



# LORAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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**A G E N D A**  
**LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026**  
**9:30 A.M.**

NOTICE: THE COMMISSIONERS WILL BE LIVE STREAMING THE BOARD MEETING You Tube – Lorain County Commissioners

**A. PROCLAMATION:**

9:31 a.m. - Recognize 911 Dispatchers as First Responders in Lorain County – Kurt Scholl, Director

**B. RESOLUTIONS:**

- #1. Investments
- #2. Appropriations
- #3. Transfers
- #4. Advances/Repayments
- #5. Requisitions
- #6. Travel
- #7. Bills
- #8. County Commissioners may recess into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, along with any other matters as specifically identified by motion in accordance with ORC 121.22(G)(1-8). Unless expressly stated otherwise during executive session, matters discussed in executive session are designated by the County Commissioners as confidential. Because the confidentiality of such matters is necessary for the proper conduct of government business, any disclosure outside of executive session is prohibited by ORC 102.03(B). While in executive session, the County Commissioners may discuss and deliberate on the matters at issue, but no votes may be taken until open session resumes.

**C Public Comment on Agenda Items:** (Please limit comments to 2 minutes - Thank-you)

**D. Old Business:**

**E. Board Business:**

- #9 Decision on the Expedited 1 annexation of 2.3771 acres Pittsfield Township to City of Oberlin. Agent Mark Coriell for Petitioner DC Acquisition Col., LLC by Daniel M. Coles
- #10 Reappoint Commissioner Marty Gallagher and Alternate Anne Heczko to United Way of Greater Lorain County Emergency Food & Shelter Program Board, effective retroactive to January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026
- #11 Reappoint Commissioner Marty Gallagher and Alternate Anne Heczko to Goodwill Board, effective retroactive to January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026



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- #12 Appoint/reappoint various members to the Lorain County Corrections Planning Board, effective retroactive to January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026
- #13 Appoint Commissioner David J. Moore as a Member and Commissioner Marty Gallagher, as Alternate Member to CCAO, effective retroactive to January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026
- #14 Appoint Commissioner David J. Moore as a Member and Don Romancak as Alternate Member to Black River Rap, effective retroactive to January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026
- #15 Reappoint/appoint various members to the Lorain County Planning Commission, effective January 16, 2026 – December 31, 2026  
Reappoint: John Gall, Alternate to Commissioner Riddell, Christie Homer Miller, Alternate to Matt Hignett and Dave Greenspan, Alternate to Jeff Armbruster  
Appoint: Aimee Marcil, Alternate to Commissioner David J. Moore
- #16 Reappoint Jesse Tower as a Member to the Lorain County Community College Board, effective January 25, 2026 - January 24, 2031
- #17 Reappoint Jonette Jackson as Lorain County Commissioners designee to CORSA. Said term is effective retroactive to January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026.
- #18 Reappoint Karen Perkins as a member to the CCAOSC Service Corporation Natural Gas Program Board. Said term is effective retroactive to January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026.
- #19 Reappoint Dan Haight as a Member and John Nisky as an Alternate to Region 19 – One Ohio Governance Board, effective retroactive to January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026
- #20 Appoint various members to NOACA, effective retroactive to January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026
- #21 Appointing members to the Public Defender Commission Board in Lorain County effective January 16, 2026  
County Commissioners' appointments
  - 1) Amy Richards
  - 2) Richard Ramsey
  - 3)County Common Pleas Court appointments
  - 1)
  - 2)
- #22 Authorize Lorain County Human Resources to apply for and utilize a credit card in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 in accordance with ORC 301.27 and Commissioners policy for Director Elise Hara-Auvil
- #23 Appoint Stephen R. Moysan as Lorain County's Apiary Inspector for the year 2026. Total annual appropriation of \$1,500 with mileage reimbursement of \$0.72.5 cents per mile to inspect the bee colonies in the county.
- #24 Ratifying the amendment to NOACA's Code of Regulations Article IV, Section 4.2 Board Membership



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- #25 Authorize an Application to the Ohio Department Of Development for the FY 2026 Residential Economic Development District (REDD) Grant for the Western Lorain County sewer project. ODOD is providing financial assistance designed to accelerate workforce housing near major economic development projects to include sewer and water extensions, road improvements, site readiness, capital assistance to developers and one-time public safety needs tied to growth.
- #26 Authorize an Application to the Ohio Department Of Development for the FY 2026 Residential Economic Development District (REDD) Grant for the Eastern Lorain County sewer project ODOD is providing financial assistance designed to accelerate workforce housing near major economic development projects to include sewer and water extensions, road improvements, site readiness, capital assistance to developers and one-time public safety needs tied to growth.

