

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-00850**

In the matter of approval of prior meeting ) County Commissioners’ Office,  
minutes from the regular session held on ) Wood County, Ohio  
June 28, 2022. ) June 30, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022 with the following members present: THEODORE H. BOWLUS, CRAIG LAHOTE and DORIS I HERRINGSHAW; and

*WHEREAS*, the Commissioners’ Agenda for June 28, 2022, was as follows:

*I. 9:45 a.m. -- Reading of minutes from preceding meeting*

Commissioner Herringshaw called the meeting to order and deferred reading of the prior meeting minutes. Administrator Andrew Kalmar, Assistant Administrator Carri Stanley, Acting Clerk Janese Diem, Janet Haas, Shelen Stevens, Holly Ryder, Mike Sibbersen, Susan Titkemeier, and Michael Penrod were also present.

Ms. Diem noted that the conference call with Hancock County scheduled for 10:00 a.m. will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Michael Penrod, Wood County District Public Library re: ARPA Funds (9:45 a.m.) – Mr. Penrod from the Wood County District Public Library was joined by directors from the following county libraries Weston, Way Public, Pemberville, and North Baltimore. Mr. Penrod thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to submit a request for some of the federal ARPA funds and recognize the tough decisions before the Commissioners in disbursing the funds. The library directors noted that the funding would assist with improvements at their respective aging facilities. Mr. Kalmar noted that a large portion of the funds require meeting specific requirements under the law; while the Commissioners will be able to be a little more flexible with the remaining funds. Mr. Penrod, Ms. Stevens, Ms. Ryder, Mr. Sibbersen, and Ms. Titkemeier exited at 10:04 a.m.

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

Mr. Kalmar reviewed the personnel actions including the resignation of STNA Noland Covington from Wood Haven; the appointment of Emily Cohen as an Income Maintenance Worker at Job and Family Services; and an amended retirement date for County Administrator Andrew Kalmar due to OPERS rules.

Conference Call with Henry County Commissioners re: Joint County Ditch Maintenance (10:15 a.m.) Ditch Maintenance Coordinator Nick Stahl and Ditch Maintenance Clerk Cassidy Eblen from the Engineer’s Office joined for a conference call with Henry County Commissioners to review joint county ditch maintenance assessment projects. Resolution 22-841 was approved. Please see the resolution for further details. The call concluded at 10:22 a.m.

Conference Call with Hancock County Commissioners re: Joint County Ditch Maintenance (10:30 a.m.) A conference call with Hancock County Commissioners to review joint county ditch maintenance assessment projects. Resolutions 22-839 and 22-840 were approved. Please see the resolution for further details. The call concluded at 10:35 a.m. with Mr. Stahl and Ms. Eblen exiting.

Commissioner LaHote moved to approve the remaining resolutions on the attached listing. Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

III. -- Staff Reports

Mr. Kalmar reported that AMP Ohio (American Municipal Power) has requested a five year-extension for the wind turbines located at the landfill. Mr. Kalmar noted after five years, AMP Ohio would have one year to dismantle and remove the turbines. Ms. Stanley stated that AMP Ohio has offered to prepare a contract amendment for the county's review.

Ms. Stanley stated that a conference call was held with landfill staff and Verdantas (formerly Hull and Associates) to discuss the possibility of postponing the landfill expansion. Verdantas engineers agreed that based on a new topographic map, the county can postpone the project for one year. Ms. Stanley said that the postponement was possible due to increased compaction and the removal of extra soil coverage in some areas that resulted in additional airspace. Ms. Stanley will schedule Verdantas for a future session to provide additional information.

IV. -- Open Forum Citizens Comments/Concerns

No members of the public were present. Commissioner LaHote moved to adjourn, and Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried at 10:41 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.

