CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2025

A regular meeting of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District Board was held on December 17, 2025, at the firehouse located at 5138 Columbus Road Centerburg, OH 43011. The following attended:
Other attendance sheet attached.

Board Members
Peter Dickerson
Daniel Hardwick
Eric Cochran

Staff
Chief McCann

Jill Hunter, Fiscal Officer

Public
Julie Laughlin
Crystal McElhaney
Chase Cochran

Mr. Cochran called the regular Board meeting of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Julie questioned the status of the Union Contract. Chief McCann stated that it is currently in the hands of the attorneys and the department will continue to operate as normal until the agreement is reached. Unsure at this time how long negotiations will take.
Crystal thanked Pete for his service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the minutes as stated from the regular meeting on November 19, 2025 and Mr. Hardwick seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hardwick and Mr. Dickerson. In the negative: None.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Mr. Hardwick moved to approve the warrants presented, and Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hardwick and Mr. Dickerson. In the negative: None.

Jill presented the monthly bank reconciliation; fund status ledger, appropriation ledger; receipt ledger and payment register for the Board's review and approval.

REPORTS
Chief McCann Report – (Attached)
$14,000.00 to repair fire truck.

Mr. Dickerson moved to accept the resignation of firefighter Mitchell Gillam effective January 8, 2026, and Mr. Hardwick seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hardwick and Mr. Dickerson. In the negative: None.

I*nspector Report*- (Attached)

Fire Report (Attached)
EMS Report (Attached)
Training Report- (Attached)
EMS Billing Received – EMS Billing received for the month of June $41,385.06

More discussion on the fire truck as to making a large payment on the loan. The biggest concern is that the board is asking for another levy and residents questioning the amount of carryover. The money that is currently in the Star Ohio account is making money. The Star Ohio account received $39,515.56 in interest for 2025 as of 11/30/2025. The interest for 2026 on the fire truck will amount to $27,985.61. The board feels if the district is making money from what is invested, they should keep making it. The board does not feel they are costing the tax payers any money.
When the new levy comes around then they should discuss paying off the truck. It was stated that the County Auditor has the authority to cut the levy if the carryover is too high. There was also the suggestion of a Capital Equipment Fund.

Mr. Hardwick moved to adopt Resolution No 12.17.2025 A Resolution of Necessity to Levy a Renewal Tax. Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran and Mr. Hardwick. In the negative: Mr. Dickerson

They also discussed the possibility of making a lump principal sum. Mr. Cochran requested that the fiscal officer get the information of the amount owed on the truck, what is in the Star Ohio account.

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Central Ohio Joint Fire District, at p.m., Mr. Cochran made a motion to adjourn until the regular meeting on January 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., unless called upon for urgent business. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Hardwick. In the negative: None.

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Clerk

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