

CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2026

A regular meeting of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District Board was held on January 21, 2026, at the firehouse located at 5138 Columbus Road Centerburg, OH 43011. The following attended:
Other attendance sheet attached.

Board Members

Eric Cochran
Daniel Hardwick
Jeremy Netting

Staff

Chief McCann

Jill Hunter, Fiscal Officer

Public

Mr. Cochran called the regular Board meeting of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District to order at 7:20 p.m. (After the 2026 organizational meeting).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hardwick moved to approve the minutes as stated from the regular meeting on December 17, 2025 and the Appropriations meeting on December 23, 2025 and Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran and Mr. Hardwick. Mr. Netting abstained. In the negative: None.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Mr. Hardwick moved to approve the warrants presented, and Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hardwick and Mr. Netting. 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)

The board was presented with the final results from the health insurance. There will be a 33% increase in premiums due to prior health issues in the department. Several options were presented and the board questioned would the higher deductible defer future employment for the department. Chief McCann feels that this would not be an issue due to the age of future recruits and they may not be as concerned with benefits. Mr. Hardwick pointed out that the financial savings would be better with the \$3,000.00 deductible which amounts to \$19,876.56. It will remain that the department pays 90% and the firefighter pays 10% of the premium. Mr. Hardwick moved to the \$3,000.00 individual deductible and \$6,000.00 family deductible with the total cost for the year coming in at \$153,641.88, and Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hardwick and Mr. Netting. In the negative: None.

Inspector 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

Staffing update – Dylan McCoy will be on light duty until cleared by the physician he was injured outside of duty. The Chief stated there had been five interviews of the part timers to fill Mitchell Gilliam’s position. Mr. Cochran motioned for a conditional job offer to Taylor Collins. Mr. Hardwick seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hardwick and Mr. Netting. In the negative: None.

Mr. Cochran moved to adopt Resolution No 01.21.2026 A Resolution of Proceed with Submission of The Question of Levying a 5.50 Tax. Mr. Netting seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hardwick, and Mr. Netting. In the negative: None

Mr. Hardwick commented that further discussion will be needed for the fire truck payment or payoff after more information is received from the County Auditor about the carryover for the future.

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 February 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., unless called upon for urgent business. Mr. Hardwick seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Netting and Mr. Hardwick. In the negative: None.

Clerk
