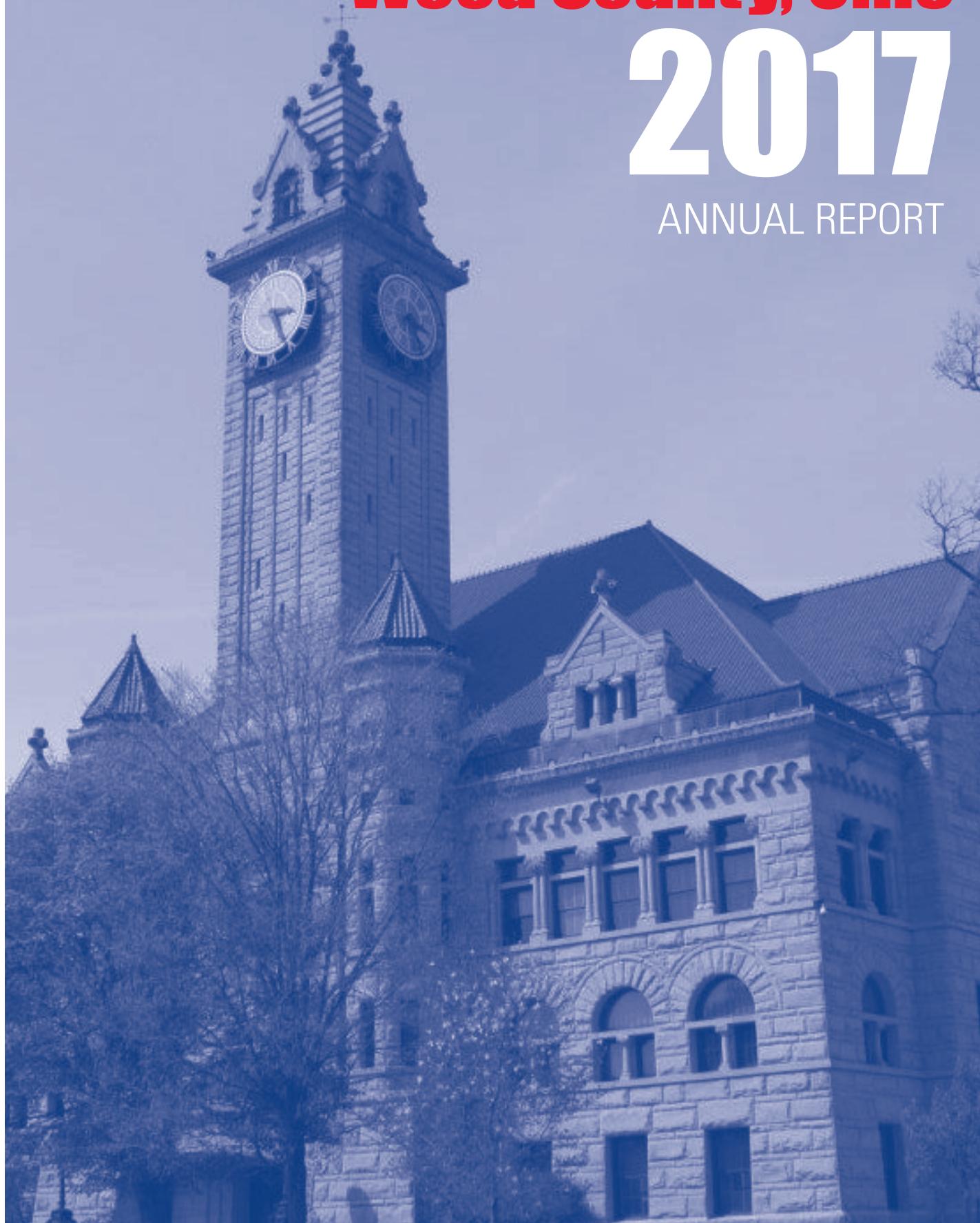


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A BRIEF HISTORY OF WOOD COUNTY

Wood County was organized on February 12, 1820, when the Legislature carved 14 counties from the lands purchased from the Indians as a result of the Lower Maumee Treaty of September 29, 1817. Lucas County was then a part of Wood County. By law, Maumee was named as the temporary Seat of Justice. The Act further provided that the unorganized counties of Hancock, Henry, Putnam, Paulding, and Williams should be attached to Wood County for civil purposes until further provisions were made by law.

