

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-00801**

In the matter of approval of prior meeting ) County Commissioners’ Office,  
minutes from the regular session held on ) Wood County, Ohio  
June 6, 2024 ) June 11, 2024

*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 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024, with the following members present: DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, THEODORE H. BOWLUS and CRAIG LAHOTE; and

*WHEREAS*, the Commissioners’ Agenda for June 6, 2024, 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 Clerk of Courts Doug Cubberley and Sentinel-Tribune Editor Marie Thomas present.

Commissioner LaHote inquired about the out of state travel request from Job and Family Services (JFS) for transport of a youth to Memphis, Tennessee, listed in travel reimbursement resolution 24-00781 tabled by the Commissioners on Tuesday. Ms. Long stated that after receiving more information from JFS Assistant Director Fuller, the request for reimbursement was removed. She noted there were two other travel expenses listed in the resolution, but neither were out of state. No personnel actions were submitted.

Commissioner Bowlus moved to approve the resolutions on the attached listing with the exception of resolutions 24-00794 (enterprise zone agreement) and 24-00795 (CDBG hearing) which will be held until later in the day’s session, resolution 24-00797 (personnel actions) which will be voided, and including resolution 24-00781 (travel requests) which was tabled on Tuesday. Commissioner Herringshaw seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

*II. -- Staff Reports*

Clerk of Courts Cubberley and Engineer Musteric re: Funding for Road and Bridge Projects (9:23 a.m.) – Mr. Cubberley stated the Clerk of Courts Office was blessed to have an excess of funds from the issuance of titles beyond what was needed to fund the office operations. Ms. Stanley noted there is an Ohio Revised Code statute which allows the Clerk of Courts to transfer excess funds received from the issuance of titles to the general fund. Mr. Cubberley stated that many years of good stewardship of these funds has allowed for the opportunity to provide \$500,000 to the county. The Commissioners determined that the \$500,000 will be divided equally between the Wood County Park District and the Wood County Engineer’s Office and Mr. Cubberley agrees with that distribution. Mr. Musteric thanked Mr. Cubberley for the funds which will be used for road and bridge projects. Photos were taken. Mr. Cubberley and Mr. Musteric exited at 9:27 a.m.

Wood Haven Monthly Update (9:28 a.m.) – Wood Haven Administrator Jeff Orłowski was joined by new Admissions Coordinator Allison Freeman for the update. BG Independent News journalist Jan McLaughlin was also present. Ms. Freeman stated that she has been with Wood Haven just under two months and previously worked for the Wood County Committee on Aging. She noted her love for the senior community in Wood County. Mr. Orłowski stated the April census was 81.9 and the year-to-date census is 82.7 which is the highest in the last 15 years. He noted there were 10 new hires and 10 who left employment at the facility. Mr. Orłowski stated that finding 2<sup>nd</sup> shift employees continues to be a struggle and Wood Haven will be partnering with Athena Career Center to hold clinicals at the facility, which he hopes will help bring in new employees. Mr. Orłowski mentioned that agency staffing decreased by 457 hours compared to March, saving approximately \$6,153. Mr. Orłowski stated the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) survey will take place before the end of July. He stated they generally know what they will ask for and have a binder prepared with menus, the activities calendar, resident meeting minutes, contracts, etc. Mr. Orłowski stated the new Medicaid rates will become effective in July with a potential \$3-\$4 decrease. The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) did not evaluate incentive points and an inflated number was submitted in January. He noted this is an average and not all rates will decrease. Ms. Stanley asked what the change would mean financially to Wood Haven. Mr. Orłowski stated there are currently 51 Medicaid patients which would equal approximately \$55,000. Mr. Orłowski noted that Wood Haven is beyond the cut-off for incentives and should get credit for the occupancy rate set at 65, which Wood Haven is well above. Mr. Orłowski stated the Wood Haven resident activities in April included: attending the BGHS musical *The Adams Family*, lunch at Tony's in Findlay, musical performances, a Titanic themed meal, baking bacon cookies, and shopping at Walmart and an arts and crafts market. The meeting concluded at 9:42 a.m. Mr. Orłowski and Ms. Freeman exited at this time.

