

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** Meeting

OPS Center, 400 W Johnstown Rd, Gahanna OH 43230

Held **June 17,** **2025**

Chair Cavener called the Regular Meeting of the Mifflin Township Board of Trustees to order at 1:30 p.m. with Vice Chair Jamie Leeseberg, Trustee Richard Angelou, Assistant Fiscal Officer Cynthia Lampkins, HR Director Mindy Owens, and Fire Chief Brian Dunlevy present. Police Chief David Briggs arrived at 1:40 p.m. IT Director Craig Main, Service Director Roger Boggs, and Fiscal Officer Kelly Cararo were absent.

Visitors in attendance were Darlene Wildes, 256 Muskingum Dr., Gahanna; and Attorney Mark Gutentag, Gutentag Law, Ltd., 22 East Gay Street, Suite 201, Columbus.

TRUSTEES' COMMENTS:

Chair Cavener mentioned he was at the Gahanna Blues & Jazz Festival that was held over the weekend. He said it was nice. The township's fire fighters were visible; however, he noticed that there were not as many vendors or attendees as in the past. He said the weather was possibly a reason for low attendance and low vendor turnout.

VISITORS' COMMENTS:

Attorney Mark Gutentag spoke on behalf of LP Agler, LLC and requested permission to submit a liquor permit transfer application. Bob's Market, the previous business at this location, is moving across the street and taking their liquor permit with them. LP Agler is located at 2257 Agler Road. They will need a liquor permit to sell beer and/or wine and will need to find a permit to transfer to their location since there are no available permits in the township.

MINUTES & WARRANTS:

Chair Cavener requested a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2025, and the warrants of July 2025, via a consent agenda.

Res. 92-25 Via a consent agenda, approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2025, and the warrants of July 2025.

Via a consent agenda, Mr. Angelou moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2025, and the warrants of July 2025. Mr. Leeseberg seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Attorney Mark Gutentag presented his letter requesting approval of the Division of Liquor Control's Liquor Permit Trex Application submitted on behalf of LP Agler, LLC, 2257 Agler Road.

Res. 93-25 Approve of the Division of Liquor Control's Liquor Permit Trex Application submitted on behalf of LP Agler, LLC, 2257 Agler Road.

Chair Cavener moved to approve of the Division of Liquor Control's Liquor Permit Trex Application submitted on behalf of LP Agler, LLC, 2257 Agler Road. Mr. Angelou seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried.

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Chair Cavener acknowledged receipt of the correspondence from the following:

- Information on the Franklin County Auditor's Office Community Connects event on June 18, 2025 at the Gahanna branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library.
- Letter from State Representative Beryl Brown Piccolantonio regarding House Bill 335.
- Letter from Michael Gaynor, Assistant VP, GoRail, regarding 91,000-pound truck weight proposal.
- Invitation to attend the Opening Ceremony of the 2025 Franklin County Fair on July 14th.

FINANCE:

Ms. Lampkins requested the approval of a 3% pay increase for HR Director Melinda Owens, effective retroactively from February 16, 2025.

Res. 94-25 Approve a 3% pay increase for HR Director Melinda Owens, effective retroactively from February 16, 2025.

Chair Cavener moved to approve a 3% pay increase for HR Director Melinda Owens, effective retroactively from February 16, 2025. Mr. Leeseberg seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Res. 95-25 Approve the correction to Resolution 48.1-25 to move funds pertaining to the purchase of 384 Johnstown Road from the General Fund to Fire and Debt Services.

Chair Cavener moved to approve the correction to Resolution 48.1-25 to move funds pertaining to the purchase of 384 Johnstown Road from the General Fund to Fire and Debt Services. Mr. Angelou seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Ms. Lampkins said the Tax Budget will be presented at the next Board meeting on July 7, 2025. The Tax Budget must be adopted on or before July 15, 2025. All transactions must be entered into VIP by June 27, 2025, which will give Ms. Cararo a week to process the budget for the next Board meeting.

Ms. Lampkins said that Fiscal Officer Cararo is asking all Directors to revisit any negative accounts and if there are any open purchase orders to email the purchase order information to her and she will make any adjustments needed. Ms. Lampkins said that Ms. Cararo will investigate any blanket purchase orders as well.

