

RESOLUTION NO. 26-00029

In the matter of approval of prior meeting)	County Commissioners' Office
minutes from the regular session held on)	Wood County, Ohio
January 8, 2026)	January 13, 2026

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"

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on the 8th day of January 2026, with the following members present: CRAIG LAHOTE, THEODORE H. BOWLUS and DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Agenda for January 8, 2026 was as follows:

I. 9:22 a.m. -- Consider Resolutions – See Resolution Listing

Commissioner Herringshaw called the meeting to order with County Administrator Carri Stanley, Assistant Administrator Dan Scherger, and Clerk of the Board Sandy Long present.

No out-of-state travel requests were submitted. The personnel actions submitted were from Planning Commission for a change from part-time to intermittent status for Project Assistant Connor Peterson; from Wood Haven for a change from part-time to intermittent status for LPN Emily Swan.

Commissioner LaHote moved to approve the resolutions on the attached listing and Commissioner Bowlus seconded the motion. All voted yes, and the motion carried.

II. -- Staff Reports

Mr. Scherger stated the second pre-bid meeting for the demolition of the turbines at the Landfill was held yesterday with high attendance. Ms. Stanley asked if it was a mandatory meeting for interested contractors. Mr. Scherger stated it was not mandatory, but there was a lot of interest. Commissioner Herringshaw asked why there is so much contractor interest in this project and if it is due to the ability to recycle the turbines to get money back. Mr. Scherger stated that it is part of the reason and also some of the parts are still in working condition so they may be utilized elsewhere. Commissioner LaHote asked when the project will begin. Mr. Scherger stated that it is scheduled for completion in the fourth quarter so the land can be farmed in 2027. He noted the biggest challenge will be removal of the foundation which is 33 feet deep.

Wood Haven Monthly Update (9:30 a.m.) – Wood Haven Administrator Jeff Orłowski was joined by Human Resources Coordinator Alex Truman for the update. Ms. Truman stated that Wood Haven continues to navigate the challenges of the nursing home industry in regard to staffing. She stated they will be utilizing stay interviews to help identify retention issues and help with morale. Ms. Truman stated there was a 17% decrease in turnover from 2024 to 2025 and they have a steady number of applicants. (WBGU Radio host Clint Corpe entered at 9:32 a.m.) Ms. Truman stated that agency hours have decreased by 16,351 from 2024 to 2025. Commissioner Bowlus asked about a solution once retention issues are identified. Ms. Truman stated the stay interviews will be conducted after three

months of employment to identify the risk of turnover and help with retention. She noted that interview questions are currently being reviewed.

Mr. Orlowski stated the census in November was 75.53, in December it was 76.02, and the current census is 75 with 3 pending admissions. He stated the Medicare census in November was the lowest it has been since he began working at Wood Haven. Mr. Orlowski stated there has been a 4.06 decrease since 2024 resulting in a \$871,000 loss, however managed care has increased. He stated that Medicare is the highest payor at \$588 per day as compared to managed care at \$424 per day. Mr. Orlowski stated that sadly, in 2025 many long-term residents passed away. He stated the Community Relations Director met with the Wood County Hospital (WCH) discharge planners in December to discuss referrals. WCH agreed to send notice of a pending discharge to each facility which will allow time to meet with the patient to provide information regarding what Wood Haven has to offer. Mr. Orlowski stated that Wood Haven staff participated in numerous events in November including the Bowling Green Holiday Parade, Golden Care Awards, and Harbor Town Trivia Bingo. They also provided free health screenings and collected donations for the Christmas Elves Program. Mr. Orlowski stated he has not heard any updates about the retroactive Medicaid payments yet. Commissioner Bowlus asked about the Silver Sneakers program. Mr. Orlowski stated the previous Community Relations Director was certified in Silver Sneakers, but Wood Haven ultimately wanted to offer Parkinson's classes, so they started the Delay the Disease program. He stated the Delay the Disease program was eventually taken over by a state agency. Mr. Orlowski stated the Movement for Life program, which helps those with Parkinson's Disease, has added 2 new members and the first class for 2026 was held yesterday. The Commissioners thanked them both for the update. The meeting concluded at 9:45 a.m. Mr. Orlowski and Ms. Truman exited at this time.

