

RESOLUTION NO. 23-00479

In the matter of approval of prior meeting) County Commissioners' Office,
minutes from the regular session held on) Wood County, Ohio
April 13, 2023.) April 18, 2023

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 13th day of April 2023 with the following members present: DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW and CRAIG LAHOTE; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners’ Agenda for April 13, 2023, was as follows:

I. 9:22 a.m. -- Reading of minutes from preceding meeting

Commissioner LaHote called the meeting to order and requested the reading of the prior meeting minutes. County Administrator Carri Stanley, Assistant County Administrator Dan Scherger, Clerk of the Board Sandy Long, Veterans Service Office Executive Director Zach Migura and Veterans Service Commission members Joe Fawcett, Doug Dariano, Dick Zulch and Tom Uhler were also 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 Job and Family Services for the resignation of Protective Services Worker 3 Emileigh Allen and Student Help appointees Jackson Carlisle, Kylie Guagenti and Plamedie Katusevanako; from Wood Haven for the appointment of part-time temporary STNA Jasmine Johns, and medical leave without pay for STNA Mackenzie Mickens and Community Relations Director Aspen Short.

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

III. -- Staff Reports

Commissioner Herringshaw moved to recess until 9:30 a.m. Commissioner LaHote seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the motion carried at 9:27 a.m.

Veterans Service Office (VSO) Quarterly Update (9:31 a.m.) – Commissioner LaHote called the meeting back to order with Commissioner Herringshaw, Ms. Stanley, Mr. Scherger, Ms. Long, Mr. Miguar, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Dariano, Mr. Zulch and Mr. Uhler present. Mr. Fawcett stated the VSO continues to evolve. Recently they have lost one staff member and Mr. Migura is assessing the needs of the office. He mentioned the Veterans Service Commission (VSC) would like to meet with state legislators regarding the required timing of submission for the VSC budget. The VSC budget must be submitted 7 months before the county budget is finalized. Mr. Fawcett invited the Commissioners to attend the VSC meetings held the 4th Tuesday of every month at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Migura stated that VSO staff have cleared out a supply closet and new carpet has been installed in the office. He stated the goal is to make the VSO a one-stop shop including having a mental health counselor on site. The counselor would not be a county employee and the only cost to the county would be a dedicated phone line. The recently vacated supply closet would temporarily serve as an office to meet with clients. Mr. Migura stated if Wood County were to have a mental health counselor on site it would be the first for a VSO in northwest Ohio. The Commissioners were supportive of the endeavor. Mr. Migura stated that he and JFS continue to evaluate the office space at the current Wood County Child Support Office as a possible new site for VSO.

Mr. Migura has reached out to BGSU regarding a partnership and a possible internship with the VSO. He mentioned the VSO will be accepting volunteers, are looking to fill a position in the office, and will be holding an event on April 21st geared toward veterans who were exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances during their service. Mr. Migura also mentioned the state is focusing on veteran's homes, noting that the home located in Sandusky needs a new boiler. He stated that HB69 proposes a change to the appointment of the VSC by including the Commissioners in the appointment process. There is concern with not having post 9/11 VSC members serve on the commission. Wood County VSC has two post 9/11 members. He noted that he, as well as numerous other veterans, are opposed to this proposed change.

Mr. Uhler mentioned the need to improve communication with the public regarding what the VSO has to offer, including help with mortgage, vehicle, and utility payments. Mr. Fawcett stated an outreach coordinator would be able to help with this. He noted a financial coach would also be beneficial. Mr. Migura stated that Great Lakes Community Action Partnership has offered assistance with outlining finances and setting budgets. The Commissioners thanked them all for the update. The meeting concluded at 9:53 a.m.

Commissioner Herringshaw moved to recess until the next scheduled meeting and Commissioner LaHote seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the motion carried at 9:53 a.m.

Ohio Attorney General Regional Director Kim Priestap re: Update (10:00 a.m.) – Commissioner LaHote called the meeting back to order with Commissioner Herringshaw, Ms. Stanley, Mr. Scherger, Ms. Long and Ms. Priestap present. Ms. Priestap stated that currently Marsy's Law is a big issue. She stated that Marsy's Law, which ensures that victims have equal and constitutional rights, is hard to interpret and she suggested seeking assistance from the county prosecutor regarding implementation of the new requirements. She mentioned that a new national opioid settlement is pending. The settlement will be routed through the OneOhio program. Ms. Priestap mentioned the Bureau of Criminal Investigation located in Bowling Green has a new imaging device system which can test shell casings, possibly linking evidence from one case to another. She noted this technology was recently used in the Alex Murdaugh murder trial in South Carolina.

Ms. Priestap stated that Attorney General Yost is joining with 25 other attorneys general in support of the National Pork Council's opposition to Proposition 12. Proposition 12 was initiated by California's Secretary of Food and Agriculture Karen Ross and went into effect in January 2022. It bans the sale of pork within California unless certain production standards are followed. This is essentially allowing California to regulate pork production in other states. Ms. Priestap stated that AG Yost has been noted to say, "we don't live in the United States of California". The National

Pork Producers Council and the American Farm Bureau Federation filed a lawsuit in regard to Proposition 12 which is currently in the US Court of Appeals. A ruling is expected in June.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Priestap for the update. The meeting concluded at 10:17 a.m.

IV. -- Open Forum Citizens Comments/Concerns

No one from the public was present. Commissioner Herringshaw moved to adjourn and Commissioner LaHote seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the motion carried at 10:17 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 times to public inspection.

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

DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, Ed.D. _____

ABSENT

DR. THEODORE H. BOWLUS _____

no Theodore H. Bowlus

CRAIG LAHOTE _____

ye Craig LaHote

Board of County Commissioners,
Wood County, Ohio

Attest: _____

Sandy A. Long
Clerk of said Board

Resolution	Date	Description	PO	Cost
23-00472	4/13/2023	APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 4/11/2023		
23-00473	4/13/2023	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS		
23-00474	4/13/2023	AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS		
23-00475	4/13/2023	AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WOOD COUNTY COMBINED GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT FOR THE RX SAVING PROGRAM FROM 7/1/23 THROUGH 6/30/26, FOR THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM.		
23-00476	4/13/2023	ADJUSTMENT TO APPROPRIATIONS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
23-00477	4/13/2023	APPROVE REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEES.		
23-00478	4/13/2023	CARLSON SOFTWARE, INC - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A GRADE SYSTEM WITH GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) FOR COMPACTOR GRADING AND COMPACTION RATES FOR THE WOOD COUNTY LANDFILL	615399	\$48,800.00

WOOD CO. VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION



PACT ACT EVENT

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans and survivors of Veterans who were exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances during their service in Vietnam, the Gulf War, and Post 9/11 eras, as well as Veterans who served at Camp Lejeune or MCAS New River for at least 30 cumulative days from August 1953 through December 1987—and their family members.

- VA healthcare teams: eligibility / enrollment, toxic screening, Q/A
- VA benefits team
- County Veterans Service Officers: prepare & submit VA claims
- Other veterans resources
- Light refreshments

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419.354.9147 ; <https://forms.office.com/g/Zpehw9zpHN> ; or



APRIL 21, 2023



10AM TO 2PM



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BOWLING GREEN, OH

