

RESOLUTION NO. 21-00954

In the matter of approval of prior meeting) County Commissioners' Office,
minutes from the regular session held on) Wood County, Ohio
August 3, 2021.) August 10, 2021

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 3rd day of August 2021 with the following members present: THEODORE H. BOWLUS, CRAIG LAHOTE and DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners’ Agenda for August 3, 2021 was as follows:

I. 9:17 a.m. -- Reading of minutes from preceding meeting

Commissioner Herringshaw called the meeting to order and requested reading of the prior meeting minutes. Administrator Andrew Kalmar, Assistant Administrator Carri Stanley and Acting Clerk Janese Diem, *Perrysburg Messenger* reporter Jane Maiolo, and *Sentinel-Tribune* reporter Marie Thomas-Baird were present.

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

There were no out of state travel requests submitted. Personnel actions included amending ending balances for retiring employees Tim Sarver, Maintenance Worker II, and Nora Davis, Deputy Dog Warden; new part time employees at Wood Haven: Melinda Beason and Kenzie McKelvey as Housekeepers, Michael Triplett as a Dietary Aide, and London Fonville and Kaitlyn Smith as STNA; and resignations from Wood Haven STNA Brooke Hughes and Dietary Aide Stephanie Schmidt. (Chief Dog Warden Andrew Snyder and Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Arlen de la Serna entered at 9:26 a.m.)

Commissioner LaHote moved to approve the resolutions on the attached listing. Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

III. -- Staff Reports

The Commissioners discussed activities that will be held during the Wood County Fair and noted that session will not be held on Thursday, August 5.

Vicki Deisner, Esq., Animal Welfare Institute re: Cooperative Agreement between Perrysburg Township Police Department and the Wood County Humane Society for Reporting Animal Abuse to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) (9:36 a.m.) – Ms. Deisner reviewed the attached handout with the Commissioners to provide information regarding an opportunity for a collaborative effort between the Wood County Humane Society and the Perrysburg Township Police Department on the reporting of animal abuse to the FBI. She noted that animal abuse is often

the first red flag of family violence. (Kyle Silvers, special prosecutor for the Wood County Humane Society, entered at 9:43 a.m. followed by Health Commissioner Ben Robison at 9:45 a.m.) Ms. Deisner noted that with the passage of House Bill 33 last year, social workers, counselors, and veterinarians are required to report animal cruelty and law enforcement, dog wardens, and animal control are to report child maltreatment and elder abuse. The proposed collaborative effort would allow reporting of all instances of abuse into the same software platform. (BG Independent News journalist Jan McLaughlin and Clerk of Courts Douglas Cubberley entered at 9:52 a.m.) Ms. Silver added that this is not an animal issue; cruelty is cruelty. She noted that in many cases the individual started the cycle of abuse by abusing animals then moved on to abusing people. Commissioner Herringshaw thanked Ms. Deisner for the information. Mr. Snyder recommending that the Institute contact local Sheriffs' Offices as they share computer platforms and software programs as well. Ms. Deisner thanked the Commissioners for their time and noted that she will provide updates on the project as it moves forward. The meeting concluded at 10:10. (Ms. Deisner, Ms. Silver, Mr. Snyder and Mrs. de la Serna exited at this time.)

Ben Robison, Wood County Health Commissioners re: Update (10:10 a.m.): Health Commissioner Ben Robison provided an update regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. (Rob Eaton and Sentinel-Tribune photojournalist J.D. Pooley entered at 10:10 a.m.)

Mr. Robison noted that CDC guidance is changing as the Delta variant of COVID has been named a "game changer". He noted the Delta variant is highly transmissible. Vaccinated individuals are unlikely to get sick, however, vaccinated individuals can still spread the virus. Mr. Robison noted that the CDC is advising all individuals to wear a mask while indoors. While a mask mandate is not in place yet, he wanted to put the Commissioners on notice that the County may be heading in that direction if the case load continues to increase. The current County case load is 40 cases per 100,000. If 50 cases per 100,000 is reached, the Health Department may issue recommendations, including the use of masks and facial coverings. More information will be shared as needed. Mr. Robison noted that the viral load is carried in the nasal cavity. Masks covering the nose and mouth can help reduce transmission. Mr. Kalmar noted that the County continues to advise staff to wash their hands often and maintain distance from others. Commissioner Bowlus encouraged the use of masks to protect not only yourself as well as others. Mr. Robison stated that masks proved beneficial in schools as transmission during the school year was low. He also added that 59% of the County population over the age of 12 is fully vaccinated. Of those 40 years or older, 75% are vaccinated. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Robison for his work during the pandemic. The meeting concluded at 10:29 p.m. and Mr. Robison exited at that time.

