

**February 11, 2026**

**Roll Call: Mr. Hensler, Present Mr. Willis, Present Mr. Haller, Absent**

Motion by Willis second by Haller to approve the meeting minutes of February 4, 2026.

Roll Call; Mr. Hensler, Yes Mr. Willis, Yes Mr. Haller, Absent

**Additional Appropriation**

To	Description	Amount
101-1400-5321.00	Insurance Damage	\$ 6,374.07
Roll Call; Hensler, Yes	Willis, Yes	Haller, Absent

**Additional Appropriation**

To	Description	Amount
307-2800-5350.01	OMEA Reimbursement to MVGT	\$170,131.68
Roll Call; Hensler, Yes	Willis, Yes	Haller, Absent

**Dog & Kennel Weekly Report for January 24<sup>th</sup> – January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Dog & Kennel Weekly Report for January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Motion by Hensler second by Willis to approve the vouchers.

Roll Call; Hensler, Yes Willis, Yes Haller, Absent

**Resolution #26-26**

Motion by Hensler second by Willis to approve the corporate membership with the Jackson Area Family Activity Center for one year, at the annual cost of \$1000.00.

Roll Call; Hensler, Yes Willis, Yes Haller, Absent

**Patrick Clark, Ariel Eilola & Ron Lemieux** with the Ohio Public Defender’s office were present to discuss updates for 2026. Mr. Clark stated the numbers are on track with the projections. Ms. Eilola stated the investigator and social worker that was added to the Ohio Public Defender’s office has been very successful, adding efficiency and resolving issues. Their office will focus on “weeding” out probation cases that are lingering in Municipal Court, which will save the county money. Commissioner Willis stated this has been an ongoing issue and glad that it is being addressed. Mr. Clark stated that House Bill 96 requires the Auditor of State to conduct a performance audit of the major systems for delivery of indigent defense authorized under Chapter 120 of the Revised Code. The performance audit must examine counties that rely upon assigned counsel, nonprofit offices, county offices and contracts with the State of Ohio.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Hensler second by Willis to enter into executive session @ 9:12 a.m. with Grant Writer Phillip Buffington for contractual matters.

Roll Call; Hensler, Yes Willis, Yes Haller, Absent

Back in session at 9:28 a.m. with no action taken.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Hensler second by Willis to enter into executive session @ 9:32 a.m. with Grant Writer Phillip Buffington and Beau Bowman for contractual matters.

Roll Call; Hensler, Yes Willis, Yes Haller, Absent

Back in session at 10:10 a.m. with no action taken.

**CDC Senior Planner Whitaker Wright**, who plans on retiring in early spring this year, introduced those that would be working with the county in the future. **Jillian Flowers** will be managing the CHIP program and **Tom Perry** will be working with the county regarding the CDBG program.

Mr. Wright also held the Public Hearing regarding the 2026 eligible programs. Housing programs: CHIP, CHDO, Housing Development Assistance & Community Action Programs, Shelter & Supported Housing Programs and CDBG programs, which include Revitalization Grant, Downtown Grant, Critical Infrastructure, and Economic Development Loan Program, etc...available funding totaling \$1,000,000 (\$400,000 for the County, \$300,000 for the City of Wellston and \$300,000 for the City of Jackson) is possible.

ADJOURNMENT

MR. WILLIS ADJOURNED THE MEETING

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Donnie Willis, President

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Jon Hensler, Vice President

ABSENT  
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Paul Haller, Commissioner

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Carla Marcum, Administrator