

RESOLUTION NO. 23-01565

In the matter of approval of prior meeting) County Commissioners’ Office,
minutes from the regular session held on) Wood County, Ohio
December 19, 2023.) December 21, 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 19th day of December 2023 with the following members present: DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, THEODORE H. BOWLUS and CRAIG LAHOTE; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners’ Agenda for December 19, 2023, was as follows:

I. 9:19 a.m. -- Consider Resolutions – See Resolution Listing

Commissioner LaHote called the meeting to order with County Administrator Carri Stanley, Assistant County Administrator Dan Scherger, a and Clerk of the Board Sandy Long present. Commissioner LaHote noted the receipt of the minutes of the previous session with no corrections necessary.

The personnel actions submitted were from Buildings and Grounds to amend resolution 23-01482 to reflect correct ending balances for former employee Gavin Wilson; from Job and Family Services a request to post a full-time Business Manager position, resignation of CSEA Case Maintenance Specialist Laurene Giesler, appointment of full-time Clerk Typist II Madelyn St. Clair and intermittent Student Worker Mikayla Holtz.

Commissioner Herringshaw moved to approve the resolutions on the attached listing with the exception of resolution 23-01554 (final hearing Ditch #2486) which will be held until later in the day’s session. Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

II. -- Staff Reports

Ms. Stanley stated the new IRS mileage reimbursement rate has been released. The rate will be \$0.67 beginning in 2024. She noted the Commissioners approved a resolution several years ago indicating the county will follow the IRS mileage reimbursement rate. She asked if the Commissioners want to continue this practice given the new increase. The Commissioners agreed to continue matching the IRS reimbursement rate.

Commissioner Herringshaw moved to recess until the final ditch hearing of Robert Moser Ditch #2486. Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried at 9:25 a.m. Commissioner LaHote called the meeting back to order at 9:40 a.m. with Commissioners Bowlus and Herringshaw, Ms. Stanley, Mr. Scherger, Ms. Long, Wood County Engineer John Musteric and Drainage Coordinator Duane Abke present. Please see the attendance roster for all others present.

Final Hearing for Single County Ditch #2486 Petitioned by Robert Moser (9:40 a.m.) – Engineer Musteric read his final report for Robert Moser Ditch #2486. Cliff Pollauf stated that he has no problem with the idea of keeping the ditch flowing but he has only known of one time it stopped flowing since 1997. He stated it was due to an ice jam and was clear the next day. Mr. Pollauf also stated the estimated assessment seems fair however the amount for specialty work is different. He asked if he would be able to take care of the trees and shrubs rather than it being part of the project.

Mr. Abke stated that the property owner can take care of them, however they would need to contact the Engineer's Office to have them come out and take a look at the area once completed. Mr. Abke stated the cleaning of drive culverts is part of the project to go out for bid and is not something to be done by the property owner.

Ed Hawley stated he thought the ditch was recently cleaned. Mr. Abke stated the last time it was cleaned was in 2010 and that was a private clean-out. He stated the ditch petition process will place the ditch under county maintenance. Carol Rucker stated her property does not have a ditch and asked if this is a one-time payment. Mr. Abke stated that property does not need to be abutting a ditch to be included but must be within the watershed. He also stated the current estimated assessment is for the initial construction of the project and includes a first-year maintenance fee. The maintenance fee will be used if anything needs fixed with the ditch over the first 5 years or more after construction is complete.

John Mayland stated that Pargillis Road is narrow, and the ditch is dangerous. He stated that he already maintains the ditch along his property and does not agree with the petition or spraying round-up along the ditch. Mr. Abke stated if everyone kept their portion of the ditch clear there would not be a need for this process. He also stated that he receives multiple calls throughout the year regarding flooding basements. Engineer Musteric stated the road is a township road and Mr. Mayland should contact his township trustees regarding its condition.

Mr. Pollauf stated his basement has never flooded. Mr. Abke stated that silt gets built up in drainage pipes and can clog off sump pumps. Mr. Abke stated the cleaning of the ditch is preventative maintenance and compared it to taking care of a roof issue. Bob Moser stated that when the ditch was cleaned in 2010 it was not done well and is now all silted in. Mr. Moser stated that he wished there was a better way to take care of the situation. He does not want to spend his money or anyone else's money, but it is the only way to go at this point. He stated that because of the Great Black Swamp we need our ditch system, or we would not have any agriculture.

