

UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JOURNAL 2025
January 8, 2025

The Union County Commissioners met in regular session this 8th day of January 2025, with the following members present:

Steve Robinson, President
David A. Lawrence, Vice President
Tom McCarthy, Commissioner
William Narducci, County Administrator
Letitia Rayl, Assistant County Administrator/Budget Officer
Mallory Lehman, Assistant Clerk to the Board

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*Commissioner Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

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*Thayne Gray, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney; Karen Elyon, Director/Union County Tourism; and Mike Williamson, Marysville Journal Tribune were in attendance.

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-001:

Election of the President of the Board of County Commissioners – Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners do hereby approve to elect Steve Robinson as President of the Board of Union County Commissioners for the year 2025.

A motion was made by David A. Lawrence and seconded by Tom McCarthy that this resolution be adopted and carried by the following vote:

Steve Robinson, Yea
David A. Lawrence, Yea
Tom McCarthy, Yea

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-002:

Election of the Vice President of the Board of County Commissioners

The Board County Commissioners do hereby approve to elect David A. Lawrence as Vice President of the Board of Union County Commissioners for the year 2025.

A motion was made by Tom McCarthy and seconded by Steve Robinson to approve this Resolution and was carried by the following vote:

Steve Robinson, Yea
David A. Lawrence, Yea
Tom McCarthy, Yea

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-003:

Approve the Minutes from the December 18, 2024, Meeting – Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners approved the minutes from the December 18, 2024, meeting.

A motion was made by Steve Robinson and seconded by David A. Lawrence to approve this Resolution and was carried by the following vote:

Steve Robinson, Yea
David A. Lawrence, Yea
Tom McCarthy, Yea

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-004:

Approve the Minutes from the December 23, 2024, Meeting – Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners approved the minutes from the December 23, 2024, meeting.

A motion was made by David A. Lawrence and seconded by Tom McCarthy to approve this Resolution and was carried by the following vote:

Steve Robinson, Yea
David A. Lawrence, Yea
Tom McCarthy, Yea

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-005:

Approve the Minutes from the December 30, 2024, Meeting – Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners approved the minutes from the December 30, 2024, meeting.

A motion was made by David A. Lawrence and seconded by Tom McCarthy to approve this Resolution and was carried by the following vote:

Steve Robinson, Yea
David A. Lawrence, Yea
Tom McCarthy, Yea

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-006:

Resolution to Designate the Official Representative and Alternate for the Purpose of Voting at the Annual Meeting of County Commissioners Association of Ohio in 2025 – Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners do hereby approve the Resolution to Designate the Official Representative and Alternate for the Purpose of Voting at the Annual General County Commissioners Association of Ohio in 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-006

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2025

Commissioner Steve Robinson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the board of county commissioners; and


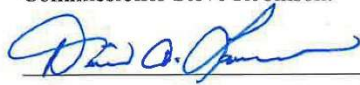
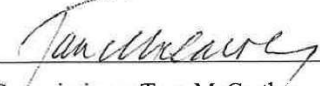
WHEREAS, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the board of county commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: David A. Lawrence, Union County Commissioner, is designated as the Official Voting Representative of Union County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Tom McCarthy, Union County Commissioner, is designated as the Alternate Representative of Union County.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner David A. Lawrence

Roll Call Vote:

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Commissioner Steve Robinson:		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yea	<input type="radio"/> Nay
	_____		
Commissioner David A. Lawrence:		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yea	<input type="radio"/> Nay
	_____		
Commissioner Tom McCarthy:		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yea	<input type="radio"/> Nay

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County at Marysville, Ohio, on the 8th Day of January 2025.

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STATE OF OHIO)

) SS.

COUNTY OF UNION)

I, Mallory Lehman, Clerk of the Board of County of Union County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said board at the regularly scheduled and conducted meeting held on the stated date, which resolution is on file and of record in the office of said board.


Clerk

A motion was made by Steve Robinson and seconded by David A. Lawrence to approve this Resolution and was carried by the following vote:

Steve Robinson, Yea
David A. Lawrence, Yea
Tom McCarthy, Yea

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-007:

2025 Appointment for County Apiary Inspector – Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the 2025 Appointment for County Apiary Inspector.



