We are pleased to provide this update to you – the citizens of Wood County – to share the many good things that are happening in County government. As we progress through a period of economic growth throughout Wood County, Moody’s believes the County’s sales tax revenues will continue to grow. We are grateful for the support and cooperation of our fellow County elected officials who have provided healthy revenues, relatively large tax base, and moderate level of rapidly retiring debt. Given the commercial rating for Wood County. The Aa3 rating reflects the County’s solid financial operations that are supported by its significant reserves, relatively large tax base, and moderate level of rapidly retiring debt. The Aa3 rating also reflects the County’s solid financial operations that are supported by its significant reserves, relatively large tax base, and moderate level of rapidly retiring debt.

Moody’s Investors Service reaffirmed the Aa3 rating for Wood County. In October 2003, following a visit to Wood County in July, Moody’s Investors Service affirmed the Aa3 rating for Wood County. The Aa3 rating reflects the County’s solid financial operations that are supported by its significant reserves, relatively large tax base, and moderate level of rapidly retiring debt. Given the commercial rating for Wood County. The Aa3 rating reflects the County’s solid financial operations that are supported by its significant reserves, relatively large tax base, and moderate level of rapidly retiring debt.

We hope you will take the opportunity to read this annual report to learn about the many good things that are happening in Wood County. We also encourage you to actively participate in your local government, and attend one of our town meetings which are regularly held throughout the County.

The Board of County Commissioners
Wood County, Ohio

JAMES T. CARTER
President, 2003

2003 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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As a State of Ohio Certified Building Inspection Department, Wood County's Building Inspection Department inspects all buildings covered by the state building code in Wood, Hancock, and Henry Counties. This 1,456 square mile area encompasses 38 villages, 10 towns, and 92 townships, making Wood County the largest building inspection department in the State. The Building Inspection Department also conducts residential building inspections within Wood County, inspecting over 50% of all new residential permits. During 2003, the Department issued 6,365 permits. The issuance of permits resulted in 20,907 field inspections, with 2,259 lists of deficiencies requiring corrective action. Of the inspections conducted, 17,678 occurred inside Wood County resulting in 12,688 residential and 4,980 commercial inspections.

During the year, the Department processed a petition to rezone the old and new residential Building Code of Ohio. This code covers all one, two, and three family dwellings and is scheduled for implementation in the spring of 2004. The Department also participated in the formation of the Ohio Code Academy. Every inspector, plans examiner, and chief building official in the State of Ohio will be required to attend the Ohio Code Academy for maintenance of current knowledge before they are certified to conduct commercial or industrial inspections.

Building Inspection Operations under the Board of County Commissioners and the Ohio Residential Code for One, Two, and Three Family Dwellings. These are uniform codes that are used to enforce the commercial/industrial and residential building codes.

A PARTIAL LIST OF PERMITS ISSUED IN 2003

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The Buildings and Grounds Department maintains the Wood County Government Campus with over 90 acres of land. The campus includes the Court House, Complex, Courthouse, Complex, East Gypsy Lane Complex, Dunbridge Complex, and Offi ce buildings.

The Buildings and Grounds Department comprises the Chief Building Inspector and 27 others who are assigned to effect the operation of this department. The Department has a Director, a Recorder, a Chief Building Inspector, and 27 other members. The Director is responsible for the operation of the department.

In 2003, the Chief Building Inspector, Michael J. Billmaier, Chief Building Inspector, served in the capacity of a Chief Building Inspector. The Department is responsible for the construction and maintenance of all public buildings in the county. The Department is charged with ensuring that all buildings meet the minimum standards of the Ohio Building Code. The Department is also responsible for the enforcement of the Ohio Fire Code and the Ohio Zoning Code. The Department is also responsible for the inspection of all new buildings and the maintenance of all existing buildings.

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to an average of 400 children each month. Despite this the Dog Shelter has maintained a 58 percent adoption rate.

The number of impounded dogs decreased for the sixth straight month. During 2003 nearly all of the impounded dogs were unadoptable, either because of age, health, or attitude. Despite this the Dog Shelter continued to post photos of available dogs at numerous locations throughout the County. The Shelter also received assistance from community.

