



OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MOUNT VERNON, OH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025

TO VIEW THE RECORDED MEETING VISIT

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10:00 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

10:00 AM Departmental Update - Knox County Emergency Management Agency

Commissioners met with JT DeChant, Director, and Amy Seward, Deputy Director, of the Knox County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), in a regular departmental update. JT and Amy answered questions from the Commissioners and discussed the following items from their report:

Presentations

Publis Service Announcements for National Preparedness month - played on 93Q and 100.9 radio stations

Interview with Marcy Rinehart for National Preparedness month - played on WNZR radio station

Presented during Knox County Emergency Needs Committee Meeting

School reunification update at Fredericktown Local School District

Fredericktown Amish Health and Safety Event (550 Amish and 40 support staff)

Fredericktown Community Watch

Regional Community Emergency Response Team meeting

Exercises

Knox County School Reunification training and exercise (95 participants)

Evaluated Richland County Local Emergency Planning Committee Table Top Exercise regarding Fairgrounds Incident

Delaware Emergency Operations Center activation for Little Brown Jug

Planning

Emergency Management Association of Ohio Education Committee

Emergency Management Association of Ohio Amish Health and Safety Caucus

Damascus Dam/Camp Tour

Centerburg Elementary site visit to discuss security measures

Mass Notification contractor review (Inspiron Logistics/WENS)

Worked with Amateur Radio Emergency Service to schedule site testing

Draft of Knox County Hazard Mitigation Plan is posted for Public Review Oct 1-16

Grants

Applied for funding through the FY25 State Homeland Security Grant to purchase barriers for outdoor events - barriers will be used as regional items for sharing with other agencies

Continuing Education - JT

Rescue Task Force - Incident Command

Tactical Analysis Unit - Homeland Security Reports and Intel Sharing

Statewide Terrorism Analysis and Crime Center brief - SWAT calls

Continuing Education - Amy

Completed the FEMA Emergency Management Institute Advanced Professional Series

Participate in monthly IAEM K-12 Caucus General Membership Meeting

Completed MGT-347 ICS Forms Class

Completed G358 Evacuation and Re-Entry Planning

Listened to Responding and Investigating Hoax Bomb Threats and Swatting training

Other Activities/Meetings Attended

Site support for missing elderly lady on McCament Road
Supported Delaware County Emergency Operations Center during Little Brown Jug
Knox County Emergency Needs Committee Meetings
Law Enforcement/Chiefs meetings
Knox County Fire/EMS Chiefs meeting
Numerous weather briefings with National Weather Service (Cleveland)
Monthly Safety Council Meeting
Knox County Chamber Meeting
Spill Response on Mishey Road (liquid asphalt) - EPA

Resolutions to be Presented**RESOLUTION 2025-615--APPROVE UTILITY PERMIT FROM LICKING RURAL ELECTRIFICATION FOR 19021 HOPEWELL ROAD IN PLEASANT TOWNSHIP.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Utility Permit from Licking Rural Electrification for 19021 Hopewell Road in Pleasant Township - Individual Service of Electrical Utility - Overhead/Aerial - Right of Way Width of 40 feet.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-616--APPROVE UTILITY PERMIT FROM LICKING RURAL ELECTRIFICATION FOR APPLE VALLEY AND BEAVER ROADS IN BROWN TOWNSHIP.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Utility Permit from Licking Rural Electrification for Apple Valley and Beaver Roads in Brown Township - Multiple Service of Electrical Utility - Overhead/Aerial - Blacktop Road Surface.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-617--APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH ARCADIS U.S., INC., FOR THE KNOX COUNTY WATER AND WASTEWATER WELL #7 DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Agreement for Professional Services with Arcadis U.S., Inc., for the Knox County Water and Wastewater Well #7 Development Project in the amount of \$35,000.00.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-618--APPROVE MASTER SERVICES AND PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC., FOR THE KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EVIDENCE - REDACTION ASSISTANT USER LICENSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,739.92 FOR A PERIOD OF 39 MONTHS.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Master Services and Purchasing Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for the Knox County Sheriff's Office Evidence - Redaction Assistant User Licenses in the amount of \$27,739.92 for a period of 39 months.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-619--APPROVE ADDENDUM TO THE COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS SUBSIDY GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION FOR THE KNOX COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT. ADDENDUM INCLUDES AN INCREASE OF \$28,553 FOR THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT 2.0 GRANT AND AN INCREASE OF \$1,625 FOR THE PROBATION SERVICES GRANT.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Addendum to the Community Based Corrections Subsidy Grant Agreement with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for the Knox County Common Pleas Court. Addendum includes an increase of \$28,553 for the Community Corrections Act 2.0 Grant and an increase of \$1,625 for the Probation Services Grant.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-620--APPROVE INTER AGENCY CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN KNOX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND WELCH LEGAL SERVICES, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,000.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Inter Agency Contractor Agreement between Knox County Department of Job and Family Services and Welch Legal Services, LLC, in the amount of \$96,000.00. The effective date is November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-621--APPROVE THE FIXED PRICE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY - JOHN GLENN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND THE KNOX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE MANAGEMENT ADVANCEMENT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM (MAPS) TRAINING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Fixed Price Membership Agreement between The Ohio State University - John Glenn College of Public Affairs and the Knox County Department of Job and Family Services for the Management Advancement for Public Service Program (MAPS) Training in the amount of \$3,000.00.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-622--APPROVE DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ACTING THROUGH ITS DIVISION OF PARKS AND WATERCRAFT AND THE KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FOR THE DONATION OF A MARINE PATROL VESSEL (2002 16'2" BOSTON WHALER, 2015 115HP MERCURY OUTBOARD MOTOR, AND A 2002 BOAT MASTER TRAILER).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Donation Agreement between the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, acting through its Division of Parks and Watercraft and the Knox County Sheriff's Office, for the donation of a Marine Patrol Vessel (2002 16'2" Boston Whaler, 2015 115HP Mercury Outboard Motor, and a 2002 Boat Master Trailer).

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 2025-623--APPROVE BILL LIST.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Bill List dated October 2, 2025.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-624--APPROVE BILL LIST - THEN AND NOW.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Then and Now Bill List dated October 2, 2025.

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

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

County Administrator Updates

County Administrator Jason Booth updated the Commissioners on the following:

Modern Builders, Inc., and Custom Cutters finished repair work on the cement and walkways at the Knox County Veterans Services building. The repairs look good and they did a very good job.

Commissioner Committee Updates

The Commissioners did not have any new updates.

Meet-N-Greet with Ohio Secretary of State Liaison

Caleb Shriver, East Central Ohio Regional Liaison for the Ohio Secretary of State, stopped in to introduce himself to the Commissioners. He explained his role and responsibilities working with the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Elections offices in Knox County and in his region.

Adjourn the Meeting

Commissioner, President

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Penny R. Doyle
Clerk/Executive Assistant