Mr. Kalmar requested a brief executive session to discuss an employment matter. Commissioner Herringshaw moved to enter executive session to discuss the employment and promotion of a public employee and Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye.

The Commissioners exited executive session at 10:45 a.m. Additional discussion regarding COVID was held, but no action was taken.

IV. -- Open Forum Citizens Comments/Concerns

No one from the public was present. Commissioner Herringshaw moved to adjourn and Commissioner LaHote seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried at 10:53 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 Bowlus moved and Commissioner Herringshaw seconded the approval of the resolution, and the roll being called on its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

DR. THEODORE H. BOWLUS

yes

Theodore H. Bowlus

CRAIG LAHOTE

ABSENT

DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, Ed.D.

yes

Doris Herringshaw
Board of County Commissioners

Wood County, Ohio

Attest:

Sandy A. Long
Clerk of said Board

Resolution	Date	Description	PO	Cost
21-00933	8/3/2021	APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 7/29/2021		
21-00934	8/3/2021	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS		
21-00935	8/3/2021	APPROVE REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEES		
21-00936	8/3/2021	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN INTERIORS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT CHAIR FOR THE WOOD COUNTY LANDFILL.		
21-00937	8/3/2021	AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO PHARMACEUTICAL HORIZONS FOR PRESCRIPTION SERVICES, FROM THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND.		
21-00938	8/3/2021	AUTHORIZING UPDATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT) WITH VARIOUS OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE INSURANCE BENEFITS PROGRAM		
21-00939	8/3/2021	DELL MARKETING - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (6) REPLACEMENT DELL OPTIPLEX 5090 MICRO COMPUTERS FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE.	134790	\$5,018.16
21-00940	8/3/2021	AMERICAN INTERIORS - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A GENERATION BY KNOLL TASK CHAIR FOR THE LANDFILL.	615335	\$782.06
21-00941	8/3/2021	AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH RIGHT OF WAY MANAGEMENT FOR 2021 DITCH SPRAYING WITHIN WOOD COUNTY FOR THE WOOD COUNTY ENGINEERS OFFICE.		
21-00942	8/3/2021	PAYMENT FOR SERVICES - JULY 2021 WOOD HAVEN BUS		
21-00943	8/3/2021	PAYMENT FOR SERVICES - PROCESSED FINGERPRINTING FOR 2ND QUARTER.		
21-00944	8/3/2021	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND WOOD COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPREHENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (CCMEP) WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) YOUTH SERVICES.		
21-00945	8/3/2021	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH SOUND SOLUTIONS OF OHIO, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A SOUND SYSTEM IN THE COURTHOUSE BASEMENT TO BE USED DURING EVENTS AT THE WOOD COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL.		
21-00946	8/3/2021	AUTHORIZE SOUND SOLUTIONS OF OHIO, LLC TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL A SOUND SYSTEM IN THE COURTHOUSE BASEMENT FOR EVENTS TO BE HELD AT THE WOOD COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL.	134791	\$8,085.00
21-00947	8/3/2021	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH BLACKWOOD ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF (1) SPLUNK ENTERPRISE LICENSE WITH STANDARD SUCCESS PLAN WITH DEPLOYMENT, UPGRADE AND CONFIGURATION SERVICES TO ACT AS A SECURITY INFORMATION AND EVENT MANAGEMENT (SEIM) AND AGGREGATE DATA FROM NETWORK SWITCHES, FIREWALLS, ANTI-MALWARE SYSTEMS AND SERVERS TO ANALYZE FOR ANOMALOUS BEHAVIOR.		
21-00948	8/3/2021	ADJUSTMENT TO APPROPRIATIONS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
21-00949	8/3/2021	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH ENTECH, INC. FOR SCRAP TIRE TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR THE WOOD COUNTY LANDFILL.		

Resolution	Date	Description	PO	Cost
21-00950	8/3/2021	AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS		
21-00951	8/3/2021	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH DIMECH SERVICES, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWENTY (20) 18" METCRAFT COMBINATION TOILET FIXTURES AT WOOD COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER.		
21-00952	8/3/2021	AUTHORIZE FAMOUS SUPPLY OF TOLEDO TO PROVIDE (20) 18" METCRAFT COMBINATION TOILET FIXTURES FOR WOOD COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER.	134792	\$48,500.08
21-00953	8/3/2021	AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF DESIGNATION AGREEMENT WITH THE WOOD COUNTY LANDFILL.		



