



OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MOUNT VERNON, OH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

TO VIEW THE RECORDED MEETING VISIT

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10:00 AM WMVO Radio Line

10:30 AM Call to Order

Present: Commissioner, President Bill Pursel
Commissioner Drenda Keese

Absent: Commissioner Barry Lester

Additional Staff

Jason Booth, County Administrator - absent

Penny Doyle, Clerk/Executive Assistant

Andrew Champlin, I.T. Communications Coordinator

Resolutions to be Presented

RESOLUTION 2025-781--PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025, AS FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY DAY IN KNOX COUNTY, OHIO.

WHEREAS, Food for The Hungry was started in December 1982 by Charlie and Carol Kilkenny to collect food and money for those who were recently laid off from a local manufacturer. In just one day, they collected enough food to fill seven trucks and \$1,600 in cash; and

WHEREAS, Food for The Hungry grew from that cold day in December 1982 to include legacy partners BAS Broadcasting (WMVO/WQIO), WNZR, Mount Vernon News, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, WRP CPAs (formerly Nelson and Nelson CPAs) and Spectrum Cable. Since 2013, Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Kenyon College, Knox County Career Center, KnoxPages.com and Park National Bank have been valued board partners; and

WHEREAS, all funds contributed to the annual drive are kept in Knox County with major grants awarded to Interchurch Social Services and The Salvation Army. Minor grants are awarded to applicants such as church food pantries and Hot Meals programs that fill the gaps of food insecurity throughout Knox County; and

WHEREAS, about 12% of Knox County residents live in poverty, with an estimate of 14,000 people struggling with food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, agencies across Knox County have realized an increased need as additional food benefits provided by the federal government have lapsed during the federal government shutdown and inflation has increased lowering buying power. The Food for The Hungry Board has established a 2025 campaign goal of \$340,000; and

WHEREAS, the County of Knox, in the State of Ohio, serves 62,897 people, the Knox County Board of Commissioners do hereby not only recognize the importance of Food for The Hungry's mission and encourage Knox County residents to give funds or volunteer time to help meet this year's goal, but also declares Friday, December 12, 2025, as Food for The Hungry Day in Knox County, Ohio.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Proclamation designating Friday, December 12, 2025, as Food for The Hungry Day in Knox County, Ohio.

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

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-782--APPROVE CURRENT AGRICULTURAL USE VALUATION
RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR COUNTY OWNED LAND (PARCEL #54-00840.003 - 54.64
ACRES ON FAIRGROUNDS ROAD).**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Current Agricultural Use Valuation Renewal Application for County Owned Land (Parcel #54-00840.003 - 54.64 acres on Fairgrounds Road).

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

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-783--APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KNOX COUNTY
ENGINEER'S OFFICE AND DALENE M. PRIDE, FOR THE BUREAU OF MOTOR
VEHICLES TAXING DISTRICT AUDITS.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Agreement between the Knox County Engineer's Office and Dalene M. Pride, Independent Governmental Affairs Consultant and the Knox County Engineer for Bureau of Motor Vehicles Taxing District Audits. Costs include \$4.00 for each incorrect non-IRP (International Registration Plan) license registration, \$10.00 for each IRP truck registration and \$72.00 for each taxing district's annual registration records purchased from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

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

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

Approval of Transfer of Funds, Supplemental Appropriations and Bills

RESOLUTION 2025-784--APPROVE BILL LIST.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Knox County Commissioners approve the Bill List dated December 9, 2025.

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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-785--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 9, 2025.

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

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

Item Received

The Board of Knox County Commissioners received the Knox County Treasurer Depository and Investment Income Report for the month of November 2025, in the amount of \$84,865.81, including the Star Ohio Bank General Fund Interest Income of \$11,197.82. The Star Ohio Bank Program Income Fund Interest Earned is \$1.96 for November 2025.

A copy of the report and bank statements are attached to Journal No. 2025.

County Administrator Updates

County Administrator Jason Booth was absent.

Commissioner Committee Updates

Commissioner Pursel reported the Knox County Service Center will be closed Thursday, December 25, 2025, Friday, December 26, 2025, Thursday, January 1, 2026, and Friday, January 2, 2026.

Commissioner Pursel reported Food For The Hungry will kickoff their annual food drive on Friday, December 12th, at the Knox County Memorial Building. He stated he will present the Food For The Hungry Proclamation during the kickoff event.

Commissioner Pursel reported the Public Hearing to discuss the North Branch of Ford Creek Assessments will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the Knox County Memorial Building.

Commissioner Pursel reported the Knox County Sheriff's Office Evidence Building Project is progressing and should be completed by the end of December. He reported the final plans for the Transit Facility should be ready to submit to the State for approval in the next couple weeks. Once the plans are approved, bids will be accepted in January and awarded in February.

Commissioner Keesee did not have any new committee updates but stated it has been an interesting year learning about SNAP, property taxes and services available for Senior Citizens. She reported she attended the County Commissioner Association of Ohio (CCAO) Winter Conference last week, to continue learning about state and local government issues.

Commissioner Lester was absent.

Adjourn the Meeting

Commissioner, President

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Penny R. Doyle
Clerk/Executive Assistant