Mr. Leeseberg asked when he would see the balance sheet. Ms. Lampkins said he should have it at the next Board meeting on July 7, 2025.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Ms. Owens requested approval to retain Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC as the township's primary legal counsel providing legal advice as needed at an hourly rate of \$225 for a partner and an hourly rate of \$180 for an associate.

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Mr. Leeseberg moved to approve retaining Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC as the township's primary legal counsel providing legal advice as needed at an hourly rate of \$225 for a partner and an hourly rate of \$180 for an associate. Chair Cavener seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chair Cavener said he will have a conversation with Mr. Marc Fishel notifying him that the Township will no longer be using their legal services.

Ms. Owens provided updates. (See attachment.)

SERVICE:

No comments as Service Director Boggs was on vacation.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

No comments as Service Director Boggs was on vacation.

POLICE:

Police Chief Briggs requested approval to increase Officer Seth Howard's hourly rate to \$36.72, effective June 8, 2025.

Res. 97-25 Approve the increase of Officer Seth Howard's hourly rate to \$36.72, effective June 8, 2025.

Chair Cavener moved to approve the increase of Officer Seth Howard's hourly rate to \$36.72, effective June 8, 2025. Mr. Leeseberg seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief Briggs said George Franey, a former Mifflin Township Police Chief, passed away. The family asked if a police cruiser could be parked at his funeral. Officer David Wolfel worked for Chief Franey in the past and will drive a police cruiser to the funeral.

FIRE:

Fire Chief Dunlevy requested the acceptance of the revised retirement date of Battalion Chief Chris Brake to December 3, 2025.

Res. 98-25 Accept the revised retirement date of Battalion Chief Chris Brake to December 3, 2025.

Chair Cavener moved to accept the revised retirement date of Battalion Chief Chris Brake to December 3, 2025. Mr. Angelou seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Dunlevy requested approval to promote Fire Fighter Mathew McKean as Fire Marshal 1, effective June 22, 2025.

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Res. 99-25 Approve the promotion of Fire Fighter Matthew McKean as Fire Marshal 1, effective June 22, 2025.

Chair Cavener moved to approve the promotion of Fire Fighter Matthew McKean as Fire Marshal 1, effective June 22, 2025. Mr. Angelou seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Dunlevy requested approval of out-of-state training and use of a department vehicle to travel for Firefighter Chase Hicks. He said this training is fully funded by the Central Ohio Strike Team (COST). The only expense would be gas and food.

Res. 100-25 Approve out-of-state training and use of a department vehicle for Firefighter Chase Hicks.

Chair Cavener moved to approve out-of-state training and use of a department vehicle for Firefighter Chase Hicks. Mr. Leeseberg seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief Dunlevy requested approval to modify Craig Main's return from leave date to June 23, 2025.

Res. 101-25 Approve Craig Main's return from leave date to June 23, 2025.

Chair Cavener moved to approve Craig Main's return from leave date to June 23, 2025. Mr. Leeseberg seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief Dunlevy requested approval of the ImageTrend Inc. contract renewal in the amount of \$42,411.19.

Res. 102-25 Approve the ImageTrend Inc. contract renewal in the amount of \$42,411.19.

Chair Cavener moved to approve the ImageTrend Inc. contract renewal in the amount of \$42,411.19. Mr. Angelou seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried.

Chief Dunlevy requested to move to an Executive Session per ORC §121.22(G)(1) Purpose: to consider the compensation of a public employee.

Chair Cavener moved to go into an Executive Session per ORC §121.22(G)(1) Purpose: to consider the compensation of a public employee. Mr. Angelou seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried.

At 2:12 p.m., trustees Cavener, Leeseberg and Angelou, along with Assistant Fiscal Officer Cynthia Lampkins, Fire Chief Dunlevy, Police Chief Briggs, and HR Director Mindy Owens went into the Executive Session. Chair Cavener moved to come out of the Executive Session. Mr. Leeseberg seconded the motion. All voted yea. Motion carried. At 2:41 p.m., they came out of the Executive Session.

Chair Cavener mentioned that he would like to have Fiscal Officer Cararo find \$35,000 in the General Fund so a part-time police officer can be hired.

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Kelly Cararo, Fiscal Officer (Absent)



MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP
Peace. Safety. Welfare.

TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

OPS Center

400 W Johnstown Rd

2nd Floor, EOC Conference Room B

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Prayer and Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Trustees' Comments
5. Visitors' Comments
6. Minutes & Warrants (Consent Agenda)
 - June 2, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
 - Warrants of July 2025
7. Correspondence
 - Letter from Attorney Mark S. Gutentag requesting approval of the Division of Liquor Control's Liquor Permit Trex Application (transfer form) submitted on behalf of LP Agler, LLC, 2257 Agler Rd.
 - Information on Franklin Co. Auditor's Office Community Connects event, June 18, Gahanna Library
 - Letter from State Representative Beryl Brown Piccolantonio re: House Bill 335
 - Letter from Michael Gaynor, Assistant VP, GoRail, re: 91,000-pound truck weight proposal
 - Invitation to attend the Opening Ceremony of the 2025 Franklin Co. Fair on July 14th
8. FINANCE
 - Request to approve a 3% pay increase for HR Director Melinda Owens, effective retroactively from February 16, 2025.
 - Correction to Res. 48.1-25 – Request the approval to move funds pertaining to the purchase of 384 Johnstown Road from the General Fund to Fire and Debt Services.
 - Updates

9. HUMAN RESOURCES

- Request to revisit the Board's discussion to retain Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC as the township's primary legal counsel providing legal advice as needed at an hourly rate of \$225 for a partner and an hourly rate of \$180 for an associate.
- Updates

10. SERVICE DEPARTMENT

11. CODE ENFORCEMENT

12. POLICE

- Request to increase Seth Howard's hourly rate to \$36.72.
- Updates

13. FIRE DIVISION

- Request to accept the revised retirement date of Battalion Chief Chris Brake to December 3, 2025.
- Request to approve Fire Fighter Mathew McKean as the Fire Marshal I, effective June 22, 2025.
- Request to approve out-of-state training for Fire Fighter Chase Hicks.
- Request to move to an Executive Session per ORC §121.22(G)(1) Purpose: to consider the compensation of a public employee.
- Updates

14. Adjourn

Reminders:

1. Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Franklin Co. Auditor's Office Community Connects, Gahanna Library
2. Thursday, June 19, 2025, Juneteenth – HOLIDAY – Office Closed
3. Thursday, July 3, 2025, Gahanna Fireworks
4. Friday, July 4, 2025, Gahanna July 4th Parade – Independence Day – HOLIDAY – Office Closed
5. Monday, July 7, 2025, 10 a.m., Regular Trustees Meeting, OPS Center
6. Tuesday, July 22, 2025, 1:30 p.m., Regular Trustees Meeting, OPS Center

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June 13, 2025

E-mail Only (trustees@mifflin-oh.gov, barnettem@mifflin-oh.gov)
The Mifflin Township Trustees
400 West Johnstown Road, Suite 200
Gahanna, OH 43230

Re: Liquor Permit Trex Application:
LP Agler, LLC
2257 Agler Road, Columbus 43224

Dear Trustees:

I write with regard to the request for Mifflin Township's endorsement to transfer a C-1-2, D-6 Ohio beer and wine carryout liquor permit to the Mifflin Township in Economic Development Project for the LP Agler, LLC. Attached please find the Economic Development Transfer Form for the Dayton, Ohio location listed above and submitted for the Township's endorsement on behalf of LP Agler, LLC.

LP Agler is owned and will be operated by partners Lakhwinder P. Singh ("LP") and Parvinder Singh. LP and Parvinder successfully own and operate several carryout stores and gas stations throughout the State of Ohio. In 2023, LP and Parvinder took advantage of an opportunity to purchase the real property situated at 2257 Agler Road in the Township. The current tenant at the premises came with the real estate purchase. The current tenant's lease will expire shortly and will not be renewed. The current tenant will keep the liquor permit assigned to its business when it departs the premises. LP and Parvinder will then take over operation of the store after "refreshing" the premises.

LP Agler would like to offer its patrons the ability to purchase carryout beer and wine. However, as no beer and/or wine carryout Ohio liquor permits are available in the Mifflin Township through the State of Ohio's liquor permit quota system, LP Agler must transfer such a liquor permit to its location in the Mifflin Township. LP Agler respectfully requests the Township's endorsement to file such a transfer application for processing with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.

LP, Parvinder and I are happy to discuss this request further with the residents and representatives of the Mifflin Township and to answer any questions they may have. Thank you.

