SOUTHWESTERN OHIO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
April 22nd, 2026
SWOCOG Office
Time: 9am-10am

Board Attendance: Lee Ann Emmons, Megan Manuel, John LaRock, Kamarr Gage (Virtual), Leia Snyder.

Absent: Dan Ottke

Attendees: Sharon Travis, Amy Pond and Megan Hoying

I. Call to Order: Lee Ann Emmons called the meeting to order at 9:06am.

II. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 26-04-01 John LaRock motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Leia Snyder seconded; motion carried.

Roll Call: Lee Ann Emmons-yes, Megan Manuel-yes, Kamarr Gage-yes, John LaRock-yes, Leia Synder-yes.

III. Review/Approve Minutes of the March Board Meeting.

Resolution: 26-04-02 Megan Manuel motioned to approve the minutes of the March Board Meeting as presented. Leia Snyder seconded; motion carried.

Roll Call: Lee Ann Emmons-yes, Megan Manuel-yes, Kamarr Gage-yes, John LaRock -yes, Leia Synder-yes.

IV. Financial Report

A. **March Financial Report**
Amy reviewed the financial report that was emailed to the board.

B. **COG Financial Statement: January-March 2026.**
Resolution: 26-04-03 Leia Snyder motioned to approve the COG Financial Statement as presented. John LaRock seconded; motion carried.
Roll Call: Lee Ann Emmons-yes, Megan Manuel-yes, Kamarr Gage-yes, John LaRock -yes, Leia Synder-yes.

V. Executive Director's Report

Sharon Travis reviewed the report that was emailed to the board.

VI. Old Business:

A. **Respite Homes:** The adult home will be closing at the end of June because the provider is unable to keep qualified and trained employees due to the lack of referrals. The board discussed that Hamilton and Greene County will not continue to participate in the youth home leaving only Warren and Clermont County. Both counties will be reaching out to their teams to see if they will still participate in the service.

B. **COG Cost Savings Data:** Sharon Travis has been working with the other COG Directors and OACB to identify the cost savings for county boards due to utilizing services through the COGs throughout Ohio. Sharon reviewed the document that was emailed to the board for this meeting. The COG directors will be meeting with the DODD leadership team on May 4th to provide training on what COGs are and what they do. The COG director's presentation to DODD was shared with the board.

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VII. New Business:

A. **Table of Organization:** Sharon Travis reviewed the revised Table of Organization that was emailed to the board.
Resolution: 26-04-04 John LaRock motioned to approve the revised Table of Organization as presented. Megan Manuel seconded; motion carried.
Roll Call: Lee Ann Emmons-yes, Megan Manuel-yes, Kamarr Gage-yes, John LaRock -yes, Leia Synder-yes.

IX. Executive Session:

No executive session was held.

X. Adjournment: Lee Ann Emmons adjourned the meeting at 10:18am.