

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

Motion by Hensler second by Haller to approve the meeting minutes of May 20, 2026.

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

Additional Appropriation

To	Description	Amount
101-1200-5321.01	Capital Imp. Courthouse	\$ 21,658.20
Roll Call;	Haller, Yes Hensler, Yes	Willis, Yes

Dog Warden Weekly Report for May 16th – May 22nd, 2026

Auditor Ridgeway submitted the official certificate of estimated resources (Amendment #3), as well as the April Month-end reports for the commissioner’s review.

Motion by Hensler second by Haller to pay the vouchers.

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

JFS Director Tammy Osborne-Smith presented several items for the commissioner’s review and approval regarding the Jackson County Public Transit. Ms. Osborne-Smith stated that four of the five vehicles in the expansion plan have been delivered. These 2025 modified minivans are fully handicap-accessible and equipped with modern power-lift systems, significantly enhancing their capacity to serve residents with mobility needs. The team continues to work closely with ODOT and their marketing partners.

Resolution #133-26

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to approve the Title VI Plan for Jackson County Public Transit, which is required by program receiving federal funds.

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

Resolution #134-26

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to approve the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) policy for Jackson County Public Transit.

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

Resolution #135-26

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to approve the modification of the Compensation Practices and Procedures pay range assignments to include the following positions: Dispatcher, Fiscal & HR Specialist and Vehicle Operator.

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

Resolution #136-26

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to approve and secure a credit line up to \$25,000 for the Jackson County Public Transit program, which includes WEX Card for Transit Staff and Administration that purchase fuel.

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

Resolution #137-26

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to approve the Intercounty Agreement with Morgan County to continue sharing a technical assistant specialist position with Morgan & Perry County.

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

Jackson County Board on Aging Executive Director Susan Morgan and Board Members Jane Leach, Becky Warren and Bill Martin were present to give updates regarding the Jackson County Board on Aging/Senior Citizens. Ms. Leach stated that senior citizens make up 25% of the county’s population. In 2025, the Board on Aging supplied 7215 seniors with either meals or transportation. 23,000 meals were taken to their homes, while 13,000 meals were served at their senior citizen locations. The cost per meal per year is \$5300.00. They also provided over 149,000 miles in transportation needs. There was also a lot of discussion regarding a new building/location for the Senior Citizens that would serve as a central location, costs, what additional services could be offered to the citizens, and utilizing community partners to help with the costs.

Jackson County Fairboard President Chris Walls and Treasurer Kevin Wilson were present to give updates regarding the Fairgrounds. Mr. Walls stated it was only 50 days until the opening of the fair and the campground project is complete. The total cost was \$334,045.75, which was 25% higher than expected. Ohio Department of Development will pay \$106,581.00 toward this project. They have also installed a new fence from disaster funding for damage last year. Unsure of whether the insurance will pay anything on the food booth that had wind damage on May 6, 2026, although they met with the adjuster last week. Also, Mr. Walls ask if the Commissioners would consider holding their meeting in July at the fair this year.

Vice President Mike Holdren and Project Manager Dave Wires with Stockmeisters Enterprises were present to discuss the Courthouse Park Project, the progress made and what is needed to complete the project. Mr. Holdren stated initially the project was to be completed by end of May, but there have been several rain delays. Also, they need to discuss the final design, as far as the front plaque at the entrance of the park. They want to incorporate something for America's 250 also, as well as a Heritage Tree.

Motion by Hensler second by Willis to go into recess at 10:10 a.m. until next appointment at 10:30 a.m.

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

Back in session @ 10:43 a.m.

CDC Senior Planner Mary Richards-Oakley, as well as the **City of Jackson Service Director David Swackhammer** and **Operations Manager Greg Farrar** were present for the public hearing, which informs citizens about the CDBG program, eligible uses of funds and project activities, and other important program requirements. Jackson County intends to apply for \$500,000.00 in Critical Infrastructure funds to assist the City of Jackson with waterline replacement and a booster station upgrade project in the Florence Avenue neighborhood. Also, Jackson County, in partnership with the City of Jackson and the City of Wellston, intends to apply for \$1,000,000.00 in Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) program funds, and will be used as follows:

\$300,000.00 (CDBG) – assist 11 LMI homeowners with home repairs

\$360,000.00 (HOME) – assist 5 LMI homeowners with owner rehabilitation

\$ 70,000.00 (OHTF) – to rehabilitate 1 unit of housing for persons with Development Disabilities

\$150,000.00 (HOME) – to assist 20 households with Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

\$120,000.00 (CDBG) – for administration and fair housing services.

Resolution #138-26

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to approve, per the request of CDC Mary Richards-Oakley, applications for PY 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Critical Infrastructure Program and Community Housing Impact & Preservation (CHIP) Program.

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

Resolution #139-26

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to approve the contract between Southern Ohio Trenching and Excavating and the Jackson County Commissioners regarding the City of Wellston Street Improvements Project.

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

Resolution #140-26

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to approve the contract between the Jackson County Board of Commissioners and DLZ Ohio, Inc. regarding the Village of Oak Hill's Cozy Glen Road Sanitary Sewer Replacement project.

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

Resolution #141-26

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to approve the contract between the Jackson County Board of Commissioners and DLZ Ohio, Inc. regarding the Village of Coalton Ball Field Parking Project.

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

Resolution #142-26

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to accept the New Cybersecurity Policy that will be replacing the one that was approved in September, 2025, as previous resolution stated would be in place until all amendments, additions and/or corrections submitted by I.T. Specialist VanDyne were received.

Roll Call: Haller, Yes Hensler, Yes Willis, Yes

Resolution #143-26

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to appoint Ms. Loree Walker (JFS Deputy Director of Social Services) as Commissioner Jon Hensler's designated alternate to represent him and have full authorization at the Jackson County Family & Children First Council in the event he is unable to attend meetings.

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

Resolution #144-26

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to approve the Sheriff's Department moving forward with their application regarding the Ohio Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) Grant for 2026.

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

The Commissioners discussed the CDBG/Home small cities program 3- year administrative procurement, and possibly keeping it in-house, and all agreed that more discussion needed to take place.

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to reject the Statement of Qualifications and Proposal for the CDBG/Home PY 2026, PY 2027 Y PY 2028 from CDC of Ohio to be considered at a later time.

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

News Media Representation:

Alex Shope, The Telegram

ADJOURNMENT

MR. WILLIS ADJOURNED THE MEETING

Donnie Willis, President

Jon Hensler, Vice President

Paul Haller, Commissioner

Carla Marcum, Administrator