Wood County was named for Colonel Eleazor D. Wood, a graduate of West Point, a gallant soldier and the engineer who planned Fort Meigs.

The selection of County officers took place on April 1, 1820. In May

1822, the Commissioners designated Perrysburg as the first County Seat. It remained so until 1868 when the Seat of Justice was moved to Bowling Green.

The County lines were the same as now, except that the northern boundary extended to Michigan. In 1835, Wood County was dismembered when Lucas County was formed and the Maumee River became its northern boundary.

Out of the Great Black Swamp of yesterday has emerged a well drained, rich, fertile, and productive county.

Today, Wood County covers 617.4 square miles and consists of five cities, 21 villages and 19 townships.

Join the Celebration as Wood County Turns 200 in 2020

Volunteers are needed to assist in planning events to mark the County's 200th birthday.

Contact the Wood County Historical Center at 419.352.0967 to see how you can help.

2018 Wood County Elected Officials.

Front Row: Sheriff Mark Wasylshyn, Recorder Julie Baumgardner, Clerk of Courts Cindy Hofner, Prosecuting Attorney Paul Dobson, Judge Matthew Reger. **Second Row:** Commissioner Theodore Bowlus, Treasurer Jane Spoerl, Judge David Woessner, Auditor Matthew Oestreich, Engineer John Musteric.

Third Row: Judge Reeve Kelsey, Commissioner Craig LaHote, Judge Alan Mayberry, Commissioner Doris Herringshaw, Coroner Douglas Hess.



A Message from the Board of County Commissioners

The face of Wood County government changed significantly in 2017 as we welcomed five new elected officials. Through retirements we said farewell to Judge Robert Pollex, Engineer Ray Huber, Auditor Mike Sibbersen, and Treasurer Jill Engle. The combined service to the citizens of Wood County from these good people is 130 years. Astounding! We then welcomed Judge Matthew Reger, Engineer John Musteric, Commissioner Ted Bowlus, Treasurer Jane Spoerl, and Auditor Matthew Oestreich. We have been blessed to have such talented and dedicated people leading these offices, and look forward to working with our new colleagues in the coming years.

As we visited industries around the County over this past year with our Economic Development Director Wade Gottschalk we heard much positive news. Business and production is good, existing companies are expanding, hiring people, and upgrading machinery. The only real difficulty expressed by employers is their inability to find workers. Numerous groups throughout the County – schools, union training facilities, economic development agencies -- as well as across the State of Ohio, are working to make sure school-age kids know that the future of manufacturing is bright, and with good training, terrific employment opportunities abound – right here in Wood County!

Continuing this same positive theme, Building Inspection reported a record year for permit revenue in 2017. This is a direct result of building activity that includes commercial and industrial

projects, school construction, and a significant increase in residential home construction.

Have you visited the rejuvenated Wood Haven Health Care? This is a question we like to ask people because over the past four years many capital improvements have been completed at this facility, including a new roof, new boilers and resident room climate control, new piping, new windows and doors, all capped off with numerous interior renovations. It really is beautiful! Our residents at Wood Haven have been very patient, and our staff has done terrific work to emphasize the quality of the resident experience. Please stop by and have a look! In addition to building improvements, Wood Haven was recently presented with a Top Workplace award from The Blade for 2018. This makes three years running that Wood Haven has received this honor.

As we look to 2018, and beyond we will be working locally and with our State Legislators on a plan to fund and replace electronic voting equipment, most of which has been in service over 10 years. This is a vital issue that affects every county and every citizen in Ohio. We will also be working with Sheriff Wasylshyn on a plan to renovate the entry and booking area of the Justice Center. Much has changed since the Justice Center opened in 1989, and we will work together to make this area much more functional. And, we will continue our planning for expansion of the Landfill. The Commissioners before us wisely bought land for future expansion, and the existing landfill cell has roughly six years

of usable life remaining based on current waste rates.

We extend sincere thanks to the citizens of Wood County who volunteer their time and talents to serve on a county board or commission, such as the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board, Historical Society Board, Planning Commission, Northwestern Water and Sewer District Board, and many more.

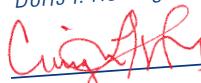
Please take some time to read about the many good things happening in Wood County government, and to learn about how it works and how to be involved.

