

RESOLUTION NO. 21-00527

In the matter of approval of prior meeting) County Commissioners' Office,
minutes from the regular session held on) Wood County, Ohio
April 29, 2021.) May 4, 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 29th day of April 2021 with the following members present: THEODORE H. BOWLUS, CRAIG LAHOTE and DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners’ Agenda for April 29, 2021 was as follows:

I. 9:18 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, Clerk Sandy Long and WBGU Radio host Clint Corpe were present. BG Independent News journalist Jan McLaughlin entered at 9:23 a.m.

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

There were no personnel actions submitted. Commissioner LaHote moved to approve the resolutions on the attached listing with the exception of resolution 21-00515 (personnel actions) which will be voided and resolution 21-00523 (agreement with Gardiner) which will be tabled. Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

III. -- Staff Reports

Job and Family Services Director Dave Wigent re: Income Maintenance Unit Update (9:28 a.m.) – Mr. Wigent was joined by Income Maintenance Administrator Laura Seifert. Ms. Seifert stated that the COVID-19 public health emergency has resulted in many changes with financial and Medicaid assistance. People were in need of immediate assistance upon losing their job. Once unemployment payments were achieved they could be closed out of financial assistance, but not Medicaid. Federal guidelines require clients to remain on Medicaid until the public health emergency has been lifted. She mentioned there have been lower numbers of Medicaid assistance needed in nursing homes due to the shutdown, but anticipates an uptick in the need for Medicaid assistance as everything opens back up. Ms. Seifert stated the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) issued monthly supplements to clients bringing them to a maximum allotment for their household. As of April 1, 2021 SNAP guarantees \$95 minimum assistance. Mr. Wigent stated the faucet for benefits was turned on at the federal level and remains fully on today. He stated that clients in Wood County have been doing much better than he anticipated by utilizing the additional unemployment benefits, child tax credits and stimulus payments. Ms. Seifert reviewed the attached information. The Commissioners thanked them both for the update. The meeting concluded at 10:08 a.m.

IV. -- Open Forum Citizens Comments/Concerns

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

yes

Doris I Herringshaw

Board of County Commissioners,
Wood County, Ohio

Attest:

Sandeep A. Long
Clerk of said Board

Resolution	Date	Description	PO	Cost
21-00511	4/29/2021	APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 4/27/2021		
21-00512	4/29/2021	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS		
21-00513	4/29/2021	ULINE INC - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (4) ROUND PICNIC TABLES WITH UMBRELLAS FOR JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES.	42787	\$4,200.00
21-00514	4/29/2021	DELL MARKETING - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (2) DELL OPTIPLEX 5080 MICROCOMPUTERS FOR THE WOOD COUNTY LANDFILL SCALEHOUSE.	615334	\$1,528.00
21-00515	4/29/2021	AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS		
21-00516	4/29/2021	PAYMENT FOR SERVICES - FUEL FACILITY FOR MARCH 2021		
21-00517	4/29/2021	AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL TO THE AGREEMENT WITH WOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL FOR WELLNESS SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022, FOR THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN.		
21-00518	4/29/2021	AUTHORIZING A RENEWAL TO THE AGREEMENT WITH DELTA DENTAL OF OHIO, FOR DENTAL BENEFITS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022, FOR THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN.		
21-00519	4/29/2021	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH MIDWEST PUBLIC SAFETY, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT DASHCAM AND BODYCAM SYSTEMS FOR THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF. SAID PURCHASE WILL BE MADE THROUGH STATE TERM CONTRACT #534604.		
21-00520	4/29/2021	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH DYNAMIC MEP TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN (MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL), FIELD OBSERVATION AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES TO ASSIST WITH REPLACEMENT OF THE COOLING SYSTEM IN THE EXISTING IT ROOM IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WITH A NEW COOLING SYSTEM SIZED FOR THE EXISTING IT LOAD PLUS POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS AND LOAD INCREASES.		
21-00521	4/29/2021	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH S.A. COMUNALE CO. TO REMOVE, TEST AND REPLACE IF NECESSARY, SPRINKLER HEADS AT WOOD HAVEN HEALTH CARE.		
21-00522	4/29/2021	PAYMENT FOR SERVICES - MARCH 2021 CENTRAL SERVICES		
21-00523	4/29/2021	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH GARDINER TO REPLACE LIQUID LINE RELIEF VALVES ON CIRCUITS 1 AND 2 ON THE AWS CHILLER LOCATED AT THE WOOD COUNTY JAIL.		
21-00524	4/29/2021	MIDWEST PUBLIC SAFETY - AUTHORIZING MIDWEST PUBLIC SAFETY TO PROVIDE REPLACEMENT DASHCAM AND BODYCAM SYSTEMS FOR THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF. SAID PURCHASE WILL BE MADE THROUGH STATE TERM CONTRACT #534604	134765	\$262,289.40
21-00525	4/29/2021	AUTHORIZE THE DELVENTHAL COMPANY TO PROVIDE LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR THE WOOD COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PROJECT, PURSUANT TO BIDS RECEIVED 4/13/21 AND AWARDED 4/22/21.	134764	\$331,761.00
21-00526	4/29/2021	AUTHORIZE DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN COUNTY RISK SHARING AUTHORITY PERFORMANCE BOND - FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS.		

WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S

APRIL 29, 2021 INCOME MAINTENANCE UNIT UPDATES

PRIMARY TO TAKE PHONE CALLS FROM THE COURTHOUSE

- Our Front Desk and Support staff are primary to take the calls that go to the Court house for a time period of 6-8 weeks beginning March 5, 2021

DATE	JFS CALLS	COURTHOUSE CALLS	TOTAL CALLS
FRIDAY 3/5	36	56	92
MONDAY 3/8	33	71	104
TUESDAY 3/9	27	30	57
WEDNESDAY 3/10	26	59	85
THURSDAY 3/11	38	50	88
FRIDAY 3/12	25	55	80
MONDAY 3/15	33	71	104
TUESDAY 3/16	27	30	57
WEDNESDAY 3/17	26	59	85
THURSDAY 3/18	38	50	88
FRIDAY 3/19	25	55	80
MONDAY 3/22	26	77	103
TUESDAY 3/23	31	49	80
WEDNESDAY 3/24	23	50	73
THURSDAY 3/25	28	49	77

ASSISTING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WITH VACCINATION EFFORTS

- From February 12th thru April 9th we assisted the Health Department with taking calls and making outbound calls to schedule vaccine appointments to the various groups as they became eligible
- We also assisted at several local vaccine events

DOUBLE SNAP/TANF REDETS IN MAY AND JUNE 2021 DUE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

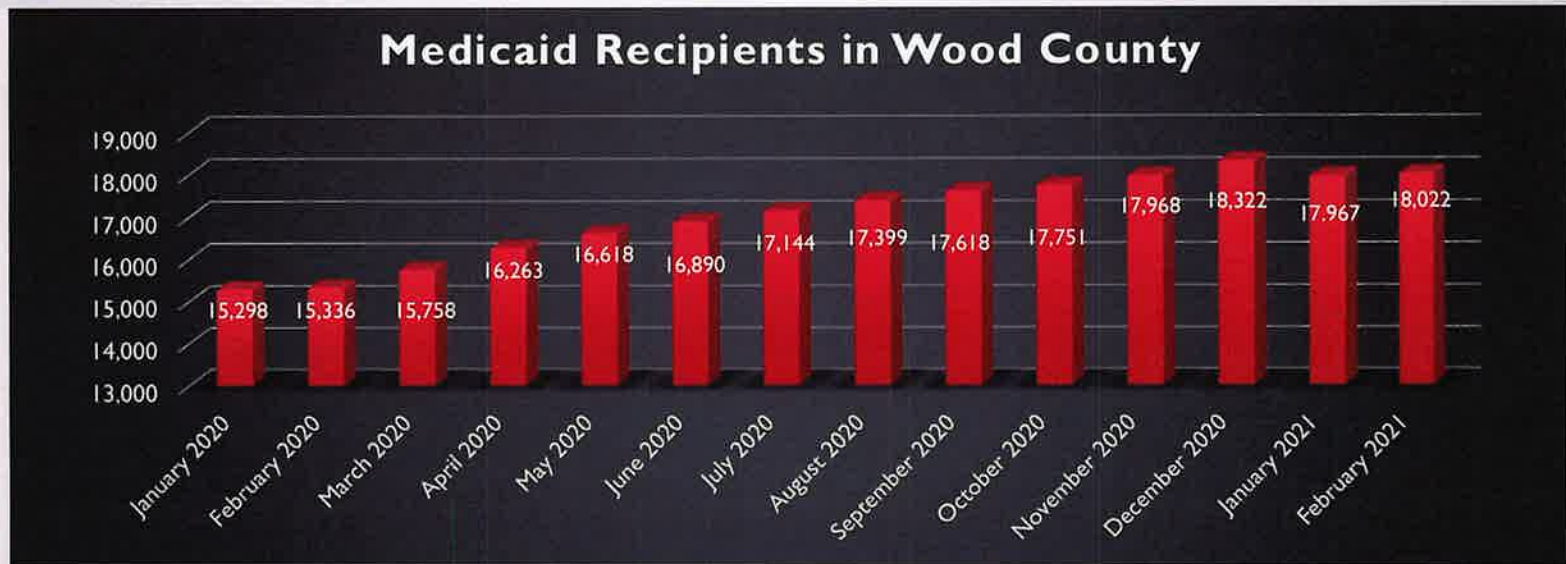
REDET MONTH	2020	2021
JANUARY	95	167
FEBRUARY	129	182
MARCH	133	196
APRIL	144	152
MAY	134	292
JUNE	156	371
JULY	168	294
AUGUST	146	200
SEPTEMBER	260	215
OCTOBER	309	272
NOVEMBER	110	142
DECEMBER	125	209

