

RESOLUTION NO. 20-00206

In the matter of approval of prior meeting) County Commissioners’ Office,
minutes from the regular session held on) Wood County, Ohio
February 18, 2020.) February 20, 2020

WHEREAS, in accordance with §121.22 (“Sunshine Law”), and §305.11, Revised Code of Ohio, “immediately upon the opening of each day’s session of the board of county commissioners, the records of the proceedings of the session of the previous day shall be read by the clerk of the board, or provided to each commissioner in written form, and, if correct, approved and signed by the commissioners”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on the 18th day of February 2020 with the following members present: THEODORE H. BOWLUS, CRAIG LAHOTE and DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners’ Agenda for February 18, 2020 was as follows:

I. 10:09 a.m. -- Reading of minutes from preceding meeting

Commissioner Herringshaw called the meeting to order and waived the reading of the prior meeting minutes. Administrator Andrew Kalmar, Assistant Administrator Carri Stanley, Clerk Sandy Long, WBGU Radio Host Clint Corpe, Sentinel-Tribune Editor Debbie Rogers, BG Independent News journalist Jan Larson-McLaughlin, Job and Family Services Director Dave Wigent, Protective Services Supervisor Brandy Laux, Jackson Township Trustees Brendyn George, Greg Panning and Matt Sheeks and Wood County resident Bruce Jeffers, were present.

*II. -- Consider Approval of Resolutions immediately following item I
See Resolution Listing*

There were no out of state travel requests submitted. There was one personnel action submitted from Wood Haven to amend resolution 20-00168 to reflect the correct date of hire for LPN Nichole Watkins. Commissioner LaHote moved to approve the resolutions on the attached listing and Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

III. -- Staff Reports

Job and Family Services (JFS) Director Dave Wigent and Protective Services Supervisor Brandy Laux re: 2019 Children Services Statistics (10:11 a.m.) – Mr. Wigent shared the attached information which was referenced throughout the discussion. He noted that although the number of abuse/neglect cases for Wood County was down in 2019 from 2018 it did not mean there was less work. Some cases take a lot more time. He mentioned currently there are 67 children in foster care and 30 children in kinship care. Ms. Laux stated that children are in care longer if it is due to an opiate case as it takes time for the medical care of the parent. She mentioned that JFS handles sexual abuse cases if it is an in household case. Law enforcement handles all cases involving sexual abuse by a peer. Mr. Wigent stated that not every abuse or neglect call is investigated. In 2019, 811 calls resulted in an investigation and 936 did not meet the requirements.

Mr. Wigent stated that they are looking into on-call hours. Ms. Laux stated that once a determination is made that an investigation is warranted, JFS has 24 hours to make face-to-face contact with the parent. Any report made after 1:30 p.m. on Friday is given to the on-call worker for the weekend. Mr. Wigent stated that one staff member takes the on-call hours the majority of the

time and he is looking into ways to disperse the hours to others without mandating the time. Commissioner Herringshaw asked about funding for kinship providers and foster care. Ms. Laux stated that JFS helps kinship providers with daycare and a small amount of money if needed. Most children are eligible for Medicaid. If a child is placed in a foster home, the foster parent receives \$35 a day for the care of the child. Commissioner LaHote asked if a kinship case goes on for years, can the care giver adopt the child. Ms. Laux stated the case would be closed by JFS and the care giver would have to petition the court for adoption. Commissioner Bowlus asked if they think the number of cases has reached a plateau. Ms. Laux stated it is possible, but the lower numbers may be due to a change in the screening criteria. The Commissioners thanked them both for the report. The meeting concluded at 10:32 a.m. Mr. Wigent and Ms. Laux exited at this time.

Jackson Township Trustee Greg Panning spoke on behalf of the Trustees regarding the NorthPoint Development, LLC Community Reinvestment Area project which is planned for land across from the CSX Intermodal Terminal in Henry Township. He stated they have ongoing concerns related to blocked railroad crossings and semi-truck traffic which occur daily. The trustees believe the issues will be worse with the addition of the proposed logistics park. Mr. Panning stated CSX blocks crossings which become worrisome when emergency personnel have to take extra time to find an unblocked crossing. He also stated that Jackson Township citizens spent \$100,000 in 2019 to pave Weston Road and it is already destroyed from truck traffic. Mr. Panning stated that Jackson, Henry and Bloom Townships are not designed for this type of infrastructure. Jackson Township has 69 miles of road to maintain and with a \$300,000 budget, are the 3rd lowest budgeted township in the county. He noted that \$80,000 is mandated wages and they spent \$100,000 on just one road. Mr. Panning stated that when trucks leave the CSX terminal, many head west on State Route 18 to get to State Route 235 only to find it blocked then they search for the next open road. He stated that Jackson Township residents pay for damaged roads and Henry Township reaps the benefits. The trustees struggle to explain this to their constituents. Mr. Kalmar asked what suggestions they have for the area. Mr. Panning stated that an overpass on State Route 235 in Hoytville would be beneficial. (Wood County Auditor's Office Financial Reporting Accountant Rick Rosendale entered at 10:35 a.m.) Mr. Sheeks suggested the Commissioners approach the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and ask them to conduct a study in the area near CSX to include State Routes 18 and 235 as well as surrounding township roads. The Commissioners agreed to reach out to ODOT, the county engineer, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments and CSX to look into solutions for these issues. Mr. Kalmar stated the Jackson Township Trustees will be included in all discussions. The trustees thanked the Commissioners for their time. Mr. Panning, Mr. Sheeks, Mr. George, Mr. Corpe and Mrs. Larson-McLaughlin exited at 11:04 a.m.