The purpose of the Dog Shelter is to enforce Section 365 of the Ohio Revised Code, which includes checking licenses and the proper confinement of dogs, as well as investigating dog bites, strays, and other related complaints. The Dog Shelter is self-supporting. User fees, dog licenses, kennel licenses, and fines paid to the primary funding source for the Dog and Kennel Fund which is used to purchase new equipment, track, utilities, maintain the building, and pay veterinarian fees.

The Weapons of Mass Destruction Committee continued its involvement with equipping and training first responders in the Department of Justice District Grants. The Committee also continued to evaluate needs and training needs for first responders in the County. Formed in 2002, the Committee partnered with the Green State University, Wood County Sheriff’s Office, Wood County Health Department, Wood County Hospital, as well as representatives from the Mayor’s, Trustee’s, Fire/M.S. Chief’s, and Fire Fighter’s Associations and others from a diverse group of officials and responders from across the County.

The Agency received an $18,775 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Justice State from the Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program. The Agency is responsible for continuous assessments of local hazards and a strategy to address those planning areas. The DOJ provided this financial support to the States for development of the equipment inventory needed by first responders for potential acts of domestic terrorism. The Agency, via the Equipment Committee, pursues professional protective gear, two photo identification detectors, a decom, trailer, a containment trailer, and an “air-wagon” trailer for use by agencies throughout the County.

The Agency collaborated with the Ohio Funeral Director’s Association to purchase a trailer and equipment to respond to mass fatality incidents. This project is regional in scope and can be used across the State of Ohio for any jurisdiction encountered with a mass fatality incident. Other agencies involved in this project included the Ohio Association of Coroner, Ohio Dental Association, and the Federal Disaster Mortuary Response Team. Additional funding was secured through the state EMA to support this project and to date it is the only program known of its kind nationwide.

In April 2003, the Agency hosted a full scale Hazardous Materials Exercise with the Lake Township Fire Department, Jones Hamilton in Walbridge, the Northwood Fire Department and other volunteers. The exercise provided essential training to county emergency responders with the opportunity to utilize the Incident Command System and practice their response skills during a simulated large scale incident.

The Agency and CSX co-hosted a table top exercise in May at the Wood County Hospital. The exercise involved a train derailment carrying hazardous material and provided a forum for those persons involved in decision making and response. The exercise evaluated several areas, including not but limited to the adequacy of response plans, the medical capabilities for treating victims, and the review of local medical, EMS, and public health capabilities to identify, monitor and respond to an incident.

In 2003, the EMA secured a grant for the County’s All Hazards Emergency Response Team to be re-equipped with equipment on the Weapons of Mass Destruction Arms. The plan was sent to print in late 2003 and received funding in 2004. The Agency responded to 18 hazardous material incidents at the request of emergency responders and assisted as a resource in the response for 25 incidents, equipment, tools, and on-site weather monitoring were made available by the Agency.

Working with the Wood County Hospital, monthly continuing education classes for emergency response personnel were offered to provide up-to-date information in addition to regular trainings required to maintain current licensing. In October, the Director along with the Wood County Hospital implemented a Basic Emergency Medical Technician class. A Basic Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate Transition Class was completed earlier in the year. The classes were comprised of individuals within Wood County and the surrounding area.

The Director, who also is a Paramedic continued to respond to Advanced Life Support requests as a Paramedic External unit, with the help and support of Wood County Hospital, in 2003, he responded to 205 requests from area Fire and EMS departments.

The Emergency Management Agency operates under the Commission with input from the Emergency Management Advisory Committee. The

Office of Economic Development

Economic Development Commission

Thomas Blaha, Executive Director

The Economic Development Commission, One East Embassy Plaza, Suite 100, Lima, Ohio 45801, is a private, not-for-profit corporation, established to continue the mission of the Lima Area Development Commission. The Commission strives to expand the economic base through existing industry development and the recruitment of new businesses. The Commission actively markets Wood County, Ohio as a location to outside industrial prospects, while providing services to the County and its communities to base through existing industry and private entity members, the Commission continues to grow export-based businesses, industries, and institutions that create wealth for areas.