Economic Development Quarterly Update (9:43 a.m.) – Economic Development Executive Director Wade Gottschalk stated it has been a busy start to 2024. During retention visits to businesses throughout the county he learned that businesses are still hiring and there have been no layoffs. Mr. Gottschalk stated that Project Accordion, a data center project located at the northeast quadrant of State Routes 25 and 582, is working through road issues with ODOT and the Wood County Port Authority. He noted that employment during construction will be fairly robust but once the business is operational the number of employees and amount of traffic will be low. Mr. Gottschalk mentioned that Amazon is proposing to build another facility near the current one in Rossford. He also stated there have been multiple inquiries from other data centers looking for locations. He stated that Wood County has many factors data centers are looking for including flat land, access to lots of power and large gas lines, as well as low risk weather events. He mentioned that site tours have been provided with Regional Growth Partnership. Mr. Gottschalk stated he has visited the Northwest Ohio Cooperative Kitchen to show what Wood County has to offer to small companies. Mr. Gottschalk mentioned that he has heard less workforce issues than in 2023 and there is lots of business activity and expansions. The meeting concluded at 9:50 a.m.

Commissioner Herringshaw moved to recess until 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried at 9:50 a.m.

Consider Enterprise Zone Agreement among Amazon.com Services LLC, Perrysburg Township and Wood County (10:00 a.m.) – Commissioner LaHote called the meeting back to order with Commissioners Bowlus and Herringshaw, Ms. Stanley, Mr. Scherger, Ms. Long, Ms. Thomas, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Gottschalk and Kyle DeGiulio from Amazon present. Mr. Gottschalk stated that Amazon intends to build a 600,000 square foot warehouse on Fremont Pike and is asking for a 10-year 100% tax abatement. If the project moves forward, Rossford schools would receive \$640,000 and Penta Career Center would receive \$46,000 annually. Mr. DeGiulio stated the facility would be used as an Inbound Crossdock (IXD) to receive, store, and consolidate products from vendors to have inventory on hand allowing for quicker delivery. The facility would bring 500 full-time jobs with the average wage at \$20.50 an hour. This would be a \$100 million investment. Mr. DeGiulio noted the building would not be as tall as the current Amazon building and is only one level. He also mentioned that Amazon has been doing a regional search for an additional facility. Commissioner LaHote asked if this building would use rooftop solar. Mr. DeGiulio stated that most Amazon buildings do have rooftop solar but is uncertain whether this one would. Commissioner Herringshaw moved to approve resolution 24-00794 (EZ agreement) and Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The meeting concluded at 10:07 a.m. Commissioner Herringshaw moved to recess until 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried at 10:08 a.m.

Third Public Hearing for PY2024 Community Development Block Grant Program (10:15 a.m.) – Commissioner LaHote opened the public hearing to review the proposed application for funding under the PY2024 CDBG Small Cities Program with Commissioners Bowlus and Herringshaw, Ms. Stanley, Mr. Scherger, Ms. Long, Planning Director Dave Steiner and Wood County resident Jamie Stanley present. Mr. Steiner stated that Wood County is eligible for \$328,000 of PY2024 CDBG funding. Mr. Steiner stated that only 4 entities applied for PY2024 CDBG funds and all are recommended for funding of their requested amount. Commissioner Herringshaw moved to approve Resolution 24-00795 (authorizing Wood County to apply for CDBG funding) and Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Please see resolution 24-00795 for further details. Commissioner Bowlus moved to adjourn the hearing and Commissioner Herringshaw seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion passed at 10:20 a.m.

