for the original plan (old Sport-N-Shoe location) could be sold and perhaps the Land Bank could do that for the Commissioners.

He stated the first step is for the Commissioners to discuss and share their collective thoughts about notifying ODOT and the FTA on the withdrawal of the project funding application.

Commissioner Lester motioned for Jason to send the letter to ODOT/FTA for the withdrawal.

Commissioner Pursel stated he is for sending the letter and confirms the statements that Jason made with the long process. Commissioner Pursel stated that it seemed like working with ODOT initially was going to be smooth and then found out that ODOT wasn't quite up to par on a lot of things. As we started working with the federal government through ODOT and their consultants, it just kept being muddy the whole time. At one point, they wanted us to have the city put up a traffic light on High Street, they wanted to know about how many trees we were going to cut down on the one property, and they wanted us to do multiple EPA Inspections, which we did. We had to find out whether there were arrowheads down there on the one piece of property that a bridge factory was on that helped build the Ohio State University football field. We thought we would get close and we just kept getting changes, the goal posts were getting changed frequently. The requests on what they wanted seemed to be lunacy. At one point, we were dealing with someone out in Chicago from the federal government and had no clue where we

were. Commissioner Pursel stated it has been a long frustrating haul.

Jason stated he wouldn't even want to count the amount of hours that he has spent in dealing with this project, taking calls and collecting data and sending stuff and meetings. So it is difficult to just let it go because of the amount of time and effort it took to get here; but he feels financially it's the right decision and the right recommendation to make to the Commissioners. Jason stated he wants their approval and the resolution to say no to the FTA and notify ODOT before I do that.

Commissioner Keesee asked if the money could be reallocated to the Transportation Center of a different sort or a smaller project or as you said to be exactly what we were put to build.

Jason stated no, even where it's located, we had to go through all of that. So, even to change the location, and that's kind of a fear too, is once they approve the project, we really can't deviate from the scope. So it's not like if we bid this and it came in at \$12 million, we could say hey, let's scale this way back. No, because what they approved was the plans we sent them.

Commissioner Keesee stated, so we could be looking at \$4-7 or \$8 million in debt to what they offset to what they are paying for.

Jason stated the cost is going up and the amount they are going to give us stays the same, they are not giving us more than the \$6 million.

Commissioner Keesee asked, they won't even let us recoup any of our costs to get this far?

Commissioner Pursel stated that is not how the federal government works.

Jason stated we do have all the plans, the plans our ours, that we can use in the future to build the maintenance facility component of the transit and that is still a viable option. The plans are ready to go for a different location and could be scaled down to make it more cost effective for the county.

Commissioners made a motion to proceed with the withdrawal of the ODOT/FTA funding application and explore other options for finding Knox County Transit a new location.

Commissioners thanked Jason for all the hard work and effort that has been put into the Transit Project.

## **Commissioner Committee Updates**

Commissioner Keesee reported she has a MORPC meeting this afternoon.

Commissioner Lester reported he had a meeting yesterday and will get notes together for the next meeting because it was quite extensive and would put together some good notes for everyone.

Commissioner Pursel reminded everyone that voting is going on now. Issue 2 is the one we want to encourage people to be supportive of with a Yes, because the county as a whole, the villages, the city and townships, all benefit from that bond program with the state.

Commissioner Pursel stated all three commissioners received an email from a concerned citizen about Mansfield Avenue and Fairgrounds Road and the headache it has provided for the people in the North End. He stated he sent an email this morning to Brian Ball, Engineer for the City of Mount Vernon, Cameron Keaton, County Engineer, and Dan Humphrey from Morris Township. He received an answer from Brian Ball that stated he will give us an update on that.

