

HOLMES COUNTY HOUSING COALITION MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2026

Cider Press - Millersburg, Ohio

Meeting called to order - 8:33am

Attendees:

Dave Mast	Alonovus, Inc
Mark Fowler	Berlin Christian Fellowship
Laura McCartney	Habitat for Humanity
Tabby Hemenway	HC Adult Probation
Eric Strouse	HC Commissioner
Holley Johnson	Holmes County Foundation
Dan Stackhouse (Virtual)	HC USO/Veterans
Lisa Suttle (Virtual)	Holmes Wayne Electric COOP
Karen Keim	Keim Company
Anya Schlegel	Keim Company
Lisa Kauffman	Killbuck Savings Bank, Killbuck Council, Landlord
Morgan Kauffman	Killbuck Savings Bank
Lindsey Stillion	KnoHoCo
Nicholas Hiller	Nashville Village Council
Tina Zickefoose	One-Eighty
Tina Owens	Owens Real Estate Firm
Brodie DeHass	Real Estate Investor
Judson Morris	Resident
Tyler Miller	Resident / Key Sold Group
Jason Biltz	Tekton Engineering
Megan Solsman	The Counseling Center
Ashley Hershberger	United Way Wayne & Holmes
Megan Wilson	United Way Wayne & Holmes
Linda Campbell	Village of Killbuck
Bob Shoemaker	Village of Millersburg Council
Corey Snyder	Viola Startzman Clinic
Melissa Patrick	WKLM

1. Welcome & Introductions - Ashley Hershberger

- Why we're here
- Goals
- Introductions: Name • Organization/Role

2. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve Judson Morris; Second – Tina Zickefoose; ALL IN FAVOR

3. Highlights & Updates

- Major wins or meaningful progress since the last meeting
 - i. Melissa received approval to do a 10 minute weekly spot on WKLM for Housing.
- Urgent updates affecting housing in Holmes County
 - i. Brode shared Habitat update. Possible merger. Want to do 5 houses a year. Land is an issue.
 - ii. Brode also shared an update regarding the new housing development concept 1-2bedroom units in Millersburg off of Lakeview Dr.. (concept attached)
- Brief recap of survey takeaways and why this coalition matters

4. Review & Approve the Challenge Statement

Goal: Confirm a clear, shared countywide problem statement.

Challenge Statement:

Many people in Holmes County are struggling to find a safe, decent, and affordable place to live, especially rentals and homes under \$1,000 a month, as housing costs continue to outpace wages and supply remains limited. Younger families, seniors, single parents, and people in essential jobs are finding fewer options close to work, school, childcare, and healthcare, made harder by zoning complexity, limited housing types, and a lack of shared understanding about development options. In a county with no public transportation and long distances to travel, the cost of keeping a car makes stable housing even more difficult, pushing everyday needs further out of reach.

Without a coordinated countywide effort, employers will struggle to hire and retain workers, young families will continue to leave, seniors will become more isolated, and housing instability will increase. This challenge is too large for any one group to solve; a countywide coalition is needed to align resources, reduce duplication, and protect Holmes County's rural, humane, and communal culture so neighbors can continue to care for neighbors.

Motion to Approve – Lisa Kauffman; Second –Bob Shoemaker; ALL IN FAVOR

5. Working Lanes

- Group conversation
 - i. Community Education & Outreach
 - ii. Housing Solutions & Development
 - iii. Support & Stability Network
- Each group set 3 measurable goals and noted missing voices at the table as well as how each lane can collaborate.
 - i. Need to ID buildable sites
 - ii. Need to clearly define and ID WHERE people want and need housing
 - 1. List of people who need housing. What they need and where they need it.
 - iii. Develop a list of speakers & topics to fill the 10 minute weekly spot on WKLM.

6. Outreach Commitments & Next Steps

Meeting adjourned @ 9:45am

Next meeting: May 26th @ 8:30am Location - Cider Press

CONCEPT ONLY - NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION



Luxury Tiny Space Living

Lakeview Dr.



Project No.	12-0000
Sheet No.	1 of 1
Revision History	

Concept A