Bureau of Workers' Compensation Update (10:45 a.m.) – Commissioner LaHote called the session back to order with Commissioners Bowlus and Herringshaw, Ms. Stanley, Mr. Scherger, Ms. Long, Human Resources and Benefits Manager Pam Boyer, Human Resources Manager Janese Diem, Assistant Human Resources Manager Erica Noel and Kelly Lowry from Sedgwick present. Please see the attached for information reviewed. The Commissioners agreed with the recommendation to remain in the Individual Retro Rating for plan year 2025. The meeting concluded at 11:19 a.m.

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

No one from the public was present. Commissioner Bowlus moved to adjourn and Commissioner Herringshaw seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried at 11:19 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.	<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
24-00781	6/6/2024	APPROVE REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEES (TABLED 6/4/2024)		
24-00793	6/6/2024	APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 6/4/2024		
24-00794	6/6/2024	CONSIDER ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC, PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP, AND THE BOARD OF WOOD COUNTY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		
24-00795	6/6/2024	PUBLIC HEARING NO. 3 FOR CITIZENS' INPUT FOR EXPENDITURE OF MONIES RECEIVED UNDER THE PROGRAM YEAR 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND AUTHORIZING APPLICATION OF PROJECTS TO THE STATE OF OHIO		
24-00796	6/6/2024	TRANSFER OF FUNDS - ENGINEER FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECTS.		
24-00797	6/6/2024	AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS.		
24-00798	6/6/2024	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS - VARIOUS FUNDS		
24-00799	6/6/2024	VARIOUS VENDORS - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (3) DELL 27 INCH MONITORS, (2) STANDARD DELL OPTIPLEX MICRO FORM FACTOR CONFIGURATION DESKTOP COMPUTERS, AND (1) CUSTOM DELL OPTIPLEX MICRO FORM FACTOR CONFIGURATION DESKTOP COMPUTER FOR THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF SECURITY.	135106	\$3,280.41
24-00800	6/6/2024	PRO TECH SECURITY SALES - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF (2) REPLACEMENT SHIELDS FOR THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM	135107	\$19,102.46

**Workers' Compensation & Work Safety Program  
Ongoing Update Presented to Board  
June 6, 2024**

**Consideration of 2025 BWC Rating Options**

Kelly Lowry

Projected Experience & Premium Handouts  
Recommendation: Individual Retro Rated @ \$200K & 200%  
Individual Retro Applications due by 7/31/24

**Other Updates**

Janese Diem

BWC 9444 Code Continuation  
2021 Death Claim Out of Experience 2027  
Recommend move 046 Balance (Retro Rating 2008-2014) to 040 in 2024; Apply to Waiver of 2025 CFS

**Workers' Comp Fund Balances (as of May 31, 2024^)**

Pamela Boyer

<u>Policy Period</u>	<u>Policy Type</u>	<u>2024^</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
7/1/2008 Ongoing*	Self Ins (15K Med Only) - 039	\$ 4,045,642	\$ 4,537,815	\$ 4,558,772
2008-2014	Individual Retro Rated II - 046	\$ 557,360	\$ 1,079,625	\$ 1,079,625
1/1/2017 Ongoing	Individual Retro Rated III - 040	\$ 1,245,355	\$ 2,064,062	\$ 1,924,069
	<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>\$ 5,848,357</b>	<b>\$ 7,681,502</b>	<b>\$ 7,562,466</b>

\* Not available with Group Retro Rated Policy in 2015-2016  
2024 CFS waived (\$522,264). Funded from: 046  
2023 CFS waived (\$452,452). Funded from: 039 (\$186,034 general fund savings)  
2021 CFS waived (\$592,705). Funded from: 048 \$371,659 (closed); 040 \$168,868 ('19 BB); 039 \$52,177 (\$254,111  
2019 Charge for Services waived 2019, funded from 048 Fund. Total transfer \$487,654 (\$216,119 general fund sav  
2010-2014 Charge for Services waived. Funded from 039 Fund. Total transfer \$2.297M (\$932K general fund saving

**Next Meeting:**

**Next year**

