We are once again pleased to provide this annual update to you – the citizens of Wood County – to share the many good things that are happening in County government. We over the success of Wood County government to you, the citizens of Wood County, and to the excellent cooperation of the County elected officials to operate efficiently while providing quality service.

The Wood County Economic Development Commission played an integral role in retaining O-I ( Owens-Illinois) in Northwest Ohio, and in doing so, relocating and growing, was held in May. Full headquarters in Perrysburg. Office of Bradley also benefited from the work of the WCEDC as projects reflect the excellent and cooperative working environment in Wood County, as well as the professionalism of the WCEDC staff. In a recent report from the U.S. Census Bureau, from 1998 to 2003, Wood County added 787 manufacturing jobs – the only county in our 19 county region to add jobs. Tourism is an important component of Wood County’s economic development efforts.

Construction is now complete on the project at Wood Haven Health Care (formerly the Wood County Nursing Home) that expanded the physical therapy services space, and vastly improved the entire entrance of the facility. The project, which was made possible by a generous contribution from the Harold and Ivalou Bordner Foundation, allows Wood Haven to offer out-patient therapy services as well as providing a quality, safe working environment for Wood Haven staff. We encourage you to visit Wood Haven to see the many improvements that have taken place over the past few years.

Continuing a program that was started in 2004, the Wood County Dog Warden went door-to-door in 2005 to assist dog owners in complying with state dog license laws. Through these and other efforts to sell dog licenses at numerous locations around the county by the Wood County Dog Shelter staff, a total of 19,971 dog licenses were sold in 2005. This is an increase of over 3,000 licenses from 2003, and has allowed the Dog Shelter to be self-sufficient, and end its reliance on the county general fund. Dog owners can now purchase their dog licenses on-line through the County Auditor’s Office. We continue to stress the importance of purchasing a license for your dog. It’s not just the law… it’s a ride home for your dog!

We were pleased to work in cooperation with the Wood County Fraternal Order of Police to install a new Police Memorial on the grounds of the Courthouse. The previous memorial had been removed during the Atrium construction project and was unsuitable for reuse. The annual memorial service for police officers killed in the line of duty was held in December, as well as providing a fitting monument to honor the memory of these fallen heroes.

After much discussion, we agreed with the Judges on a plan to comply with the final requirement of the Ohio Supreme Court to implement a single, secure entrance to the Courthouse Complex. A trial run of this plan, whereby all visitors to the Courthouse complex must enter through the Atrium entrance areas, new signs, and a beautiful entry room and sitting area. The Courthouse Foundation previously funded the installation of a new lift system, comprised of ceiling, floor and bath lifts, and fast electric lifts. These important improvements focus on assuring the dignity and quality of life for Wood Haven residents, as well as providing a quality, safe working environment for Wood Haven staff.

The Commissioners were pleased to welcome new leaders for two of our local boards. Cinco Landowner, a past Board member, was appointed to the position of Superintendent for the Court of Appeals. The continued shift of financial responsibility from the State to county government to support state mandates remains a concern to the Commissioners. Included in this shift is the escalating cost of indigent defense. This is compounded by the fact that the State Legislature appropriated funds this year to provide 50 percent of the funding for indigent defense. In 2005, the State’s crime Laboratory had a two year backlog and be eliminated within the next four years. Also of concern is the continued erosion of local government funding. These funds represent the important historical partnership between the State and Counties, as well as elected units of local government, to carry out the responsibilities of Ohio law as enacted by the State Legislature. The Commissioners will continue to work with the members of the State legislature to ensure that the changes are made.

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The Building and Grounds Departments oversee the day-to-day maintenance of the buildings located primarily in the Courthouse Complex and the East Gypsy Lane Complex, as well as in satellite locations. Both provide assistance in facility planning, remodeling, and preventative maintenance.

East Gypsy Lane Complex

The East Gypsy Lane Complex Maintenance Department operates under the Wood County-owned office buildings off of East Gypsy Lane and Goshen Roads. Their responsibilities include the Historical Center and Danube Road Building, which houses the Solid Waste Management, Social Services, and Development Commission.

