

RESOLUTION NO. 23-01096

In the matter of approval of prior meeting) County Commissioners’ Office,
minutes from the regular session held on) Wood County, Ohio
August 22, 2023.) August 29, 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 22nd day of August 2023 with the following members present: DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, THEODORE H. BOWLUS and CRAIG LAHOTE; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners’ Agenda for August 22, 2023, was as follows:

I. 9:18 a.m. -- Consider Resolutions – See Resolution Listing

Commissioner LaHote called the meeting to order with County Administrator Carri Stanley, Assistant County Administrator Dan Scherger, Clerk of the Board Sandy Long, Wood County Park District Director Chris Smalley and Park District Assistant Director Andrew Kalmar also present. Commissioner LaHote noted the receipt of the minutes of the previous session. No corrections were requested.

The personnel actions submitted were from Wood Haven for the appointment of part-time Activities Leader Anna Van Wormer and STNA Nathan Johnson, amend resolution 23-01073 to reflect correct start date for Dietary Aide Taylor Callahan, change from non-STNA to STNA for Dakota Cockrall, voluntary separation of Environmental Services Aide Patricia Brion, resignation of STNAs Jaida Stone and Dakota Cockrall, Dietary Aide Cherise Sivers, and RN Shift Supervisor Bailee Milligan.

Commissioner Herringshaw moved to approve the resolutions on the attached listing with the exception of resolution 23-01089 (supplemental appropriations) which will be voided. Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

II. -- Staff Reports

Commissioner Bowlus moved to recess until 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Herringshaw seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried at 9:23 a.m.

Wood County Park District re: Acquisition of Land (9:30 a.m.) – Commissioner LaHote called the meeting back to order with Commissioners Bowlus and Herringshaw, Ms. Stanley, Mr. Scherger, Ms. Long, Mr. Smalley, Mr. Kalmar, WBGU Radio host Clint Corpe, BG Independent News journalist Jan McLaughlin and Sentinel-Tribune Editor Debbie Rogers present. Mr. Smalley stated that the Park District has an opportunity to acquire a 33-acre parcel of land adjacent to the 69-acre J.C. Reuthinger Memorial Preserve in Perrysburg Township. He stated the current owners are offering the Park District the first opportunity at purchasing the property. Mr. Smalley noted the current preserve, and the available property are an oasis in an industrial area. If acquired the property would allow for additional access to the preserve off Reuthinger Road. The property includes a brick farmhouse from the early 1900’s and a large white barn on 3.1 acres. The remaining acreage is a farm field.

Mr. Smalley stated the asking price for the property is \$40,000 per acre which amounts to \$1,200,000; however, this cost is beyond what resources the Park District currently has available.

He mentioned the Clean Ohio Fund has a competitive grant available with a September 8th application deadline. The current goal is to obtain \$832,000 in secured funding prior to applying and requesting \$368,000 of grant funding. At this time the Park District will be contributing \$200,000, has secured \$17,000 from the Friends of the Park, \$80,000 from the Wood County Port Authority, and are reaching out to other partners to secure additional funding.

Mr. Smalley stated that he is humbly asking the Commissioners to consider providing \$400,000 toward the purchase of the 33-acre parcel. He said he recognizes this is an extraordinary request. Mr. Kalmar stated the current preserve, and available property is surrounded by industry and believes if the Park District does not acquire the property it will be split up and used for economic growth. He noted the Park District is not opposed to this, but they would like to expand the park to give a benefit to the community for decades to come.

Commissioner LaHote asked if the township trustees will be contributing any funding toward the acquisition. Mr. Kalmar stated they have not had an opportunity to formally meet with them yet. Commissioner LaHote asked about the need to obtain two-thirds of the asking price. Mr. Smalley stated they are trying to get to a point where they are able to compete with other counties for the grant funds. He mentioned the funds available through the Clean Ohio Fund are just under \$2 million. Commissioner Bowlus inquired about the soil. Mr. Smalley stated there used to be a dairy on the land but it has been farmed in recent years. He noted the soil is similar to the wetlands in the adjacent preserve. The Park District would cover the land with native plants for the first year. Commissioner Herringshaw stated they would need time to consider this request and determine the fairness to other departments. Commissioner LaHote stated this would be a wonderful expansion, but it is a big ask from the Commissioners. Ms. Stanley said Ohio Revised Code 307.281 permits the County to provide funding to park districts if the Commissioners would decide to do so. Mr. Smalley and Mr. Kalmar thanked the Commissioners for their time. The meeting concluded at 9:46 a.m. Mr. Smalley, Mr. Kalmar, Mr. Corpe, Ms. McLaughlin and Ms. Rogers exited at this time.