Agri.Ohio.gov

Mike DeWine, Governor Jon Husted, Lt. Governor Brian Baldridge, Director

2025 - APPOINTMENT FOR COUNTY APIARY INSPECTOR

County	Union	Appoints:	JOSH Combs
Name:	COMBS Bee Farm		
Street:	235 W. Center		
City:	Milford Center	State:	Ohio
		Zip:	43045
Phone Number:	937-537-1739	Email:	combsbeefarmecolumbus.m.com
<p>The county apiary inspector shall serve for the 2025 apiary season (approximate season from April 1st to October 31st weather permitting)</p> <p>PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH COUNTY INSPECTOR AND RETURN BY JANUARY 31st TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE:</p>			
The following was approved on _____ (Date)			

**Please
Complete All
Lines →**

\$3500-	Appropriation
	Compensation Rate (Hourly, Daily)
	Mileage Rate
	Meals (if applicable)

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Clerk

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Res. 25-007

Date 1/8/2025

COUNTY COMMISSIONER CONTACT INFORMATION

County Commissioner Contact Person Name: Mallory Lenman

Address: 233 W. Sixth St.

City | State | Zip: Marysville, OH 43040

Contact Person: 937-645-3012

Phone: _____

Contact Person Email: mlehman@unioncountyohio.gov

A motion was made by David A. Lawrence and seconded by Tom McCarthy to approve this Resolution and was carried by the following vote:

Steve Robinson, Yea
David A. Lawrence, Yea
Tom McCarthy, Yea

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-008:

A Resolution to Appoint the Union County Sheriff as Dog Warden and to Enter into an Agreement as Provided in R.R. §955.121, and for Related Matters – Sheriff

The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the Resolution to Appoint the Union County Sheriff as Dog Warden and to Enter into an Agreement as Provided in R.R. §955.121, and for Related Matters.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-008

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF AS DOG WARDEN AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AS PROVIDED IN R.R. §955.121, AND FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the Board in consultation and cooperation with the County Sheriff, previously appointed the County Sheriff as Dog Warden; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the County Sheriff believe that continuing to have enforcement and administration of dog laws handled through the Office of the County Sheriff will promote the effective and efficient operations related to animal control in the County, and

WHEREAS, the Board has authority under R.C. § 955.121 to fulfill its duty to appoint or employ a county dog warden by appointing the county sheriff as the county dog warden to enforce R.C. 955.01 to 955.27, and R.C. 950.50 to 955.54; and

WHEREAS, both the Board and the County Sheriff are willing to continue the current approach to enforcing and administering dog laws in the County by having the County Sheriff serve as dog warden and sign a written agreement, all as provided in R.C. 955.121; and

WHEREAS, January 8, 2025, is the first meeting of the Board in a year following a general election when a member of the Board was elected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, UNION COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The Board appoints the Union County Sheriff to serve as the County Dog Warden to enforce R.C. 955.01 to 955.27 and R.C. 955-50 to 955.53, as amended or replaced from time to time.

Section 2. The Board approves and authorizes signing the Memorandum of Understanding with the Union County Sheriff, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Resolution.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective upon the Board adopting it.

Section 4. The Board finds and determines that all of its formal actions concerning and relating to adopting this Resolution occurred in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements including Revised Code §121.22.

David A. Lawrence introduced this resolution and moved its passage; TOM MCCARTHY seconded the motion; and after discussion, the chair called a roll call vote, and the results were:

Steve Robinson

Yes

No

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Tom McCarthy Yes No
David A. Lawrence Yes No

Passed: January 8, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
UNION COUNTY, OHIO

ATTEST: Mallory Lehman
Mallory Lehman, Clerk

Steve Robinson

Steve Robinson

Tom McCarthy

Tom McCarthy

David A. Lawrence

David A. Lawrence

Approved as to Form:

Thayne D. Gray
Thayne D. Gray Jan. 8, 2025
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

A motion was made by David A. Lawrence and seconded by Tom McCarthy to approve this Resolution and was carried by the following vote:

Steve Robinson, Yea
Dave Burke, Yea
David A. Lawrence, Yea

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-009:

Memorandum of Understanding Relating to Dog Warden Duties – Sheriff

The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding Relating to Dog Warden Duties.