Staff assisted with the renovations at the Danube Road Building and the expansion of the Wood County Justice Center.

Computer software purchased in 2005 allowed the Department to track preventative maintenance, inventory, and mechanical replacements.

Child Support Enforcement Agency

Frank McLaughlin, Director

The Child Support Enforcement Agency manages the collection and distribution of child support monies, located in 63 counties, establishes child support and paternity, modifies support orders, and enforces medical and child support orders.

In 2005, the Child Support Enforcement Agency collected $18,392,540.78 and disbursed this amount to the custodial parents of children related to support cases. Additionally, $412,454.97 was collected and returned to the State of Ohio for cases where Ohio Works First (OWF) was paid for past-due support. Remittances of $51,490.31 were paid to the Department of Job and Family Services under the Wood County foster care living situations.

During 2005, the Agency's legal staff initiated 513 contempt of court cases, including 98 cases from Greene and Juvenile Courts, and 117 counts of misdemeanor criminal nonpayment in the Bowling Green Municipal Court. These two activities directly resulted in lump-sum payments of more than $208,000, and reinstated regular child support payments for Wood County's children. The Agency's legal staff also recovered more than $47,000 through a variety of administrative actions such as private actions, liens, and attachment of retirement accounts. Wood County continued its aggressive felony prosecution of criminal non-support, with 30 delinquent payors being referred to the Wood County Attorney's Office for consideration of felony charges in 2005.

In October 2005, the Agency provided a program called “Round-up” of payors who had warrants outstanding for child support nonpayment. Seventeen individuals were apprehended who owed a combined amount of more than $15,000. Staff also assisted 39 families to receive child support. Throughout 2005, the Agency initiated the execution of more than 300 warrants by various law enforcement agencies.

Utilization of the Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM) continued in 2005. This program allows for the exchange of information on the bank accounts of individuals who owe more than one month's child support. More than 4,260,000 were collected from 123 bank accounts, with more than $2,100 seized from one account alone. The Agency also obtained payments of more than $800,000 for Wood County children by capturing movies from both federal and state income tax refunds that would otherwise have been paid out to non-custodial parents who have defaulted on the child support obligation.

Throughout the year, the Agency worked to resolve 133 paternity cases, resulting in the improvement and expansion of the 362 father-child relationships acknowledged by new fathers and mothers at the time of a child's birth. Most of the 133 relationships established by the Agency were handled with insensitive hearings, during which both parents agreed to be bound by the results of in-situ genetic testing.

As of December 31, 2005, the Agency had 6,489 open cases. The Agency continued placement of an employee in an office adjacent to the Domestic Relations Court in the Courthouse. This employee provided up to the minute case information to the Court's Domestic Relations Court, the Domestic Relations Court, and the other agencies involved in child and adult protective services, and social services in the County.

In 2005, the Agency worked on cases that will be heard in the Domestic Relations Court in the Courthouse.

Department of Job and Family Services

Stephanie S. Administrator

The Department of Job and Family Services, which operates under the direction of the County Commissioners, administers federal, state, and county legislation and regulated basic needs assistance including food, child and adult protective services; and social services in the County.

In 2005, the Department of Job and Family Services administered 86,382 food assistance cases. Of this amount, 96.9 percent came from federal and state sources, with the remainder from local sources. Over $74 million (approx. 89%) was attributable to Medicaid. Wood County also provided assistance with basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, and medical care as follows: 241 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) cash payment cases per month, 5,766 Medical cases per month averaging $6,199,278 per month with 65 percent for those who are aged/blind/disabled and in the community, 10 percent for nursing home care, and 26 percent for medical cases; $24,007 monthly Medicaid food stamp issuance, averaging $126 per month per case – $3,145,650 in average value of 2,004 children in Wood County; 46 adult disability assistance cases per month – $202,461 in average value per case; and $286,712 disability assistance medical expenditures in 2005.

The Social Services Unit provided assistance to 5,766 recipients in 2005. Of this amount, 95.4 percent were served by the agency for the month of January. Prepayments and training began in 2005 for the new statewide Referral and Eligibility Database System (SACWIS). The Children's Services Unit also worked at writing and implementing many new local and state policies to the new Child Welfare Council. In Accreditation national accreditation standards. The agency provided assistance with the best practice standards are followed to provide the highest level of service to the children and families that are served.

