



July 11th, 2025

Office of the Richland County Commissioners
50 Park Avenue East
Mansfield, OH 44902

Dear Richland County Commissioners,

Mechanics Bank has been in contact with the Treasurer's office with hopes of continuing to build our relationship with the County, as it came to our attention that a change in financial institutions may be under consideration. We also took the opportunity to reach out to your office. If there should be a formal process for selecting a financial institution, we would welcome the opportunity to present our capabilities and discuss how we can best support the Treasurer's office in meeting the County's operational and fiscal objectives.

In brief, we are committed to serving our community with integrity, responsiveness, and personalized service, and would be honored to be included in your evaluation process. Our deep roots in the community as Richland County's only independent bank, the mutual benefit to the placement of county funds with a local institution, and our strong understanding of the needs of local government make us uniquely positioned to provide exceptional service and customized financial solutions to the County.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We would welcome the opportunity to continue serving Richland County together. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can provide any additional information or if you would like to schedule a time to meet.

Sincerely,

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Nicholas Gesouras
Chief Banking Officer, SVP
Mechanics Bank

Board of Commissioners
Richland County, Ohio
50 Park Ave. E
Mansfield, OH 44902



July 17, 2025

Bart Hamilton
Richland County Treasurer
50 Park Avenue East
Mansfield, OH 44902

Dear Treasurer Hamilton,

We are writing to notify you of our Office's receipt of the enclosed letter submitted to our office by Mechanics Bank expressing interest in serving as the depository for Richland County funds. We understand there may be a desire on your part to consider moving the County's depository accounts from the current financial institution. As the designation of a public depository is governed by the competitive application requirements set forth in **Ohio Revised Code Section 135.33**, we believe it is appropriate and necessary to have a formal discussion on this matter.

Accordingly, we would like to invite you, along with Richland County Auditor Pat Dropsey, to attend an upcoming meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 10:00AM to discuss the County's depository arrangements and the appropriate next steps. This conversation will help ensure the County remains in full compliance with applicable legal procedures while considering all viable options for the safekeeping and management of public funds.

Please contact our office at your earliest convenience to communicate your availability on the above listed date and time. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Richland County Board of Commissioners

Cc: Richland County Auditor Pat Dropsey
Enclosure

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Anthony M. Vero

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cliff Mears".

Cliff Mears

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Darrell E. Banks".

Darrell E. Banks