

RESOLUTION NO. 22-00464

In the matter of approval of prior meeting) County Commissioners’ Office,
minutes from the regular session held on) Wood County, Ohio
April 5, 2022.) April 7, 2022

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 5th day of April 2022 with the following members present: THEODORE H. BOWLUS, CRAIG LAHOTE and DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners’ Agenda for April 5, 2022, was as follows:

I. 9:16 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 and Clerk Sandy Long were present.

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

No out of state travel requests were submitted. The personnel actions submitted were from Wood Haven for new hire intermittent STNA Summer Murry and part-time STNA Emily Walston, medical leave without pay for Environmental Services Aide Robin Isaacson and RN Shift Supervisor Kimberly Smith, acknowledge prior service of Dietary Aide Naomi Alexander and Environmental Services Aide Paige Bateman.

Commissioner LaHote moved to approve the resolutions on the attached listing and Commissioner Herringshaw seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. (Tim Schneider from the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce entered at 9:22 a.m.)

III. -- Staff Reports

Mr. Kalmar mentioned the letter to Village of Pemberville Mayor Bailey regarding the request for American Rescue Plan funds to be used for waterline replacement in the village is ready for the Commissioners signature.

Mr. Kalmar shared a map depicting the county and Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD) owned property on East Gypsy Lane Road. The map outlined the 20 acres of county owned property the Board of DD would like to have in exchange for their abutting 20 acres. He asked the Commissioners if they are agreeable to the exchange of property. All agreed with the exchange. Mr. Kalmar will inform Board of DD Superintendent Baer and Prosecutor Dobson of their decision.

The Commissioners discussed upcoming events.

Children’s Services Quarterly Update (9:29 a.m.) – Job and Family Services (JFS) Director Dave Wigent and Protective Services Supervisor Brandy Laux shared the attached information depicting child abuse reporting in the county. Sentinel-Tribune Editor Debbie Rogers was also present. Ms.

Laux stated there have been 34 more cases of reported abuse from January through March 2022 than during the same period in 2021. She also noted that cases from 2021 were higher than in 2020. Commissioner Herringshaw asked to what she would attribute the rise in cases. Ms. Laux stated it would likely be related to the pandemic. More people are out of their homes and in public. She also mentioned there are many mental health issues for not only children but the parents as well. Mr. Wigent stated that mental health issues are trending up. He also stated there are always drug involved issues but there is not a rise in them currently. Mr. Wigent noted the attached information depicts the overall statistics, as well as the number of reported abuse, which were screened out as they did not meet the criteria for abuse. Ms. Laux stated there were a lot of truancy cases reported which were screened out. Schools were reporting truancy based on failure to return assignments or report hours while attending virtually.

Mr. Wigent stated JFS has increased the number of staff and filled specialized positions, noting that last fall they were down six case workers at one time. He mentioned the wage disparity between public and private employers continues to grow making retaining employees increasingly difficult. Mr. Wigent stated that he attended a meeting in Columbus on Friday to discuss fellowship programs to prepare new workers. He stated it takes approximately six months to a year for a new case worker to be trained. They need to complete 120 hours of core training to be considered a qualified case worker. Fellowship workers would do their training during their senior year of college. Commissioner LaHote asked what type of training happens during the 120 hours. Ms. Laux stated it is classroom and lab training. Additionally, they will need to go into the field to shadow case workers.

Mr. Wigent stated the state would like a more permanent telecommuting option for JFS employees. He stated that telecommuting works well for the Income Maintenance staff, but not as well for the children's services unit. Ms. Laux stated that case workers are typically in the office every day. Mr. Wigent stated case workers have been using SpeakWrite Transcription Services when in the field which seems to be working well. The turn-around time for transcription is generally 2 to 24 hours. IT Support Technician Tony Simon will be going on site visits with case workers to observe the IT needs in the field. (Mr. Tony Zartman entered at 9:56 a.m.)

Commissioner Bowlus asked if JFS staff have found that all of the abuse categories listed on the attached document lead to depression or suicidal tendencies. Ms. Laux stated there is a mental health issue involved in every category. Mr. Wigent stated that approximately 90% of cases do not go to court. The report may be unsubstantiated, or the client may be able to receive help from JFS. Mr. Wigent mentioned there has been a recent legislative push to place children in foster care rather than being placed with relatives, but he noted that kids in care is very expensive and kinship placement is often best. The Commissioners thanked them both for the update. The meeting concluded at 10:04 a.m. Ms. Laux and Mr. Wigent exited at this time.