The Social Services Unit provided information and referral services to 2,396 people. In 2005, the Pilot Utility program assisted 750 families, totaling $480,000. PRC provided $72,857 for car repair, and Child Care was provided to an average of 333 children each month at a cost of $1,295,305, for 2005.

Transportation was provided 1,898 times for Medical payments and 124 times for recipients of Title XX and longevity. Homeless Prevention was accomplished by providing Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) funds for rent to 40 adults without children at a cost of $13,475. PRC provided housing assistance to 112 families with children at a cost of $96,131.

Intensive Case Management Services were provided to 140 families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families to promote self-sufficiency. Services to senior citizens included Homemaker Services provided at an average of 150 minutes per week; Home Health Aide Services (through a contract with the Health Department) were provided to elders and disabled individuals at an average of 33 per month, and Chore Services were provided to an average of 22 consumers per week. PRC Services responded to 100 referrals of suspected abuse and/or neglect. Services for children and families were partially funded by the Protective Services Levy.

The Child Support and Job Family Services is also the fiscal agent for the Wood County Family and Children First Council which administered $1,585,467.69 and the Wood County Workforce Investment Act (WIA) which administered $431,904 in 2005.
The purpose of the Dog Shelter is to enforce Section 195 of the Ohio Revised Code, which includes checking licenses and the proper confinement of dogs, as well as investigating dog bites, livestock kills, and other related complaints. The Dog Shelter is self-supported through license fees, fines and penalties that are the primary funding source for the Dog Shelter.

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The Shelter also received assistance from owners, who publicized dogs available from the Shelter. The use of e-mail has also proved to be a valuable tool in the rescue and adoption of dogs.

The Dog Shelter operates under the Board of County Commissioners.

The Dog and Kennel Fund which is used to pay salaries, maintain trucks, pay utilities, maintain the building, and pay veterinarian fees.

The Shelter’s door-to-door program to enforce licensing continued for a second year, resulting in 1,607 licenses at several locations throughout the County. As a result of these efforts, dog license sales increased by 1,484 tags, to an all-time high of 1,607 tags.

Injured Dogs 10
Owner Surrender 74
After Hour Calls 42
Pick up of Confined Dog 143

2005 STATISTICS

Total Dogs Impounded 802
Adoptions 206
Return to Home 274
Listed/Relisted 222
Confiscated/Seized 58
Pick up of Confined Dog 143
Assistance to Law Enforcement 28
After hour Calls 74
Diverter Surrender 74
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Solid Waste Management District
Ken Riemann, Director

The Solid Waste Management District manages solid waste placement and recycling opportunities for residents. It also operates the Wood County Landfill and Green Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Landfill, established under 1968 Solid Waste Management Act, is the site of the first four recycling programs. The District also offered the annual Earth Day event, the first residential recycling and reducing waste programs. The Landfill is the site of the first four recycling programs. The District also offered the annual Earth Day event, the first residential recycling and reducing waste programs. The Landfill is the site of the first four recycling programs. The District also offered recycling and reducing waste programs. The Landfill is the site of the first four recycling programs. The District also offered recycling and reducing waste.
The Clerk of Courts maintains the records of the General Division, Court 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 and Records Commission.

**AUDITOR**

Michael Sibbersen

The Auditor serves as the County’s chief financial officer and appraiser. He prepares financial reports, acts as payee agent, and reviews and pays all County bills. The distribution of real and personal property taxes to the subdivisions and the distribution of local government funds are also the responsibility of the Auditor. An agent for the Governor of Ohio, the Data Processing Board, and various agencies, the Auditor also supervises the register of deeds, the weight of unincorporated towns, and the Auditor is also secretary of the State of Ohio’s Data Processing Board.

On behalf of Wood County, Auditor Sibbersen accepted the Ohio Auditor’s Award for the County’s exemplary 2003 annual financial report. Wood County also received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the ninth consecutive year from the Government Finance Officers Association for 2004.