Commissioner Pursel stated he wanted to finish with, One - On Tuesday on our radio talk line, Commissioner Keesee mentioned about two of her campaign pledges of banning solar and transparency through the live-streaming, and I've had people ask me questions about the transparency thing. I know during your campaign, you called out Commissioner Collier and Commissioner Bemiller and me about being transparent. So I wasn't able to say anything during the campaign, but I think you realize that your accusations and criticisms of the previous commissioners and how we functioned were not true. Actually, we had been transparent and we will continue to be transparent. Since you brought it up on Tuesday, this is my time to address that, because when you had criticized this office for being not transparent, you were criticizing Penny, Jason and the Commissioners. And I think that was unfair of you to do that. So I just want people to know in the community that Jason and his staff have never withheld, hid, misled anybody at any time and never will. So I want to make sure that people knew that.

Secondly, since you've taken the office, our office has remained transparent, but we've been bombarded by people doing records requests and that seems that's because of what you have brought to this office that people don't see that our office is as transparent. So I want to let the community know that we will continue to be transparent in this office and the daily challenges that we get from people coming to the office and having concerns and have actually come to myself and to Barry out in the community about what's going on. We need to assure people that this is, we're going to still stay transparent. Live-stream: I don't know, we have about maybe ten people that you know actually come in or watch while we're doing this on YouTube. We may reach a hundred on some of the views, but the transparency in what's been going on, it has put a different strain on the office because everyone's kind of oh, we got to do this and do that. So anyway, I just wanted to make sure Drenda and the people watching know that the type of transparency that was going on before, is still going on. We know because of how you're not able or not been allowed to speak to stuff but that creates an issue and transparency and I think that that's going to be an issue that's not going to go away because you're not able to answer some of this stuff.

Commissioner Keesee stated that Barry and I both campaigned on transparency because many of the residents were asking why no evening meetings. And we still received a message this week, someone asking that. So we did request before we got into the year to have an evening meeting so that people could attend that meeting. We decided because we were more an administrative than legislative, that by doing at least live-streaming, people would have access to that information in the community and know what we discussed and they'd be able to go back and so it is on record now. But that was something that we both campaigned on, not just myself. And so I think it's good for people to be all involved and to

know what's happening in the discussions. So that's why we went that way.

Commissioner Lester stated, speaking of that evening meeting, I don't know if everybody knows you can always send a question to any three of the commissioners and we can address those questions if you can't attend the meeting. So I mean, it's not like questions can't be answered. Questions can be answered. Commissioner Pursel is the President. He always talks to the Commissioners when we receive an email and gets our opinion and then responds and if he's not available, one of us will respond. But it is a joint effort when it comes to responding to emails or questions. So just if you are watching or going to view this at a later date, just because you can't attend the scheduled meeting doesn't mean your questions can't be brought forward and answered.

Commissioner Keesee stated I think that the biggest issue at the time was there were a lot of residents who wanted to be able to address the commissioners and felt like a 10:00 a.m. meeting they couldn't get to because they have to work jobs and things like that. So that was part of the transparency issue and what was going on in the community.

County Administrator Jason Booth stated as Drenda mentioned, you know, I think in the community that there is confusion. I think Drenda just said, we are administrative, that's the difference. Council is a legislative body and they can enact laws and they can make ordinances. Commissioners can't do that. Your role is to uphold state law and so the administrative body, as I think people probably seen through our meetings this year. Yes, the bulk of it is departments or offices coming in to update you on information. It's signing bills, transfers, contracts, bid openings and so that the majority of those functions need to take place during county operations. So hopefully the public has seen that through the meetings like that, that's the bulk of what we are doing. Now next week, we're having a public hearing and whenever we have public hearings, we do one of those in the evening and one of those during the day and we always have and we always will. I think that's the distinct difference and hopefully people have seen that as they watch what we do on a daily basis.

