June 2, 2026

MINUTES

Staff and Commissioners recited the pledge at 9:00. Purchase orders and bills were reviewed and signed. Pending issues were discussed with the following resolutions approved and signed:

V115-300 Minutes of May 28, 2026:
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll Call: all ayes
V116-01 Additional Appropriation
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll Call: all ayes
V116-02 JFS Resignation J. Gremling
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll Call: all ayes
V116-03 JFS Hire A. Osborne
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll Call: all ayes
V116-04 JFS Hire J. Miller
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll Call: all ayes
V116-05 JFS Approve on-call stipend for Abram DeWeese
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll Call: all ayes
V116-06 Root Lumber invoice Fairground Horse Barn Door Repair
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll Call: all ayes
V116-07 Rescind and Redo Museum Transfer
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll Call: all ayes
V116-08 Bid Award 2026 Asphalt overlay project
1st-Rush 2nd-Striker Roll Call: all ayes
V116-09 JFS Hire T. Robinson
1st-Striker 2nd-Rush Roll Call: all ayes

The Forest Tree Town Festival Committee sent a heartfelt thank you to the Commissioners for their generous donation towards the 2026 firework display. They are thrilled to receive funds to help celebrate America 250!

Commissioners Rush and Sherman attended the Sons of the Union Memorial Service on Saturday. Both commissioners stated it was a very nice service.

Julie Gossard – JFS Updates

- Julie reported that travel between Hardin and Auglaize Counties is going well. She attends one monthly NW Directors meeting in Findlay and 1–2 meetings per month in Columbus and remains accessible to both counties.
- **Human Resources / Staffing:**
  - New Children Services Supervisors and SSW2 positions begin in June.
  - Three SSW2 vacancies remain; interviews ongoing with several immediate acceptances.
  - Children Services contract hours expected to increase.
- **Public Assistance:**
  - SNAP error rate remains at 5.73% (no update).
  - SNAP serves 3,270 recipients (1,577 families), with $563,235 issued.
  - OWF assistance totals $30,787 for 109 recipients.
- **Social Services:**
  - Placement costs are trending downward.
  - Children services caseloads show slight decreases, with some placements involving relatives.
- **Community Outreach:**
  - Ongoing collaboration with schools, courts, law enforcement, and community partners.
  - Positive feedback noted from Upper Scioto Valley Schools regarding improved relationships.
  - Continued outreach includes mental health coordination, mandated reporter training, and law enforcement engagement.

- **Financial / Program Notes:**
  - Medicaid transportation costs totaled $154,153 (Jan–Mar 2026).
  - Fraud unit reported 11 referrals; minimal recovery to date.
- **Recognition:**
  - Julie Gossard was recognized as a recipient of the OJFSDA John Fisher Service Award for leadership, collaboration, and service.

_____, YES/NO
President of the Board-Joseph C. Sherman

_____, YES/NO
Fred M. Rush

_____, YES/NO
Timothy L. Striker

Attest_____
Clerk of the Board