

RESOLUTION NO. 21-01149

In the matter of approval of prior meeting) County Commissioners’ Office,
minutes from the regular session held on) Wood County, Ohio
September 23, 2021.) September 28, 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, or provided to each commissioner in written form, by the clerk of the board and, if correct, approved and signed by the commissioners”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on the 23rd day of September 2021 with the following members present: THEODORE H. BOWLUS and DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners’ Agenda for September 23, 2021 was as follows:

I. 9:15 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, Assistant Human Resources Manager Janese Diem, Benefits Clerks Shelby Williams and Josh Schroeder, and Village of Pemberville resident Gene Steele were present.

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

No out of state travel requests were submitted. The personnel actions submitted were from the Dog Shelter for the resignation of Chief Dog Warden Andrew Snyder and request to post vacant position; from Wood Haven for the resignation of Housekeeping Aide Danielle Gueli, resignation of STNAs Cheyanne Carter and Kaitlyn Smith; from Job and Family Services for the retirement of Referral Specialist Kathleen Estep.

Commissioner Bowlus moved to approve the resolutions on the attached listing with the exception of resolution 21-01144 (accepting rates for tax levies and certifying to the Auditor) which will be tabled. Commissioner Herringshaw seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the motion carried.

III. -- Staff Reports

Introduction of New Commissioners’ Office Employees Shelby Williams and Josh Schroeder (9:21 a.m.) – Wood County Drainage Construction Coordinator Duane Abke was also present. Ms. Williams stated that she is from Arlington, Ohio and graduated from Tiffin University with a degree in Marketing. Mr. Schroeder stated that he graduated from BGSU in May with a degree in Applied Health Science with a specialization in Healthcare Administration. Mr. Schroeder had been employed at Wood Haven since January of this year prior to accepting the Benefits Clerk position in the Commissioners’ Office. The Commissioners welcomed them both. Photos were taken. Ms. Williams, Mr. Schroeder and Ms. Diem exited at 9:25 a.m.

Mr. Steele stated that he is unhappy with the handling of the high water event in the Village of Pemberville last summer and the effects of it still today. He voiced his opinion that the

Commissioners don't care about the citizens of Pemberville. He stated there are tree limbs caught up at the Bierley Street Bridge and he had sent photos depicting this to the Commissioners. Mr. Steele stated the Wood County Engineer sent a crew to take care of the problem. Mr. Steele stated that six employees showed up in the morning, untrained and unequipped to take care of the problem, leaving at noon and not returning until the following week. They used chainsaws to cut the limbs and then left them in the river to float downstream which he said was criminal. (Facilities Director Steve Blausey entered at 9:28 a.m.) Mr. Steele stated that with the recent rains the river is already at the bank with more rain coming. He anticipates at least 70 homes will be flooded. Mr. Steele stated that over 700 square miles of drainage goes through at this bridge and the Railroad Bridge further downstream within the village. He stated nothing can be done about the rain but there can be something done about the employees. Mr. Steele stated this is an emergency situation and needs to be taken care and noted his disappointment in the government not taking care of their citizens.

Mr. Kalmar stated that meetings were held between the county and the village a few years ago regarding these issues. He stated that the issues within the village are the responsibility of the village, but the Wood County Engineer agreed to work with them to try and help. Mr. Kalmar stated the village council needs to reach out to the Engineer for help on specific issues. Mr. Steele stated that he has addressed the village council many times about the river and bridge issues. Mr. Kalmar stated that it is not appropriate for Mr. Steele to come into this meeting stating the Commissioners don't care about the citizens when they extended numerous invitations to the village to become part of the Portage River clean-out project petitioned years ago and the village declined to be involved. Mr. Kalmar stated that many conversations have been held regarding this topic and noted that Mr. Steele was involved in these discussions. Mr. Kalmar stated the county is 3rd in line behind the property owners along the river and the village for maintaining the river, as this portion is not under county maintenance. Mr. Steele stated that he takes issue with saying this is not a county problem and that ODNR needs to be involved. Mr. Kalmar asked what the village says about the issue when addressed. Mr. Steele stated the village council says it is a county problem.