The Commission remained at the cutting edge of export development progress in recognizing and acting upon “value driven economic development.” This development contributes to the growth of local and state economies through strategic public and private investments, increasing the productivity and competitiveness of area development and helping small and large based businesses, industries, and institutions that create wealth for areas.

Funding is allocated in the form of tax credits, grants, and other financial assistance, including Federal and State funding.

Following are examples of value added economic development by the WOCEC in 2003:

- Received the inclusion of education, local government, and private business interests in the membership of WOCEC membership as part of WOCEC’s Tenth Anniversary celebration.
- Provided a matching grant to the City of North Star from the WOCEC’s EDGE Fund toward the construction of a new water tower to benefit locally at the WOCEC’s EDGE Fund.
- Provided new equipment to increase capacity for new industry activity.
- Contributed to the visioning process of Pentecoste Church, a new church and community center, which led to the community’s vision of a 33-acre estate.
- Elevate the visibility of Wood County, its communities, and its businesses through active participation in industrial exhibitions and international trade missions as part of state and regional efforts.

- Co-hosted, with associated Wood County entities, a fact finding visit by Moody’s Investors’ Services, which resulted in a county bond rating of AA.
- Assisted with the consultancy firm of Hodge, Cramer & Associates in establishing the case for a Wood County Center for Advanced Manufacturing.
- Provided technical assistance to Wood County Workforce Development Office Staff to in-service a multi-county regional committee on training and employment.
- Launched the Ambassador Program utilizing WOCEC members expertise to add value for area companies.
- Participated in the Automotive Communities Program of the Center for Automotive Research linking Wood County companies to industry for automotive renewal.
- Service on Board of Erie Basin Resource, Conservation & Development, a 401A certifying, pursuing, and funding federal dollars for agricultural and/or renewable energy projects for communities under 10,000 population.

The Office of Economic Development is a public service agency of the Board of Commissioners which was created by Sec. 701.11 of the Revised Code.
The Solid Waste Management District operates under the County Commissioners. In 2003, the district accepted 71,786 cubic feet of records originating from six County offices. The Records Center, established in 1989 to provide records management services to Wood County, had 416,200 cubic feet of records on hand, with an estimated need to retain records for 47 years. The center was responsible for the storage, protection, and preservation of records, which included the filing, retrieval, indexing, and maintenance of records. The center provided services to the Wood County Board of Commissioners, the Wood County Prosecutor’s Office, and the Wood County Sheriff’s Office.

To better reflect the new era of health care, the Commissioners renamed the Wood Haven Health Care Center to Wood Haven Health Care. The facility was constructed on Wood County Landfill property with a 4,500 square foot facility and an estimated need to retain records for 73 years. The facility was designed to provide long-term care and services to residents of the county. The facility was also responsible for the storage, protection, and preservation of records, which included the filing, retrieval, indexing, and maintenance of records. The center was the central location for the Wood County Board of Commissioners.

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Clerk of Courts

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The Clerk of Courts issues motor vehicle, and watercraft titles and serves as Clerk for the Sixth District Court of Appeals. She is a member of the Data Processing Board's Title Disbursement Committee. She also maintains the records of the Probate Court. In 1998 she was appointed to the Automated Title Processing Board and continues to serve at the pleasure of Governor Shaheen. The duties of the Clerk of Courts are authorized under several sections of the Ohio Revised Code.

Clerk of Courts

Derek B. Feiss, M.B.

Coroner

The Coroner evaluates and rules on all violent, accidental, and suspicious circumstances, deaths, homicides, suicides, and sudden deaths of persons in apparent good health. A licensed physician, the Coroner performs lab tests, x-rays, or autopsies as needed. The Coroner generally does not investigate deaths that occur from natural causes, when the person has a family physician. An official report of the Coroner’s findings is filed with the Clerk of Courts. The Coroner is authorized to perform his duties under Chapter 313 of the Ohio Revised Code.