Memorandum of Understanding Relating to Dog Warden Duties

This Memorandum of Understanding, dated January 8, 2025, is between the Board of County Commissioners, Union County, Ohio ("Board"), and the Union County Sheriff ("Sheriff) and relates to the Board appointing the Sheriff to serve as the County Dog Warden, as provided under RC. §955.121.

By its Resolution 25-009, the Board appointed the County Sheriff to serve as the County Dog Warden, effective January 8, 2025, and the Board and the Sheriff make this Memorandum of Understanding to set out their mutual expectations and understandings relating to the Sheriff serving as the County Dog Warden.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective from January 8, 2025 through the earlier of January 6, 2027, or the date of the first meeting of the Board of County Commissioners in 2027.

The Sheriff accepts such appointment and agrees to serve as the County Dog Warden and to enforce and administer the dog laws in accord with RC. 955.01 to 955.27 and R.C. 955.50 to 955.54, as amended or replaced from time to time.

The Sheriff, subject to available funding, may appoint Deputy Sheriffs as deputy dog wardens, and, with the advice and consent of the Board, may appoint persons other than peace officers as deputy dog wardens, all of whom shall be under the supervision of Sheriff and will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff shall receive no additional compensation for serving as the County Dog Warden. Subject to available funds, the Board shall appropriate money from the Dog and Kennel Fund to pay the compensation of any Deputy Dog Warden(s).

The benefits accrued by an employee who is transferred because of this appointment of the County Sheriff as the dog warden shall be transferred with any such employee.

The Sheriff, as dog warden, and the deputy dog wardens shall give a bond of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), for the faithful performance of their duties. The bonds may be individual or blanket bonds, may be paid for with money appropriated from the Dog and Kennel Fund, and shall be filed with the County Auditor.

The Sheriff and any deputy dog warden the Sheriff appoints shall comply with the training requirements applicable to county dog wardens and deputy dog wardens as provided in R.C. 955.12, as amended from time to time. The Board shall appropriate the cost of such training from the Dog and Kennel Fund.

The Board, subject to the availability of funds, shall appropriate reasonable amounts from the Dog and Kennel Fund to defray the cost of furnishing blanks, records, tags, nets, and other equipment necessary for the

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Dog Warden and deputies to performs their obligations under this Memorandum of Understanding.

The Board and the Sheriff agree that the funds appropriated from the Dog and Kennel fund will remain separate from all other funds and will not be used to supplement any other operations of the Sheriff's Department. Dog and Kennel funds will be used strictly to defray the necessary expenses incurred in carrying out R.C. 955.01 to 955.27, and R.C. 955.50 to 955.54, as amended or replaced from time to time.

Either party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at any time by either party delivering a sixty (60) day written notice of intent to terminate to the primary office location of the other party.

If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any section or provision of this Memorandum of Understanding or any covenant, agreement, obligation, or action, or part thereof, or any application of it is illegal or invalid for any reason, that illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remainder of this Memorandum of Understanding, any other section or provision hereof, or any other covenant, obligation, or action, or part thereof, all of which shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid portion were not contained herein or.

This Memorandum of Understanding constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations, understandings, agreements, inducements, and conditions of any nature whatsoever, regarding the subject matter hereof. No amendment, waiver, or discharge of any provision in this Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective against either party with the written consent of both parties.

Board of County Commissioners
Union County, Ohio

Sheriff, Union County, Ohio



Steve Robinson, Commissioner


Michael Justice


David A. Lawrence, Commissioner

Approved as to form


Tom McCarthy, Commissioner


Thayne D. Gray, Asst. Pros. Atty. Jan. 8, 2025

Date: January 8, 2025

A motion was made by David A. Lawrence and seconded by Tom McCarthy to approve this Resolution and was carried by the following vote:

Steve Robinson, Yea
David A. Lawrence, Yea
Tom McCarthy, Yea

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-010:

County Property Disposal Form, Office Furniture – Common Pleas Court

The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves County Property Disposal Form, Office Furniture.

County Property Disposal Form

Department Submitting: Common Pleas Court

Equipment Designation Options: (1) Destroy/Recycle, (2) Public Auction, (3) Sale, (4) Trade, (5) *Transferred to other County Dept.
If the item is being transferred, please complete the "New Location" column with the name of the Department that is receiving the item.

