

# VAN WERT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Past & Present

(Spelling of Commissioners' names is to the best of our ability due to illegible handwriting from the actual journals.)

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| 1836 | Joshua Goodwin   |                    | Jesse Atkinson          |
| 1837 | Joseph Johnson   | William Purdy      | Henry Reichard          |
| 1838 | Joseph Johnson   | William Purdy      | Henry Reichard          |
| 1839 | Robert Gilliland | William Purdy      | Stephen Gleason         |
| 1840 | David M. McCoy   | William Purdy      | Daniel Reed             |
| 1841 | Stephen Gleason  | William Purdy      | Daniel Reed             |
| 1842 | Stephen Gleason  | William Purdy      | Daniel Reed             |
| 1843 | Stephen Gleason  | Solomon Harzog     | Daniel Reed             |
| 1844 | Stephen Gleason  | Solomon Harzog     | James Young             |
| 1845 | Stephen Gleason  | Solomon Harzog     | James Young             |
| 1846 | Stephen Gleason  | Absalom Brey       | James Young             |
| 1847 | Stephen Gleason  | Absalom Brey       | John Baker              |
| 1848 | Johnzey Keith    | Absalom Brey       | John Baker              |
| 1849 | Johnzey Keith    | Thomas Claton      | John Baker              |
| 1850 | Johnzey Keith    | Thomas Claton      | James G. Gilliland      |
| 1851 | Johnzey Keith    | Thomas Claton      | James G. Gilliland      |
| 1852 | Johnzey Keith    | Charles Germann    | James G. Gilliland      |
| 1853 | Stanton C. Dix   | Charles Germann    | Isaac Toland            |
| 1854 | Stanton C. Dix   | Charles Germann    | Isaac Toland            |
| 1855 | Stanton C. Dix   | Charles Germann    | Isaac Toland            |
| 1856 | Lester Bliss     | Charles Germann    | Alexander Mentzer       |
| 1857 | Lester Bliss     | Charles Germann    | Alexander Mentzer       |
| 1858 | Lester Bliss     | Thomas Cully       | Alexander Mentzer       |
| 1859 | John H. Colwell  | Thomas Cully       | Alexander Mentzer       |
| 1860 | John H. Colwell  | Thomas Cully       | Alexander Mentzer       |
| 1861 | John H. Colwell  | Thomas Cully       | Alexander Mentzer       |
| 1862 | John H. Colwell  | Thomas Cully       | Henry Weible            |
| 1863 | James Montgomery | Thomas Cully       | Henry Weible            |
| 1864 | James Montgomery | Thomas Cully       | I. Custis (sp. Curtis?) |
| 1865 | Adam Merrick     | Thomas Cully       | Samuel F. Himmelright   |
| 1866 | Adam Merrick     | Thomas Cully       | Stephen Copper          |
| 1867 | Abijah Goodwin   | S. F. Conklin      | Stephen Copper          |
| 1868 | Abijah Goodwin   | S. F. Conklin      | Stephen Copper          |
| 1869 | Abijah Goodwin   | S. F. Conklin      | James Montgomery        |
| 1870 | Abijah Goodwin   | Theodore Wrecklage | James Montgomery        |
| 1871 | Abijah Goodwin   | Theodore Wrecklage | James Montgomery        |
| 1872 | Abijah Goodwin   | Theodore Wrecklage | Abraham Balyeat         |
| 1873 | Morgan H. Morgan | Samuel Miller      | Abraham Balyeat         |
| 1874 | Morgan H. Morgan | Samuel Miller      | Abraham Balyeat         |