2003 Coroner Cases

- Auto Accidents 6
- Motorcycles 2
- Suicides 9
- Homicides 0
- Natural Deaths 25
- Undetermined 1
- Total Cases 55

Court of Common Pleas

Probate and Juvenile Division

The Court granted 815 marriage applications during the year. Also, 56 cases were filed and processed in the miscellaneous category, including name changes, birth registrations, etc. The imaging project, which also a copy of all filings to be sorted electronically, was completed during 2003. This technological advancement allowed the Court to comply with records retention regulations, while preserving space, saving costs, and making information more readily available to the public.

Enhancements to the Probate Court website were implemented. In addition to an all-user-friendly design, writable probate forms were added as well as the filing fee schedule and information needed to request records. The dockets can be accessed on-line to retrieve file information and view activity related to the case.

The Probate Court Judge is authorized to perform his duties under Chapters 211 and 212 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Court of Common Pleas

General Division

The Juvenile Court hears cases concerning traffic offenses, domestic, unsolvent, negligent, abuse, neglect, abandonment, and the physical or mental disabilities of individuals under the age of 18, as well as paternity cases for adults and children. The Court may also hear truancy cases involving adults who have victimized children. The Juvenile Detention Center is also administered through the Juvenile Court.

In 2003, the Juvenile Court had 4,594 cases filed and disposed of 4,481.

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As the County’s chief law enforcement officer, the Sheriff provides law enforcement services, and civil services to residents. The Sheriff polices and serves all municipalities and village limits, and provides contract police services to townships and municipalities, and assists municipalities upon request.

The Sheriff’s commitment to Home- land Security was documented when he continued to work closely with the Emergency Management Agency, local police, fire departments, and federal agencies.

The Sheriff is authorized to perform his duties under Chapter 311 of the Ohio Revised Code.
The Planning Commission receives and approves 20 preliminary/final residential subdivisions totaling 775.54 acres. In addition to the larger plated subdivisions, the Office received and reviewed 457 acre requests totaling 457.88 acres. Of the 457 acre requests, 14 were approved by the Commissioners. The Planning Commission also reviewed and approved four amendments to zoning articles and approved a complete zoning ordinance revision.

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The goal of the Veterans Assistance Center is to provide comprehensive, high-quality access to needed services and benefits to Wood County veterans and their families. The staff strives to accomplish this by making the clients, rather than the clients' families, the focus of the work. The staff seeks opportunities to increase service and benefit delivery through expanded partnerships with other public and private agencies.

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It’s Not Just the Law… It’s a Ride Home!

A Wood County Dog License can provide necessary security for your local dog.

Ohio Revised Code 955.21

All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed. No dog shall be harbored, kept, or owned without displaying a valid registration tag. (The law applies regardless of whether the dog is kept inside or out.)

2004 Application for Dog Registration

Name of Owner(s): _____________________________
Address: ____________________________________
City: ______________________ Zip: ____________
Phone: __________________________ E-mail: __________

To the Auditor of Wood County, Ohio: I, the Owner, Keeper or Harbore, hereby tender the legal fee of $12 per license, for the application for all dogs on or before three months of age or within 30 days after acquired:

At the request of the Wood County District Board of Health, this form requires information relating to your dog’s rabies vaccination. The Wood County District Board of Health has adopted a regulation requiring all dogs to be immunized against rabies. Please complete the expiration date of the rabies vaccination, the rabies tag number.

PLEASE COMPLETE INFORMATION FOR EACH DOG:

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Total License Fee: $ __________

Penalty for Late Application ($12 per dog): $ __________

Total Enclosed: (Checks Payable to the Wood County Auditor) $ __________

Your dog license fee is a primary funding source for the Dog and Kennel Fund. All license fees go directly to the operation of the Dog Shelter for the rescue, care and housing of our community’s lost and stray dogs. Application can be made in person at the Wood County Auditor’s Office or the Wood County Dog Shelter. Please bring the completed form when purchasing tags at either location. The form is also available on-line at www.co.wood.oh.us/auditor.

