

RESOLUTION NO. 23-01280

In the matter of approval of prior meeting) County Commissioners’ Office,
minutes from the regular session held on) Wood County, Ohio
October 5, 2023.) October 10, 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 5th day of October 2023 with the following members present: DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, THEODORE H. BOWLUS and CRAIG LAHOTE; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners’ Agenda for October 5, 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 Administrator Dan Scherger and Clerk of the Board Sandy Long also present. Commissioner LaHote noted the receipt of the minutes of the previous session with no corrections necessary.

No out of state travel requests were submitted. The personnel actions submitted were from Job and Family Services to extend the probationary period for Protective Services Worker 3 Sydney Greiser and personal leave without pay for Protective Services Worker 3 Hayley Kobie.

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

II. -- Staff Reports

Ms. Stanley proposed dates for the presentation of the Spirit of Wood County Awards. The Commissioners agreed to hold the event on November 19, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Alvin L. Perkins Atrium.

Ms. Stanley stated the County received notice that the Ohio Department of Aging Healthy Aging Grant application period opened this week. This grant funding was allocated to counties in the budget bill. Mr. Scherger submitted the application information on Wednesday. After the application period ends, the Ohio Department of Aging will be sending a grant agreement for the County to execute. Ms. Stanley said there is a short timeline for obtaining and using these funds. She and Mr. Scherger met with Wood County Committee on Aging Executive Director Denise Niese to discuss the grant process and allowable uses of the funds.

Commissioner Bowlus moved to recess until the next scheduled meeting. Commissioner Herringshaw seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried at 9:26 a.m.

Wood Haven Monthly Update (9:30 a.m.) – Commissioner LaHote called the meeting back to order with Commissioners Bowlus and Herringshaw, Ms. Stanley, Mr. Scherger, Ms. Long, Wood Haven Administrator Jeff Orłowski, Finance Manager Aimee Chafins and BGSU student Administrator-in-Training Zachary Graham present. Mr. Orłowski stated that a private room rate comparison with other nursing homes in the county was conducted in August. He mentioned that notification of any rate changes are required to be given to residents 30 days in advance of the change. Ms. Chafins stated the Wood Haven Health Care Advisory Board has recommended a slight increase in rates,

keeping them just under \$300 per day. (Wood County Economic Development Executive Director Wade Gottschalk and Executive Secretary Sarah Lingo entered at 9:40 a.m.) She mentioned that a separate rate was added for the new Memory Care wing. Ms. Chafins noted there are no other facilities in Bowling Green with a memory care unit and that Wood Haven has the lowest private room rates even with the recommended rate changes. The Commissioners stated the rate changes are acceptable. A resolution will be prepared to be considered at a later date. (Tony Zartman and Nick Bundren from Land and Liberty Coalition entered at 9:42 a.m.)

Ms. Chafins stated that Wood Haven is working with the Health Department on COVID Mitigation Grant funding. She anticipates Wood Haven will receive approximately \$1 million in funding, which must be used for COVID-19 related expenses. Mr. Orłowski stated that staff retention is somewhat better with 14 new hires in August, however, there were 11 people who left employment during the same time period. Mr. Orłowski stated that he believes the newly implemented Honeymoon Program is helping with retention. A checklist of items to accomplish when a new employee is hired is given to department leaders. Some items include sending a welcome e-mail, greeting the new employee when they arrive, providing an overview of orientation, giving them a tour of the facility and introducing them to staff. Mr. Orłowski discussed Minimum Data Set (MDS) activities and changes, and the facility's current case mix score. The meeting concluded at 9:55 a.m. Mr. Orłowski, Ms. Chafins and Mr. Graham exited at this time.

Economic Development Quarterly Update (9:55 a.m.) – Mr. Gottschalk stated that things are busy in his office. The new data center proposed to be built in Middleton Township is a substantial project. Phase 1 will create a \$750 million facility but will be low impact to the area including road use. He noted the Commissioners approved a 15-year 75% Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) tax abatement last week for the company and is working on a Tax Increment Financing agreement that would follow the CRA. Mr. Gottschalk stated that he is working with Planning Commission regarding the creation of another enterprise zone in the county. He stated he is generally hearing positive news from existing Wood County companies who are maintaining strong operations. He noted one exception with Calphalon announcing their closure due to moving all production overseas. Mr. Gottschalk said he is still getting leads from the state to follow up on as well. The meeting concluded at 9:59 a.m.

Tony Zartman, Land and Liberty Coalition re: Introduction of new Wood County Representative Nick Bundren (10:00 a.m.) – Mr. Zartman introduced new field representative Nick Bundren. Mr. Zartman stated that he has worked extensively with townships over the last year regarding renewable energy development. He asked if there have been any changes in Wood County regarding renewable energy and if any townships have asked to be excluded from these types of projects. Commissioner LaHote stated this was a big topic at the recent Wood County Township Association Annual meeting and a committee is being formed to discuss proposed prohibition of solar farms. Mr. Zartman stated that he has been surprised with the number of townships throughout Ohio not wanting renewable energy projects. Commissioner LaHote mentioned the board has not heard anything regarding wind projects. Mr. Zartman stated that wind is dead in Ohio and it is a shame. He also stated that it would be nice if the statehouse would realize how important wind is. Mr. Zartman stated that Wood County is ripe for picking for renewable energy developers and anticipates they will be coming soon. Commissioner LaHote asked Mr. Bundren if he would like to share his background. Mr. Bundren stated that he is from Appalachia and worked in Virginia for a year before moving to Ohio a couple of months ago. He has been travelling around the state with Mr. Zartman and his goal for this meeting is to set up a dialog with the Commissioners. Mr. Zartman stated that anti-wind and anti-solar groups are very strong and intimidating and he is willing to help or attend any meetings that may be held in the future. He asked which townships are requesting the Commissioners to prohibit solar farms. Commissioner Herringshaw stated that Center and Henry Townships have written letters requesting the prohibition. Mr. Bundren asked if

the Commissioners believe that these requests are due to existing projects or fear of new ones. Commissioner LaHote stated he wasn't sure and mentioned that Wood County hasn't really had any recent solar projects. Commissioner Bowlus stated he believes both of these reasons may be true as well as the 'not in my backyard' thinking. Many people live in the country for the view and openness. Mr. Zartman stated a property owner's rights stop at their property line and they do not get to choose what their neighbor does. Mr. Zartman stated the Commissioners can reach out to him or Mr. Bundren at any time. The meeting concluded at 10:16 a.m. Mr. Zartman and Mr. Bundren exited at this time.

Economic Development 2024 Appropriation Review (10:16 a.m.) – Economic Development Executive Director Wade Gottschalk was joined by Executive Secretary Sarah Lingo to share the 2024 Economic Development appropriation and strategic budget requests. The meeting concluded at 10:25 a.m. Ms. Gottschalk and Ms. Lingo exited at this time.

Auditor's Office 2024 Appropriation Review (10:27 a.m.) – Auditor Oestreich was joined by Deputy Auditor Julie Allison to share the 2024 Auditor's Office appropriation and strategic budget requests. The meeting concluded at 10:50 a.m. Auditor Oestreich and Ms. Allison exited at this time.

Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) 2024 Appropriation Review (10:51 a.m.) – SWCD Administrator Jim Carter, was joined by SWCD Board Supervisors Matt Davis and Logan Riker-Chamberlain, to share the 2024 appropriation requests. The meeting concluded at 11:05 a.m.

III. -- *Open Forum Citizens Comments/Concerns*

There were no comments from the public. Commissioner Bowlus moved to adjourn and Commissioner Herringshaw seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried at 11:05 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
23-01263	10/5/2023	APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 10/3/2023		
23-01264	10/5/2023	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS		
23-01265	10/5/2023	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH TUCKER ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO TONE AND TRACE OUT EXISTING PHONE COMMUNICATION WIRING AT THE WOOD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES.		
23-01266	10/5/2023	AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS		
23-01267	10/5/2023	AUTHORIZING HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH MERITAIN FOR OCTOBER 2023, FROM THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE TRUST FUND.		
23-01268	10/5/2023	AUTHORIZING PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE THROUGH APPRORX FOR OCTOBER 2023, FROM THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE TRUST FUND.		
23-01269	10/5/2023	AUTHORIZING VISION INSURANCE FOR OCTOBER 2023, FROM THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE TRUST FUND.		
23-01270	10/5/2023	AUTHORIZING DENTAL INSURANCE THROUGH DELTA DENTAL FOR OCTOBER 2023, FROM THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE TRUST FUND.		
23-01271	10/5/2023	AUTHORIZING LIFE INSURANCE THROUGH METLIFE FOR OCTOBER 2023, FROM THE WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEE TRUST FUND.		
23-01272	10/5/2023	AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH COULTER CUSTOM CLEARING FOR 2023 HOURLY RATES FOR EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION THEREOF FOR DITCH MAINTENANCE.		
23-01273	10/5/2023	ACKNOWLEDGING ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND INCORPORATING SAID ACTIONS INTO THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE ORDER FOR (6) 2025 FORD EXPLORER INTERCEPTORS FOR THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. SAID PURCHASE WILL BE MADE THROUGH STATE PURCHASING CONTRACT #RSI015078	135038	\$292,782.00
23-01274	10/5/2023	ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL PLAT OF THE VILLAGE AT RIVERBEND PLAT 8 AND DEDICATING RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED WITHIN MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO		
23-01275	10/5/2023	APPROVE REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEES		
23-01276	10/5/2023	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH BEAVERSON TRUCKING AND EXCAVATING TO REPLACE THE PIPE IN A SEDIMENT POND AT THE WOOD COUNTY LANDFILL.		
23-01277	10/5/2023	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
23-01278	10/5/2023	AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH VRC COMPANIES, LLC FOR DOCUMENT SHREDDING FOR THE WOOD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES.		
23-01279	10/5/2023	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH TEXTMYGOV FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEXTMYGOV SMART TEXTING TECHNOLOGY/SOFTWARE FOR BOARD OF ELECTIONS.		