Tag #	Short Description of Equipment	Disposition #	New Location	Date	Est. Value
05544	2 brown wood chairs with	5	Probate/Juv. Ct.	12-30-24	
05542	leather seat	5			
05545		5			
05572		5			
24701	black leather chair	5	B03 (FRM)	12-30-24	
00815	standup desk with black top (antique)	5	Probate/Juv. Ct.	12-30-24	
21083	black leather chair	1	trashed	12-30-24	#0

Tammy Kleiber 12-30-2024
(Signature of Submitter)

C.J. 2025
25-010
Date 1/8/2025

A motion was made by David A. Lawrence and seconded by Tom McCarthy to approve this Resolution and was carried by the following vote:

Steve Robinson, Yea
David A. Lawrence, Yea
Tom McCarthy, Yea

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-011:

County Property Disposal Form, Court Recording System – Juvenile Court

The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the County Property Disposal Form, Court Recording System.

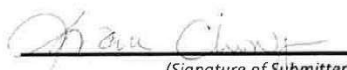
County Property Disposal Form

Department Submitting: Juvenile Court

Equipment Designation Options: (1) Destroy/Recycle, (2) Public Auction, (3) Sale, (4) Trade, (5) *Transferred to other County Dept.

*If the item is being transferred, please complete the "New Location" column with the name of the Department that is receiving the item.

Tag #	Short Description of Equipment	Disposition #	New Location	Date	Est. Value
01873	Court recording system (#2212)	1		12/31/24	\$ 0.00


(Signature of Submitter)

C.I. 2025
25-011
Date 1/8/2025

A motion was made by David A. Lawrence and seconded by Steve Robinson to approve this Resolution and was carried by the following vote:

Steve Robinson, Yea
David A. Lawrence, Yea
Tom McCarthy, Yea

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- * County Administrator William Narducci provided the following updates:
 - The Ohio Power Siting Board will be voting on the Richwood Solar Project on January 16th at 1:00 p.m. The Power Siting Board has been recommended to deny this project based on the strong public opposition. There will be a virtual option for people to watch.
 - Commissioner McCarthy asked if there was any information given about how the Board feels, or how they will vote.

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- Commissioner Robinson stated there are no discussions about this project from the Power Siting Board to gauge how the vote will go.
- Commissioner McCarthy asked what the process is after a decision is made on January 16th.
- Mr. Gray stated either party can have the Ohio Power Siting Board reconsider their decision. They can appeal to the Supreme Court. The Kingwood Solar Project is the first industrial scale solar farm the Power Siting Board has denied. The decision was based on unformed public opposition, and it is before the Supreme Court right now. The result of this case will have a significant impact on future cases.
- Mr. Narducci will be attending an Industrial Parkway Associate meeting tomorrow.
- The traffic signal at Warner Road has been installed and is working. He has gotten calls from local business owners expressing their thanks. This traffic signal and the roundabout at Mitchell DeWitt were both funded by the Engineer’s Office and have made the intersections more safe for drivers.

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*Tourism Update – Karen Elyon

The following presentation accompanied Ms. Elyon’s update:



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Travel Matters

Travel Industry Impact in Union County in 2023:

- Direct Visitor Spending: \$159.7M (+36% from 2021)
- Total Economic Impact: \$265.7M (+31% from 2021)
- Tourism Generated \$32.8M in tax revenues (+21% from 2021)
- Tourism Supported Jobs: 1,996 (+8% from 2021)
- Tourism Tax Revenues Saved Households in Union County: \$744 (+16% from 2021)

VISIT UNION COUNTY TOURISM

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2024 Lodging Overview (Jan. – November)



- 67.2% Occupancy (-1.6% YOY)
- \$105.7 ADR (+4.7% YOY)
- Comp set includes Ohio, Dublin/I-270 West, Marion, Delaware and Clark Counties

Historic Overview

	Average Occupancy	Average Daily Rate
2019	64.7%	\$95.40
2020	40%	\$81.18
2021	55.2%	\$84.85
2022	63.7%	\$95.46
2023	67.9%	\$100
2024	67.2%	\$105.72 (through November)

2024 Short-term Rentals

- Listings 51
- ADR \$145
- Occupancy 37.82%
- Priority = Change Ordinances

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Marketing Highlights

UnionCountyOH.com

- Strong Visitation
- Citation of Excellence

Collateral Materials

- Union County Visitors Guide
- Uptown Marysville Map
- Japanese Rack Cards
- *Naturally Crafted Life in Union County*
- Post Cards
- Deals Cards

