

August 12, 2026

Roll Call: Mr. Haller, Present

Mr. Hensler, Present

Mr. Willis, Present

Motion by Hensler second by Haller to approve the meeting minutes of August 5, 2026.

Roll Call; Mr. Haller, Yes

Mr. Hensler, Yes

Mr. Willis, Yes

Additional Appropriation

To	Description	Amount
101-2500-5343.00	Vision Insurance	\$ 5,000.00
Roll Call; Mr. Haller, Yes	Mr. Hensler, Yes	Mr. Willis, Yes

Additional Appropriation

To	Description	Amount
101-0500-5305.00	Other Expense	\$ 4.00
101-0500-5102.00	Employee Salary	<u>\$ 351.00</u>
	Total:	\$ 355.00
Roll Call; Mr. Haller, Yes	Mr. Hensler, Yes	Mr. Willis, Yes

Additional Appropriation

To	Description	Amount
101-1400-5321.00	Insurance Damage	\$ 9,518.03
Roll Call; Mr. Haller, Yes	Mr. Hensler, Yes	Mr. Willis, Yes

Dog Warden Weekly Report for August 1st – August 7th, 2026

Motion by Hensler second by Haller to pay the vouchers.

Roll Call; Mr. Haller, Yes

Mr. Hensler, Yes

Mr. Willis, Yes

JCEDP Director Sam Brady presented two memos for the commissioner's consideration. They are as follows:

Resolution #196-26

Motion by Hensler second by Haller, and per the request of Mr. Brady, to approve the TIRC recommendations for Ohio Enterprise Zone 135 City of Wellston and Ohio Enterprise Zone 205 City of Jackson for active enterprise zone agreements within the respective zones.

Roll Call; Mr. Haller, Yes

Mr. Hensler, Yes

Mr. Willis, Yes

Resolution #197-26

Motion by Hensler second by Haller, and per the request of Mr. Brady, to appoint Ms. Nicole Havens to fill Mr. Brady's position as Jackson County's private sector representative on the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission's Executive Committee until such time as a new CEO for the Partnership is selected. Mr. Samuel Brady confirmed that his last day as President and CEO of the Jackson County Economic Development Partnership will be this Friday, August 14, 2026.

Roll Call; Mr. Haller, Yes

Mr. Hensler, Yes

Mr. Willis, Yes

Executive Session

Motion by Hensler second by Haller to enter into executive session @ 8:42 a.m. with JCEDP Director Sam Brady regarding economic matters.

Back in session @ 8:59 a.m. with the following actions taken:

Resolution #198-26

Motion by Hensler second by Haller, to give the President of the Commission the authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for funding and administration fees in regards to the Partnership and working out the details by Friday, August 14th, with Mr. Sam Brady.

Roll Call; Mr. Haller, Yes

Mr. Hensler, Yes

Mr. Willis, Yes

Resolution #199-26

Motion by Hensler second by Haller, to give the President of the Commission the authority to create a job description and position for the Landbank/Brownfield Remediation Grant Administrator and negotiate the details.

Roll Call; Mr. Haller, Yes

Mr. Hensler, Yes

Mr. Willis, Yes

The Commissioners praised Mr. Brady for his dedication and sacrifices he has made for the county in the last ten (10) years and stated it had been a pleasure working with him, and wished him continued success.

Pike County Educator for Family Consumer Sciences Tammy Jones, District Director Pam Montgomery (who recently took the supervisory role in Jackson County when Treva Williams retired), and Joshua Winters, Jackson County OSU Educator were all present to discuss programs available that may be beneficial to Jackson County. Ms. Jones works with the Drug Court, as well as Juvenile Court teaching life skills and has a funding partnership with them. Ms. Jones teaches food safety/food preservation, which may be beneficial to the county, possibly partnering with local food companies, if the interest was there. Commissioner ask for more information to how to facilitate partnerships.

Field Representatives Carissa Schroeder and Megan Crist with Land & Liberty Coalition were present to introduce themselves to the county. The Coalition feel it is the property owner's right to do what they want regarding their property when it comes to solar and wind energy, and wanted to know the commissioner's opinion on the topic, and if they had received any push back regarding farmers leasing out their land for such projects. Commissioner Willis agrees that it is the property owner's right to do what they want with said property, and stated there has been moderate push back regarding solar power, which the county only has one project in its early infancy. This was mine reclaimed land and is being repurposed. There has been more push back regarding data centers across the state. Commissioner Hensler agrees the owner has the freedom to do what they want, but does have concerns with data centers gobbling up valuable farmland. Zoning issues have also been raised. The commissioners also stated they would need a commitment on a federal level for water infrastructure in Jackson County.

Lillian Jones Museum President Kathy Miller and Director Ashley Aldrich were present to discuss the upcoming book launch regarding former newspaper Editor Ed Clark's popular column titled "Sun Spots". After this idea was pitched by board member Mike Morgan and working on this project for several years in conjunction with Monday Creek Publishing, the museum board and director are excited to share a collection of Mr. Clark's columns with the community. The book launch will be September 3 at the Jackson City Library at 6:30 p.m. This will be the first of two volumes and will be a fund raiser for the Lillian Jones Museum. The first volume will cover Mr. Clark's columns from 1952-1969 and the second volume will cover 1970 – 1997. The hardback books are \$25.00 and will be available at all the libraries in Jackson County, as well as the Lillian Jones Museum and Facebook. Ms. Miller is looking at possibly chat sessions or a podcast regarding Sun Spots.

Executive Session

Motion by Hensler second by Haller to enter into executive session with **Grant Writer/Program Administrator Phillip Buffington and New Rivers Engineers President/Senior Engineer Josh Cook** via virtual @ 10:30 a.m. for contractual matters regarding the Salt Furnace Project.

Back in session @ 11:00 a.m. with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Willis adjourned the meeting @ 11:00 a.m.

NEWS MEDIA:

Alex Shope, The Telegram

Donnie Willis, President

Jon Hensler, Vice President

Paul Haller, Commissioner

Carla Marcum, Administrator