Insurance Benefits Update (11:05 a.m.) – Human Resources/Benefits Manager Pam Boyer was joined by Benefits Coordinator Cheryl Albrecht, Benefits Clerk April Hugg, and Risk Coordinator Erica Noel to discuss the spousal eligibility exception process. (Ms. Rogers exited at 11:06 a.m.) Mr. Kalmar stated that a Summary Plan Description (SPD) is distributed to all employees annually. Within the document is information on spousal eligibility. Wood County has adopted an income based system for spousal eligibility. Application information is sent to an outside accountant for review so Wood County does not know the income of the spouse. Mr. Kalmar stated there is also an exception process in place. Mrs. Noel stated currently there are 16 people eligible through the exception process for 2020. (Mr. Rosendale exited at 11:15 a.m.) Mrs. Boyer mentioned there is a Spousal Eligibility Review Subcommittee within the Health Benefits Committee. Mr. Kalmar stated it causes difficulty within the Subcommittee because the spouse has to provide ongoing reporting of their income and any change has to be reported within 30 days. Due to this process staff is made aware of the income of the spouse which they have tried to avoid. Mr. Kalmar stated if someone violates the rules of eligibility then a letter is sent stating the need to reimburse money and

sometimes it is thousands of dollars. Mr. Kalmar has suggested in the past that no exceptions be offered. Commissioner LaHote asked what qualifies as an exception. Mrs. Boyer stated that loss of a job would reduce income and could make them eligible for coverage. There is a spousal eligibility certification process done each year by the committee from August 15th to September 15th in which they look at the last full tax year return. Mr. Kalmar stated most people try to stay in compliance however there are a few that are under reporting their income to be eligible. Concern is that this could be considered fraud. Mrs. Boyer stated this was initially presented to be a benefit, but is now becoming burdensome. Commissioner LaHote suggested that rather than use the monthly income reporting method, the spouse could be provided coverage for the remainder of the year but be made aware that, based on the next tax return they may either owe money to the plan or be reimbursed by the plan. This would eliminate the monthly income reporting requirement. She also stated there are very few who ask for exceptions and COBRA is also available so this is not the only option. Mrs. Boyer would like to take the matter to the Health Benefits Committee to create a subcommittee to review options. She stated that they are not looking at raising the income threshold or getting rid of spousal coverage. They would like to remain family friendly. She noted there is a tight timeline to make changes for 2021. The Commissioners agreed that a subcommittee should be formed to review the process. Commissioner LaHote will be included in the subcommittee. The meeting concluded at 11:34 a.m.

IV. -- Open Forum Citizens Comments/Concerns

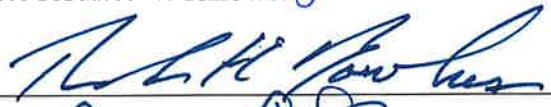


No one from the public was present. Commissioner Herringshaw moved to adjourn and Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried at 11:34 a.m.

The Board of County Commissioners will attempt to provide reasonable accommodations for any disabled person. Requests for special accommodations shall be made to the Office of the County Commissioners twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time such accommodations are required; now therefore, be it


RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Wood County, Ohio, that the foregoing minutes be and are hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these proceedings shall be kept on file in the office of the County Commissioners and open at all time to public inspection.

Commissioner Lahote moved and Commissioner Herringshaw seconded the motion and the roll being called on its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

DR. THEODORE H. BOWLUS	<u>yes</u>	<u></u>
CRAIG LAHOTE	<u>yes</u>	<u></u>
DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, Ed.D.	<u>yes</u>	<u></u>

*Board of County Commissioners,
Wood County, Ohio*

Attest: 
Clerk of said Board

RESOLUTION INDEX

BG - BLDGS & GROUNDS EFF. 6/1/13

- 20-00198 02/18/2020 AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH COMTE CONSTRUCTION TO REPLACE BASE TILE AND RE-GROUT FLOORING IN THE KITCHEN PREP AREA AT THE WOOD COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER.
- 20-00201 02/18/2020 RECEIVE AND AWARD STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF THE JAIL BOOKING AREA, MEDICAL AND FEMALE HOUSING.

BUD - BUDGET/APPROPRIATIONS -ALL

- 20-00204 02/18/2020 PAYMENT FOR SERVICES - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FEBRUARY 2020 LEASE PAYMENT.
- 20-00205 02/18/2020 PAYMENT FOR SERVICES - NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CENTER MAINTENANCE STAFF FOR FEBRUARY, 2020.