The Data Processing Board’s General Division, handled felony, criminal matters, domestic relations matters, including divorces, dissolutions, annulments, adoption, mediation, guardianship, and child and spousal support proceedings.

In 1988, she was appointed to the Automated Title Processing Board and continues to serve at the pleasure of Governor Taft. The duties of the Clerk of Courts are authorized under many sections of the Ohio Revised Code.

**TITLES DOCUMENTED**

Automobile titles, 31,612
Truck titles, 2,499
Motorcycle titles, 493
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$20,408,905

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**STATE AND COUNTY RESOURCES**

Revenues

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In 2005, the Probate Court enhanced its computerized case management system and the use of automation to improve the quality of the records while making it possible to store and transfer information electronically. The website’s continuous revisions ensure that the most accurate information regarding Probate practices was related to Court users. Finally, microfilming remained a vital service to preserve records safely and permanently.

The Probate Court Judge is authorized to act on all matters under Chapter 1211 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**CORONER**

The Juvenile Court hears cases concerning traffic offenses, delinquency, truancy, neglect, abuse, dependency, parentage, and offenders under the age of 18, as well as extreme cases for adults and children. The Court hears misdemeanor cases involving adults charged with committing crimes. The Juvenile Detention Center is also administered through the Juvenile Court.

In 2005, the Juvenile Court had 4,204 cases filed and disposed of 4,244. Over half of the cases filed represented juvenile delinquency and traffic filings. There were 357 cases filed alleging abused, neglected, or dependent children. The 48-bed Juvenile Detention Center provided both pretrial and short-term commitments for 906 residents during 2005. This figure included 659 males and 247 females.
**ENGINEER**

The Engineer has the responsibility of maintaining highways, bridges, culverts, and traffic control signs in a safe and proper manner day by day. Under the direction of the Executive program, the Engineer is responsible for cleaning and debraying more than 600 miles of roads and ditches, which is just part of the more than 3,000 miles of ditches in the County. The Engineer also serves as engineer for each of the 19 towns. He provides cost estimating for road repair projects, assists with grant applications, right-of-way location surveys, investigates drainage problems, and assists in the field survey records.

Work on a new City map using electronic technology that is compatible with the County’s Geographic Information System (GIS), began in 2005. The project is scheduled for completion in 2010.

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**RECORDS**

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**TREASURER**

Advancements in technology continued to enhance the accessibility of the Recorder’s Office. Payment for real estate tax by credit card, with a convenience fee accepted, or through automatic withdrawal from bank accounts that are registered with the RECORDER’s Office is a service office committed to end responsible for keeping and maintaining accurate records of real estate documents, ensuring that the documents are up-to-date, legible, easily accessible to the public in the retained in a safe and accessible manner. The Recorder is responsible for the responsibility of maintaining highways, bridges, culverts, and traffic control signs in a safe and proper manner day by day. Under the direction of the Executive program, the Engineer is responsible for cleaning and debraying more than 600 miles of roads and ditches, which is just part of the more than 3,000 miles of ditches in the County. The Engineer also serves as engineer for each of the 19 towns. He provides cost estimating for road repair projects, assists with grant applications, right-of-way location surveys, investigates drainage problems, and assists in the field survey records.

**SHERIFF**

As the County’s chief law enforcement officer, the Sheriff provides police services, criminal justice services to the community. The Office of the Sheriff’s Office collects taxes on mobile homes and inheritance.

**2005 WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE REPORT**

**ANTI-ROBBERY UNIT**

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The Board of Elections held five elections in 2005 including, two Special School District Elections, the August Primary and two Municipal Primary Elections held in May and September and a General Election on November 8th. Staff processed 386 candidates including, 245 city, village, township and school board elections that were held across Wood County's 148 local state and county districts during the year.

The Board of Elections and the Wood County Census Office also assisted with the direction of a four-member board and the Ohio Secretary of State.

The Ohio State University Extension Office provided county residents with up-to-date information on agriculture and natural resources, community education, and 4-H youth development.