Commissioner Keesee stated the SB52 issue is going to commissioners, which Barry and I both campaigned on, that we should revisit SB52 and ban future solar projects and wind. That did bring a transparency issue because a lot of people felt like they weren't able to talk to the commissioners at 10:00 a.m., about the solar debate and that was a huge debate in the community. So, yes, that was an issue in the campaign and I still believe in transparency. So I asked for an evening meeting, just so it's you know clear. I did ask for that and it was decided instead we would live stream and I think that's still a great way for people to go back and watch the meeting later and be a part of it. But as long as commissioners have a decision to make about SB52, and the community obviously was in an uproar about that, 19 of 22 of the townships had made resolutions, didn't feel like they were being heard. There was also the city had also done the same. So, not in any way to be offensive to you at all Bill. But, we made a promise for transparency because SB52 raised a real concern to the whole community, that they were told that they would have a voice in solar and they didn't feel they had a voice. So that's what we were trying to give them, Barry and I both.

Commissioner Lester stated I will go back to Bill's original content of the letter though and I think I said this to you, it has changed my social activity in the area because all people want to know about your issue and I have no comment on the issue. But everybody wants to know.

Commissioner Keesee stated it's not something we can talk about while they're doing that.

Commissioner Lester stated but they don't know that.

Commissioner Keesee stated I get it, I'm still fulfilling my duties and I'll keep fulfilling my duties and do the very best I can. And I think it's coming to a quick close anyway and you know we'll go from there.

Commissioner Lester stated It'd be joyous.

Commissioner Keesee stated, we'll all be glad for that.

Commissioner Pursel stated, and then I want to reaffirm, though, that you know, during the accusations during the campaign of Commissioner Collier and Bemiller not being transparent, I think that was mudslinging, that shouldn't have happened, that it was information that using the word transparent that they weren't, was flat out a lie and shouldn't have happened. And then you mentioned about the evening meeting right now, Drenda, about that we decided to do that - the live stream instead of that. That's having the horse before the cart, because we were already doing the live streaming before we had the discussion about evening meetings. So don't make it sound like...

Commissioner Keesee stated No, I had that discussion with Jason in December, along with Barry.

Commissioner Pursel stated yeah, but that discussion was still going on and live streaming was already in the works before any of that discussion took place.

Commissioner Keesee stated I had requested that. You know how that went down, Jason.

County Administrator Jason Booth stated I did speak with the incoming Commissioners. They had asked about an evening meeting and I, you know, we discussed the pros and the cons of that and the alternative of preparing video, because I knew that was when they were elected, that was an item that they were going to do. So we did have to, we were preparing for that with I.T. in advance of the new commissioners coming in.

Commissioner Keesee stated because we requested it.

**Approval of Transfer of Funds, Supplemental Appropriations and Bills**

**RESOLUTION 2025-231--APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Appropriation Adjustment and that the following transfers be made:

Amount: \$22,000.00

From Appropriation Account: 232.1532.50101 - Salaries-Employees-JFS

To Appropriation Account: 232.1532.50501 - Equipment-JFS Social Services

Amount: \$5,000.00

From Appropriation Account: 232.1532.50105 - Medicare/Unemployment-JFS Social Services

To Appropriation Account: 232.1532.50501 - Equipment-JFS Social Services

Amount: \$10,000.00

From Appropriation Account: 232.1532.50106 - Insurance-JFS Social Services

To Appropriation Account: 232.1532.50501 - Equipment-JFS Social Services

Amount: \$5,8000.00

From Appropriation Account: 232.1532.50805 - Tuition Reimbursement

To Appropriation Account: 232.1532.50501 - Equipment-JFS Social Services

A copy of the Appropriation Adjustment is attached to Journal No. 2025.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Drenda Keesee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Pursel
<b>AYES:</b>	Pursel Lester Keesee

**RESOLUTION 2025-232--APPROVE BILL LIST.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Bill List dated April 10, 2025.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Drenda Keesee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Pursel
<b>AYES:</b>	Pursel Lester Keesee

**RESOLUTION 2025-233--APPROVE BILL LIST - THEN AND NOW.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Bill List dated April 10, 2025.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Drenda Keese
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Pursel
<b>AYES:</b>	Pursel Lester Keese

**Adjourn the Meeting**

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Commissioner, President

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Penny R. Doyle  
Clerk/Executive Assistant