Finally, we encourage you to shop locally in Wood County. The one penny of local tax (less than most of our neighboring counties) goes a long way toward supporting the operation of county government.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,
The Board of County Commissioners,
Wood County, Ohio


Doris I. Herringshaw, Ed.D., President


Craig LaHote


Dr. Theodore H. Bowlus

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners is the administrative coordinator of County Government and has direct oversight responsibility for 13 agencies and departments. Together the Commissioners manage County funds, buildings and property, and also serve as the County's contracting and tax authority. The Board is authorized to perform its duties under Chapters 305 and 307 of the Ohio Revised Code.



Doris I. Herringshaw



Craig LaHote



Dr. Theodore H. Bowlus

In November, voters overwhelming approved a renewal of the Adult and Child Protective services levy for the Wood County Department of Job and Family Services. This was the third time this levy was approved by voters, dating back to 1987. During years when levy revenue would have exceeded the need for services, the Commissioners requested that the Budget Commission reduce or completely suspend collection of the levy. This savings to taxpayers occurred six times in the last 20 years.

Two significant ditch improvement projects made much progress in 2017. The Joint Board of County Commissioners from Hancock, Seneca, and Wood Counties approved construction of Ditch #2473, a 47-mile section of the Portage River. This extraordinarily large project was petitioned in 2007, and will involve the removal of numerous logjams, dead trees, and trees leaning into the watercourse. It will not include earthwork. The project was let for public bid in November and the contractor will begin work in late winter 2018.

The second ditch project, along the Toussaint Creek, is another three county effort involving Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wood Counties. The project was petitioned through the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in each county. The contractor began work to clean this 34-mile watercourse during the fall of 2017.



A collaborative project among the Commissioners, the City of Rossford, the Wood County Port Authority, JobsOhio, the Ohio Development Services Agency, the Ohio Rail Development Commission, and Pilkington/NSG culminated in a project to reconstruct the rail crossing on Dixie Highway in Rossford. The Port Authority played a significant role in bringing all the partners and funding together for this project. The rail crossing is essential to the operation of Pilkington/NSG as it is the single supply route for materials necessary for their glass furnace. When construction began, the rail crossing was replaced and operational in less than three days. Paving repairs were completed shortly thereafter, with a total project cost of \$418,111.76.

The NET Plus (non-emergency transportation program) continued to make great strides in the County by providing approximately 1,300 rides per month to health, mental health, and substance abuse related appointments. The program is primarily funded through Medicaid, with the Commissioners, the Board of Health, and the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board adding funding to cover people who fall outside the federal funding requirements. As part of the State budget signed by the Governor in July, the NET program will be changed so that there is a single transportation vendor for the entire state. The Commissioners wrote to our legislators to object to

this change because they believe customer service will suffer when local control of the program is lost. At this time the State has not announced how this change will occur.

In August, the Commissioners and many Commissioners from around Ohio traveled to Washington DC at the invitation of the White House. They spent a full day at the White House meeting with officials from the Administrative branch including Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and Vice President Mike Pence. Much information was shared to help build stronger communication between local and the federal government.

The bond that was used to finance significant capital improvements to

the Wood County District Public Library was refinanced. The original bond was issued in 2002 and refinanced in 2007 with an interest rate of 5.5 percent. The newly refinanced bond has a value of \$2,665,000, and based on the new interest rate of 2.16 percent, Wood County taxpayers will save \$441,996. Bond payments will end in December 2027.

For many years the Solid Waste Management District has maintained an agreement with the Bowling Green Recycling Center (BGRC) to pay for glass recycling for citizens. While glass is one of the best materials for recycling, its weight is a significant issue in transporting it to a recycling facility. For a short time during 2017, glass recycling was suspended because the cost of handling and transportation was set to exceed \$40 per ton. After much discussion with BGRC, the City of Bowling Green, OH, and others, a new agreement was reached for \$30 per ton, and glass recycling was reinstated.

The Commissioners conducted Town Hall Meetings to reach citizens and provide updates, as well as allow them the opportunity to pose questions and make comments in a convenient setting. The 2017 Town Hall Meetings were held in Troy Township, Northwood, Cygnet, Montgomery Township, and Tontogany. Residents are also welcome to attend the open forum portion of the Commissioners' session held every Tuesday and Thursday during the year. As a reminder, Commissioners' session agendas and minutes are posted on the County website.