The Extension Office and Wood County is in the process of offering a new Women, Infants and Children Program, the Ohio Women, Infants, and Children Health Care Program, the Holy Spirit Mic Grove program, immunizations, and other programs. The Women's Health grant assured that some women in Wood County who need, but cannot afford, even a basic check up, will receive that care.

The Board of Elections reviewed and approved 271 minor lot splits and approved by the Planning Commission 10 of the requests.

The Extension Office collaborated with the Ohio Department of Agriculture in surveying and monitoring county farmland by using the USDA’s Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program to help suppress and limit the spread of the new insect pest.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Society Board. Over the past several years, the Commissioners have established a process whereby they meet in public session with every person that is appointed or reappointed to these Boards and Commissions. Citizen participation in local government is imperative and these meetings provide an excellent opportunity for the Commissioners to meet their appointees, establish good lines of communication, and discuss their work. The Commissioners serve as trustees of the County employees’ health insurance program, which is self-funded, with a monthly average enrollment of 338 single and 452 families. Proceeds from the insurance program provide Wellness programs for County employees and their eligible family members. Active management of the County’s health insurance program is the responsibility of the Employee Health Benefits Advisory Committee. This Committee allows the County to offer employees an affordable health insurance program.

The Commissioners create and adopt the annual operating budget for the County. As required by law, the budget is submitted to the Ohio General Assembly in January, 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, county bar association, and treasurer - the Commissioners are required to determine funding levels for every office. These elected officials must understand the responsibilities of each of these County office holders. This involves 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 2005 totaled $33,003,850.80. This amount combined with the beginning cash balance of $7,245,366.31 provided $40,349,216.19 in available funds. General Fund expenditures totaled $31,822,902.67, leaving an ending balance of $8,526,116.44.

Expenditures for calendar year 2005 reflected ongoing revenue constraints and the commitment of the Board of County Commissioners to facilitate the work of County government to better serve County residents. Overall expenditures were tempered by the current economy that manifested itself in reduced state funding and low rates of return on investments. The Commissioners appreciate the support of other elected officials in maintaining a customary approach to all expenditures. Simultaneously, employees through reasonable compensation, coupled with training in many areas also recognized.

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

The annual fall United Way campaign raised more than $23,540 from County employees to benefit United Way agencies in the local area. An additional $1,649 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 64 pints of blood; and the Holiday Helping Hands, held in December; that gave employees the opportunity to donate hats, gloves, and other items to the Health Department’s Mitten Tree and canned goods to a food bank serving Wood County residents.

The Spirit of Wood County Awards program was held on June 12 at the Historical Center, in conjunction with Wood County Heritage Days. The awards honor services rendered by present and/or former Wood County citizens. The Commissioners presented Spirit of Wood County Awards to: William Buchman — Agricultural Technology; Roselena Jimison — Religion and Liberty; and Melodie Cark — the Lyle R. Fletcher Good Citizenship Award. Michael Rollier and Arikayness Harmon were honored posthumously in the Self-Government Category. An awards ceremony was scheduled for January 12, 2006, to honor the 181 employees who completed five, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service during 2005.

It is the non-statutory duty of the Commissioners that make them different from other elected officials.

By necessity the Commissioners must take a broad view of actions necessary to improve the County’s quality of life and work. The Commissioners are thus charged with promoting public/private partnerships in human services, economic development, health, and infrastructure development. The Commissioners also take an active role in improving the environment, promoting job training programs, and improving agriculture. The Commissioners are authorized to perform its duties under Chapters 305 and 307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

2006 Spirit of Wood County Award Nomination Form

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED? Any current or former residents of Wood County are eligible to be nominated for a Spirit of Wood County Award.

WHO CAN NOMINATE? Any Wood County resident is invited to make one or more nominations. The nominator may also assist the Commissioners in presenting the award at the awards program.

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Reason(s) for Nomination:

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe why you believe this person should be nominated for the award listed above. Please be as detailed as possible to provide the selection committee with enough information to make an informed decision. Nominations remain active for two years.

Return completed form to: Spirit of Wood County Awards, c/o Board of County Commissioners, One Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, Ohio, 43402 or e-mail: commissioners@co.wood.oh.us

Spirit of Wood County Awards

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