Respectfully,
/s/ Mark S. Gutentag
Mark S. Gutentag

MSG/bh
Attachment (1)



**Department
of Commerce**

Division of Liquor Control

Division Use Only	
Check #: _____	Permit #
# of Checks: _____	
Check Amt: _____	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRANSFER FORM (TRES)

Ohio Revised Code 4303.29(B)(2)(b)

READ BEFORE YOU START THIS APPLICATION

Certain permits in Ohio are subject to a quota based upon a formula that factors in the total population of the city, village, or township where the permit will be issued and a ratio, specific to particular permit classes, as set forth in Ohio law (Learn more in our [Quota Resource Guide](#)). When transferring a specific quota permit (i.e., D-1, D-2, etc.) that will move locations to a NEW city, village, or township from where it is currently issued, there must be available spots in that new quota before the Division can process the transfer. If, for a particular quota permit class, there are NO spots available in the new quota, then the applicant has a few choices as discussed in our [TRES Resource Guide](#). This form covers the specific permit classes that can be TRES'd under the Ohio law provision noted at the top of this application. A few things to understand before proceeding with the TRES option are that:

- The Division can **ONLY** process the TRES transfer application if the city, village, or township where the permit will transfer to **APPROVES** the transfer as an economic development project. The city, village, or township can document its approval by signing our form below in Section E.
- **ONLY** after we receive this completed form with the transfer application will the Division Superintendent review it for processing.
- The city, village, or township, despite approving the TRES transfer can still object to the issuance of your permit at the applied for location and the applicant must still be WET (Review our [Local Option Election Guide](#) for more information) for the requested sales at that address and meet all other rules and regulations before the permit(s) can be issued at that new location.

For this form to be deemed complete, you must fully and legibly complete this application, including:

- Answering all required questions ("*" indicates a required field);
- Submitting this application with your Transfer Application; and
- Securing signatures from the appropriate local government officials listed below.

SECTION A – Issued Permit Holder Information (i.e. Seller)

* This section **MUST** be completed.

* Issued Permit Holder's Business Name as on File with the Division:

Simar Ohio, LLC

* Issued Permit Holder #:

8160950

SECTION B – New Business Owner's Information (i.e., Buyer) ☐ N/A-Seller REMAINS the owner and is **ONLY** moving locations.

* **ONLY** fill out this section if the **ownership and location** is changing.

* Business Entity or Sole Proprietor Name ("Applicant") (**MUST** match name listed on transfer application):

LP Agler, LLC

Section C – New Permit Premises Address Information

* This section **MUST** be completed.

* New Permit Premises Address:

2257 Agler Road

* New Township (if outside city limits):

Mifflin Twp

* New City:

Columbus

* New County:

Franklin

SECTION D – Transferred Permits subject to TREX

* This section identifies the permit classes that are being transferred into a **NEW** city, village, or township, consistent with the Transfer Application, that **REQUIRE** TREX sign-off from the local government official that signed below.

* Select the Permit Type(s) being transferred that need to be TREX'd:

☒ C-1 ☒ C-2 ☐ D-1 ☐ D-2 ☐ D-3 ☐ D-5

* Note – there may be other permit types, like a C-2X, D-3A, or D-6, that are also part of your transfer that are not listed above. Your complete transfer listing needs to be identified on your transfer application (DLC 4120) that you must send with this signed TREX form.

Remember this form is **ONLY** for those permit classes that are subject to the quota and would require TREX sign-off because there are no permits available for the given class in the NEW locality when the transfer is filed. For example, you can be transferring a D-1, D-2, D-3 permit from City A to City B. In City B, there are D-1 and D-3 permits available, but no D-2 permits. In this situation, the only permit class that would REQUIRE TREX sign-off is the D-2.

Section E – Information that MAY be Used to Determine if the Transfer is an Economic Development Project

R.C. 4303.29(B)(2)(b)(ii) lists several factors the local legislative authority (City, Village or Township) can use when determining if it should approve this transfer as an Economic Development Project. While the law provides broad discretion to the legislative authority when making this decision, **SOME** factors that may be useful to the legislative authority in making its decision, include the:

- Total amount invested in this project: \$ \$650,000.00
- Total number of jobs that will be created by this project: 5-10
- Existing or estimated Tax Revenue generated by this project:
 - Ohio Unemployment Tax \$ 15,000.00
 - Property Tax \$ Paid thru lease.
 - Sales Tax \$ 10,000.00/mo
 - State Withholding Tax \$ 15,000.00
 - Other: BWC,CAT, etc.. \$ 15,000.00

You may also be asked to provide a projected earnings statement (brand new business), or a profit and loss statement (existing business), or a copy of building plans/drawings outlining any construction plans.