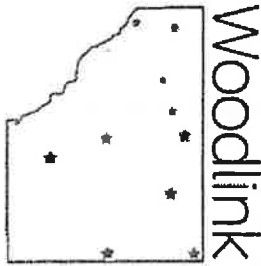
Commissioner Lahote moved and Commissioner Bowlus seconded the approval of the resolution, and the roll being called on its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

DR. THEODORE H. BOWLUS	<u>yes</u>	<u>Theodore H. Bowlus</u>
CRAIG LAHOTE	<u>yes</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
22-00835	6/28/2022	APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 6/23/2022		
22-00836	6/28/2022	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS		
22-00837	6/28/2022	AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS		
22-00838	6/28/2022	AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH MEYER HILL LYNCH CORPORATION DBA NEW ERA TECHNOLOGY OH TO RENEW CISCO SMARTNET PREMIUM EXTENDED SERVICES FOR THE CISCO VOICE GATEWAYS FOR ALL COUNTY TECHNOLOGY.		
22-00839	6/28/2022	AUTHORIZING COLLECTION OF MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS FOR VARIOUS DITCHES FOR DUPLICATE YEAR 2022 BASED ON APPRAISED BENEFITS (WOOD AND HANCOCK COUNTIES)		
22-00840	6/28/2022	AUTHORIZING COLLECTION OF MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS FOR DUPLICATE YEAR 2022 ON JOINT COUNTY DITCHES #32-A AND #2329 BASED ON THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE (WOOD AND HANCOCK COUNTIES)		
22-00841	6/28/2022	AUTHORIZING MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS FOR 2022 ON VARIOUS JOINT COUNTY DITCH PROJECTS (HENRY AND WOOD COUNTIES)		
22-00842	6/28/2022	PAYMENT FOR SERVICES - MAY 2022 TRASH DISPOSAL		
22-00843	6/28/2022	PAYMENT FOR SERVICES - JUNE 2022 WOOD HAVEN BUS REIMBURSEMENT		
22-00844	6/28/2022	ADJUSTMENT TO APPROPRIATIONS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
22-00845	6/28/2022	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
22-00846	6/28/2022	AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH THE WICHMAN COMPANY FOR REPAIRS TO THE CHAMPION DISHMACHINE (MODEL 64/SERIAL RE15047692) AT THE WOOD COUNTY JAIL.		
22-00847	6/28/2022	AUTHORIZE PAY DIFFERENTIALS FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT NURSING STAFF AT WOOD HAVEN HEALTH CARE		
22-00848	6/28/2022	ADOPTING THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) STANDARD MILEAGE RATE FOR BUSINESS TRAVEL.		
22-00849	6/28/2022	ADVERTISING FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR NETWORK ACCESS FOR THE WOOD COUNTY HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN.		



June 8, 2022

Board of County Commissioners  
One Courthouse Square  
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Dear Board of County Commissioners,

Regarding the federal funds (ARPA, lost revenue, etc.) that you have available, we request your consideration of a collective \$4,000,000 grant to the seven public libraries located within Wood County to be used solely for capital projects.

Some items to note:

- Unlike counties and cities, Ohio's public libraries were not included in the federal legislation, as we are unique in the country as separate political subdivisions.
- Ohio's public libraries are not eligible for the usual State of Ohio capital budget appropriations.
- Libraries maintain the facilities entrusted to us by the taxpayer by either asking for a bond issue or by carefully saving up limited operating funds from local levies and/or the state's Public Library Fund.

If you were to decide to grant this request, you would be making a foundational investment county-wide that would touch every single library user for years to come and strengthen an effective county network of collaborating libraries. A few years ago, an ROI calculation showed that the libraries add an economic value to the county of over \$35,000,000 annually.