Brian Smith asked about culvert permits and if they are inspected once in place. Mr. Abke stated they are to be inspected once the property owner informs the Engineer's Office the work is done. Mr. Smith also asked if some of the mature trees along the ditch could be spared. He noted some of them are hickory and oak trees. Mr. Abke stated that he will work with him to try and keep some of the trees. Kyle Brunner stated that he has a fence along the ditch and asked if it will be put back once the work is complete. Mr. Abke stated they try to put fences back once complete. Mr. Brunner stated this is very bad timing with the high rate of inflation. Mr. Mayland stated this seems to benefit the agricultural users. Mr. Abke stated it will benefit residential owners as well and mentioned that the drainage complaints he receives are mostly from residential property owners. Joel Burg stated he has trees that serve as a wind break and would like someone to come out and take a look at them. He mentioned that he contributed to the cleaning of the ditch in 2010. Mr. Abke stated that he will come out and take a look. He also mentioned that if the estimated assessment notice does not include a special assessment for trees or brush removal then the trees will not be included in the project and will not be removed. Larry Shiple asked what the cleaning will entail. Mr. Abke stated the silt will be removed back to the original design grade. Some bank work will be done, brush and debris removed, banks will be reseeded and culverts and pipes will be cleaned as well.

Keith Finley asked if the property owner needs to mark all drainage. Mr. Abke stated this needs to be done and his office will work with everyone to mark them. Mr. Finley also suggested holding these types of hearings in the evening hours so more people may be able to attend. Donna Henson asked about silt removal. Mr. Abke stated silt along residential properties will be hauled away and any on agricultural property will be left to be worked into the ground. Matt Zeigler asked about lowering a culvert. Mr. Abke stated that a property owner can do this on their own, however they

will need to contact the Engineer's Office to set the grade. He noted sometimes the same culvert can be used but the estimated assessment amount reflects replacing it with a new one. Mr. Zeigler stated when he pulled a permit for a pole barn it sparked issues with his septic. Mr. Abke stated that has nothing to do with drainage and suggested he speak with Building Inspection and the Health Department. Commissioner LaHote noted the Health Department is a separate entity with its own board.

Ed Hammett stated that his family has owned farms on Reitz Road since the 1800s when drainage was first put in to be able to farm the land. He stated that drainage needs to be maintained and that it was designed for agriculture from the beginning. Mr. Burg asked if there was any grant funding available to assist with the cost. Mr. Abke stated that he is not aware of any grants for ditch cleaning projects.

Commissioner LaHote thanked everyone for their comments and questions. He requested a motion on resolution 23-01554.

Commissioner Bowlus moved to approve the Engineer's reports and schedules as filed (resolution 23-01554). Commissioner Herringshaw stated that moving forward with the project is a difficult decision. She stated that she heard and understood the concerns from affected property owners, but also is aware of the drainage issues within the Great Black Swamp, in particular the area being considered for drainage improvement today. Commissioner Herringshaw seconded the motion. Commissioner LaHote noted the difficulties of drainage found in Wood County. He mentioned that he spoke with a commissioner from a county in the southern portion of the state who stated there was only one mile of ditch in their entire county. Commissioner LaHote stated that Wood County has 750 miles of ditches due to the flat surface. He requested a roll call vote on resolution 23-01554. All voted aye and the motion passed. The hearing concluded at 10:57 a.m.