Advertising

- *Ohio Travel Guide*
- *Ohio Has IT! Tour Planning Guide*




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TourismOhio Co-op Program

Facebook and Instagram Ads

- Impressions: 982,7184
- CTR: 1.44% (industry average is .90%)

Paid Search

- Impressions: 7.6k
- CTR: 17.58% (industry average is 4.10%)

Social Media Followers: 14,937

E-newsletters: Increases in Subscription and Open Rates for all Newsletters

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Group Tour Market

- Tours hosted in 2024:14
- Tours booked for 2025: 7
- 2024 Direct Economic Impact: \$ 27,341.08
- New Experiences & Itineraries:
 - Holiday Fun in Union County
 - Rhetoric Brewing Company
 - Chefs' Parlour
 - The Berry Farm
- Ohio Has IT! Nets Business

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Experiential & Special Events

Dine on a Covered Bridge Events

- Hosted 10 events
- 30+ local businesses supported
- Direct Local Impact: \$62,670
- Guests from Seven States and 125 cities
- 91% would recommend this event to others
- 15k website visitors

The Dine on a Covered Bridge events were featured in *Ohio Magazine*, *Columbus on the Cheap*, *Columbus Navigator*, and *Only in Your State*.

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Covered Bridge Trail & Naturally Crafted Adventure Trail

- 469 free pass sign-ups (CBT: 314 & NCAT:155)
- 740 check-ins
- Visitors from 17 States and the Province of Ontario

Eclipse




- Union County Page Had Highest Traffic on Ohio.org
- Strong Media Coverage
- Peak Hotel Occupancy

C10 Breakout

- Attendance: 2.9k visitors
- Registrants: 300 trucks

Future Outlook

- Union County Fairgrounds to Host
- Controlled Growth with 500 Trucks in 2025, More in Future

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Buckeye Nationals

- First National Event
- Attendance: 8.3k Visitors (three days)
- Athletes: 665
 - 32 States and Three countries
- Estimated room nights: 1,862
 - Average Occupancy: 79%-100%
- USA BMX **Only** Received Positive Feedback
- Working to Secure Future Consecutive Events



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Main Street Marysville Support

FestiFair Arts & Crafts Festival

- Expanded and Enhanced Arts & Cultural Offerin
- Attendance: 12.2k (+ 3.1k YOY)
- Vendors: 225
- Increased Funding via OAC Grant and Sponsorships
- Growth Plans for 2025

Scarysville & Christmas Walk

- Focused growth and record attendance



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Union Station 1820 – Welcome Center

January – December

- YTD Visitation: 7,299 (-2.8% YOY)
- YTD Sales: \$59,500 (-12.8 YOY)
- Total of 68 vendors (+21% YOY)
- E-newsletter open rate: 51%



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Partner & Destination Development

Tourism Grant Program Supported

- All Ohio BalloonFest
- Greater Columbus Dahlia Show
- Marysville Choral Boosters
- Miami Valley Steam Threshers
- Milford Center Labor Day Festival
- OAC Cheer and OAC Grade School District
- Pedal with Pete Central Ohio Bike Ride
- Richwood Farmers Market
- Sounds of the Avalon
- Union County Foundation



Tourism Talk Meetings



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2025 Business Plan Highlights

- Market Focused Destination Marketing
- Digital Audit
- Partner Support – Destination Uplift
- Short-term Rental Legislation
- Wayfinding Signage Fabrication & Installation
- Branding Development
- America 250-Ohio



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Thank you for your support!

Questions?

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Union County Tourism
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Commissioner Lawrence asked if tickets for dining on a covered bridge could be purchased online, and Commissioner Robinson asked if it was one Saturday a month.

Ms. Elyon stated tickets could be purchased online right now, and they have about 400 tickets left. This event runs from June – October and partners with local breweries and wineries. There will be one group for lunch and another for dinner.

Commissioner Robinson asked Ms. Elyon for an update on the way finding signs. She stated that due to staffing changes, the sign designs had to be outsourced, but they are all done now. The issue with the placement of signs is ODOT does not allow signs on state routes. Right now, they are trying to come up with alternative places for these signs.

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Tomas Perry and John Cleek from CDC of Ohio arrived at this time.

Karen Elyon left at this time.

