



Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities

135 East Maumee Avenue, Napoleon, OH 43545

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2026

Board Members Present: Samantha Andonian, Daniel Bischoff,
Chris Buchhop, Kim Cordes, Harmony Downing,
Brenda Kruse, Nichole Tripp

Superintendent: Kelly Rieke

Staff Present: Melinda Camp, Tracy Deblin,
Jessica Harmon, Heather Obermyer,
Blake Stambaugh

Visitors: Lisa Owen

The Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities (**HCBDD**) Regular Board meeting was held on May 20, 2026, at 135 East Maumee Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Daniel Bischoff and roll call was taken. Harmony Downing joined the meeting via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes, Revisions, or Additions to the Agenda

Resolution 26-22: The HCBDD approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Regular Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mrs. Tripp. Roll call was taken and Resolution 26-22 was unanimously approved.

New Business from the Board

Resolution 26-23 The HCBDD approve terminating contract with EK Computer, Inc. for IT Services effective June 30, 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mrs. Tripp. Kelly Rieke, Superintendent, shared our current contract expires on June 30th. Roll call was taken and Resolution 26-23 was unanimously approved.

Resolution 26-24: The HCBDD approve entering into contract with Henry County, Ohio for IT Services effective June 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Buchhop and seconded by Mrs. Cordes. Henry County IT has reviewed all of our data and submitted a proposal that was significantly less than

our current IT contract. They will also be hiring an additional staff member. The June 1st start date will help ensure a smooth transition. Roll call was taken and Resolution 26-24 was unanimously approved.

Updates from the Superintendent:

Mrs. Rieke shared a few updates with the board.

The State of Ohio has temporarily paused new Medicaid provider certifications for six months while it reviews current providers for fraud and compliance issues. This is part of a broader effort led by Governor DeWine to strengthen oversight, prevent misuse of Medicaid funds, and make sure services are being delivered properly. The changes mainly affect home health, hospice, personal care, and waiver service providers. During this time, the state is also increasing monitoring requirements, including more frequent provider reviews and stronger visit verification rules.

Family and Children First Council (FCFC) of Henry County is working with Fulton, Defiance and Williams County to explore regionalization. The expectation is to pool our funding; decrease administrative overhead and ensure back-up coordination exists. Regionalization will ultimately need Commissioner approval. We would be the first counties in the state to regionalize FCFC. FCFC currently provides funding for several youth summer experiences and camps.

We received the certificate of estimated property tax revenue from the auditor. The revenue collected will be \$2,950,463.00 which will be \$88.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value. The second resolution for approval to place the levy on the ballot was approved by the commissioners on May 12 and turned into the board of elections.

We received a grant from the Ohio Elks Association for \$8,000 that was able to cover expenses for a month-long summer therapeutic program at Sarah's Garden for five individuals we serve.

Blake Stambaugh, Jessica Harmon, Tracy Deblin, and I will attend the OACB conference this week.

We are conducting interviews for the Developmental Specialist and Service Coordinator positions. Last month we moved the full-time position to a part-time position, but we were not getting any applicants for a part-time Service Coordinator, so we have now posted it as a 30-hour full-time position to see if it generates more interest.

