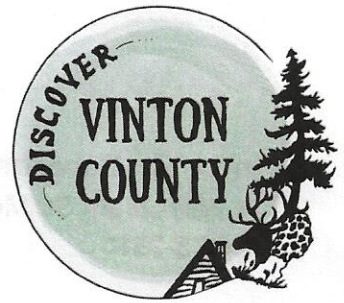


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Meeting Minutes 0

Date: July 14, 2026

Present : Director Aiden Reagh, Brandi Betts, Rick Reynolds, Rheeta Leach, Ellen Lash (12:05) Abigail Saylor, Sharon Troyer, Beverly Goheen

Guests: Commissioner Kevin Cozad, Erin Maynard, Nick Rupert, and Red Thompson

1. Call to Order: Brandi Betts at 12:00 noon.

2. Comments from the public: Nick Rupert (Vinton Co. Airport) gave an update on attractions for the Vinton Co Airshow scheduled on Sept. 20, 2026 and completed airport runway improvements.

3. Destination Development Director- Jessica Fritz introduced herself, career highlights, plans to improve the lodging tax system and voiced enthusiasm for her new position. Welcomed by all.

4. Secretary's Report- Rick Reynolds motioned to approve the June 09, 2026 minutes with the corrected spelling of Kevin Cozad (areas as noted) and seconded by Sharon Troyer. All voted yes.

5. Financial : June 30, 2026 current fund balance of \$325,441.22. America 250- Ohio Commission (Maude Collins House) architectural/engineering grant of \$9,500 and Ohio Goes to the Movies stipend (\$3,500) not included.

6. Staff Report: Director Aiden Reagh gave an update on the Maude Collins House project (see below), Southern Ohio Forest Rally event, upcoming Ohio goes to the Movies, plans for web redesign, advertising sales, future media appearances, and partnering with Terri Fetherolf VCDD on a proposed AMBLER/ODNR grant for Zaleski.

-Keirsten Yates: reported on partnering with the Vinton Co. Historical Society on the American 250 - Vinton Co. Revolutionary War Soldiers Graves Project mapping (with brochure), 4th of July wreath laying and future plans.

-Jessica Fritz: reported progress with lodging tax management, Rentalscape program, and cross referencing properties to ensure accuracy.

7. Old Business:

a. **Mural Marker:** Rick Reynolds reported on unsatisfactory delays with the Southern Ohio Monument Co.

b. **Ohio Goes to the Movies:** Rick Reynolds reported on plans being finalized for the OGTM event Aug. 08, 2026 (6:30-10:00 p.m.) Herbert Wescoat Library, McArthur and partnering with Vinton Co. High School Drama Club.

c. **Maude Collins House-** update given on bid process for interior demo and clean-up/engineering plans.

8. New Business;

a. **Website-** work in progress.

b. **Mini- Grants Deadline Friday-Next Steps-** Application deadline July 17, 2026. Funding decision to be announced Aug. 14, 2026. Awardee committee meeting date/ time being finalized pending members availability.

c. **Vinton Co. Economic Impact Report-** handout given with summary, valuable info for grant writing.

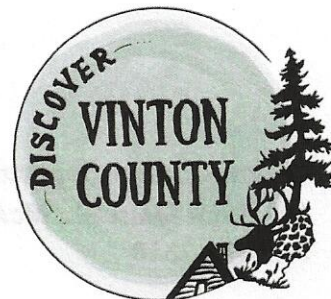
9. Board Members Comments-

Brandi Betts to send member confirmation to attend Community Board Training: Vinton Co. Community Bldg. McArthur on Aug 04, 2026 (5:30-7:30 p.m.) facilitated by Ohio State University, McArthur.

Rheeta Leach suggested a community training session for grant writing if possible through the same entity. Abby Saylor gave a summary on her wedding venue in Zaleski with info: location, total yearly bookings, wedding packages and price range, maximum capacity, referrals of local vendors, and local economy impact.

10. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn at 12:45 by Rick Reynolds with second by Abby Saylor. Meeting adjourned.

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