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CDBG Update – Thomas Perry and John Cleek

- Mr. Perry stated the American Community Survey data is what the state will use to award grants. This data is collected from 2016 – 2020 and will be used for the next five years. The numbers were very similar to the last survey, but now the village of Milford Center is eligible. This is not an allocation year, but he would like to talk to low to moderate income townships to possibly do some work there as well. It has been a challenge to get a response, and Ms. Rayl stated going to township meetings and explaining the program might help.
- There are some spots open for critical infrastructure, and he would like to focus on Milford Center getting those. The village does not have an engineer, so Mr. Perry has got them in contact with one to put together some cost estimates for potential projects.
- Mr. Cleek stated allocation years are now every two years, and the state changed it to allow larger pots of money for competitive grants. It has freed up a lot of money to apply for larger grants in the county. Some of these projects include three street reconstruction projects in Richwood, and a \$750,000 Neighborhood Revitalization Grant in Magnetic Springs.
- Mr. Perry stated Unionville Center was thrilled to be receive the allocations last year. The funds were used to give the village an updated tornado siren that consistently works and paved Railroad and Cross Streets.

Sheriff Mike Justice arrived at this time.

- The Critical Infrastructure Program is a single purpose critical need in a community up to \$500,000. Historically, these funds have been used for drainage projects, bridge replacements, and replacing water lines.
- The RPIG grant application for the waterline is coming along nicely. This grant application is due the end of January. There is documentation from the Health Department regarding failed septic systems in Magnetic Springs, and this information will help with being awarded this grant. These grant funds will lower the loan burden on the village.

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The following handout accompanied Mr. Perry’s update:

Union County 2016-2020 ACS Place Data

Geoname	STATE	STUSAB	COUNTY	PLACE/MCD	LOW	LOWMOD	LMMI	LOWMODUNIV	LOWMOD_PCT	MOE_LOWMODPCT2
Magnetic Springs village, Ohio	39	OH	000	46830	205	245	330	350	70.00%	+/-12.30%
Milford Center village, Ohio	39	OH	000	50218	150	545	890	1,015	53.70%	+/-13.50%
New California CDP, Ohio	39	OH	000	54320	0	40	255	1,330	3.00%	+/-3.20%
Raymond CDP, Ohio	39	OH	000	65676	105	105	140	155	67.70%	+/-29.50%
Richwood village, Ohio	39	OH	000	66936	1,025	1,680	2,100	2,415	69.60%	+/-9.10%
Unionville Center village, Ohio	39	OH	000	78834	60	230	295	345	56.20%	+/-21.80%
Allen township, Union County, Ohio	39	OH	159	01336	200	795	1,250	2,550	31.20%	+/-10.90%
Clabourne township, Union County, Ohio	39	OH	159	15112	1,275	2,345	3,190	3,855	60.80%	+/-8.10%
Darby township, Union County, Ohio	39	OH	159	20170	240	535	1,205	2,605	20.50%	+/-10.40%
Dever township, Union County, Ohio	39	OH	159	22484	505	1,330	1,820	2,410	53.20%	+/-10.70%
Jackson township, Union County, Ohio	39	OH	159	38108	565	630	875	1,075	58.60%	+/-16.50%
Jerome township, Union County, Ohio	39	OH	159	39046	270	510	1,590	5,730	8.90%	+/-3.20%
Leesburg township, Union County, Ohio	39	OH	159	42490	620	720	1,165	1,730	41.60%	+/-14.90%
Liberty township, Union County, Ohio	39	OH	159	43358	220	610	1,150	1,995	30.60%	+/-11.30%
Millcreek township, Union County, Ohio	39	OH	159	50288	40	140	320	1,300	10.80%	+/-8.20%
Paris township, Union County, Ohio	39	OH	159	59864	4,445	7,815	13,915	22,840	34.20%	+/-4.50%
Taylor township, Union County, Ohio	39	OH	159	76194	390	735	1,215	1,845	39.80%	+/-14.50%
Union township, Union County, Ohio	39	OH	159	78582	300	720	1,255	1,730	41.60%	+/-11.90%
Washington township (61242), Union County, Ohio	39	OH	159	81242	125	160	390	2,865	6.00%	+/-5.30%
Washington township (61652), Union County, Ohio	39	OH	159	81662	240	400	780	1,040	38.50%	+/-21.10%
York township, Union County, Ohio	39	OH	159	87122	315	785	1,010	1,365	57.90%	+/-13.90%

Thomas Perry and John Cleek left at this time.