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Testimony on Reporting Animal Cruelty through NIBRS to the FBI
Presented by Vicki Deisner, Esq., Animal Welfare Institute
Before the Wood County Commissioners
Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Distinguished Commissioners Herringshaw, LaHote and Bowlus - I am Vicki Deisner, the Animal Welfare Institute's Government Affairs Representative in Ohio. I am before you today to share with you the opportunity for a collaborative effort between Wood County Humane Society and Perrysburg Police Department in reporting animal abuse to the FBI through NIBRS, and explain how this project could become a model project in the state of Ohio.

In 2014, the FBI approved the recommendation to collect state reports of animal abuse and neglect (attached NIBRS fact sheet). The basis for this recommendation is four types of family violence - domestic violence, child maltreatment, elder abuse and animal cruelty - rarely occur in a vacuum. These crimes often overlap, and the commission of one is a "red flag" that other forms have occurred or will be coming next. For various reasons, animal cruelty is often the sentinel warning sign and the first "link" in the chain of family violence.

In an effort to address this link in Ohio, AWI has advocated to pass statewide legislation that would protect families and their pets in family violence situations. Over the last decade several laws were passed to provide legal tools to assist families and their pets in domestic violence situations including pet protective orders, felony animal cruelty and a ban on bestiality. However, those legal tools would only be useful if animal cruelty was reported. Last year Ohio H.B. 33 was passed, and went into law in April 2021, which requires social workers, counselors and veterinarians to report animal cruelty, and law enforcement, dog wardens, and animal control officers to report child maltreatment and elder abuse. The importance of reporting animal cruelty in a dysfunctional family is that such reporting will not only save an animal - it will often save members of the family.

To help access the benefit of such actions, the FBI is requesting all data of animal cruelty be reported to them through NIBRS (attached NIBRS animal incidents). Many police departments across the country are addressing this request by reporting animal cruelty that is reported directly to such police departments. However, most police departments have not collaborated with humane societies to obtain their information which will make the reporting robust and comprehensive. In working with humane societies and police departments in Ohio, the obstacles to collaboration have been software incompatibility, time, and getting folks in the same room to discuss options.

In Wood County you have a unique set of circumstances. Detective Sergeant Todd Curtis, with the Perrysburg Police Department, has experienced first-hand the link between animal and humane violence, and is a strong proponent of creating opportunities for diverse professions to collaborate on the intervention in family violence. He is also committed to working with the software company that services Perrysburg Police Department to add the animal incidents that NIBRS is requesting. In addition, Wood County Humane Agent Dave Petersen has developed a

The FBI Wants You—To report animal cruelty crimes to NIBRS

What happened?

On September 9, 2014, The FBI Director approved the recommendation to collect Animal Cruelty crime data in the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

What is the FBI's definition of Animal Cruelty?

Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly taking an action that mistreats or kills any animal without just cause, such as torturing, tormenting, mutilation, maiming, poisoning, or abandonment. Included are instances of duty to provide care, e.g., shelter, food, water, care if sick or injured; transporting or confining an animal in a manner likely to cause injury or death; causing an animal to fight with another; inflicting excessive or repeated unnecessary pain or suffering, e.g., uses objects to beat or injure an animal. This definition does not include proper maintenance of animals for show or sport; use of animals for food, lawful hunting, fishing or trapping.

What is the code for animal cruelty crime incidents? (Some states may have adopted a different coding system than that given by the FBI. Check your State's IBRS Manual.)

The code is **720**

Within the 720 code there are **four subcategories**:

Neglect.....	A
Intentional.....	I
Animal Fighting.....	F
Animal Sexual Assault.....	S

What do they mean by "incident?"

All animal cruelty incidents should be reported. An incident is any event for which there is a complainant. The complainant can be a law enforcement officer or a citizen. An investigation or arrest is not necessary to report the incident.

What if I encounter other criminal activity at the incident?

If there is other criminal activity, enter the information as a co-occurring offense(s).

What else do I need to know?

All law enforcement is responsible for animal cruelty crimes to NIBRS, just like they are responsible for reporting other crimes. In addition, animal control officers and humane law enforcement also are responsible for reporting animal cruelty crime incidents to NIBRS.

Am I a NIBRS reporter if I am not located within a law enforcement agency?

Yes, you are if you are an animal control officer or humane law enforcement not attached to a law enforcement agency and you are in a NIBRS reporting state. Contact your local LEA to arrange for reporting animal cruelty crime incidents through their system. Attached is a sample Memorandum of Understanding that can be used for that purpose.

For more information, contact Mary Lou Randour, Ph.D., Animal Welfare Institute, marylou@awionline.org, or 301-806-1436

959.16A6 Dogfighting Offenses; Investigations; Confiscation of Dogs and Equipment _ witness

959.17 Trapshooting

959.18 Prohibition Against Killing a Carrier Pigeon

959.20 Use of Certain Devices on Animals Prohibited