Ms. Stanley stated if the Commissioners decided to give funds to the Park District for the acquisition of property, the funds must come from the general fund. Commissioner Herringshaw stated that just makes the decision more difficult. Ms. Stanley mentioned the Clerk of Courts has offered excess Title Funds to the Commissioners. These funds are to be placed into the General Fund and can be used for any lawful purpose. In the past these funds have been used for road and bridge projects. Commissioner LaHote suggested following up with the Park District closer to September 8th to find out where they are with their secured funding at that time. Commissioners Bowlus and Herringshaw agreed. Commissioner LaHote expressed that he would be more comfortable with considering an amount closer to what the Park District intends to provide instead of twice as much as their contribution. He also asked if it was possible to loan them the needed funds. Ms. Stanley will look into this option and will also speak with Clerk of Courts Cubberley regarding his funds.

III. -- Open Forum Citizens Comments/Concerns

No one from the public was present. Commissioner Herringshaw moved to adjourn and Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried at 9:58 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 Herringshaw seconded the approval of the resolution, and the roll being called on its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, Ed.D. yes

Doris I. Herringshaw

DR. THEODORE H. BOWLUS yes

Theodore H. Bowlus

CRAIG LAHOTE _____

ABSENT

Board of County Commissioners,
Wood County, Ohio

Attest: Sandy A. Long
Clerk of said Board

Resolution Number	Session Date	Description	PO	Cost
23-01081	8/22/2023	APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 8/17/2023		
23-01082	8/22/2023	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS		
23-01083	8/22/2023	APPROVE REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEES		
23-01084	8/22/2023	PAYMENT FOR SERVICES - 12% TO FAMILY CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL BY 9/30/23		
23-01085	8/22/2023	ADJUSTMENT OF FUNDS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
23-01086	8/22/2023	AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH INTERACTION INSIGHT CORPORATION TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE CURRENT EVENTIDE SERVER USED FOR ALL RECORDINGS FOR THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF.		
23-01087	8/22/2023	AUTHORIZE PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ANGELA SWONGER ON BEHALF OF WOOD COUNTY JUVENILE COURT.		
23-01088	8/22/2023	AUTHORIZE PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TIFFANY SULLIVAN ON BEHALF OF WOOD COUNTY JUVENILE COURT.		
23-01089	8/22/2023	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - VARIOUS FUNDS.		
23-01090	8/22/2023	DELL MARKETING LP - AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR (610) G1 MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 LICENSES, (305) G3 MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 LICENSES, (1) AZURE LICENSE, (41) EXCHANGE ONLINE LICENSES, (4) POBER BI PRO LICENSES, (915) TEAMS AC LICENSES FOR VARIOUS WOOD COUNTY OFFICES. SAID PURCHASE WILL BE MADE THROUGH STATE PURCHASING CONTRACT #OA1252.	135028	\$130,161.36
23-01091	8/22/2023	AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT 2 TO CONTRACT BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND ASSET PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR SECURITY SERVICES.		
23-01092	8/22/2023	AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS		
23-01093	8/22/2023	ASSET PROTECTION CORPORATION - AUTHORIZE PHASE II SECURITY CAMERA UPGRADE AT WOOD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES.	042818	\$27,750.00
23-01094	8/22/2023	CDW-G GOVERNMENT INC - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (2) MICROSOFT SURFACE PROS FOR ADULT PROBATION.	170001	\$3,676.30
23-01095	8/22/2023	REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS - JOB & FAMILY SERVICES		