911:

- #27 Authorize Lorain County 9-1-1 to apply for and utilize a credit card in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 in accordance with ORC 301.27 and Commissioners policy for Director Kurt A Scholl

Community Development:

- #28 Amend Res#25-411, adopted June 17, 2025 for the Application for CHIP PY25 Budget to Correct an Omission by OH Dept. of Development request. Said correction is to replace by "single application and by electing to file an application under a Partnership Agreement, Lorain County and the cities of Amherst, Oberlin, Sheffield Lake & N. Ridgeville have entered into a partnership with the County agreeing to serve as applicant and grantee if funded.

Solid Waste Management District:

- #29 Reappoint & Appoint members to Keep Lorain County Beautiful Advisory Board effective January 16, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Re-appoint:

1. Holly Dougan, Representative from Republic Services
2. Patrick Hastings, Safety Service Director, City of Sheffield Lake
3. Bob Meilander, Mayor, Village of Kipton

Appoint:

1. Rey Carrion, Safety Service Director, City of Lorain
2. Garry Gibbs, Director, Lorain County Visitors Bureau

Visitors Bureau:

- #30 Reappoint Brenda Phillips as Member to Visitors Bureau, effective retroactive to January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2027

Airport:

- #31 Reappoint members to Lorain County Airport Advisory Board, effective retroactive to January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

1. Karen Perkins
2. Dan Gross
3. Herb de la Porte
4. Tom Dus
5. Rick Bodeker
7. Timothy Pettett
8. George Henning
9. John Piwinski



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**Children Services:**

- #32 Reappoint and appoint members to Lorain County Children Services January 16, 2026 – December 31, 2030  
Re-appoint: James Miller, Dan Gross & Andrew Lipian  
Appoint: Susan Nugent

**Developmental Disabilities:**

- #33 Reappoint Rebecca Cornman and Ryan Egbertson as members to the Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities effective January 26, 2026 – January 25, 2030

**Engineer:**

- #34 Authorize County Engineer to reimburse the Village of Sheffield in the amount of \$35,913.35 for grants received from the Ohio Department of Transportation for improvements to Abbe Road. August of 2023, County Engineer was notified by ODOT Department of Jobs and Commerce that funding assistance for improvements to Abbe Road in the Village of Sheffield to improve access to the Ford Motor Plant Expansion had been approved for 11% of the total eligible costs for the roadway construction up to \$100,000 and will be paid from Acct#other expenses
- #35 Certify the annual county highway system mileage in accordance with ORC Section 4501.04 for 2025. Total length of county maintained public roads in Lorain County was 266.983 miles as of December 31, 2024 and we hereby certify that as of December 31, 2025 the county is responsible for maintenance of 268.308 miles of public roads.
- #36 Award & enter into a contract with R & I Construction of Tiffin, Ohio in the amount of \$1,130,753.00 for Bursley Road Bridge #0227 Replacement Project in Rochester Township. 4 bids were opened on December 18, 2025 this being the most responsive complying with specifications. Issue a Notice to Proceed upon full execution of the contract authorizing work to begin upon authorization from the Lorain County Engineer's office and the work will be completed on or before August 15, 2026. ODOT will provide 100% of the funds for the construction of the project.
- #37 Award & enter into a contract with R & I Construction of Tiffin, Ohio in the amount of \$ 792,753.00 for the Hawley Rd Bridge #0823 Replacement Project in Wellington Township. 5 bids were received on December 18, 2025 this being the most responsive complying with specifications. Issue a Notice to Proceed upon full execution of the contract authorizing work to begin upon authorization from the Lorain County Engineer's office and the work will be completed on or before August 15, 2026. ODOT will provide \$753,115.35 towards the construction costs for the project and the remaining \$39,637.65 will be paid from Acct#Engineer Projects
- #38 Award & enter into a contract with D2 Excavating LLC of Vickery, Ohio in the amount of \$357,981.00 for the Griggs Rd Bridge #0157 Superstructure Replacement Project. 5 bids were received on December 9, 2025 this being the most responsive complying with specifications. Work consists of removal and replacement of the superstructure of a single span bridge carrying Griggs Rd over the West Branch of the Black River. Issue a Notice to Proceed upon full execution of the contract authorizing work to begin upon authorization from the Lorain County Engineer's office and the work will be completed on or before August 15, 2026 and ODOT will provide funds for 100% of the construction costs.



