

CIRCLEVILLE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 4/21/2026

The Circleville Judicial Committee convened in City Council Chambers 2nd Fl., 127 South Court St., Circleville, OH 43113 on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Members present at Roll Call: Chair Tom Klitzka, Committee Members Sheri Theis and Jake Davison, and Assistant Clerk, Sarah Kolesar. Other Council members present: President Keller, Jeff Hallinin, Tom Duvall, and John Moats. Other guests present: Drew Finkes and Greg Cozzens-Firelands Scientific, Planner Hannah Wynne, and Mayor Blanton.

Klitzka called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

New Business:

a) Presentation by Drew Finkes and Greg Cozzens- Firelands Scientific, The Landing Dispensary.

Discussion: Cozzens explained they began their business in Sandusky, Ohio, by opening a cultivation facility near a cornfield in 2018, as well as processing medical marijuana products. In 2020, they launched their first dispensary, now operating in nearly every region in Ohio. Cozzens emphasized their dispensaries are heavily monitored and secure, pointing out that most of their security team have a background in law enforcement. Additionally, they seek to work directly with local communities as a partnership. Cozzens stated they have a great team and a well-controlled program aimed at serving the communities and patients in Ohio from all walks of life. Klitzka asked why they are interested in opening a dispensary in Circleville and Cozzens stated that Circleville is an underserved area in Ohio. Theis inquired about what sets their dispensary apart compared to others and he explained that they put people first, including their team and those in the community. He noted they offer medical benefits, a 401K program, and upwards of 4-week paid vacation, highlighting that taking care of their employees is more important than profit. Also, they follow all laws and guidelines regarding the location of their business from schools, parks, etc. Duvall expressed concern regarding gummies from local smoke shops in town and children having access to them but is encouraged that new legislation recently passed has warranted some of those smoke shops to close. Moats asked how their dispensary and business will benefit Circleville. Cozzens explained it will bring well-paying jobs and benefits, the tax revenue, and serving the residents of Circleville. The starting pay would be \$17/hr. Drew Finkes, Real Estate Development Manager, explained they would need approval from the State to move forward in opening a dispensary, but since Pickaway County does not have any in operation currently, they're likely to be approved.

b) A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON THE RETAIL CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, AND DISPENSING OF ADULT-USE AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Klitzka explained that a Moratorium has been in place, and the Committee is requesting an extension of the Moratorium to continue researching and reviewing the impacts/benefits of having a dispensary in the City.

MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE:

Davison motioned to forward the Resolution to the next City Council meeting on May 5, 2026, with a recommendation for adoption. Seconded by Theis. Roll call. (3 Yeas-0 Nays). Motion carried.

Other Business: None

Theis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Davison. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Sarah Kolesar, Assistant Clerk.