COMM - COMMISSIONERS

- 20-00193 02/18/2020 APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 2/13/2020
- 20-00194 02/18/2020 AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS
- 20-00195 02/18/2020 APPROVE REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEES
- 20-00196 02/18/2020 AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS

LAND - LANDFILL

- 20-00200 02/18/2020 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$401,703 OF COUNTY LANDFILL LOADER BONDS.

RBOS - ROADS, BRIDGES & OTHER STRUCT

- 20-00202 02/18/2020 AUTHORIZE MISCELLANEOUS ROAD WORK WITHIN LAKE TOWNSHIP BY COUNTY FORCES (FORCE ACCOUNT).
- 20-00203 02/18/2020 AUTHORIZE MISCELLANEOUS ROAD WORK WITHIN WESTON TOWNSHIP BY COUNTY FORCES (FORCE ACCOUNT).

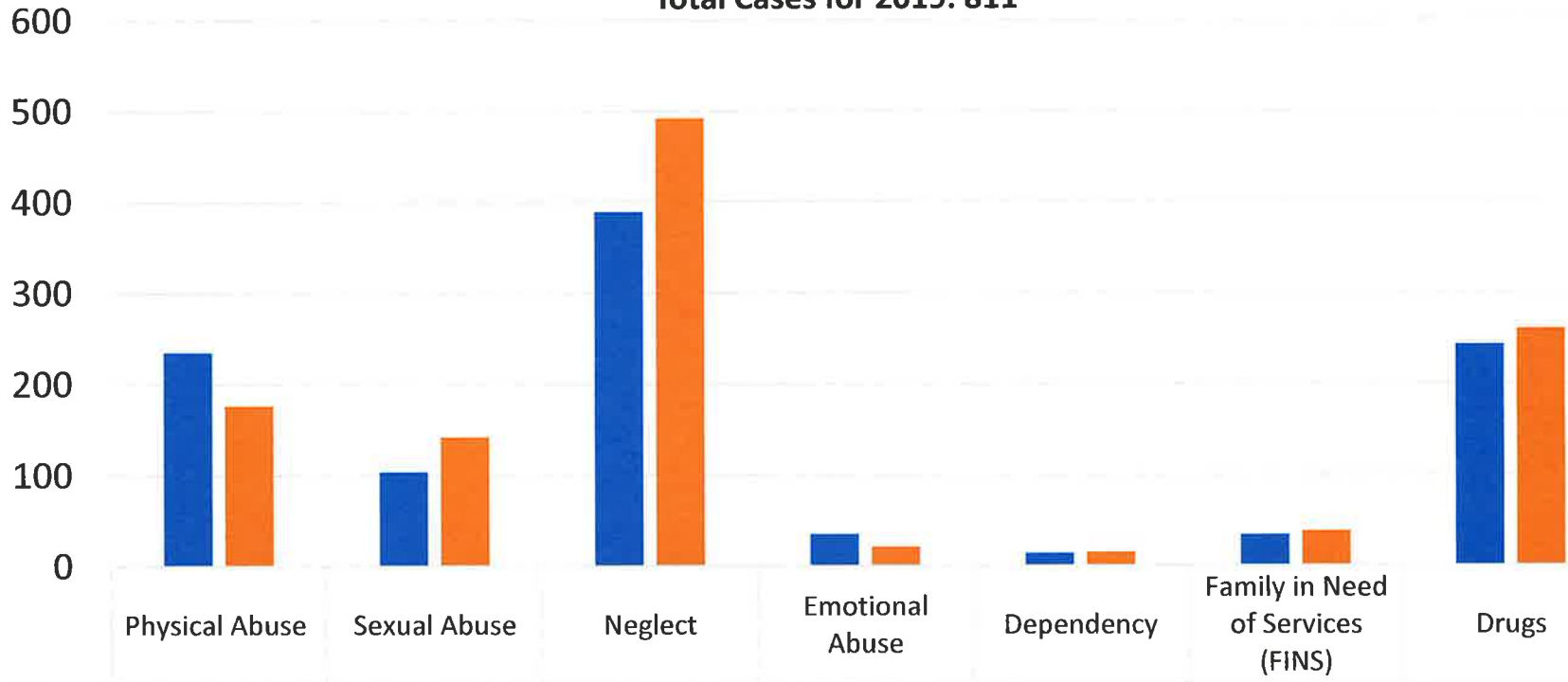
SHER - SHERIFF

- 20-00199 02/18/2020 AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH SOUND COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO EXPAND EXISTING NEXLOG 740 TO BENEFIT WOOD COUNTY'S 9-1-1 SYSTEM ON BEHALF OF THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF.

WH - WOOD HAVEN (eff. 11/9/03 formerly Wood County Nursing Home)

- 20-00197 02/18/2020 AUTHORIZE SHORT TERM INSTITUTIONAL RESPITE SERVICES AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT WITH MEMORYLANE CARE SERVICES ON BEHALF OF WOOD HAVEN HEALTH CARE.

Children Services Stats
Total Cases for 2018: 884
Total Cases for 2019: 811



■ 2019	235	104	389	35	14	34	243
■ 2018	176	142	492	21	15	38	260

2019 – out of the 243 drug cases, 119 were opiate cases

2018 – out of the 260 drug cases, 96 were opiate cases

