

UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JOURNAL 2026
February 3, 2026

The Union County Commissioners met in regular session this 3rd day of February, 2026, with the following members present:

Tom McCarthy, President
Steve Robinson, Vice President
David A. Lawrence, Commissioner
Bill Narducci, County Administrator
Janell Alexander, Budget Analyst
Mallory Lehman, Clerk to the Board

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*Commissioner McCarthy called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

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*Mike Williamson, Marysville Journal Tribune was in attendance.

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Elected Officials/Department Head Meeting

The Commissioners held their monthly staff meeting this date with the following elected officials and department heads in attendance: Adam Negley, Executive Director/Mental Health and Recovery Board; John Rosevear, Deputy Coroner; Danielle Sullivan, Clerk of Courts; Cassy Rawlins, Office Manager/Clerk of Courts; Andrea Weaver, Auditor; Jason Orcena, Health Commissioner/Union County Health Department; Brent Nickel, Administrator/Union Soil & Water Conservation District; Wayne Dellinger, OSU Extension; David Phillips, Prosecutor; Wendy Golden, Court Administrator/Common Pleas Court; Brandon Clay, Director/Board of Elections; Michelle Forrider, Deputy Director/Board of Elections; Sheriff Mike Justice; Brad Gilbert, Director/EMA; Brad Bodenmiller, Director/LUC Regional Planning Commission; Eric Phillips, Director/Economic Development; Andy Smarra, Treasurer; Judge Rick Rodger/Probate and Juvenile Court; and Thayne Gray, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

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Elected Officials/Department Head Updates:

- Adam Negley stated they received notice that Maryhaven will no longer be serving Union County. This change will start on May 15. This decision was made by Maryhaven's central office, and not the regional boards that Mental Health has a contract with. Luckily, Mental Health purchased a new facility last year and they have already begun to have conversations with providers for services to residents in Union County. The clients are the most important, and he is hoping to have a new service provider in the next couple of weeks.
- John Rosevear stated the total number of deaths for Union County increased in 2025 from the prior year, but the number of overdose deaths decreased. The office will be hiring another certified death investigator.
- Danielle Sullivan stated both offices are running smoothly.
- Andrea Weaver stated this is a busy time of year for the Auditor's Office. There are already over 100 Board of Revision (BOR) applications turned in from residents. There will be BOR meetings

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at the end of every month leading up to the March 31 deadline. This process will allow for value changes that need to be corrected before official hearings start. Dog tag sales ended on January 31. The prices have now increased because the late fee is added to the cost. CAUV renewals are due. If anyone has questions, she advised them to be directed to her office.

- Jason Orcena stated registration for the Stay Active 5K is now open. The race is on March 14, and the cost is \$25. The District Advisory Council will have their annual meeting on March 10. They are appointing a Board of Health Member and a Commissioner, or their alternate, must be present to vote. The Union County Community Health assessments are now available. This is respiratory disease season. Unfortunately, Influenza A is on the rise again and there may be a spike happening in Union County again soon.
- Brent Nickel stated the office is stay busy, and this time of year there are a lot of meetings to attend.
- Wayne Dellinger stated it is meeting season for the Extension Office, and pesticide and fertilizer recertification classes are going well. There is an opening for an FCS 4H educator, and that position has been posted. The Extension office will be collaborating with Madison and Delaware counties in March to have a panel and discussion about ATV roadway use.
- David Phillips stated he attended the Budget Commissioner meeting. There will be a lot of statutory changes coming up. The Prosecutor's Office has been asked to do an online training on a case about strangulation to the Forensic Nursing Network. He had asked State Representative Gary Click to introduce a bill that would amend the burglary statute to make Ohioans safer, and it is moving from the Committee to the House later this week. He will report any updates.
- Brandon Clay stated the filing deadline is tomorrow, February 4, at 4:00 p.m. for any candidate or issue to be on the May ballot. The office received new election equipment, and they are excited to use it. There has been a federal law change for elections. The four-day window for absentee :ballots to be delivered is now gone. All absentee ballots must be received by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. The only exceptions are military, and residents overseas. The change also requires the office to buy new ballot envelopes. They met with Glacier Ridge Elementary School, and it will be used as a polling place moving forward. This will start with the May 2026 Primary Election.
- Mike Justice stated his office is finishing up the 2025 Yearly Report. It will be out later this month.
- Brad Gilbert recognized the road crews for their hard work during the snowstorm. The office is working on getting numbers turned into the state to possibly get reimbursed for some of the resources used during the storm.
- Brad Bodenmiller had no report.
- Eric Phillips stated they are in the process of hiring a new Tourism Director. At the Business Impact Breakfast on February 26, the discussion panel will include representatives from two Japanese companies located in Union County.
- Andy Smarra stated tax bills have gone out to all residents. The office has received many phone calls due to the large increase in taxes. This is an interesting time of year. Proposed House Bill 186 will tie the tax rate adjustment to the rate of inflation, but it is unclear how the Tax Commissioner is going to handle this.
- Judge Rodger stated he was dismayed to hear about Maryhaven leaving the community. Probate and Juvenile is still looking to hire a magistrate. The Courthouse will be closed on February 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a security drill.
- Thayne Gray had no report.
- Bill Narducci thanked all offices for their coordination during the snowstorm.
- Commissioner Robinson had no report.

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- Commissioner Lawrence had no report.
- Commissioner McCarthy had no report.

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*Commissioner McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

The preceding minutes were read and approved February 18, 2026.


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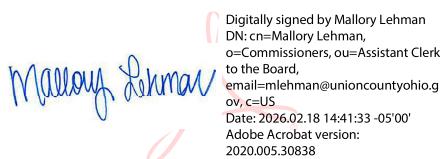
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