

RESOLUTION NO. 23-01579

In the matter of approval of prior meeting) County Commissioners’ Office,
minutes from the regular session held on) Wood County, Ohio
December 21, 2023.) December 28, 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 21st 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 21, 2023, was as follows:

I. 9:20 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, Clerk of Courts Doug Cubberley, Toledo Blade journalist Debbie Rogers, Sentinel-Tribune Editor Marie Thomas and BG Independent News journalist Jan McLaughlin present. Commissioner LaHote noted the receipt of the minutes of the previous session with no corrections necessary.

The personnel actions submitted were from Job and Family Services for medical leave without pay for Income Maintenance Worker Katy Campbell; from Wood Haven to acknowledge prior service for Environmental Services Supervisor Isreal Reyes and the appointment of part-time Environmental Services Aide Gina Purney.

Commissioner Herringshaw moved to approve the resolutions on the attached listing with the exception of resolution 23-01570 (adopting appropriations for 2024) 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

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

Adopting the 2024 Appropriations (9:30 a.m.) – Commissioner LaHote called the meeting back to order with Commissioners Bowlus and Herringshaw, Ms. Stanley, Mr. Scherger, Ms. Long, Mr. Cubberley, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Thomas, Ms. McLaughlin, and Fiscal Managers Dee Stewart and Aimee Chafins present.

Mr. Scherger addressed resolution 23-01570, adopting the 2024 appropriations. He provided a summary of the budget. He said the total appropriations are \$52,644,987, representing a 4.97% increase over the 2023 appropriations. He noted that four new full-time General Fund positions have been included in the appropriations. Mr. Scherger also stated that a 4% wage increase to recognize the efforts of existing employees and to attract new employees has been included in the appropriations.

Mr. Scherger stated that revenue remains strong. He said that sales tax increased by 1.35%, which is lower than recent years but continues a several year trend of positive growth. Mr. Scherger said that investment income more than offset the slowed growth in sales tax.

Mr. Scherger reviewed key items in the strategic budget. He said \$108,834 was appropriated for heavy rifle plated vests and ballistic helmet for Sheriff's Office Road patrol and new duty weapons for deputies. He noted that 6 patrol vehicles were ordered in 2023 but will be delivered in 2024. Mr. Scherger said the Common Pleas Court budget includes \$54,000 for court 4 upgrades including carpeting, jury box seating and restroom updates. An additional \$276,000 was appropriated for renovation of the staff area and for replacement furniture in Court 1. He said \$70,000 was approved for a land use plan update.

Mr. Scherger stated the jail expansion project is approximately 65% complete and is on track to be completed by late 2024. He also mentioned the landfill expansion project will begin in April with a projected completion date of October.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Scherger and the rest of the staff for all their efforts in preparing the 2024 budget. They also thanked Clerk of Courts Cubberley for contributing excess Title Funds to the General Fund in 2023.

Commissioner Herringshaw moved to approve resolution 23-01570, adopting the appropriations for 2024. Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

III. -- 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 9:39 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 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. yes Doris I Herringshaw

DR. THEODORE H. BOWLUS ABSENT

CRAIG LAHOTE yes Craig LaHote

Board of County Commissioners,
Wood County, Ohio

Attest: Sandy A. Long
Clerk of said Board

Resolution	Date	Description	PO	Cost
23-01565	12/21/2023	APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 12/19/2023		
23-01566	12/21/2023	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS		
23-01567	12/21/2023	PAYMENT FOR SERVICES - NOVEMBER 2023 FUEL FACILITY		
23-01568	12/21/2023	AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS		
23-01569	12/21/2023	APPROVE REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEES		
23-01570	12/21/2023	ADOPTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2024, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.		
23-01571	12/21/2023	ADJUSTMENT TO APPROPRIATIONS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
23-01572	12/21/2023	AUTHORIZE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CAROUSEL INDUSTRIES (N.S. NWN CAROUSEL) TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING FORTINET FIREWALLS TO NEW FORTINET FORTIGATE 60FS FOR WOOD COUNTY'S 911 SYSTEM.		
23-01573	12/21/2023	AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH STARFISH COMPUTER CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF ON-SITE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR WOOD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES.		
23-01574	12/21/2023	AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH JB JANITORIAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF JANITORIAL SERVICES AT WOOD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY BUILDINGS.		
23-01575	12/21/2023	AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH SECURE CARE HEALTH SYSTEMS FOR A NEW CALL LIGHT SYSTEM AT WOOD HAVEN HEALTH CARE		
23-01576	12/21/2023	AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH COUSINO RESTORATION TO PROVIDE CLEANING AND EQUIPMENT SERVICES ON THE HVAC SYSTEM AT THE JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL CENTER		
23-01577	12/21/2023	AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH TOLEDO MECHANICAL INSULATION TO PROVIDE INSULATION ON DUCTWORK AT JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL CENTER		
23-01578	12/21/2023	J L MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC. - AUTHORIZING LABOR AND MATERIALS TO REMOVE AND REPLACE THE ROOF TOP UNIT #3 AT THE WOOD COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER, PURSUANT TO BCC APPROVED CONTRACT #23-1537, DATED 12/14/2023.	135050	\$34,809.00