| 1875 | Morgan H. Morgan | Samuel Miller      | Alex Mentzer            |
| 1876 | Abijah Goodwin   | Samuel Miller      | Alex Mentzer            |
| 1877 | Abijah Goodwin   | Samuel Miller      | Alex Mentzer            |
| 1878 | Abijah Goodwin   | Samuel Miller      | Aaron A. Bronson        |
| 1879 | Abijah Goodwin   | Francis Gilliland  | Aaron A. Bronson        |
| 1880 | Fred Lillich     | Francis Gilliland  | Aaron A. Bronson        |
| 1881 | Fred Lillich     | Francis Gilliland  | D.J. Davies             |
| 1882 | Fred Lillich     | Henry Rumble       | D.J. Davies             |
| 1883 | R.R. McDermutt   | Henry Rumble       | D.J. Davies             |
| 1884 | R.R. McDermutt   | Henry Rumble       | D.J. Davies             |
| 1885 | R.R. McDermutt   | H.L. Allen         | D.J. Davies             |
| 1886 | F. Carlo         | H.L. Allen         | A.J. Roller             |
| 1887 | F. Carlo         | William Freck      | A.J. Roller             |
| 1888 | F. Carlo         | William Freck      | A.J. Roller             |
| 1889 | J.C. Robinson    | William Freck      | A.J. Roller             |
| 1890 | J.C. Robinson    | William Freck      | A.J. Roller             |
| 1891 | J.C. Robinson    | William Freck      | A.J. Roller             |

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| 1892 | J.C. Robinson     | William Freck      | A.J. Roller        |
| 1893 | J.C. Robinson     | William Freck      | Peter Knittle      |
| 1894 | J.C. Robinson     | D.H. Edwards       | Peter Knittle      |
| 1895 | J.C. Robinson     | D.H. Edwards       | Peter Knittle      |
| 1896 | J.C. Robinson     | D.H. Edwards       | Peter Knittle      |
| 1897 | H. Schumm         | H.H. Ludwig        | Peter Knittle      |
| 1898 | H. Schumm         | H.H. Ludwig        | Peter Knittle      |
| 1899 | H. Schumm         | John Kritzenbarger | Peter Knittle      |
| 1900 | Alex Mentzer, Jr. | John Kritzenbarger | M.J. Kerns         |
| 1901 | Alex Mentzer, Jr. | L.H. Wise          | M.J. Kerns         |
| 1902 | Alex Mentzer, Jr. | L.H. Wise          | M.J. Kerns         |
| 1903 | Alex Mentzer, Jr. | L.H. Wise          | M.J. Kerns         |
| 1904 | Alex Mentzer, Jr. | L.H. Wise          | M.J. Kerns         |
| 1905 | Alex Mentzer, Jr. | W.I. Reed          | M.J. Kerns         |
| 1906 | Issac Everett     | W.I. Reed          | Edward E. Chambers |
| 1907 | Issac Everett     | W.I. Reed          | Edward E. Chambers |
| 1908 | Issac Everett     | W.I. Reed          | Edward E. Chambers |
| 1909 | Issac Everett     | W.I. Reed          | Edward E. Chambers |
| 1910 | E.A. Walborn      | W.H. Ayers         | William Muntzinger |
| 1911 | E.A. Walborn      | W.H. Ayers         | William Muntzinger |
| 1912 | E.A. Walborn      | W.H. Ayers         | William Muntzinger |
| 1913 | E.A. Walborn      | W.H. Ayers         | William Muntzinger |
| 1914 | George Fissel     | P.M. Wiesman       | H.G. Schumm        |
| 1915 | George Fissel     | P.M. Wiesman       | H.G. Schumm        |
| 1916 | George Fissel     | P.M. Wiesman       | H.G. Schumm        |
| 1917 | George Fissel     | P.M. Wiesman       | H.G. Schumm        |
