

The Board of County Commissioners of Clinton County, Ohio met in regular session on the 20 day of March, 2024, at a duly noticed and called meeting at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, Clinton County, 1850 Davids Drive Suite 208, Wilmington, Ohio 45177 with the following members present: Kerry R. Steed, Brenda K. Woods, and Mike McCarty. Also present was the County Administrator, Mary Ann Foland, and the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Lisa Hipke.

IN THE MATTER OF REGULATING)
SIGNS AND DISPLAYS AT THE CLINTON)
COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND OTHER)
COUNTY GOVERNMENT PROPERTY)
IN CLINTON COUNTY, OHIO)

Resolution No. 24-309

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, of Clinton County, Ohio (the "Board") is responsible for the maintenance of the exterior and grounds of the Clinton County Courthouse, located at 46 S. South Street, Wilmington, Ohio 45177, and other real property situated in Clinton County, Ohio;

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Courthouse has a monument sign situated upon its grounds which is maintained as part of the exterior and grounds by the Board;

WHEREAS, the Board has the authority to enact a resolution to regulate the use of a county-owned and maintained sign on county property and discontinue use of such sign and grounds as a public forum where signs and messages were previously permitted to be posted and displayed by non-county government persons;

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to only and exclusively use the monument sign at the Clinton County Courthouse for communication of county business, messages, and other government speech and not for the posting of signs or messages of other non-county government persons;

WHEREAS, in the interest of promoting and protecting public safety, health, and welfare, the Board wishes to permit the posting of limited directional and parking restriction related signage on the Clinton County Courthouse grounds, but not on the monument sign, for permitted events; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to not consider or process any applications for the use of the County Courthouse monument sign or for the posting of any non-government signs at other Clinton County owned and maintained properties on and after July 1, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the monument sign and the grounds of the Clinton County Courthouse and the grounds of other Clinton County owned and maintained property are for the sole and exclusive posting of signs and messages of the Board and Clinton County government and are not public forums and that no signs other than those installed for official messages of the Clinton County government shall be erected or installed after July 1, 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing in this Resolution is intended to or shall have the effect of limiting the exercise of individual free speech and expression insofar as persons engaged in such expressive behavior are not posting or making use of the monument sign and other similar signage infrastructure for the posting of non-government messages or signs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the posting of limited directional and parking restrictive signage is shall be allowed for authorized special events taking place at the Clinton County Courthouse, including temporary directional signage for permitted events.

Commissioner Woods moved for the adoption of the Resolution:

Commissioner Steed seconded the motion for the adoption of the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulting as follows:

Mr. Steed	<u>YEA</u>
Ms. Woods	<u>YEA</u>
Mr. McCarty	<u>YEA</u>

Approved this 20 day of March, 2024.

Board of County Commissioners
Clinton County, Ohio

Mike McCarty
Mike McCarty

ATTEST:

Mary Ann Foland
Mary Ann Foland, County Administrator

Brenda K. Woods
Brenda K. Woods

Kerry R. Steed
Kerry R. Steed