



PRESS RELEASE

Muskingum County Commissioners to Host Informational Sessions on Zoning, Seeking Input from Residents on Potential Adoption of Zoning Code in the County's Northwest Townships

The Muskingum County Commissioners, in partnership with the Muskingum County Planning Commission and the Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority, will be holding three public meetings to present an introduction to zoning, solicit public input, and to answer questions about zoning, the review process, and other similar topics. The County wants to hear residents thoughts on pursuing common sense County zoning regulations particularly in Jackson, Cass, Jefferson, Licking, Muskingum, Hopewell and Falls Townships. The County is facing incoming development pressure from the west, following the announcement of Intel's proposed twenty billion dollar chip facility. Adopting simple and straight forward zoning regulations would help to protect residents' property values and facilitate logical development, while protecting the individual rights that matter most to the public. The County Commissioners have contracted with McBride Dale Clarion, a planning consultant firm with decades of experience in local zoning projects, and Bricker & Graydon, a well-qualified Ohio law firm with a substantial land use and zoning practice, to draft any necessary legal documents.

The meeting schedule is listed below. At each meeting, an online platform (mentimeter) will be used to gather thoughts and comments from those in attendance. This will require attendees to use their cell phone's internet browser. Paper copies will be available for those who do not want to participate in the online activity. The County Commissioners welcome residents to attend one of these important sessions to provide constructive feedback and ideas for the future of our community (all three meetings will cover the same information).

Public Informational Sessions will be held the following dates and times:

January 9th, 2024 - 6:00pm Frazeyburg Elementary School (120 E 3rd St, Frazeyburg, OH 43822)

January 11th, 2024 – 6:00pm West Muskingum High School Auditorium (150 Kimes Rd, Zanesville, OH 43701)

January 29th, 2024 – 6:00pm Nashport Elementary School (3775 Creamery Rd, Nashport, OH 43830)