- November and December 2020 SNAP/TANF redets were extended/moved to May and June of 2021
- September and October 2020 was higher due to redets being extended/moved from March and April 2020
- Add avg. number of Medicaid renewals 406 (after passive renewal runs)
- Add avg. number of new applications for all programs 738 per month

OHIO BENEFITS WORKER PORTAL (OBWP) WAS DOWN 2 FULL DAYS IN APRIL

- As part of the Ohio Benefits Version 3.7 Release, the Ohio Benefits System underwent a technical equipment refresh. This refresh included extensive replacement of most of Ohio Benefits' older hardware equipment. In addition, this process converted data from existing databases to new databases. End users are expected to see little change to screen layout and functionality. This refresh required all Ohio Benefits portals (our eligibility system and the consumer self service portal) to be offline **from Thursday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m. until Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.** This resulted in **the work to prepare for shutdown and now for the catch up work**

IMPACT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ON MEDICAID IN WOOD COUNTY



WHAT IS THE UNWINDING?

- The 'Unwinding' refers to the various actions that must be taken to return a state's operations and policies to what they were pre-pandemic or, if adopting some of the flexibilities permanently, ensuring appropriate actions are taken

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY – 03/09/2020

- • In response to CMS flexibilities as a result of the declared public health emergency (PHE) Ohio froze all Medicaid disenrollments except:
 - » Death
 - » Moved out of state
 - » Voluntary disenrollment
- • Caseload sizes have increased
 - » Not seeing as many brand-new people as expected
 - » Appears to be retention of individuals and lack of churn
- • Caseloads won't return to baseline levels for some time
 - » Estimated 18 to 24 months
- • PHE expected to last through 12/31/2021
 - » States will be given 60-day notice if it will end sooner

- Ohio receives approximately \$300 million per quarter in enhanced funding, but we must continue to meet requirements of continuous eligibility
- If PHE lasts 8 quarters, this equals \$2.4 BILLION dollars in enhanced funding that we stand to lose if we don't ensure continuous eligibility
- We are here – in the public health emergency
 - » Unwinding has not occurred yet
 - » We're just planning for it

RETURN TO TIMELY MEDICAID PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS

- • Intakes – States will be expected to make a determination of all Medicaid applications received during the PHE within 4 months of the PHE ending. Our cases are up to date, so this should not be an issue for us, however, we will have more applications to process when people start cycling on and off of assistance again. We also expect an increase in Nursing Home applications when they resume admitting more patients
 - » Return to normal timeliness standards once the 4 months expires
- • Renewals – States will be expected to complete a renewal on all cases due during the PHE within 6 months of the PHE ending
 - » Return to normal timeliness standards once the 6 months expires
- • States must redetermine eligibility and terminate coverage, as appropriate, for individuals who remained enrolled due to continuous eligibility once the PHE ends