While all County Elected Officials are mandated by the Ohio Revised Code to perform their duties, the Commissioners are unique as they have both mandated and non-mandated duties. The largest mandated duty is preparing, adopting and monitoring the annual operating budget for the County. The County fiscal year extends from January through December. The Commissioners work with all County Elected Officials in preparing the budget. Fortunately in Wood County, there is a great working relationship among all of the Elected Officials as they strive to contain costs while providing quality services to County residents.

Sales tax, the largest general fund revenue source at approximately 50 percent of the budget, totaled nearly \$22 million. Counties across Ohio are now faced with the loss of sales tax generated by sales of Medicaid equipment, an annual reduction of \$900,000 to Wood

County alone. The Governor corrected this revenue reduction for the State of Ohio; however, counties were not included.

Other sources of general fund revenue include property tax, investment income, casino tax, fees and fines.

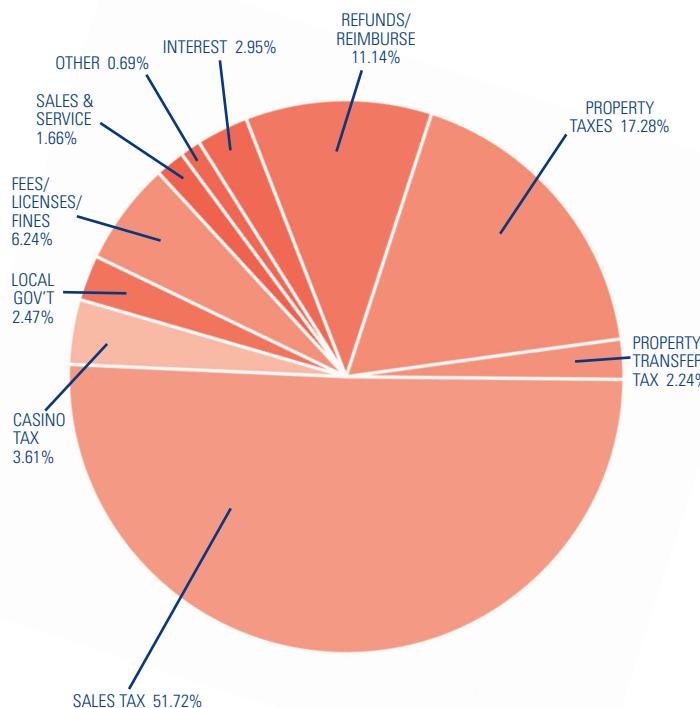
Along with the operating budget, the Commissioners fund capital projects each year based on revenue availability. The projects are based on life/safety, infrastructure protection and energy efficiencies.

The Commissioners also play an important role in communicating

and coordinating citizen questions and concerns among many offices and departments, including economic and workforce development, public infrastructure, social services, water quality and community safety.

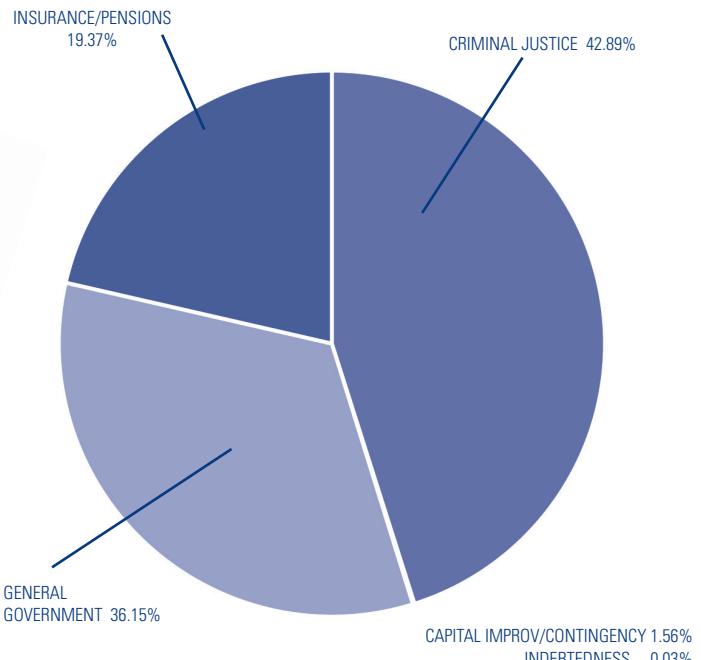
2017 ACTUAL RECEIPTS

\$41,989,631.11



2017 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

\$40,604,261.56



SALES TAX RECEIPTS

2017	\$21,715,016.04
2016	\$20,984,098.38
2015	\$20,019,976.06
2014	\$19,785,739.82
2013	\$17,575,330.23

