

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-00214**

In the matter of approval of prior meeting ) County Commissioners' Office,  
minutes from the regular session held on ) Wood County, Ohio  
February 11, 2021. ) February 16, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021 with the following members present: THEODORE H. BOWLUS, CRAIG LAHOTE and DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW; and

*WHEREAS*, the Commissioners’ Agenda for February 11, 2021 was as follows:

*I. 9:24 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, Wood County Historical Museum Director Kelli Kling, Wood County resident Julie Baumgardner and Sentinel-Tribune photojournalist JD Pooley were present.

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

The personnel actions submitted were from Wood Haven to recommend change to rate of pay for Finance Manager Dan Scherger, change to rate of pay for Housekeeping Aide Sydney Epperson and STNA Danielle Irwin due to completion of probation, change to rate of pay for STNA Destiny Blevins due to completion of 3 years of service, change to rate of pay for Housekeeping Aide Barbara Binion due to completion of 5 years of service, recommend new hire part-time Activity Leader Kayla Valente.

*III. -- Staff Reports*

Julie Baumgardner re: Appointment to the Wood County Historical Society Board (9:25 a.m.) – Mrs. Baumgardner stated that during her tenure as the County Recorder she helped people research ancestry and properties and has assisted the museum in their research as well. Commissioner Herringshaw stated that Mrs. Baumgardner has a lot of experience to bring to the Board. Ms. Kling stated the Board is excited to have Mrs. Baumgardner and all of the knowledge she will contribute.

Commissioner LaHote moved to approve the resolutions on the attached listing including resolution 21-00213 (appointment to Historical Society Board) and with the exception of resolution 21-00210 (supplemental appropriation) which will be voided. Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The Commissioners thanked Mrs. Baumgardner for her willingness to serve on the Historical Society Board. Photos were taken. The meeting concluded at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Baumgardner and Ms. Kling exited and BG Independent News journalist Jan McLaughlin entered at this time.

Cliff Scher, Senior Development Director 7X Energy re: Proposed Solar Project (9:30 a.m.) – Mr. Scher and Wood County Auditor Matt Oestreich joined the meeting via Zoom. Mr. Scher stated that he is happy to report the public information meeting held on January 20<sup>th</sup> went very well. He stated there was a lot of interest in the project and many questions were addressed. The questions and answers are listed on the company website. Mr. Scher mentioned that 7X Energy is still looking for a purchaser of the solar power and will need to compete with larger providers.

Mr. Scher referred to the meeting with the Commissioners on January 12<sup>th</sup> when alternative proposals were discussed regarding the annual service payment to the county general fund. At that meeting, 7X Energy proposed the beginning service payments be \$500 per megawatt and increase by \$500 every five years until the \$2,000 per megawatt threshold is met at year 16. The Commissioners suggested service payments beginning with \$1,000 annually for the first 5 years and adding \$500 to years 6-10 and the remaining \$500 in year 11 to reach the \$2,000 payment sooner. Mr. Scher offered a counter proposal to begin with the \$1,000 payments and in year 11 begin the \$2,000 payments, therefore bypassing the \$1,500 payments. (Mr. Pooley exited and Sentinel-Tribune reporter Roger LaPointe entered at 9:42 a.m.)

Commissioner LaHote asked what tier of panels will be used for the project. Mr. Scher stated they will use Tier 1 panels but have not yet identified a manufacturer. Commissioner LaHote stated that he spoke with a representative of First Solar who indicated they would be able to be competitive on pricing and delivery for Tier 1 panels. Mr. Scher was interested to hear of the possibility of using First Solar and will speak with the 7X construction and engineering teams about this potential option. Commissioner LaHote will provide the contact information to Mr. Scher. Mr. Scher mentioned that they have used First Solar panels in the past, but believes their availability is out at least 2 years. 7X expects to begin their project in 2022. Commissioner Bowlus asked about the life span of the panels. Mr. Scher stated it is 30 years, but after that time can diminish to a 90% effective rate. Commissioner Bowlus asked if the panels are recyclable. Mr. Scher stated they are made up of glass, copper, silicon, aluminum and steel and 7X works to ensure they are repurposed/recycled. Commissioner Bowlus asked how many panels will be used for the project. Mr. Scher stated that number will be listed in the application submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board.

