

Butler County Board of Commissioners

Butler County Rural Zoning Commission

Butler County Planning Commission

130 High Street  
Hamilton, OH 45011

Dear Commissioners and Zoning and Planning Board,

The Lemon Township Board of Trustees are writing to formally request that the Butler County Board of Commissioners enact a 12 month moratorium on the approval, construction, and development of any current or future data center projects within Lemon Township.

This request reflects the Township's interest in ensuring that any large-scale industrial or technological development aligns with the long-term planning goals, infrastructure capacity, environmental considerations, and quality of life expectations of our residents. Data centers, while economically significant, can present substantial impacts related to land use, energy consumption, water resources, and local infrastructure that warrant careful evaluation and community input.

At this time, the Township believes that a temporary pause is necessary to allow for a thorough review of zoning regulations, potential environmental effects, public utility demands, and broader community implications. A moratorium would provide the opportunity for thoughtful planning and collaboration between the Township, County officials, and stakeholders to determine appropriate policies and safeguards moving forward.

We respectfully ask the Board to consider this request and act in the best interest of Lemon Township residents by placing an immediate moratorium on such developments until further study and planning measures can be completed.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. We look forward to continued cooperation with the County on issues affecting our community.

Sincerely,

Joe Routson, Michael Garver and Kevin Majors  
Lemon Township Trustees

 4/10/26

 4/12/26

R. Joseph K.  4/13/26

**LEMON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
REGULAR MEETING**

LEMON TOWNSHIP MET IN A REGULAR MEETING TO DISCUSS THE NECESSARY PUPOSE OF THE BUSINESS FOR THE TOWNSHIP. TRUSTEES PRESENT WERE: MR. ROUTSON – AYE, MR. MAJORS – AYE, MR. GARVER – AYE. FISCAL OFFICER PRESENT WAS RITA TANNREUTHER.

MR. ROUTSON CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

**RESOLUTION NO. 27-26**

MR. ROUTSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUES THAT WAS PREPARED BY THE FISCAL OFFICER. THEY WERE AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO READ THEM. MR. MAJORS SECOND THE MOTION. VOTE: MR. MAJORS – AYE, MR. ROUTSON – AYE, MR. GARVER – AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE THE BILLS AND PAYROLL FOR THE MONTH

**RESOLUTION NO. 28-26**

MR. ROUTSON MADE A MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS AND MEET THE PAYROLL FOR THE MONTH. MR. MAJORS SECOND THE MOTION. VOTE: MR. MAJORS – AYE, MR. ROUTSON – AYE, MR. GARVER – AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT

**RESOLUTION NO. 29-26**

MR. ROUTSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH THAT WAS PREPARED BY THE FISCAL OFFICER. A COPY OF THE APPROVED REPORTS ARE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES. MR. MAJORS SECOND THE MOTION. VOTE: MR. MAJORS – AYE, MR. ROUTSON – AYE, MR. GARVER – AYE. MOTION CARRIED

BANK REC

**RESOLUTION NO. 30-26**

MR. ROUTSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BANK RECONCILATION FOR THE MONTH. MR. GARVER SECOND THE MOTION. VOTE: MR.

MAJORS – AYE, MR. ROUTSON – AYE. MR. GARVER – AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

FISCAL OFFICER

NEW FUND

**RESOLUTION NO. 31-26**

MR. ROUSTON MADE A MOTION TO ADD A NEW APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS FOR 2901 FOR OPIOIDS SPENDING, EMS AND POLICE ANYTHING THAT WILL HELP WITH OPIOIDS. MR. GARVER SECOND THE MOTION. VOTE: MR. MAJORS -AYE, MR. ROUTSON – AYE, MR. GARVER – AYE. MOTION CARRIED

**ROAD DEPARTMENT** – GARY MORTON – THAT THE TOWNSHIP PAY FOR ADDITIONAL GUARDRAIL THAT IS NOT COVERED UNDER THE CONTRACT FOR ROAD MAINTENACE.

**RESOLUTION NO. 32-26**

MR. ROUTSON MADE A MOTION THAT THE TOWNSHIP WOULD PAY FOR TWO DIFFERENT INVOICES, ONE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,115.00 FOR GUARDRAIL AND SUPPLIES FOR 7165 CARSON ROAD. THE OTHER ONE IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,195.00 FOR GUARDRAIL AND SUPPLIES FOR 7223 CARSON RD. THE CHECK IS TO BE MADE OUT TO THE CITY OF MONROE. MR.GARVER SECOND THE MOTION. VOTE: MR. MAJORS – AYE, MR. ROUTSON – AYE, MR. GARVER – AYE. MOTION CARRIED

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** – CHIEF HANDED IN A REPORT IS ATTACHED TO THE MINTUES. REPORTED 36 RUNS FOR THE MONTH 27 OF THEM WERE EMS. NOTHING ELSE TO REPORT.

THE FIRE CHIEF SAID THAT IF ANYONE NEEDS TRAINING IN CPR, FIRE DEPARTMENT DOES OFFER CLASSES.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT** – NOT PRESENT - HANDED IN A REPORT THAT IS ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES.

**TRUSTEES:**

MR. MAJORS GUARDRAIL ON S. MAIL STREET NEED TO BE REPLACE. THIS IS WHERE THE BRIDGE IS BEING REPLACED. THE COST FOR THE

**RESOLUTION NO. 33-26**

MR. MAJOR MAD A MOTION TO REPLACE THE GUARDRAIL ON S. MAIN ST. THE COST WILL BE \$12,940.00. MR. ROUTSON SECOND THE MOTION. VOTE: MR. MAJORS – AYE, MR. ROUTSON – AYE, MR. GARVER -AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

DATA CENTERS:

MR. ROUTSON READ A QUESTION AND ANSWERS FROM THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND THE OFFICE OF BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. INQUIRING ABOUT ZONING AND DATA CENTERS.

A COPY OF THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWER ARE ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES.

MR. GARVER WOULD LIKE THE TRUSTEES TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS PREPARED. TO STOP DATA CENTERS FROM COMING INTO THE TOWNSHIP.

MR. GARVER MADE A MOTION TO AMEND TO ASK OUR COMMISSIONERS TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON ANY NEW DATA CENTER ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE/LOCATE IN LEMON TOWNSHIP. THERE WAS NO SECOND THE THIS MOTION.

MR. ROUTSON SUGGESTED THAT THE TRUSTEES WRITE A LETTER TO THE BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BUTLER COUNTY RURAL ZONING COMMISSIONS, AND BUTLER PLANNING COMMISSION STATING THAT LEMON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES ARE AGAINST DATA CENTERS AND WOULD LIKE MORATORIUM IN PLACE FOR LEMON TOWNSHIP.


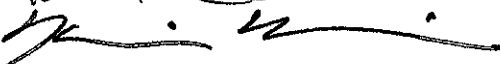
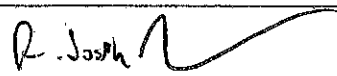
**RESOLUTUION NO. 34-26**

MR. ROUTSON MADE A MOTION THAT THE TRUSTEES WOULD WRITE A LETTER TO BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BUTLER COUNTY RURAL COMMISSION AND BUTLER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION. THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORATORIUM IN PLACE TO STOP ANY DATA CENTERS COMING INTO LEMON TOWNSHIP. MR. GARVER SECOND THE MOTION. VOTE: MR. MAJORS – AYE, MR. ROUTSON – AYE, MR. GARVER – AYE. MOTION CARRIED.


ADJOURN

**RESOLUTION NO. 35-26**

TRUSTEES SIGNATURES:

  
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FISCAL OFFICER SIGNATURE:

  
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