Section F – Applicant Signature

* This section **MUST** be signed by either the applicant in:

- *Section A if the seller **REMAINS** the owner of the permit and is **ONLY** moving the permit address to a **NEW** city, village, or township from where it is currently issued; OR*
- *Section B if the ownership of the permit is changing **AND** the new permit address will be in a **NEW** city, village, or township from where the permit is currently issued.*

By signing below, I certify and understand that:

- I have authority to execute this document;
- The information provided is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief;
- Failing to complete this form, consistent with the above listed instructions, will result in this form and/or transfer application being returned to me, unprocessed, until a corrected, complete application is received by the Division;
- During the review of this form and/or my transfer application, further documentation may be needed, and I agree to comply timely and understand that failure to comply could delay the processing of my application;
- Even if the city, township, or village approves my TREX transfer application, the Division **MUST** still notify the applicable legislative authority about your transfer application and that legislative authority has the right to object to the issuance of the permit even for those permit classes that it approved as part of this TREX process; **AND**
- If this TREX form is required, the Division **CANNOT** process the transfer application until it is submitted with this completed (in its entirety) and signed form.



(Signature of Individual, Partner, Officer, Managing Member, or 5% or more Shareholder or Member)

Parvinder Singh

(Please Print Name)

Managing Member

(Title)

6/13/25

(Date)

2727 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43224

(Street Address, City, State, Zip Code)

970-485-0670

(Telephone with Area Code)

SECTION G – NEW City, Village, or Township Signature

* This section MUST be completed by the City, Village or Township in which this Economic Development Project (TRES) will be located. Legislative officials who can sign this section are, as applicable, the/a:

- Mayor,
- City Council Member,
- Law Director,
- Clerk of Council,
- Township Fiscal Officer,
- County or Township Trustee Board Member; or
- Other legislative office holder not specified with the authority to act on behalf of the applicable jurisdiction where the permit will be located.

THE APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE AN EXECUTED COPY OF THIS FORM WITH ITS TRANSFER APPLICATION.

The City, Village or Township of Mifflin Township has considered the above-named applicant's TRES application consistent with the factors outlined in R.C. 4303.29(B)(2)(b) and hereby agrees and accepts that this transfer will be an economic development project within its jurisdiction.

By signing this form, I, the city, village, or township official listed below, acknowledges and understands that:

- I have the authority on behalf of my local government to sign this form;
- My signature, on behalf of my jurisdiction, means the Division can continue to process the applicant's transfer application for the applicable TRES'd permit classes;
- The city, village, or township will still be notified about the potential issuance of this permit and that it retains the right to object to this transfer for any and all permit classes applied for by the applicant;
- Once the applied for permit classes are transferred to the applicant within the city's, village's, or township's jurisdiction, the permit can then be transferred to other owners at the same location or to other locations within the city, village, or township by either the current or future owners subject to notice and hearing provisions under R.C. 4303.26;
- The TRES process ONLY contemplates the Division's ability to start processing the applicant's transfer application for the affected permit classes, the applicant MUST still meet any rules and regulations before the permit can be issued and the new location must also be wet for the type of permit classes that the applicant seeks to operate at the new location; and
- It is within the city, village, or township's sole discretion, consistent with Ohio law, to decide whether to approve the applicant's TRES application as an economic development project.

(Signature of Local Official specified above)

(Please Print Name)

(Title)

(Date)

(Government Email Address)

(Telephone with Area Code)

Applicant MUST submit the transfer application, this TRES form, and any other required forms to:

Ohio Department of Commerce – Division of Liquor Control
c/o Licensing New & Transfer Section
6606 Tussing Road
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-9005

For Questions call (614) 644-3155
Or email fileinquiry@com.ohio.gov

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST

Melanie Barnette

From: Kinney, Beth F. <Beth.Kinney@franklincountyohio.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 2:40 PM
To: Trustees
Subject: Community Connects - June 18 at Gahanna Library
Attachments: V2_GahannaCommunity Connects Flyer .pdf

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Mifflin Township Trustees,

Hello! Please share this upcoming event with your neighbors.