Veterans Service Office (VSO) Quarterly Update (9:46 a.m.) – VSO Executive Director Zach Migura was joined by Veterans Service Commission members Richard Zulch, Doug Dariano, and Joe Fawcett for the update. Mr. Migura reviewed the attached information. Commissioner LaHote asked where the regional office is located for pending benefit claims. Mr. Migura stated that Cleveland handles most of the claims. He mentioned that those with denied claims can go before the court of appeals in Washington, D.C. but that process can last up to nine years. Mr. Migura stated the Veterans Lunch and Resource Fair was very successful. Mr. Dariano invited the Commissioners to attend the next one which will be held on the first Saturday in November. Mr. Migura stated the holiday outreach campaign was offered on four separate days and they were able to identify six new clients. He stated the VSO hosted a jam session in December for those interested in music and another has been scheduled for January 29th. The VSO currently has three volunteer guitar instructors for the Guitars 4 Vets Program, and they also lead the jam sessions. Mr. Migura stated that some do not want to play and would rather sing or just come and listen. He noted there have been six veterans who have completed the Guitar 4 Vets program. Commissioner LaHote thanked Mr. Migura for all he does. Mr. Migura stated that he completed the Guitar 4 Vets program in Hancock County prior to Wood County adopting the program. He brought his guitar with him, played some music, and explained a little about how brain function interacts with playing music. Mr. Migura stated the guitar sessions are not therapy but are beneficial. He stated it can help keep you present when the world is going crazy. The Commissioners thanked him for the update and the music. The meeting concluded at 10:18 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 yes, and the motion carried at 10:19 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 in the office of the County Commissioners and open at all times to public inspection.

Commissioner Lahote moved and Commissioner Herringshaw seconded the approval of the resolution, and the roll being called on its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

CRAIG LAHOTE

yes

Craig Lahote

DR. THEODORE H. BOWLUS

ABSENT

DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, Ed.D.

yes

Doris I. Herringshaw
Board of County Commissioners,
Wood County, Ohio

Attest:

Sandy A. Long
Clerk of said Board

Resolution Number	Session Date	Description	Cost
26-00015	1/8/2026	APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD HELD ON 1/6/2026	
26-00016	1/8/2026	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS	
26-00017	1/8/2026	ADJUSTMENT TO APPROPRIATIONS- VARIOUS FUNDS	
26-00018	1/8/2026	AUTHORIZE SELECTION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WOOD COUNTY LANDFILL	
26-00019	1/8/2026	AUTHORIZE AN ECONOMIC REOPENER FOR THE UNION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WOOD COUNTY LANDFILL AND AFSCME LOCAL 1099	
26-00020	1/8/2026	APPROVE REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR WOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEES	
26-00021	1/8/2026	STATEWIDE FORD - AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF (6) 2026 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTORS FOR THE WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF. SAID PURCHASE WILL BE MADE THROUGH OHIO STATE PURCHASE CONTRACT NUMBER RSI031795	\$263,010.00
26-00022	1/8/2026	AUTHORIZE VARIOUS PERSONNEL ACTIONS	
26-00023	1/8/2026	AUTHORIZE TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON FOR BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT	
26-00024	1/8/2026	AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH AUTOMATED LOGIC FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PNEUMATIC DAMPER CONTROLLER FOR THE EMERGENCY GENERATORS AT THE WOOD COUNTY JAIL	
26-00025	1/8/2026	AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH D2 EXCAVATING, LLC FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BOWLING GREEN ROAD WEST BRIDGE NO. 2-616A OVER DITCH 2426, PLAIN TOWNSHIP, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO	
26-00026	1/8/2026	PERRYSBURG AUTO MALL - AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 GMC SIERRA 4 WD CREW CAB WITH UTILITY BODY FOR THE WOOD COUNTY ENGINEER AND HIGHWAY GARAGE	\$87,192.50
26-00027	1/8/2026	AUTHORIZE TO ADVERTISE FOR THE MULTI-BUILDING MECHANICAL SYSTEMS UPGRADE PROJECT FOR WOOD COUNTY BUILDINGS LOCATED IN THE EAST GYPSY LANE COMPLEX	
26-00028	1/8/2026	HIGH LEAH ELECTRONICS INC - AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF OMEGA G2RT TRAFFIC COUNTERS FOR THE WOOD COUNTY ENGINEER AND HIGHWAY GARAGE	\$5,804.00

Wood County BCC / VSC Briefing – 1/08/2026

Looking Back to October 2025

- VA results to date:
 - o \$2,658,926.28 in VA benefits awarded to clients (October = \$1.463M)
 - o 186 claims adjudicated, 26 pending (OCT = 124 VA claims adjudicated; 63 claims pending)
 - o 59% full grant; 19% partial grant; 12% full denial; 10% continued
 - o Oldest claim pending at the VA Regional Office level is from January 2025
- Veterans Lunch and Resource Fair- Nov 1 at Jr. Fair Building- 217 Total Attended: 17 Organizations
- Veterans Holiday Outreach Campaign- 55 participated
- Nov 13 ODNR First Cast class
- Nov 20 Fishing at Adam Phillips Pond
- Dec 17 Jam Session at Veterans Service Office

Looking ahead in 2026

- Improving VSC Policies and Procedures and software reconciliation
- Looking forward to next phase of 1940 building renovation project and exterior improvements
 - o Signage
 - o Flagpole
- Continuing to explore collaborative opportunities

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

The following persons were in attendance at a public meeting/hearing of the Board of County Commissioners on the 8th day of January, 2026.

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NAME

Jeff Orlovsk,

Alex Truman

ZACH MIGNOLA

RICHARD JULY

DOUG DARIANO

JOSEPH FAWCETT

DEPARTMENT or ADDRESS

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