The deadline to apply for a dog license is January 31. The statutory late penalty increases the fee to $24 per dog after January 31. If a dog is acquired after July 1, 2004, contact the Auditor’s Office to inquire about prorated rates.

Mail Application in a self-addressed stamped envelope with remittance to: please do not send cash

MICHAEL SIBERSEN, WOOD COUNTY AUDITOR, One Courthouse Square, P.O. Box 388, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

The Commissioners create and adopt the annual operating budget for the County. At required by law, the budget is balanced each fiscal year, which runs from January through December. While the Commissioners have no direct authority over other elected officials - the auditor, clerk of courts, coroner, engineer, judges, prosecuting attorney, recorder, sheriff and treasurer - the Commissioners are required to determine funding levels for every office. Commissioners must understand the responsibilities of each of these county office holders. This allows them to allocate federal and state funds, and local tax revenue to these other offices using careful budget oversight.

Revenue generated for the General Fund during 2003 totaled $31,143,914.50. This amount combined with the beginning cash balance of $7,812,836.91 provided $38,965,351.41 in available funds. General Fund expenditures totaled $31,504,505.76, leaving an ending balance of $7,460,845.65.

Expenditures for calendar year 2003 reflected the ongoing commitment of the Board of County Commissioners to complete much needed capital improvements in order to facilitate the work of the facility and better serve the county residents. At the same time, overall expenditures were tempered by the current economy that manifested itself in lower sales tax and investment income returns. The Commissioners responded positively by seeking the support of other elected officials, requesting a cautionary approach to all expenditures be undertaken immediately. Support for county employees through reasonable compensation, coupled with training in many areas also remained a priority of the Board.

Several major capital improvements commenced and concluded in 2003. These projects included office renovations for Building Inspection and Real Estate Appraisal. Construction on the $2.2 million annex project to address water damage in the plaza area, provide additional security and to connect the office building, courthouse, and records center began with an expected completion date in late Spring of 2004.

The level of expenditures in 2003 was influenced by several significant factors outside of normal operating expenses including a general fund contribution of $500,000 to enhance countywide bridge repair program; general fund contributions totaling $688,042 to various grants including Violence Prevention, VCCA, FAA, Community Policing, Humane Society, Buffer Strip Program, Behavioral Con- nections, Educational Service Center Youth Training, and mosquito control through the Health Department; furniture, computer equipment, and vehicle purchases totaling $566,000, the transfer of $1,500,000 to the permanent improvement fund; and the absorption of debt for the Landfill waterline and property acquisition at a cost of $291,176.34.

Sales tax revenue showed encouraging growth despite a downturn in the national economy. The year ended with $1,476,504.39, a 2.42 percent increase over the previous year. However, investment income for the year ended at $2.5 million, a 9.5 percent decrease from 2002.

As a means of “giving back” to the community, County employees volunteered for and participated in several special projects. These projects inlude the United Way campaign, the Spirit of Wood County Awards, blood drives, and canned food drives.

The annual United Way Campaign raised more than $30,300 from County employees to benefit United Way agencies in the local area. An additional $2,175 was raised during special events, including the chili cook-off.

Other volunteer opportunities for County employees included: two blood drives, one in May and the second in September, which collected a total of 51 pints of blood; and the Adopt-A-Pet Campaign, held March 31 through April 11, that gave employees the opportunity to donate needed foods to a good bank serving Wood County residents.

The Spirit of Wood County Awards program was held on September 13 at the Historical Center, in conjunction with Wood County Day. The awards honor services rendered by present and/or former Wood County citizens. The Commissioners presented Spirit of Wood County Awards to: Frederick Gitz — Agricultural Leadership; Allen R. Baldwin Industrial/Economic Development; Robert Van Horn - Self Government; Charles F. Kurcel - Liberty Through Law/Human Freedom; Sally and Lyle Loomis — Education for Civic Responsibility; and Dick and Martha Kudner — the Lyle R. Fletcher Good Neighbor Award.

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OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS