

RESOLUTION NO. 23-01326

In the matter of approval of prior meeting) County Commissioners' Office,
minutes from the regular session held on) Wood County, Ohio
October 19, 2023.) October 24, 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 October 2023 with the following members present: CRAIG LAHOTE and THEODORE H. BOWLUS; and

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

One out-of-state travel request was submitted from Job and Family Services. Personnel actions included the resignations of Building Inspector Sean Koffenhofer and STNA Desiree Langley; the voluntary separation of Environmental Services Aide Bonnie Beamon; and the hiring of part-time Dietary Aides Heather Periat and Leah Ragland, LPN Sandra Smithers, and STNA Evelyn Fleece.

Commissioner Bowlus inquired if there was a problem with bed bugs that prompted the purchase request from Job and Family Services. Ms. Stanley stated that the purchase is just precautionary to ensure that an infestation does not occur.

Commissioner Bowlus moved to approve the resolutions on the attached listing. Commissioner LaHote seconded the motion. All present voted aye and the motion carried at 9:24 a.m.

II. -- Staff Reports

Ms. Stanley reported that the Spirit of Wood County Award selection committee met earlier this week. The awards will be presented on November 19 in the Atrium.

Ms. Stanley also stated that she had further discussions with Sheriff Wasylshyn regarding the additional cost for the radio system upgrade. The Sheriff indicated that additional repeaters and licensing were required to ensure full radio coverage throughout the county and that some back-up repeaters were also needed. The amended purchase order will be included in next week’s resolutions.

Mr. Scherger and Joyce Nowak, Assistant Prosecutor, attended the OneOhio meeting in Tiffin on Wednesday. Mr. Scherger stated the Executive Director for OneOhio was present and provided an update on statewide OneOhio activities. Per new legislation, the Ohio Attorney General will serve as legal counsel for OneOhio. Mr. Scherger said many questions remain about the makeup and establishment of local OneOhio committees. Mr. Scherger will share the PowerPoint presentation from the meeting with the Commissioners after he receives it.

Human Resources Manager Pam Boyer, Risk Manager Erica Noel, and Benefit Clerks Shelby Williams and Josh Schroeder entered at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Scherger stated that he will be touring the Bowling Green Recycling Center with Amanda Gamby from the City of Bowling Green later today. He also reported that he and Recycling Coordinator Rachel Sizer attended the Village of North Baltimore council meeting on Tuesday. He noted that the village is excited to kick off the drop-off recycling location and that the bins are already in use by residents.

Insurance Update (9:34 a.m.) – Ms. Boyer provided an update on the Employee Health Benefits. She reported that discussions with Jake Cox from Savage and Associates have been ongoing regarding rates for 2024. Ms. Boyer recommended a rate increase of approximately \$8/per pay for single contracts and \$20/per pay for family contracts to fund 2024 expenses. The rates are based on plan utilization, administration, and medical inflation. Health claims increased by nearly \$1 million from 2022 to 2023. Ms. Boyer stated this will be the first rate increase the County has had since 2016. Ms. Boyer reported that the plan will continue grandfathered status in 2024 as the plan meets both the affordability and minimum value requirements. (Chief Building Official Rob Cendol entered at 10:26 a.m.) Recommendations for plan design changes were discussed including a lowering of the minimum age for routine colonoscopies to 45. She also reported the Employee Health Benefits Committee recommended a change to the vision coverage for 2024 to transition to an annual cycle, with a higher reimbursement recommended for the first year during the transition. Ms. Boyer reported she also compared the County's rates with other local plans and the published state SERB health insurance information and Wood County employees still pay less for insurance and have lower out-of-pocket costs than the other PPO plans. Commissioner LaHote noted that even though the County will likely have an increase in rates in 2024, the plan is still performing very well, and he thanked the Health Benefits team for their work. Annual Health Insurance meetings will be held on November 15, 16 and 17 at various locations. Ms. Boyer, Ms. Noel, Ms. Williams, and Mr. Schroeder exited at 10:43 a.m.

Building Inspection 2024 Appropriation Request Review (10:44 a.m.) – Mr. Cendol reviewed the 2024 appropriations and strategic budget requests for the Building Inspection Department. Mr. Cendol noted that recruiting new employees is a concern for the department as many nearby departments are paying higher salaries for comparable jobs. He also noted that five employees are eligible to retire. Mr. Cendol reported that he had hired a new inspector, but the new employee realized the position would not benefit him enough financially and resigned. Currently contract services are being used for inspections and plan reviews, which is working in the short term. Ms. Stanley noted that ongoing discussions have been taking place to address Mr. Cendol's concerns and will likely continue into 2024. Funding for an office remodel was requested as well as other equipment upgrades. Mr. Cendol's request also included a new vehicle. Commissioner LaHote suggested looking into a hybrid vehicle as the Sheriff has had good luck with them. Mr. Cendol exited at 11:00 a.m.

Recorder 2024 Appropriation Request Review (11:00 a.m.) – Recorder Jim Matuszak and Chief Deputy Recorder Matthew Bartow were present. Mr. Matuszak reviewed the appropriation and strategic budget requests for the Recorder's Office. Mr. Matuszak stated that he had minimal changes from 2023. He requested to have funds appropriated for a new printer for public use as having two slower printers was more economical than having one high speed printer. The request also included laptops for staff to assist with remote work if needed. The meeting concluded at 11:15 a.m. and Mr. Matuszak and Mr. Bartow exited at this time.

Dog Shelter 2024 Appropriation Request Review (11:15 a.m.) – Chief Dog Warden Jodi Harding was present to review appropriations and strategic budget requests for the Dog Shelter. She noted a decrease in salaries as an anticipated retirement was moved to 2025. A request for a cargo van was included. She is requesting a larger van as she has been advised that upkeep on brakes and tires has increased due to the weight of the cages in the current smaller vehicles. Ms. Stanley noted that vehicles can be purchased through the state purchasing program but may be difficult to obtain due

to the supply shortage. Ms. Harding noted that dog tag renewal information is set to go out from the Auditor on November 6. The Commissioners indicated that if costs are similar to last year, they would be willing to participate in the Big Fix Program. Ms. Stanley will reach out to Auditor Oestreich regarding the Big Fix program coupons and determine when he needs that information. Ms. Harding exited at 11:23 a.m.

III. -- Open Forum Citizens Comments/Concerns

There were no comments from the public. Commissioner LaHote moved to adjourn and Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried at 11:25 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	<u>yes</u>	_____	<u>Theodore 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
23-01315	10/19/2023	APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 10/17/2023		
23-01316	10/19/2023	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS		
23-01317	10/19/2023	AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS		
23-01318	10/19/2023	APPROVE REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEES		
23-01319	10/19/2023	PAYMENT FOR SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2023 MEALS FOR INMATES AT JDC & JRC.		
23-01320	10/19/2023	REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS - LANDFILL EQUIPMENT		
23-01321	10/19/2023	TRANSFER OF FUNDS - LANDFILL CLOSURE/POST-CLOSURE FUND		
23-01322	10/19/2023	PAYMENT FOR SERVICES - PROCESSED FINGERPRINTING 2023 3RD QUARTER		
23-01323	10/19/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC BED BUG ERADICATION HEATER SYSTEM FOR USE IN THE JFS AGENCY BUILDING AND VEHICLES AS NEEDED FOR TREATMENT OF REMOVING BED BUGS.	42819	\$2,800.00
23-01324	10/19/2023	AUTHORIZE LPA FEDERAL LOCAL - LET PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RESURFACE THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF FIVE POINT ROAD WITHIN PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO. PID 118543		
23-01325	10/19/2023	ADJUSTMENTS TO APPROPRIATIONS - VARIOUS FUNDS		

