

RESOLUTION NO. 21-00284

In the matter of approval of prior meeting) County Commissioners' Office,
minutes from the regular session held on) Wood County, Ohio
March 4, 2021.) March 9, 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 4th day of March 2021 with the following members present: THEODORE H. BOWLUS and CRAIG LAHOTE; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners’ Agenda for March 4, 2021 was as follows:

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

Commissioner LaHote called the meeting to order and waived the reading of the prior meeting minutes. Administrator Andrew Kalmar, Assistant Administrator Carri Stanley, and Clerk Sandy Long were present.

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

The personnel actions submitted were from Buildings and Grounds to amend resolution 21-00258 to reflect correct ending balances for former employee James Wallace; from Job and Family Services for a request of medical leave without pay for Protective Services Worker 3 Jessica Fitch and Clerk Typist II Bonnie DeFiesta.

Commissioner Bowlus moved to approve the resolutions on the attached listing with the exception of resolution 21-00278 (pay for mandated testing) which will be tabled. Commissioner LaHote seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the motion carried.

III. -- Staff Reports

Mr. Kalmar stated that he spoke with Wood Haven Administrator Jeff Orłowski and Human Resources/Benefits Manager Pam Boyer regarding the difficulty of scheduling employees to work on weekends at the nursing home. Mr. Orłowski asked if he could offer a shift incentive to employees who volunteer to pick up a shift during the week or on weekends. Mrs. Boyer stated the bargaining unit employees would need to agree to this compensation. She stated that it could be offered to non-bargaining employees. The Commissioners agreed with the premise and will await further details.

(WBGU Radio host Clint Corpe entered at 9:22 a.m.) Mr. Kalmar stated that he has a few minor changes to make to the State of the County address and will get it to the Commissioners soon for their review. JD Pooley will be here next Wednesday to record the address for the Commissioners.

Wood Haven Monthly Update (9:26 a.m.) – Wood Haven Administrator Jeff Orłowski was joined by Director of Environmental Services Lydia Sifuentes and Administrator-in-Training Kaylee

Fleischmann. Mr. Orlowski stated that the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has just completed the investigation of two complaint surveys. One complaint was regarding the transfer of an unconscious resident to the hospital and the other was regarding animals in the facility. Both claims were found to be unsubstantiated. Mr. Orlowski stated that based on ODH calculations, Wood Haven has the lowest case number of COVID positive residents in Wood County nursing facilities. Mr. Orlowski stated that Wood Haven is struggling with recruiting and retaining staff, particularly nurses. He noted this is a statewide issue. Community Relations Director Chris Stearns has taken over the recruitment portion due to the recent resignation of the Human Resources Manager.

Ms. Fleischmann stated that in-person visitation began on Monday. The 30-minute visitations are available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 p.m. She stated they are already booked for the next 3 weeks. The visitation is held in the conference room allowing 2 residents to have visitors at one time. Each visitor is screened and remains behind plexi-glass. They maintain 6 feet of distance, wear masks and are required to sanitize before and after the visit. Mr. Orlowski stated that March 11th will be one year since Wood Haven had to shut their doors to visitation. He noted that 92% of the residents have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

Ms. Sifuentes stated the Wood Haven staff has done a great job of keeping the facility clean. She stated when they first began cleaning for the COVID-19 virus they were using bleach, but the scent was irritating. They quickly switched to a disinfectant used in hospitals. Each of her staff are responsible for 20 rooms. They spray the room and then come back, spray again and wipe everything down, right down to the resident's knick-knacks. A deep cleaning is done once a week. Wood Haven had two COVID positive residents who shared a room; both have recovered. Their room was stripped. All bedding and clothing items were sent to be washed and the room was cleaned from floor to ceiling. They cleaned the room next to it the same way. Ms. Sifuentes mentioned that everyone is willing to help each other any way they can. (Economic Development Executive Director Wade Gottschalk and BG Independent News journalist Jan McLaughlin entered at 9:50 a.m.)

Commissioner Bowlus asked if any residents have exhibited signs of depression due to the lack of visitation. Mr. Orlowski stated there have been some. Wood Haven contracts with a psychiatrist who evaluates the resident and sometimes recommends a compassionate visit. He stated the recommendation gives ODH validation for the visit. The resident and visitor are not allowed to touch. Commissioner Bowlus complimented the Wood Haven staff for the outstanding job they have done through the pandemic. The meeting concluded at 9:56 a.m. Mr. Orlowski, Ms. Sifuentes and Ms. Fleischmann exited at this time.

Economic Development Quarterly Update (9:57 a.m.) – Mr. Gottschalk stated there are a couple potential projects coming to the county, but he can't discuss them at this time since he is bound by non-disclosure agreements. He also stated that he has shown some available vacant buildings to interested business owners and spoke with existing business owners about possible expansion. Mr. Gottschalk expects that 2021 will be a good year for economic growth. Mr. Kalmar asked if signing non-disclosure agreements is a good sign. Mr. Gottschalk stated it usually means the company has narrowed their search and your location is one of their top choices.

He noted that unemployment numbers in Wood County are back to pre-pandemic. Wood County was at 4.3% at this time last year and is currently at 4.1%. Nationally unemployment is at 5.5%. Mr. Gottschalk stated that workforce numbers have dropped as many people are not looking for work. Employers are actively recruiting employees. He mentioned that virtually every business he speaks

with is looking for employees, mainly due to turnover. Commissioner LaHote asked if there is data available to reflect changes in the workforce due to COVID; specifically people retiring earlier than anticipated. Mr. Gottschalk stated there is not any data yet, but may be available in the second half of the year. Mr. Gottschalk mentioned the Economic Development annual dinner has been pushed from March to September. The meeting concluded at 10:08 a.m.

IV. -- Open Forum Citizens Comments/Concerns


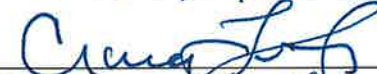

No one from the public was present. Commissioner Bowlus moved to adjourn and Commissioner LaHote seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the motion carried at 10:08 a.m.

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	<u>yes</u>	<u></u>
CRAIG LAHOTE	<u>yes</u>	<u></u>
DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, Ed.D.	<u>ab</u>	<u></u>

*Board of County Commissioners,
Wood County, Ohio*

Attest: 
acting Clerk of said Board

Resolution	Date	Description	PO	Cost
21-00273	3/4/2021	APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 3/2/2021		
21-00274	3/4/2021	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS		
21-00275	3/4/2021	GOODWAY TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (1) TUBE CLEANING MACHINE AND ACCESSORIES FOR CLEANING CHILLER COILS FOR THE WOOD COUNTY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.	134745	\$3,170.00
21-00276	3/4/2021	SENTRY SECURITY FASTENERS, INC. - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (10)	134746	\$25,969.94
21-00277	3/4/2021	AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS		
21-00278	3/4/2021	AUTHORIZING PAY FOR MANDATED COVID TESTING FOR WOOD HAVEN EMPLOYEES		
21-00279	3/4/2021	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM TO THE PERRY PROTECH SERVICES AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF WOOD COUNTY JUVENILE COURT FOR THE		
21-00280	3/4/2021	PERRY PROTECH - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A KONICA C300I DIGITAL	134747	\$4,925.00
21-00281	3/4/2021	AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH BRICKER & ECKLER, LLP TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION LAW LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE JAIL RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT.		
21-00282	3/4/2021	ADJUSTMENT TO APPROPRIATIONS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
21-00283	3/4/2021	AUTHORIZE ANDREW S. KALMAR, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, TO SIGN 2021 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOTICES RELATED TO THE COUNTY ELEVATORS.		

