

Middleton Township Trustees

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Moulton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken. In attendance were Trustees Moulton, Petrea, and Vetter, as well as Fiscal Officer Limes.

The sign-in sheet for employees and visitors is attached with the approved minutes.

Noted on the sign in sheet is a statement indicating the meeting may be recorded or streamed live to the internet by a visitor - not at the authority of the township trustees.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold preliminary discussions with regard to the establishment of a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) with the City of Bowling Green. Introductions were made.

- Mr. Moulton and Mr. Vetter outlined potential boundaries of a JEDD in the township. The JEDD would be defined by specific parameters including roadways and properties.
- Peter Griggs, Esq. provided background details regarding the fact that townships cannot collect income tax but can enter into a contract with a local municipal partner that can.
 - The establishment of the JEDD could tax workers working on a site and also the net profits of a business.
 - He clarified that residential and agricultural zoned properties would not be included in the JEDD.
 - The JEDD would be governed by a Board of five individuals which include a representative from the township, the city, a business located in the JEDD, an employee working in the JEDD and an outside appointee named by the four other individuals.
 - The income would be split by the two governing agencies, with a portion of the funds provided to the city for an administration fee to handle the income tax distribution.
 - Businesses would petition to be included in the JEDD.
 - The JEDD can be amended to add businesses as growth occurs.
 - The township zoning resolution could be updated to state that certain zoned properties (ex. M-1) would join JEDD automatically.
 - A JEDD Creation Summary was provided to all attendees.
- Township residents Don and Kathy Limes addressed concerns for how this would impact local residents and farmers in the area. They noted concerns for traffic and scope of the projects.
- Bowling Green resident Lea Harper, stated concerns with regard to the Apollo gas plant and rules needing to be in place with air quality and more.
- Bowling Green Mayor Mike Aspacher stated he was pleased to have been invited to the informational meeting and noted it is very early in the process. He stated further assessment of the situation is needed including a review of the information with other individuals within the city administration.
- Review was held with potential outline of the JEDD boundaries.

Mr. Vetter moved, Mrs. Petrea seconded adjournment of the meeting at 9:48 am. Motion approved.

Michael Moulton, Chairman

Melissa S. Petrea, Trustee

Fred E. Vetter, Vice Chairman

Laurie L. Limes, Fiscal Officer