On Wednesday, June 18, from 6-7:30 p.m., your Franklin County Auditor's Office will bring Community Connects to the Columbus Metropolitan Library – Gahanna Branch at 310 Granville Street. Attendees can connect with the team and get answers about property values, tax exemptions and more. The HR team will also be on site to discuss open positions and appraisal as a career. This is a great opportunity to connect with experts from all departments to discover services that protect, support and inform.

Attached is a flier with more information.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,
Beth



Beth Fairman Kinney
Director of Community Outreach
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
COMMUNITY *Connects*

TALK ONE-ON-ONE with experts from every department

GET ANSWERS about your property value, tax exemptions and more

DISCOVER SERVICES that protect, support and inform

TOPICS INCLUDE:

-  Property Values & Appraisal
-  Board of Revision filings
-  Dog Licensing
-  Fraud Prevention
-  Homestead Exemption
-  Title Transfers
-  Legislative Efforts
- ...and more!



LOOKING FOR A JOB OR INTERNSHIP?

The **HR team** will be on site to discuss:

- ☒ Open positions
- ☒ Internships
- ☒ Appraisal as a career
- ☒ Benefits of working in public service



JOIN US:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025
6 - 7:30 P.M.

Columbus Metropolitan Library-
Gahanna Branch
310 Granville St., Gahanna, Ohio
43230



CONTACT US



(614) 525-HOME



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Melanie Barnette

From: Rep04 <Rep04@ohiohouse.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 2:39 PM
Subject: House Bill 335 would Break Everything under the Guise of Property Tax Reform

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Dear District 4 Leader,

I would like to update you on recently introduced legislation that may be fast-tracked through the legislative process. House Bill 335 would make major changes to revenue options for local governments to cut property tax collections in the guise of “relief” and would be the largest school funding cut in Ohio history.

It is also possible that House Leadership will bypass the committee process and add this language into the state operating budget, which must be passed by the end of June.

House Bill 335 would modify the law governing county budget commissions, property taxation, county sales taxation, and alternative apportionment formulas for local government and public library funds. Provisions include:

- **Eliminate inside millage** except for townships
 - currently, up to 10-mills per property can be collected without a voted levy split between counties, schools, cities, villages, and townships.
 - Only back fill options are cutting services, raising income or sales tax through existing law, or seeking a voter approved additional 1% county sales tax authorized by the bill.
- **Creates a local piggy-back homestead exemption.** A county could opt-in to doubling the value of the homestead exemption at local cost for low income seniors and those with a disability.
- **Caps property tax collections at inflation for school districts at the 20-mill floor** by creating a credit on each property tax bill after each reappraisal. May be unconstitutional: Creates different effective tax rates for identical properties based solely on location. (also introduced as *HB 186*)
 - Almost 2/3rds of districts are on the 20-mill floor to varying degrees but that is only about half of the state’s population. This will phase in over three years at the time of the next county-wide property value update and cause 20-mill floor schools to forgo revenue—only those in counties in a reappraisal or triennial update in 2025 will see impact in 2026.
- **Modifies the school district 20-mill floor calculation** for nearly 400 school districts. Adds to the definition of current expense levies some levies not currently included in the 20-mill floor (e.g. emergency levies). This would lower effective rate and revenue for districts on the floor with other types of levies currently in place. (also introduced as *HB 129*)
- **Requires County Budget Commissions to hold hearings** if a jurisdiction carries over more than 30% of a fund’s operating expenses if that fund collects property taxes. Makes explicitly clear that CBCs may override voter-approved levies for any reason. (also introduced as *HB 309*)
- **Changes Local Government Fund (LGF) and Public Library Fund (PLF) local distribution** Rewrites alternative LGF and PLF approval mechanism including removing large city requirement to support LGF

HB 335 is being considered in the Ways and Means Committee. If it does proceed through committee than there may be an opportunity to provide opponent testimony. Chair Bill Roemer may be reached at Rep31@ohiohouse.gov and (614) 644-5085. The full bill may be found at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb335>

I hope that you will join me in asking House Leadership to give this legislation the full committee process it requires and **NOT** add this language into the budget. This would make sweeping changes without vetting, including the absence of any estimates / projections regarding the fiscal impact of these proposals on taxing districts and our communities. It would attempt to make fixing property tax exclusively a local government responsibility.

