

HOLMES COUNTY HOUSING COALITION MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2026

Cider Press - Millersburg, Ohio

Meeting called to order - 8:35am

Attendees:

Dave Mast	Alonovus, Inc
James Kurtz	Brick & Banister Design
Chris White	Eques Law / Cider Press
Eric Miller	First Federal Bank
Jess Strouse	Goodwill Industries
Laura McCartney	Habitat for Humanity
Tabby Hemenway	HC Adult Probation
Brody Williams	HC Juvenile Court
Eric Strouse	HC Commissioner
Becky Starnier	HC General Health District
Dan Stackhouse	HC USO/Veterans
Mark Leininger	Holmes County Economic Development Council
Chris Keim	Kauffman Lawn
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
Nicole Williams	Mental Health & Recovery Board
Phil Wells	New Pointe Church
Tina Zickefoose	One-Eighty
Laura Barr	Physician
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

Linda Campbell	Village of Killbuck
Nate Troyer	Village of Millersburg
Bob Shoemaker	Village of Millersburg Council
Melissa Patrick	WKLM
Kiana Leppla	West Holmes Local Schools

1. Welcome & Introductions - Ashley Hershberger

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

2. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

- All in favor

3. Highlights – Survey Takeaways & Coalition Value

- Shared key insights from the countywide survey.
- Discussion of neighbors caring for neighbors and why this is a countywide, cross-sector problem solving table.

4. Finalize the Challenge Statement

- Breakout into groups and discussed Challenge Statement, completing worksheet.
- Groups picked their favorite and made suggestions on what to add and how to alter the wording.
 - i. Challenge Statement 4: Many people in Holmes County are struggling to find a safe, decent, and affordable place to live, especially homes or rentals under \$1,000 a month. Younger families, seniors, single parents, and people in essential jobs are finding fewer options close to work, school, or childcare. With no public transportation and long distances to drive, the cost of keeping a car makes stable housing even harder to maintain. This is too big for any one group to solve; working together as neighbors, churches, local leaders, and businesses is the only way to ensure everyone can live, work, and stay in the community they love.
 - ii. Redo last line to Neighbors taking care of neighbors
 - iii. A countywide system is needed to reduce depreciation and preserve rural way of living.
 - iv. Include healthcare, zoning education and workforce attraction.

5. Working Lanes

- Group conversation & activity
 - 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.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:34am

Next meeting: April 28th @ 8:30am Location - Cider Press