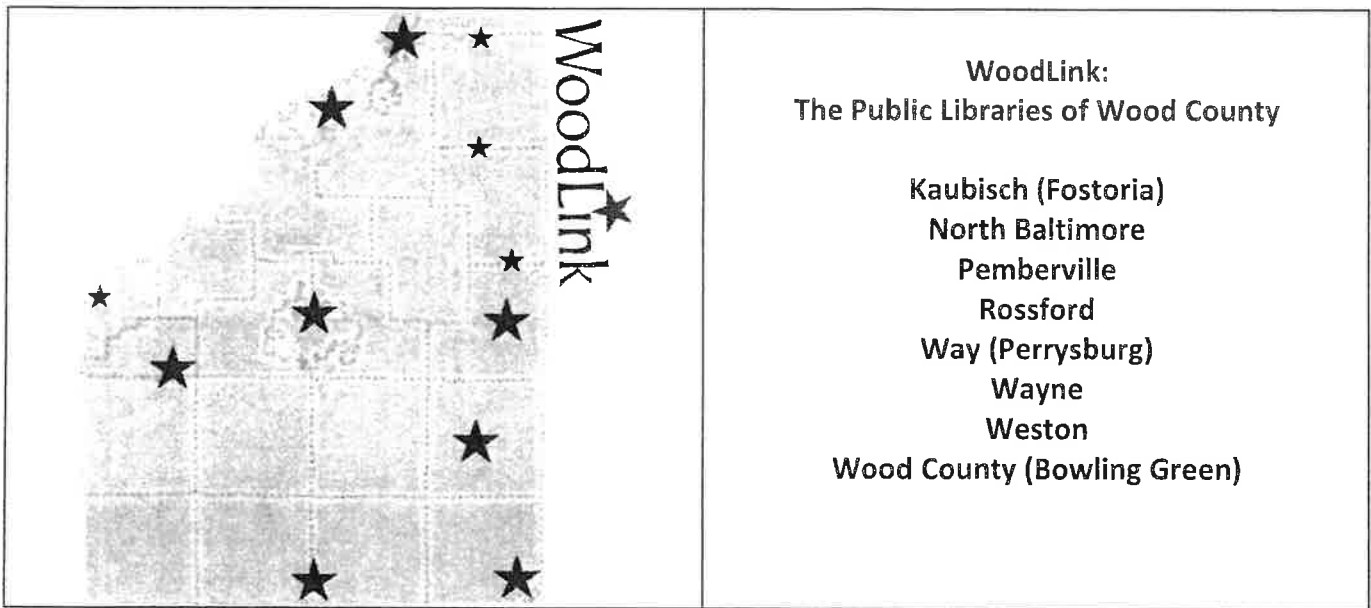
Each library has different capital needs (from replacing carpet, heating plants, and entire roofing systems to wishing to add First Solar panels to a roof), thus we propose dividing up the collective grant in the same manner as we share the Public Library Funds distributed via the County Budget Commission: North Baltimore - 6.29%; Pemberville - 7.58%; Perrysburg - 24.55%; Rossford - 11.99%; Wayne - 5.94%; Weston - 7.47%; and Wood County - 36.18%. Each Library Board would then use their allotment to meet local capital needs.

We thank you for your consideration and are available should you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
The Library Directors

Michael Penrod, WCDPL  
Shelen Stevens, Weston  
Kristine Goldsmith, Rossford  
Holly Ryder, North Baltimore

Janel Haas, Way (Perrysburg)  
Susan Titkemeier, Pemberville  
Teresa Barnhart, Wayne



**Annual Budget Commission Breakfast – July 15, 2018**

In early 2016, the Ohio Library Council commissioned a report titled *“The Return on Investment of Ohio’s Public Libraries and a Comparison with Other States”* by Howard Fleeter and Associates from Columbus, Ohio. Using 2014 figures, this report found that “public library services in Ohio are worth nearly \$2.7 billion in direct economic value.”

When this economic benefit is compared to statewide total operating expenditures, the Return on Investment (ROI) is 3.89 – in other words...

For every \$1.00 spent by libraries, \$3.89 in benefit was delivered to Ohio residents.

Finally, when economic multiplier effects are included, each \$1.00 spent by libraries returns a total economic value of \$5.48 to Ohioans.

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Woodlink just used an update to the OLC formula with 2017 numbers. When the eight WoodLink libraries are considered as a whole...

For 2017 the **total direct ROI for WoodLink was \$3.44** in benefit for each \$1.00 spent, or

\$8,030,372 spent in 2017 yielded a direct ROI of \$27,660,854.

When economic multiplier effects are included, **each \$1.00 spent by WoodLink returns a total economic value of \$4.42 to Wood County**, or

\$8,030,372 spent in 2017 yielded a total economic value of \$35,502,706.