| 1918 | J.N. Miller       | Albert Barnes      | B.F. Baxter        |
| 1919 | L.A. Price        | Albert Barnes      | B.F. Baxter        |
| 1920 | L.A. Price        | Albert Barnes      | B.F. Baxter        |
| 1921 | L.A. Price        | Albert Barnes      | B.F. Baxter        |
| 1922 | L.A. Price        | Frank Custer       | George F. Snyder   |
| 1923 | Charles L. Allen  | Frank Custer       | George F. Snyder   |
| 1924 | Charles L. Allen  | Frank Custer       | George F. Snyder   |
| 1925 | Charles L. Allen  | J.J. Hofmann       | George Fissel      |
| 1926 | Charles L. Allen  | J.J. Hofmann       | George Fissel      |
| 1927 | C.N. Scheidt      | J.J. Hofmann       | George Fissel      |
| 1928 | C.N. Scheidt      | G.E. Kerns         | George Fissel      |
| 1929 | C.N. Scheidt      | G.E. Kerns         | C.G. Muntzinger    |
| 1930 | C.N. Scheidt      | G.E. Kerns         | C.G. Muntzinger    |
| 1931 | C.N. Scheidt      | G.E. Kerns         | C.G. Muntzinger    |
| 1932 | C.N. Scheidt      | G.E. Kerns         | C.G. Muntzinger    |
| 1933 | C.N. Scheidt      | Fred Cake          | C.G. Muntzinger    |
| 1934 | C.N. Scheidt      | Fred Cake          | C.G. Muntzinger    |
| 1935 | Anthony Kill      | Fred Cake          | C.G. Muntzinger    |
| 1936 | Anthony Kill      | Fred Cake          | C.G. Muntzinger    |
| 1937 | Anthony Kill      | Roy McGowan        | W.P. Freck         |
| 1938 | Anthony Kill      | Roy McGowan        | W.P. Freck         |
| 1939 | J. Alford Brese   | Roy McGowan        | W.P. Freck         |
| 1940 | J. Alford Brese   | Roy McGowan        | W.P. Freck         |
| 1941 | J. Alford Brese   | Roy McGowan        | Noah Poling        |
| 1942 | J. Alford Brese   | Roy McGowan        | Noah Poling        |
| 1943 | J. Alford Brese   | Roy McGowan        | Noah Poling        |
| 1944 | J. Alford Breese  | Roy McGowan        | Noah Poling        |
| 1944 | J. Alford Breese  | Roy McGowan        | Noah Poling        |
| 1945 | J. Alford Breese  | J.A. Keysor        | Noah Poling        |
| 1946 | J. Alford Breese  | J.A. Keysor        | Noah Poling        |
| 1947 | L.A. Johnson      | J.A. Keysor        | Noah Poling        |
| 1948 | L.A. Johnson      | J.A. Keysor        | Noah Poling        |
| 1949 | L.A. Johnson      | J.A. Keysor        | B.F. Baxter        |
| 1950 | L.A. Johnson      | J.A. Keysor        | B.F. Baxter        |
| 1951 | L.A. Johnson      | J.A. Keysor        | B.F. Baxter        |
| 1952 | L.A. Johnson      | J.A. Keysor        | B.F. Baxter        |
| 1953 | L.A. Johnson      | J.A. Keysor        | Orval North        |
| 1954 | L.A. Johnson      | J.A. Keysor        | Orval North        |
| 1955 | Bill Poling       | J.A. Keysor        | Orval North        |

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| 1956 | Bill Poling      | J.A. Keysor     | Orval North      |
| 1957 | Bill Poling      | Ezra Rager      | Orval North      |
| 1958 | Bill Poling      | Ezra Rager      | Orval North      |
| 1959 | Robert Veach     | Ezra Rager      | Orval North      |
| 1960 | Robert Veach     | Ezra Rager      | Orval North      |
