

**HOLMES COUNTY HOUSING COALITION
MEETING MINUTES**

February 24, 2026

Cider Press - Millersburg, Ohio

Meeting called to order - 8:33am

Attendees:

Dave Mast	Alonovus, Inc
Matt Ellington	Avodah Contractors
James Kurtz	Brick & Banister Design
Tara Martin	Cardinal Therapy Group
Brett Gallion	Commercial Savings Bank
Chris White	Eques Law / Cider Press
Jess Strouse	Goodwill Industries
Larry Kaufman	Grace Church
Laura McCartney	Habitat for Humanity
Tabby Hemenway	HC Adult Probation
Eric Strouse	HC Commissioner
Melissa Iannarelli	HC Engineers Office
Becky Starner	HC General Health District
Dan Stackhouse	HC USO/Veterans
Mark Leininger	Holmes County Economic Development Council
Holley Johnson	Holmes County Foundation
Karen Keim	Keim Company
Anya Schlegel	Keim Company
Ted Thorpe	Killbuck Savings Bank, Killbuck Council
Lisa Kauffman	Killbuck Savings Bank, Killbuck Council, Landlord
Chloe Conn	Love INC. of GHC
Debbi Miller	Love INC. of GHC
Jordan Anderson	Love INC. of GHC

Rachelle Lyndaker Schlabach	Millersburg Mennonite
Phil Wells	New Pointe Church
Tina Zickefoose	One-Eighty
Laura Barr	Physician
Tyler Miller	Real Estate Investor
Brodie DeHass	Real Estate Investor
Judson Morris	Resident
Alex Jones	Resident
Griffin Long	Sacred Groud
Jason Biltz	Tekton Engineering
Ashley Hershberger	United Way Wayne & Holmes
Katie Kogelman	United Way Wayne & Holmes
Megan Wilson	United Way Wayne & Holmes
Linda Campbell	Village of Killbuck
Nate Troyer	Village of Millersburg
Melissa Patrick	WKLM

1. Welcome & Introductions - Ashley Hershberger

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

2. The Story of Housing in Holmes County

- A brief overview of what residents shared in the countywide survey.
 - i. 185 survey responses
 - ii. Ashley shared slideshow and discussed significant data and responses.

3. Why Housing Should Matter to Everyone

- This is not just an income level discussion.
- It impacts everyone.
- Identify your own biases
 - i. Questions - Who has lived in an apartment or duplex? What comes to mind when you think about multi-family housing?
- What has come up as "not in my neighborhood?"

4. What Is a Housing Coalition? - Katie Kogelman

- Starting Structure

- Gave examples of Wayne County Housing Coalition
- Meet on a regular basis (monthly / bimonthly)
- Identity needs of Holmes County
- Point In Time counts - Homelessness (already counted by community)
- United Way can serve as officers for first year and fiscal agent
- Focus on short term goals.

5. Naming Holmes County's Grand Challenge - Ashley Hershberger

- Group conversation & Challenge Statement activity
 - i. *What are the top housing realities we must name?*
 - ii. *Who is most affected?*
 - iii. *How does transportation make this harder?*
 - iv. *If nothing changes, what's our future?*

6. Action Items & Next Steps

- Get the survey out to more people
 - i. Meet them where they are
 - ii. Mail out
 - iii. Multiple collection sites
- Article and survey in Bargain Hunter
- Refine the Housing Challenge Statement
- Identify missing voices to invite
- Committee breakdowns

Meeting adjourned @ 9:45am

Next meeting: March 24th 8:30am Location - Cider Press

Meeting Two Preview:

1. Finalize challenge statement
2. Discuss Mission/Purpose
3. Identify lanes and subcommittees
4. Identify missing voices to invite
5. Gather key data: PIT count, school homelessness, evictions, land bank, ZIP gaps
6. Marketing & Catalytic Presentation