Commissioner Bowlus asked Mr. Abke if he is familiar with the situation. Mr. Abke stated that he knows a little, but is not directly involved. Commissioner Bowlus told Mr. Steele that he needs to realize the county is not responsible for this issue and has offered to help but the village needs to help also. Commissioner Bowlus stated that he grew up in Pemberville and the village always took care of the river and bridges. Commissioner Herringshaw stated that the county is guided by the Ohio Revised Code regarding maintenance of the river through the village. She also told Mr. Steele that he needs to come willing to work together, listen and cooperate. Mr. Steele stated that right now everything seems to be in limbo, but he will try to set up a meeting with ODNR, the village and the county. Commissioner Herringshaw stated he needs to understand that when a decision on how to handle the situation has been reached, he needs to live with it and so does the village and county. Mr. Steele thanked the Commissioners for their time. Mr. Abke and Mr. Steele exited at 9:46 a.m.

Buildings and Grounds Monthly Update (9:46 a.m.) – Facilities Director Steve Blausey shared the attached information which was referenced throughout the discussion. The meeting concluded at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Blausey exited at this time.

Mr. Kalmar stated that JFS Director Dave Wigent submitted a letter requesting a 25% reduction in collection for 2022 of the Human or Social Services levy. A resolution will be prepared for the Commissioners' consideration.

Mr. Kalmar mentioned that interviews with firms applying for the Construction Manager-at-Risk position for the upcoming jail renovation project were held on Wednesday. He stated they went very well.

Commissioner Herringshaw mentioned that she attended a virtual retention and expansion visit with Economic Development Director Wade Gottschalk and Home Depot. The Home Depot Distribution Center will have 1600 employees very soon. She mentioned their employee shift hours have changed to 12-hour shifts running either Monday through Thursday or Thursday through Sunday.

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 present 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 Gottschalk 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	_____	_____ <u>ABSENT</u>
CRAIG LAHOTE	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	_____ <u>Craig LaHote</u>
DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, Ed.D.	<u>yes</u>	_____ <u>Doris I. Herringshaw</u>

*Board of County Commissioners,
Wood County, Ohio*

Attest: Sandy A. Long
Clerk of said Board

Resolution	Date	Description	PO	Cost
21-01137	9/23/2021	APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 9/21/2021		
21-01138	9/23/2021	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS		
21-01139	9/23/2021	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - VARIOUS FUNDS		
21-01140	9/23/2021	TRANSFER OF FUNDS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
21-01141	9/23/2021	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL TO UPDATE AND DEVELOP THE WOOD COUNTY TREASURER'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEB-BASED INFORMATION PORTAL.		
21-01142	9/23/2021	AUTHORIZE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR COOLING SYSTEM FOR THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DATA/SERVER ROOM.		
21-01143	9/23/2021	AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS		
21-01144	9/23/2021	ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.		
21-01145	9/23/2021	RENEWING DESIGNATION AGREEMENTS WITH DESIGNATED SOLID WASTE FACILITIES FOR THE RECEIPT OF SOLID WASTE GENERATED WITHIN THE WOOD COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.		
21-01146	9/23/2021	ADJUSTMENT TO APPROPRIATIONS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
21-01147	9/23/2021	GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING PLANS, MAPS, PROFILES, SCHEDULES AND REPORTS ON SINGLE COUNTY DITCH NO. 2486, PETITIONED BY ROBERT MOSER		
21-01148	9/23/2021	RECEIVE AND AWARD BID FOR BRIDGE MATERIALS FOR CLOVERDALE ROAD BRIDGE NO. 6-73B, BLOOM TOWNSHIP, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO.		

Buildings & Grounds Monthly Update

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Completed Projects

Concrete work is finished at 5 different areas at JFS and CSEA. Picnic tables have been installed and the larger dumpster pad is ready for use.

A new heat exchanger has been installed in one of the domestic boilers at the jail.

All seal coating for this year is complete as the northwest parking lot was done this past weekend.

Current Projects

Roof work continues at JDC and the Sheriff's Office.

We expect the completion of the grease trap replacement at the Jail's kitchen to happen tonight. Then we can proceed with the new flooring project here.

The new ramps in front of the entrance to the Courthouse have been poured. Just waiting for the handrailing to be fabricated and installed for the north ramp and maintenance crews will be painting stripes on the south ramp before opening to traffic.

Upcoming Projects

Exterior painting of the Public Defender house will begin on Sept 27th (weather permitting) Lakeside is the contractor selected to perform this work. This will also require some prep work by the maintenance staff as repairs need to be done to soffit areas.

Maintenance crews will be doing some minor clean-up work at the museum in the coming weeks.