Tony Zartman re: Ohio Land and Liberty Coalition (10:05 a.m.) – Mr. Zartman stated that he is a former Paulding County Commissioner and has been working for the Ohio Conservative Energy Forum (OHCF) since December 2021. The Ohio Land and Liberty Coalition is a non-profit project of OHCF comprised of land owners concerned with protecting their property rights. Mr. Zartman stated that Paulding County is extremely flat, has minimal commercial development, and is mostly agricultural. Wind energy companies started looking at the county in 2009. Paulding County was the first Ohio county to set an alternative energy zone. Now there are approximately 250 wind turbines in the county. This changed the economics, allowed land owners to receive payment for utilization of their land, and helped schools to benefit by hiring more educators and offering more programs. Mr. Zartman stated he would like to help other communities see the benefit of capitalizing on clean energy. He stated that developers are looking at every county in the state and

Wood County will likely be approached asking for consideration of development. He noted that land owners will probably ask to allow the projects and anti-wind groups will ask it not be approved. Commissioner Bowlus asked for an explanation of a pilot payment program. Mr. Zartman stated it allows the county to cap the payment per megawatt at \$9,000. He stated that \$2,000 per megawatt would go to the county general fund with the remaining to be distributed to other political entities and schools. Commissioner LaHote asked what would happen if a township did not allow the project. Mr. Zartman stated townships do not have that authority. He stated that he believes township trustees are not educated enough to make the decisions regarding alternative energy projects and most don't even want the responsibility to decide. Mr. Zartman stated that Ohio is an energy negative state – using more energy than it produces. The Ohio Land and Liberty Coalition is available to help the commissioners and land owners find their voice. He invited the Commissioners to contact him if there is need for his assistance. The meeting concluded at 10:26 a.m.

IV. -- Open Forum Citizens Comments/Concerns




There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Herringshaw moved to adjourn and Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried at 10:27 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>	
CRAIG LAHOTE	<u>yes</u>	
DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, Ed.D.	<u>yes</u>	

*Board of County Commissioners,
Wood County, Ohio*

Attest: Sandy A. Long
Clerk of said Board

Resolution	Date	Description	PO	Cost
22-00445	4/5/2022	APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 3/31/2022		
22-00446	4/5/2022	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS		
22-00447	4/5/2022	AUTHORIZE HEALTH INSURANCE WITH TRUSTMARK FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022, FROM THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE TRUST FUND		
22-00448	4/5/2022	AUTHORIZE PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE WITH PHARMACY DATA MANAGEMENT INC. FOR APRIL 2022 FROM THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE TRUST FUND		
22-00449	4/5/2022	AUTHORIZE VISION COVERAGE FOR APRIL 2022 FROM THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE TRUST FUND		
22-00450	4/5/2022	AUTHORIZE DENTAL INSURANCE FOR APRIL 2022 WITH DELTA DENTAL OHIO FROM THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE TRUST FUND		
22-00451	4/5/2022	AUTHORIZE LIFE INSURANCE WITH METLIFE FOR APRIL 2022 FROM THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE TRUST FUND		
22-00452	4/5/2022	APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ONEOHIO REGION 17 BOARD		
22-00453	4/5/2022	AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS		
22-00454	4/5/2022	ACCEPTANCE OF THE WOOD COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.		
22-00455	4/5/2022	ACKNOWLEDGING ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND INCORPORATING SAID ACTIONS INTO THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A SCANPRO 2000/3000 MICROFILM SCANNER FOR THE WOOD COUNTY RECORDS CENTER.	134877	\$4,090.00
22-00456	4/5/2022	APPROVE REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEES		
22-00457	4/5/2022	AUTHORIZE PLANS AND ADVERTISING FOR THE WOO NAPOLEON ROAD ROUNDABOUT, PID 108147, CENTER TOWNSHIP, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO. PURSUANT TO LPA FEDERAL LOCAL-LET PROJECT AGREEMENT 32076		
22-00458	4/5/2022	AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH STONEFLY TO PROPERLY RUN THE CAMERA SYSTEM AT THE WOOD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FACILITY LOCATED AT 1928 EAST GYPSY LANE ROAD, BOWLING GREEN, OHIO.		
22-00459	4/5/2022	AUTHORIZE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BROWN BAG FOOD PROJECT FOR WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM WORK SITE SERVICES ON BEHALF OF WOOD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES.		
22-00460	4/5/2022	AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH K2M FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE 32-BED FEMALE EXPANSION AT 1740 EAST GYPSY LANE ROAD, BOWLING GREEN, OHIO.		
22-00461	4/5/2022	AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH COURTVIEW JUSTICE SOLUTIONS, INC. D/B/A EQUIVANT TO PROVIDE A DATABASE REFRESH FOR THE WOOD COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS.		
22-00462	4/5/2022	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - VARIOUS FUNDS		
22-00463	4/5/2022	AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE ORDER WITH EARL MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER BOILER REPLACEMENT PROJECT	134705	\$8,374.00

Overall Stats 2021

	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Neglect	Emotional Abuse	Dependency	FINS	AR Physical Abuse	AR Neglect	AR Emotional Abuse	ICPC/Other (not in total)	Drug Involved (not in total)	Total in 2021	Total in 2020
January	14	10	28	0	0	10	6	8	1	2	12	77	86
February	12	13	37	2	2	2	1	5	0	1	28	74	77
March	19	9	25	0	1	6	2	4	0	1	13	66	64
April	15	5	29	0	1	5	4	16	3	0	18	78	49
May	13	14	21	0	2	4	3	7	0	1	15	64	60
June	15	7	16	1	0	5	6	8	0	0	11	58	60
July	7	6	20	0	0	2	6	9	1	0	18	51	56
August	7	7	18	3	3	3	6	10	0	1	14	57	72
September	17	11	31	2	1	2	6	14	0	0	19	84	74
October	17	17	31	3	4	6	9	13	1	0	17	101	74
November	19	18	12	2	4	5	2	16	1	1	15	79	62
December	19	4	22	0	1	5	5	12	0	1	13	68	62
Total	174	121	290	13	19	55	56	122	7	8	193	857	795

2021 Screened Out

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total 2021	Total 2020
81	82	113	79	86	75	57	85	89	98	85	82	1012	858

Ohio LAND & LIBERTY Coalition



WHO ARE THE MEMBERS?

The Ohio Land & Liberty Coalition, an initiative of the Ohio Conservative Energy Forum, is made up of farmers and land owners who are concerned about protecting their property rights. We are tired of the government and outside groups telling us what we can and cannot do on our land. **It's time we take back our right to use our land as we see fit. Our land, our rules!**

CAPITALIZE ON CLEAN ENERGY

Renewable energy can help reduce dependence on imported fuels. Clean energy technologies and clean energy jobs are critical to moving towards the future. Increasing the diversity in our energy portfolio to include such sources as wind, solar, and biomass energy can help ensure energy independence.

Clean and renewable energy projects can help boost Ohio's economy, especially in our rural communities. We cannot keep moving the goalpost on companies who want to bring significant economic growth to Ohio. This would be unacceptable in any other industry. Utility-scale renewable energy developments generate revenue for our local governments and schools, without requiring increases in spending. Landowners and farmers should have the option to supplement their income through renewable energy by utilizing their land to better the community and future for generations to come. The income can help provide farmers a buffer against shifting commodity prices and varying crop yields.

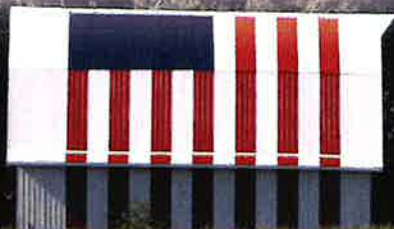
PROTECT PROPERTY RIGHTS

Property rights are a fundamental American liberty and a God-given right. We are called to be good stewards of our land. God created the sun and wind, and it only makes sense that He wants us to use those resources in tandem with other energy sources.

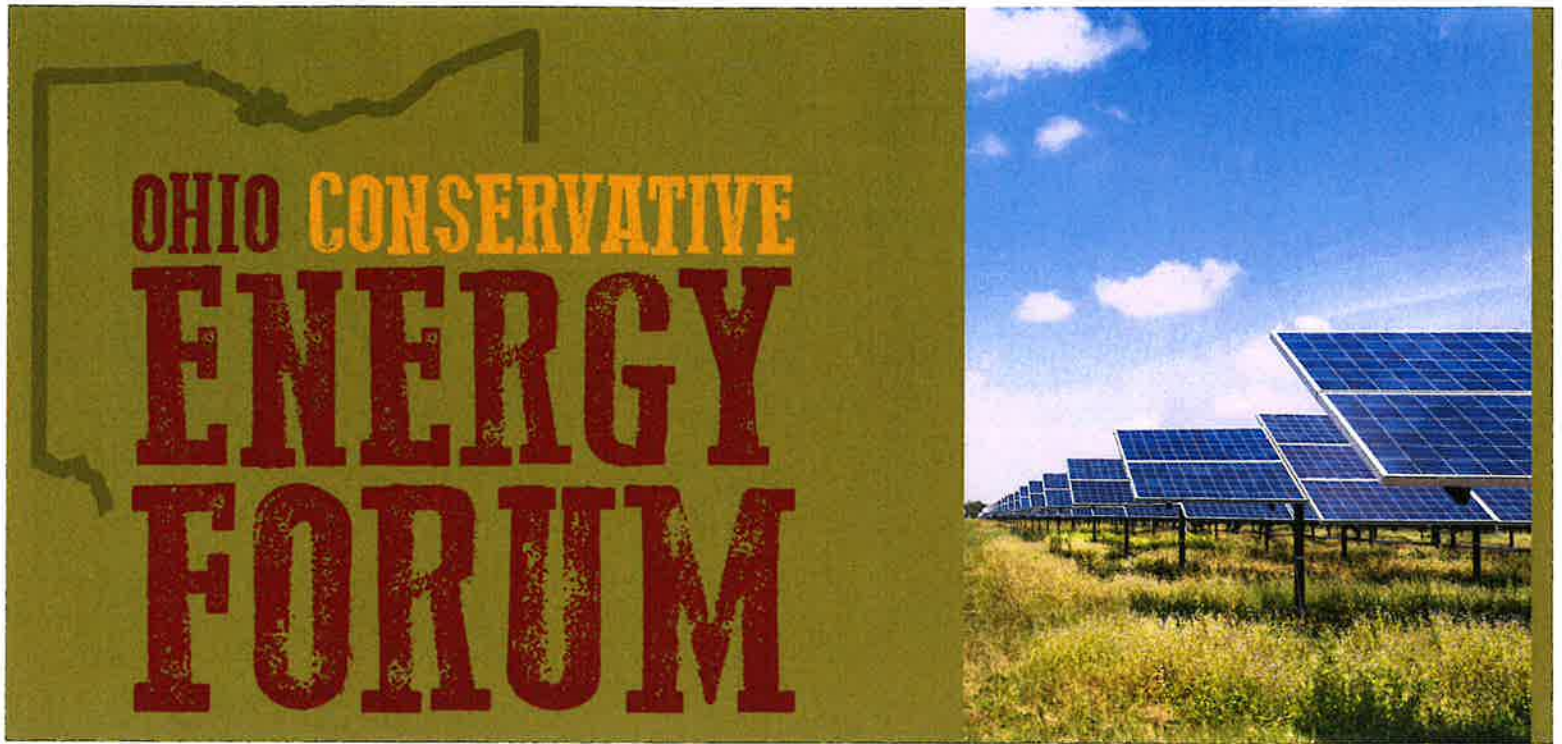
Ohio's landowners are losing their right to produce energy and make money on their land. Neighbors should not have the ability to dictate how landowners determine to use their property for business, energy or agriculture. Landowners and farmers are committed to the communities they live in and want to work together to find solutions while looking to the future. Landowners have the right to advance renewable energy developments and generate revenue off their own land. Creating an energy future for landowners and their communities starts with protecting their property rights.

HOW CAN I TAKE BACK MY PROPERTY RIGHTS?

It's easy – **sign up to join the Ohio Land & Liberty Coalition!** You can be as active as you want to be. We will send you an occasional email update on the progress of our fight to give property rights back to Ohioans. For those who want to join this fight – we will help you get in contact with your elected officials and make sure **your voice is heard in your community.** Your land, your rules. And we're here to help!



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Clean Energy Transition

More and more, data shows that the vast majority of Ohioans want access to cleaner, more sustainable energy choices. We support policies that account for the benefits of clean energy and respond to these market demands, helping us increase responsible adoption of clean energy.



Support Free Markets

We believe that freely functioning markets communicate the overall priorities and desires of our state and the country. The power of free markets will best facilitate a clean energy transition. We will support energy policies that generally limit the intervention of the government.



Protect Property Rights

We believe in the rights of individuals and firms to freely use their property and assets as they desire. Property rights are key to a free and independent society. Accordingly, we support policies that protect and allow the free use of these rights.

ABOUT US

OHCEF was founded in 2015 to provide a forum for conservatives to discuss a diverse, all-of-the above energy portfolio - one that includes not only existing sources of traditional energy generation, but one that also seeks to expand the development of clean and renewable energy sources. OHCEF exists to provide a vehicle for these conservative individuals, organizations, and businesses to join the conversation about Ohio's energy future. OHCEF believes that clean energy and energy made clean through technology can strengthen both our economy and our national security while providing unmatched opportunities for Ohio-led innovation and job creation.

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