

UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JOURNAL 2025

August 4, 2026

The Union County Commissioners met in regular session this 4th day of August 2026, with the following members present:

Tom McCarthy, President
Steve Robinson, Vice President
Shaun Bailey, 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 8:30 a.m.

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*Mike Williamson, Marysville Journal Tribune; Joe Case, Marysville Matters; and Kathy Young, City Council Representative were 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: Eric Phillips, Director/Economic and Development; John Rosevear, Deputy Coroner; Lance Emberling, Lead Investigator/Coroner's Office; Brandon Clay, Director/Board of Elections; Michelle Forrider, Deputy Director/Board of Elections; Kara Brown, Superintendent/Union County Board of DD; David Phillips, Prosecutor; Jessica Cain, Office Administrator/Engineer's Office; Sue Ware, Director/Human Services; Judge Don Fraser, Common Pleas Court; Wendy Golden, Court Administrator/Common Pleas Court; Brad Gilbert, Director/EMA; Ginger Yonak, Director/Human Resources; Sheriff Mike Justice; Holly Zweizig, Director/Mental Health and Recovery Board; Andrea Weaver, Auditor; Magistrate Adam Reinhart, Probate and Juvenile Court; Danielle Sullivan, Clerk of Courts; Thayne Gray, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

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Elected Officials/Department Head Updates:

- Danielle Sullivan stated there has been a change to the certified mail process. All certified mail will be done electronically, and the green mailing cards will no longer be used.
- Eric Phillips stated he will be attending an event about data centers. State Senator Reineke helped put this panel together.
- Brad Gilbert stated August is National Emergency Management Month. The EMA office will be making their rounds to all offices to make sure everyone is prepared in case of an emergency.
- Ginger Yonak stated a photographer will be in the Executive Conference Room today from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. IT has sent out a state and CORSA mandated cybersecurity training. If anyone has questions, she encouraged employees to reach out to IT. The county versus city softball game is Saturday, August 15. There will be four CORSA supervisor trainings starting in October. There are several county job openings. She encouraged everyone to pass along those openings to potential applicants. The WellWeight Challenge is still underway. This has been very well attended and the partnership with Memorial has been beneficial.

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- Jessica Cain stated the Engineer's Office is in the middle of construction season. The small bridge replacement on Davis Road is complete and the road will be reopening tomorrow. The next small bridge replacement will be on Dog Leg Road.
 - Commissioner McCarthy asked if there was an update on when the bridge by Fairbanks School will be completed, and Ms. Cain stated she did not have one. That bridge project is an ODOT project.
 - Magistrate Reinhart stated Judge Rodger is attending a conference. There are job openings in Probate and Juvenile Court.
 - Sue Ware stated Human Services is down to half their staff in Public Assistance. The state mandated error rate for this Public Assistance is 6% and being down in staff makes this difficult. Last Monday was Senior Day at the Union County Fair. They served almost 300 meals. She attended a women's safety gun class with the Sheriff's Office and it was very informative.
 - Kara Brown had no report.
 - Brandon Clay stated the Board of Elections received new electronic poll book. He thanked Mr. Narducci and Ms. Alexander for their assistance on getting those. The deadline to file to be on the November ballot is Friday.
 - Judge Fraser stated there were two jury trials last week, and both came back with guilty verdicts on majority of the charges. Common Pleas Court has been busy with cases.
 - David Phillips stated Grand Jury is this week. He is back in the office after being off for surgery. He thanked his staff for stepping up and taking on cases while he was gone. He also thanked Ms. Yonak for her assistance in hiring a new Assistant Prosecutor.
 - Holly Zweig stated the Mills Center has been closed after 45 years, and the office has moved into the new facility on Walnut Street.
 - Andrea Weaver stated August 20 is the last day for BOR, Board of Revision, hearings. The app the Auditor's Office used for BOR had many issues. They have reached out to the app support and hopefully all issues will be resolved for future years. The Real Estate department is working on the state mandated tax abstract that is due soon. Special assessments by other offices are due by Labor Day. She will be sending out a reminder email regarding this soon. Heide Rector has been promoted to Payroll Deputy, and there is an opening for a fee appraiser.
 - Commissioner Bailey stated a resident told him the 2026 taxes are posted on the website, and Ms. Weaver stated that is not accurate. The 2026 tax rates will not be finalized until the tax abstract is completed and approved by the state.
 - Lance Emberling stated the Montgomery County crime lab has a rapid-fire DNA sampling, and they were able to identify the victim of the fatal car crash within 96 hours using this. He thanked the EMA staff for providing lighting and scene shielding to this crash.
 - Sheriff Justice stated Jerome Township's National Night out is tonight. Both Jerome Township and Millcreek Township will be placing renewal levies on the ballot. The Dublin City Schools resource officer contract has been signed by all parties. Richwood Summer Fest is on Saturday, and the Sheriff's Office will be there.
 - Bill Narducci stated the county is entering budget season. There will be some minor changes to the budget memo this year. Once health insurance rates are approved, all departments will be notified to adjust their budgets accordingly.
 - Thayne Gray had no report.
 - Commissioner Bailey had no report.

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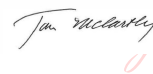
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- Commissioner Robinson stated the CEBCO Board has been working on revamping the Wellness Program, but there will be no changes this year. A new program will roll out next year.
- Commissioner McCarthy stated he attended the National Association for Counties, NACO, last week. There were many good topics discussed, but the central focus was AI. It is important to make staff aware of the appropriate use of AI.
- Commissioner Bailey stated there should be a county AI policy, and Ms. Weaver stated Wade Branstiter and IT staff are working on this. The policy will be ready for approval at the next Data Board meeting.

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*Commissioner McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

The preceding minutes were read and approved August 26, 2026.


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