- House Speaker Matt Huffman: Rep78@ohiohouse.gov, (614) 466-6344
- Finance Chair Brian Stewart: Rep12@ohiohouse.gov, (614) 466-1464
- Speaker Pro Tempore Gayle Manning: Rep52@ohiohouse.gov, (614) 644-5076
- Assistant Speaker Pro Tempore Phil Plummer: Rep39@ohiohouse.gov, (614) 644-8051
- Majority Floor Leader Marilyn John: Rep76@ohiohouse.gov, (614) 466-5802
- Assistant Majority Floor Leader Adam Bird: Rep63@ohiohouse.gov, (614) 644-6034
- Majority Whip Riordan McClain: Rep87@ohiohouse.gov, (614) 644-5088
- Majority Whip Steve Demetriou: Rep35@ohiohouse.gov, (614) 644-5088
- Majority Whip Nick Santucci: Rep64@ohiohouse.gov, (614) 466-5441
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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Beryl Brown Piccolantonio

State Representative, Ohio House District 4

Ranking Member, Workforce and Higher Education Committee

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Melanie Barnette

From: Michael Gaynor <mgaynor@gorail.quorumoutbox.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 4:09 PM
To: Trustees
Subject: Ohio Leaders - Help oppose 91K Truck Weight

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Dear Trustee Leeseberg,

I'm Michael with GoRail, a national nonprofit focused on smart transportation policy. As Congress begins work on transportation reauthorization, a new proposal would allow 91,000-pound trucks—a 14% increase over current weight limits—through a 10-year “pilot program.”

An [analysis](#) conducted with local officials and county engineers estimates that 91,000-pound trucks would cost \$78 billion in local infrastructure damage. In Ohio alone:

- Local bridges at risk with 91,000-pound trucks: **2,636**
- Cost of replacing at-risk bridges: **\$3,672,636,167**

At current limits, trucks only cover about 80% of their damage per USDOT. Heavier trucks would deepen that gap—shifting more costs to local taxpayers while increasing traffic, emissions, and wear on infrastructure as freight gets diverted away from rail.

To push back, we're working with the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks on a letter from state and local leaders urging Congress to reject this proposal. A similar letter from CABT in 2023 secured the support of over 1,500 — this year, we hope to send an even stronger message.

[Please click this link to learn more and let us know if we can add your name to the letter.](#) You can also simply respond “add my name” to this email if you wish to sign.

Thank you in advance for helping us to persuade Congress that local roads and bridges simply cannot handle heavier trucks. Let me know if you have any questions—I'd be happy to connect.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Gaynor
Assistant Vice President, Field Operations
Cell (614) 207-5096
Direct (614) 682-8240

www.gorail.org <https://www.facebook.com/GoRail> <https://twitter.com/GoRail>

GORAIL unites community leaders and organizations in support of a stronger economy, effective solutions to highway congestion, a cleaner environment, and improved quality of life by advocating increased use of freight railroad transportation.

Melanie Barnette

From: Franklin County Fair <countyfairfranklin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 10:14 PM
To: Mail@fcfair.org
Subject: Your Invitation to the Franklin County Fair Opening Ceremony on Monday, July 14

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You are cordially invited to attend the Opening Ceremony of the 2025 Franklin County Fair in Hilliard, Ohio!



Franklin County
Agricultural Society



You're Invited

OPENING CEREMONY

FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR



JULY 14, 2025

10:00 AM

Historical Village

**4951 NORTHWEST
PARKWAY
HILLIARD, OH 43026**



**Please RSVP by 7/11/25 to:
countyfairfranklin@gmail.com**

Help us kick off the 2025 Franklin County Fair with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the historic Chapel next to the Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hilliard, Ohio, on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 10:00 am.

This will be a memorable time to celebrate our agricultural heritage and our long-standing family-friendly county fair including the announcement of our 2025 Cream of the Crop recipients, the swearing-in of Franklin County Sheriff K-9 Therapy Dogs, light refreshments and more!

We would love to hold a spot for you, so **please RSVP by July 11**. When we receive your "**YES**", we will send you more details including your ticket info, where to park and which gate to enter. (Family member(s) are welcome at the Opening Ceremony with a fair admission ticket, which can be purchased in our office or [online](#).)

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday, July 14 at 10:00 am!

