



LORAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Lorain County Visitors Bureau Board Meeting

J. Grant Keys Administration Building

5th Floor Conference Room #555, Elyria, OH 44035

8:00am Thursday, January 29, 2026

I. Welcome: Commissioner Moore, Chairman

Roll Call/Quorum

Approval of previous meeting minutes – December 18, 2025

II. Finances: KC Saunders, Budget Director

- Current Visitor Bureau Financial Picture
- Ohio Department of Taxation 6% bed tax on short term rentals & hotels/motels – April 2026
- Effectively reducing the debt load – paying down or paying off the former Lorain County Visitors Bureau Information Center, 8025 Leavitt Road, Amherst 44001
- Richland Engineering – Stale Invoice \$7,661.50 (Bascule Bridge Lighting Work)

III. Director's Report: Garry Gibbs, Director

- a) Ice A Fair, Main Street Vermilion 2/07/2026 – Billboard promotion
- b) Taste of History, Sandstone Village, Amherst – Reactors video posting 28,000 views
- c) Michigan Walleye Tour, Black River Landing June 11-13, 2026, 150 teams/boats 3-person teams Detroit River, Saginaw Bay (Linwood), Lake Erie (Lorain), Lake Huron (Alpena), Championship – Lake Charlevoix (Top 40 Teams Qualify for Championship).
- d) ICSC Innovating Commerce Serving Communities – Tradeshow (May 18-20, 2026) – update
- e) America 250 Celebration, Cleveland Pops Orchestra, Elyria, July 24, 2026 – update
- f) Security resolution & procedure for reimbursement for county sheriff deputies, regarding events and activities focus on ensuring public safety, maintaining order, and mitigating risks.
- g) Spirit of '76 Speaker Series, January-June 2026 - update
- h) In-Kind/Financial Support: 30-day requirement applies to both monetary sponsorship, advertising, marketing of such event or this activity may be denied or not considered.
- i) Lorain Ohio KartPlex, Lorain – United States Pro Kart Series 2026 Schedule of Events.
- j) Discover Aviation Airplane & Car Show, Lorain County Regional Airport, Elyria July 11, 2026
Financial request for air show

IV. Unfinished/New Business: Commissioner Moore, Chairman

- a) Lorain Skatepark update – Director Gibbs response to them on most recent request

Next Lorain County Visitors Bureau Board Meeting Dates:

Thursday, February 26, 2026

Thursday, March 26, 2026



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