| 1961 | Robert Veach     | Ezra Rager      | Gaylord Bell     |
| 1962 | Robert Veach     | Ezra Rager      | Gaylord Bell     |
| 1963 | Robert Veach     | Ezra Rager      | Gaylord Bell     |
| 1964 | Robert Veach     | Ezra Rager      | Gaylord Bell     |
| 1965 | Robert Veach     | Lester Galloway | Edward Jones     |
| 1966 | Robert Veach     | Lester Galloway | Edward Jones     |
| 1967 | Homer Pollock    | Lester Galloway | Edward Jones     |
| 1968 | Homer Pollock    | Lester Galloway | Edward Jones     |
| 1969 | Homer Pollock    | Lester Galloway | Edward Jones     |
| 1970 | Homer Pollock    | Lester Galloway | Edward Jones     |
| 1971 | Ted Giessler     | Lester Galloway | Edward Jones     |
| 1972 | Ted Giessler     | Lester Galloway | Edward Jones     |
| 1973 | Ted Giessler     | Everett Jones   | Homer Pollock    |
| 1974 | Ted Giessler     | Everett Jones   | Edward Jones     |
| 1975 | Hugh Rauch       | Everett Jones   | Steve Dickman    |
| 1976 | Hugh Rauch       | Everett Jones   | Steve Dickman    |
| 1977 | Hugh Rauch       | Everett Jones   | Steve Dickman    |
| 1978 | Hugh Rauch       | Everett Jones   | Steve Dickman    |
| 1979 | Burton Hoblet    | Everett Jones   | Steve Dickman    |
| 1980 | Burton Hoblet    | Everett Jones   | Steve Dickman    |
| 1981 | Burton Hoblet    | Everett Jones   | E. Vaughn Morgan |
| 1982 | Burton Hoblet    | Everett Jones   | E. Vaughn Morgan |
| 1983 | Burton Hoblet    | Everett Jones   | E. Vaughn Morgan |
| 1984 | Burton Hoblet    | Everett Jones   | E. Vaughn Morgan |
| 1985 | Burton Hoblet    | Gary D. Adams   | E. Vaughn Morgan |
| 1986 | Burton Hoblet    | Gary D. Adams   | E. Vaughn Morgan |
| 1987 | Dick Dunlap      | Gary D. Adams   | E. Vaughn Morgan |
| 1988 | Dick Dunlap      | Gary D. Adams   | E. Vaughn Morgan |
| 1989 | Dick Dunlap      | Gary D. Adams   | E. Vaughn Morgan |
| 1990 | Dick Dunlap      | Gary D. Adams   | E. Vaughn Morgan |
| 1991 | Dick Dunlap      | Gary D. Adams   | E. Vaughn Morgan |
| 1992 | Dick Dunlap      | Gary D. Adams   | E. Vaughn Morgan |
| 1993 | Dick Dunlap      | Gary D. Adams   | George Ropp      |
| 1994 | Dick Dunlap      | Gary D. Adams   | George Ropp      |
| 1995 | Ava Good         | Gary D. Adams   | George Ropp      |
| 1996 | Ava Good         | Gary D. Adams   | George Ropp      |
| 1997 | Ava Good         | Gary D. Adams   | Gary D. Cooper   |
| 1998 | Ava Good         | Gary D. Adams   | Gary D. Cooper   |
| 1999 | Ava Good         | Gary D. Adams   | Gary D. Cooper   |
| 2000 | Ava Good         | Gary D. Adams   | Gary D. Cooper   |
| 2001 | Ava Good         | Gary D. Adams   | Clair Dudgeon    |
| 2002 | Ava Good         | Gary D. Adams   | Clair Dudgeon    |
| 2003 | Harold L. Merkle | Gary D. Adams   | Clair Dudgeon    |
| 2004 | Harold L. Merkle | Gary D. Adams   | Clair Dudgeon    |
| 2005 | Harold L. Merkle | Gary D. Adams   | Clair Dudgeon    |
| 2006 | Harold L. Merkle | Gary D. Adams   | Clair Dudgeon    |
| 2007 | Harold L. Merkle | Gary D. Adams   | Clair Dudgeon    |
| 2008 | Harold L. Merkle | Gary D. Adams   | Clair Dudgeon    |
| 2009 | Harold L. Merkle | Gary D. Adams   | Clair Dudgeon    |