Franklin County Agricultural Society Board of Directors
<https://calendar.app.google/vCRgTY7MbKV8pNey7>

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Franklin County Fairgrounds
4100 Columbia St., P.O. Box 6
Hilliard, OH 43026
614-876-7235
fcfair.org

ONE DAY AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR JUST ISN'T ENOUGH!

→ learn more at fcfair.org



TICKET INCLUDES FAIR ADMISSION AND A VARIETY OF DAILY ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT:

- Dinosaur Show & Putt Putt
- Interactive LEGO brick exhibit
- Swiftly Swine Pig Racing
- Trackless Train Rides
- Chainsaw Artist
- Birds of Prey Show
- Magician & Hypnotist Show
- The Eyes of Freedom - honoring the Lima Company Military Unit
- The Smile Lines Project - honoring those who serve(d) in the military
- Over 60 food and shopping vendors
- Nationwide Children's Activities Tent
- Snowplow Painting
- Horse Shows
- Quilt Displays
- Home, Fine Arts & Gardening displays
- Livestock Education
- All-Ohio Reptile Show
- Hydroponics Display
- 4-H and Girl Scout Displays.
- & **SO MUCH MORE!**

Check out the full line-up of grandstand events on the website (additional ticket required).

FREE Parking at 4951 (Handicapped) & 5024 Northwest Parkway

A \$1 activation fee and \$.30 + 3% credit card fees added at checkout for tickets & passes.



Fiscal Department
June 17th, 2025

Requests:

1. Request to approve a 3% pay increase for the HR Director Melinda Owen's, effective retroactively from February 16th 2025.

Updates:

- 1.

Human Resources Department
June 17, 2025



Requests:

1. Revisit Board's suggestion of using Brosius, Johnson & Griggs as primary legal consultants.

Updates:

1. Continue policy review; Finalize 6/27 > Attorney review week of 6/30 > Board review for consideration 7/22.
2. Learning management system Q2 Course Completion Update as of 6/12. Due date 6/30.

Incomplete Courses by Employee Count

TITLE	FIRE	FISCAL	MECC	PD	SERVICE
Computer Use & Cybersecurity Policy	29	1	2	1	
Discrimination & Harassment	32	1	3		1
Ohio Ethics Law Acknowledgement	30		3		
Public Records Training - Knowing What to Keep and Knowing What to Throw Away	31	1	2		1

3. LMS Q3 Courses

- a. Professional Conduct
- b. FMLA
- c. Personal Device Policy
- d. Supervisor Reasonable Suspicion Training



MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP

Brian P. Dunlevy
Fire Chief

Scott Davis
Assistant Fire Chief

BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING

June 17, 2025

FIRE DIVISION REQUESTS:

Request to Accept Retirement of Battalion Chief Brake:

06172025-1. This is a request to accept a revised retirement date for B/C Chris Brake of December 3rd, 2025. Chief Brake has selflessly served the Township for over 33 years and we wish him the best in his next chapter of retirement.

Request to Approve Fire Fighter Mathew McKean as the Fire Marshal I:

06172025-2. This is a request to name FF Mathew McKean as Fire Marshal for the division of fire with an effective date of June 22nd, 2025. Matt has served as a full-time inspector for our prevention bureau. He continues to perform professionally and serves as an ambassador for the Division as it relates to Community Risk Reduction. This is a planned and budgeted expense.

Request to Approve Out of State Training for FF Chase Hicks:

06172025-3. This is a request to approve out of state training for FF Chase Hicks to attend a FEMA structural collapse technician course in Virginia Beach VA. Central Ohio Strike Team (COST) is sponsoring him and paying for the course and lodging. If approved Mifflin the division of fire would allow the use of a department vehicle. This is an administrative request.

Request to Move to Executive Session:

06172025-4. This is a request for ORC Section 121.22 (G) (1) Purpose: to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, license, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

UPDATES

June 06, 2025

Fire Chief Brian Dunlevy,

Please accept this letter as formal notification that I, Christopher C. Brake, Sr., will retire from the Mifflin Township Division of Fire effective the end of the shift on December 2, 2025.

I thank you and the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Mifflin Township for 33-plus years.

I wish the Division of Fire and the Board of Trustees all the best as they continue serving the citizens of Mifflin Township.

Respectfully,

Christopher C. Brake, Sr.

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