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Sheriff’s Office Update – Mike Justice

- Most of his updates were given in the Elected Officials/Department Head meeting yesterday and he apologized for being late for his update. He wanted to add to his report that the office staff is transitioning well. He has one more week of “Sheriff School” and he thanked the commissioners for their relationship with his office.

Mike Justice left at this time.

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*Assistant County Prosecutor Thayne Gray provided the following updates:

- He reminded the Board of the hearing Board of Appeals for Access Management is next Wednesday.
- Commissioner McCarthy asked how long this hearing would be.
- Mr. Gray stated opposing council said two hours, and he anticipates they will have exhibits.

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*Assistant County Administrator/Budget Officer Letitia Rayl provided the following updates:

- Munis opened back up yesterday for all users, so she is working on getting bills processed, and will have bills and transfers for session next week. She has filed the 2024 Attorney General’s reconciliation report, and the Ohio Public Defender Report with the courts.

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*Clerk to the Board of Commissioners Mallory Lehman provided the following updates:

- No report.

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*Commissioner David A. Lawrence provided the following updates:

- He attended the Leesburg Township meeting, and residents wanted to know about the bridge closing on Start Route 37. This is the only road to get in and out of Magnetic Springs, and it is inconvenient for residents to have to drive around.
- Mr. Narducci stated ODOT closed this bridge for repairs, and a tree clearing contractor drove on it causing more damage.
- Commissioner Lawrence stated he also informed Liberty Township work on the Mill Creek logjam project has begun.

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Commissioner Tom McCarthy provided the following updates:

- No report.

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Commissioner Steve Robinson provided the following updates:

- He attended the Soil and Water meeting to swear in the new supervisor, and he will be attending the LUC meeting tomorrow.
- The LUC Comprehensive Open House is January 21st at London Ave. Each chapter will have a booth set up for people to stop by and ask questions.

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Other Business:

- Mr. Narducci stated he and Ms. Lehman are working on a list of committees each commissioner will serve on. There are two meetings this week that a commissioner will need to attend. The Data Processing Board is meeting today. A commissioner will need to fill Dave Burke's vacancy. Previously, the backup voting member was Ginger Yonak, and the alternate voting member number two is Letitia Rayl. Mr. Narducci is currently on this board with his backup voting member, Letitia Rayl, and alternate voting member number two is Ginger Yonak. He is recommending he stay on the Board, with his alternates of Ms. Rayl and Ms. Yonak, and Commissioner Lawrence being the commissioner representative with Ms. Yonak and Ms. Rayl respectfully being his alternates.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-012:

Appointing David A. Lawrence to the Union County Data Processing Board – Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the Appointment of David A. Lawrence to the Union County Data Processing Board.

A motion was made by Steve Robinson and seconded by Tom McCarthy to approve this Resolution and was carried by the following vote:

Steve Robinson, Yea
 David A. Lawrence, Yea
 Tom McCarthy, Yea

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- Mr. Narducci stated tomorrow morning is the Union County Council of Governments. When this Board was formed, there was not a County Administrator position, and there have been talks about changing the bylaws and making the county appointed position the Administrator. He is already on that Board as an alternate and recommended keeping him in that role unless the Commissioners were comfortable with modifying the by-laws and allowing the Administrator position to serve in this position. The Commissioners were comfortable with modifying the by-laws.
- The Landbank and Land Reutilization Corporation Board has two commissioners that serve on that Board. Currently, Commissioner Lawrence is on the Board, Dave Burke’s vacancy will need to be filled. He recommended Commissioner McCarthy to the Land Bank and Land Reutilization Corporation Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-013:

Appointing Tom McCarthy to the Union County Land Bank – Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the Appointment of Tom McCarthy to the Union County Land Bank.

A motion was made by Steve Robinson and seconded by David A. Lawrence to approve this Resolution and was carried by the following vote:


Steve Robinson, Yea
David A. Lawrence, Yea
Tom McCarthy, Yea

Commissioner Lawrence will continue to serve on the Union County Land Bank.

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*Commissioner Steve Robinson adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

The preceding Minutes were read and approved January 22, 2025.



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