Auditor Oestreich noted his concern that the newly proposed service payment schedule would show the Commissioners conceding approximately \$1 million. Mr. Kalmar asked Mr. Scher to refresh the page previously provided to the Commissioners to include the newest proposal. Auditor Oestreich stated that he has received phone calls regarding the proposed project from constituents concerned about loss of property values. He asked if there is any documentation regarding this topic. Mr. Scher stated that studies show there is no effect on property values of those adjacent to solar facilities and 7X works hard to be good neighbors. Mr. Kalmar asked about a Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA). Mr. Scher stated that a RUMA is required by the Siting Board. Commissioner Bowlus asked about training local workforce. Mr. Scher stated that 7X does not have a training program for installing solar panels, but they can instruct the construction company chosen to hold job fairs. Commissioner Herringshaw asked when the zoning needs to change. Mr. Scher stated the property is zoned agricultural and because the application goes through the state, a zoning change will not be required. Auditor Oestreich stated the property will not be eligible to be registered as CAUV. Mr. Scher stated the company commits to paying the penalties. Commissioner Bowlus asked about utilizing the workforce of Ohioans. Mr. Scher stated it is a requirement that they have to use 80% domiciled workers. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Scher for the update. The meeting concluded at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Scher and Mr. Oestreich exited the meeting at this time. Mr. Kalmar reviewed the

proposals and counter proposals with Mrs. McLaughlin and Mr. LaPointe. Commissioner LaHote stated that he believes the Commissioners have already met 7X half way on the proposals. Commissioners Herringshaw and Bowlus concurred.

IV. -- Open Forum Citizens Comments/Concerns

No one from the public was present. Commissioner Bowlus moved to adjourn and Commissioner LaHote seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried at 10:06 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 Bowlus 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 yes

Craig LaHote

DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, Ed.D. ye

Doris I. Herringshaw

Board of County Commissioners,  
Wood County, Ohio

Attest: Sandy A. Long  
Clerk of said Board

Resolution	Date	Description	PO	Cost
21-00195	2/11/2021	APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 2/9/2021		
21-00196	2/11/2021	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS		
21-00197	2/11/2021	ANNUAL APPROVAL OF THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE (LESO) PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.		
21-00198	2/11/2021	AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS		
21-00199	2/11/2021	SOUTHERN COMPUTER WAREHOUSE - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (2) SHARP 65" LED DISPLAY WITH WALL MOUNTS AND APC BACKUP SYSTEM TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THE VIEWING OF THE IP CAMERA SYSTEM FOR COURT SECURITY.	134739	\$4,176.69
21-00200	2/11/2021	AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (ODPS) AND OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (OEMA) AND THE COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF, CONCERNING THE ACCEPTANCE OF EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE ODPS, OEMA OR CALIBRATION OF RADIOLOGICAL DETECTION INSTRUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE OHIO RADIOLOGICAL/NUCLEAR DETECTION PROGRAM.		
21-00201	2/11/2021	AUTHORIZE MISCELLANEOUS ROAD WORK WITHIN FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BY COUNTY FORCES (FORCE ACCOUNT)		
21-00202	2/11/2021	AUTHORIZE MISCELLANEOUS ROAD WORK WITHIN WEBSTER TOWNSHIP BY COUNTY FORCES (FORCE ACCOUNT)		
21-00203	2/11/2021	AUTHORIZE MISCELLANEOUS ROAD WORK WITHIN MILTON TOWNSHIP BY COUNTY FORCES (FORCE ACCOUNT)		
21-00204	2/11/2021	AUTHORIZE MISCELLANEOUS ROAD WORK WITHIN HENRY TOWNSHIP BY COUNTY FORCES (FORCE ACCOUNT)		
21-00205	2/11/2021	AUTHORIZE MISCELLANEOUS ROAD WORK WITHIN GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BY COUNTY FORCES (FORCE ACCOUNT)		
21-00206	2/11/2021	AUTHORIZE MISCELLANEOUS ROAD WORK WITHIN THE CITY OF ROSSFORD BY COUNTY FORCES (FORCE ACCOUNT)		
21-00207	2/11/2021	AUTHORIZE MISCELLANEOUS ROAD WORK WITHIN PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP BY COUNTY FORCES (FORCE ACCOUNT)		
21-00208	2/11/2021	AUTHORIZE MISCELLANEOUS ROAD WORK WITHIN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BY COUNTY FORCES (FORCE ACCOUNT)		
21-00209	2/11/2021	TRANSFER OF FUNDS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
21-00210	2/11/2021	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - VARIOUS FUNDS		
21-00211	2/11/2021	AMENDMENT 1 TO TITLE XX AND NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAID TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND BLACK AND WHITE TRANSPORTATION.		
21-00212	2/11/2021	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (WCDJFS) AND ENHANCING ABILITIES FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF INCIDENTAL COSTS FOR MINOR CHILD IN THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF WCDJFS.		
21-00213	2/11/2021	APPOINTING JULIE BAUMGARDNER TO SERVE ON THE WOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD (TERM EXP. 12/31/2023)		