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#39 Award & enter into a contract with Crossroads Asphalt Recycling Inc., Columbia Station, Ohio in the amount of \$425,445.50 for the East River Rd Resurfacing Project, Carlisle Township. 9 bids were received on December 11, 2025 this being the most responsive complying with specifications. Work consists of resurfacing East River Rd from Chestnut Ridge Rd to the City of Elyria corporation limit. Issue a Notice to Proceed upon full execution of the contract authorizing work to begin upon authorization from the Lorain County Engineer's office and the work will be completed on or before July 15, 2026. ODOT will provide \$340,356.40 for the construction costs and remaining \$85,089.10 will be paid by Acct#Engineer Projects

#40 Authorize the posting of load limit signs that state weight limit reduction by 25% on various county roads for the thaw and moisture period in accordance with ORC Section 5577.07 effective February 1, 2026 - May 1, 2026

#41 Authorize the 25% freeze-thaw load limit on various Township roads in Carlisle Township the thaw and moisture period in accordance with ORC 5577.07 effective February 1, 2026 through May 1, 2026

#42 Authorize County Engineer to proceed by Force Account for normal and general maintenance and repair during the year 2026 on county roads and bridges for the safety of the traveling public.

**Sheriff:**

#43 Receive & file annual report submitted by the Sheriff's on the fees due and unpaid for more than one (1) year prior to January 1, 2025 are \$296,946.90 in accordance with ORC 325.31

**F County Administrator Update:**

**G. Clerk's Report:**

- #1. Tuesday, January 20 at 4:30 p.m., Stormwater Management District
- #2. Tuesday, January 27 at 11 am., Investment Advisory Committee

**H: Board Correspondence:**

#1. February 26 at 8:30 a.m., City of Lorain Mayor's Address, Palace Theatre, Cost \$28/person. RSVP at [www.loraincountychamber.com](http://www.loraincountychamber.com)

#2. Sheriff in compliance with ORC 301.27 estimates expense for December on gas card was \$400

#3. Publications: "CCAO statehouse reports"; "LCCAA Mission Moment"; "Counties Current": "

#4. Spirit of '76 Speaker Series schedule. More info at <https://www.loraincounty.com/spiritof76>

- January 20 at 6 pm., LCCC – John Kasich, former Ohio Governor, Author of Two Paths: American United or Divided; Topic: It's Up To Us
- February 23 at 6 pm, LCCC – Alex Nowrasteh, Immigration Policy, CATO Institute; Topic: Open Immigration Yea & Nay
- March 18 at 7 pm., Elyria High School Performing Arts Center, Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, CEO of Feeding America; Topic: New Tools To End Hunger
- April 9 at 6 pm., Lake Ridge Academy, N. Ridgeville - Simon Kornblith, PhD, Technical Team member at Anthropic, Creator of Claude AI Lorain County Native Topic: Artificial Intelligence: Do No Harm





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- May TBD – Bishop William Barber II, Professor at Yale Divinity School Activists, Founder of Moral Mondays; Topic: Public Theology and Public Policy
- June 11, TBD – Majora Carter, MacArthur Fellow, Entrepreneur, Founder of Green For All. Authority Reclaiming Your Community: You Don't Have To Move Out Of Your Neighborhood To Live IN a Better One; Topic: It's Up To Us PT.2

#5. Join Lorain County Chamber of Commerce [www.loraincountychamber.com](http://www.loraincountychamber.com)

#6. County Engineer issued highway use permits:

#26-4000, Columbia Gas/Infrasource, Columbus replace gas service line on southwest side of Grafton Rd +-533 ft north of Plas Dr to service house #1645, no open cut, Carlisle Township

#26-4002, Columbia Gas/Infrasource, Columbus install 1,099' of 2" PMMP along Sandmill Run, no open cut, Amherst Township

#26-4003, Columbia Gas/Infrasource, Columbus repair gas service line on east side of Betty Ln +-217 ft north of Penny Ln to service house #9911, no open cut, Carlisle Township

#26-4004, Columbia Gas/Infrasource, Columbus install 1" gas service line on east side of Ashford Ct +-50 ft south of Viewpointe Ct to service house #1019, no open cut, Columbia Township

#26-4005, Columbia Gas/Infrasource, Columbus install 1" gas service line on east side of Ashford Ct +-105 ft south of Viewpoint Ct to service house #1021, no open cut, Columbia Township

#26-4007, Columbia Gas/Infrasource, Columbus replace gas service line at Elyria Avenue between Elefleda St and N Ridge E Rd +-578 ft north of North Ridge Rd, no open cut, Sheffield Township

#7. Auditor as required by ORC 307.845 "the county auditor shall prepare an annual estimate of the revenues and expenditures of the automatic data processing center for ensuring fiscal year and submit to Commissioners as provided in section 5705.28 has no revenue or expenditures and therefore no actual budget to report.

## **I. New Business:**

## **J Public Comment: (Please limit comments to 2 minutes - Thank-you)**

**COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026  
IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**