III. -- Open Forum Citizens Comments/Concerns

There were no further comments from the public. Commissioner Herringshaw moved to adjourn and Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried at 10:57 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 Herringshaw moved and Commissioner Bowlus seconded the approval of the resolution, and the roll being called on its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, Ed.D.	<u>yes</u>	<u>Doris I. Herringshaw</u>
DR. THEODORE H. BOWLUS	<u>yes</u>	<u>Th H Bowlus</u>
CRAIG LAHOTE	<u>yes</u>	<u>Craig LaHote</u>

Board of County Commissioners,
Wood County, Ohio

Attest: Sandy A. Long
Clerk of said Board

Resolution	Date	Description	PO	Cost
23-01547	12/19/2023	APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 12/14/2023		
23-01548	12/19/2023	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS		
23-01549	12/19/2023	EXTENDING PAY DIFFERENTIALS FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT NURSING STAFF AT WOOD HAVEN HEALTH CARE		
23-01550	12/19/2023	AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS		
23-01551	12/19/2023	AUTHORIZE ON-THE JOB TRAINING BETWEEN OHIO MEANS JOBS, WOOD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND PRINCIPLE BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, INC.		
23-01552	12/19/2023	COMMERCIAL FLOORING OF TOLEDO - AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT CARPET FOR THE 4TH FLOOR OFFICE BUILDING LOBBY.	135048	\$6,820.00
23-01553	12/19/2023	COMMERCIAL FLOORING OF TOLEDO - AUTHORIZING CARPET REMOVAL OF EXISTING CARPET, PREPARATION OF SUBFLOOR AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CARPET TILE IN THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE	135049	\$28,940.00
23-01554	12/19/2023	FINAL HEARING SINGLE COUNTY DITCH NO. 2486, WITHIN MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, PETITIONED BY ROBERT MOSER		
23-01555	12/19/2023	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
23-01556	12/19/2023	ACKNOWLEDGING ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND INCORPORATING SAID ACTIONS INTO THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR ONE-TIME STATE CAPITAL GRANT FUNDS		
23-01557	12/19/2023	TRANSFER OF FUNDS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
23-01558	12/19/2023	APPROVE REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEES		
23-01559	12/19/2023	ADJUSTMENT TO APPROPRIATIONS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
23-01560	12/19/2023	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH THE LUCAS COUNTY CORONER TO PERFORM CERTAIN NECESSARY AUTOPSIES.		
23-01561	12/19/2023	REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
23-01562	12/19/2023	RECEIVE AND AWARD STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR WOOD COUNTY'S BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM		
23-01563	12/19/2023	APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE WOOD COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES ASSOCIATION DBA CHILDREN'S RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE PURCHASE OF IN-HOME MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.		
23-01564	12/19/2023	REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS - JFS		

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

The following persons were in attendance at a public meeting/hearing of the Board of County

Commissioners on the 19th day of December, 2023.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT/ADDRESS</u>
<u>Margaret Dwyer</u>	<u>13971 King Rd BG Ok. 43402</u>
<u>Laura Held</u>	<u>23153 Pargillis Rd, Perrysburg, OH 43351</u>
<u>Matt Zeigler</u>	<u>21275 Pargillis rd, Bowling Green OH.</u>
<u>Peggy Zeigler</u>	<u>21275 Pargillis BG</u>
<u>Joel P. Burg</u>	<u>21339 Pargillis Rd BG</u>
<u>Carol & Tom Rucker</u>	<u>13390 King Rd, BG</u>
<u>CLIFF POLLARD</u>	<u>23597 PARGILLIS RD. P.3026</u>
<u>LARRY SHIPLE</u>	<u>21582 PARGILLIS RD BG</u>
<u>Keith Finley</u>	<u>21668 PARGILLIS RD BG.</u>
<u>HAROLD WEIDL</u>	<u>14257 King Rd P.2.</u>
<u>BOB MOSEL</u>	<u>04062 Hull Pains Rd.</u>
<u>ED HANVITT</u>	<u>14341 H. RIVER, P. 14341 P. 2</u>
<u>Donna & Keith Henson</u>	<u>13911 Reitz Rd</u>
<u>JR Mayland</u>	<u>23879 Pargillis</u>
<u>Ed Will</u>	<u>Bulky Court</u>
<u>JEFF FURCH</u>	<u>23020 Pargillis</u>
<u>Brian Smith</u>	<u>13905 Reitz Rd</u>
<u>Kyle Brunner</u>	<u>13901 Reitz Rd</u>
<u>Ed Jett</u>	<u>11440 DEWILSON RD</u>

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