INVESTMENT INCOME

2017	\$1,237,387.72
2016	\$1,211,312.14
2015	\$1,199,428.41
2014	\$895,851.91
2013	\$809,801.94

Wood County Earns National Recognition for Financial Reporting

The Auditor accepted the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Every year since 1996, the County has earned this prestigious national award that recognizes conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government comprehensive annual financial reports.

Department of Job and Family Services • Dave Wigent, Director

The Department of Job and Family Services, which operates under the Board of County Commissioners, administers federal, state, and county legislated and regulated basic needs assistance; workforce development; child and adult protective services; and social services.

Children Services investigated 873 cases of child abuse and neglect, which is 21 less than 2016. Adult Protective Services investigated 338 cases of elder abuse and neglect, which is a record number.

OhioMeansJobs/Wood County staff worked to match qualified potential employees with quality employers by hosting job fairs in 2017. In all, 88 jobseekers attended the three fairs with employers seeking full and part-time workers ranging from customer service representatives to engineers.



In June, Job and Family Services celebrated the opening of a playground located adjacent to the Children Services Visitation Center. The playground allows children to visit with family outdoors during the warmer months. Corporate donations were received from Modern Woodman Fraternal Financial, Bowling Green Exchange Club, and the Rotary Club of Perrysburg to help cover the cost of the equipment.

OhioMeansJobs/Wood County is here to help you find the right job! Whether you are unemployed and need support finding a job, or you want a new job with better pay, hours, or flexibility, our available resources will support your search.

OhioMeansJobs/Wood County also offers programs to employers to help find good employees, funds job training to improve the quality of Wood County's workforce, and offers employers the opportunity to have us post job openings on OhioMeansJobs.com.

To learn more about available services stop by the office on East Gypsy Lane Road in Bowling Green or visit the County website. Information regarding upcoming job fairs and job searching tips can also be found on Twitter @omjwoodcounty and Facebook at /omjwoodcounty or /goodjobswc.



Wood County

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INCOME MAINTENANCE UNIT

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	
cash payment cases (MA)	237
Medicaid recipients (duplicated counts)	53,348
Medicaid issuance	\$145,342,686
Food assistance recipients	11,098
Food assistance issuance	\$4,474,987
Food assistance issuance per case (MA)	\$115
Children issued food stamps (MA)	2,794

PROTECTIVE SERVICES UNIT

Children served	1,848
Children placed in substitute care	91
Cost for substitute care	\$2.5 million
Home protective services children	155
Reports of child abuse/neglect investigated	873
Adoptions finalized	1
Certified foster/adoptive homes provided with services	21
Adult Protective Services assessments completed	338

SOCIAL SERVICES UNIT

Information and referrals	2,383
Families provided emergency assistance through Prevention, Retention and Contingency program (PRC)	
Children who received child care services (MA)	450
Adults receiving chore services	486
Adults receiving home health aid services	84
Homemaker visits provided (MA)	79
Transportation (1 way trips) to Medicaid & Title XX services	219
	16,255

OHOMEANSJOBS/WOOD COUNTY

New Resource Room users	1,956
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) adult	
and dislocated worker participants	37
WIOA Youth Employment Program participants	82
Summer Youth Employment Program participants	29

MA = Monthly Average

Federal poverty levels are used to determine eligibility for certain programs and benefits.

2018 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Persons in family/ household	Poverty guideline	138% of Poverty	200% of Poverty
1	\$12,140	\$16,753	\$24,280
2	\$16,460	\$22,715	\$32,920
3	\$20,780	\$28,676	\$41,560
4	\$25,100	\$34,638	\$50,200
5	\$29,420	\$40,572	\$58,840
6	\$33,740	\$46,561	\$67,480

For families/households with more than 6 persons, add the following for each additional person.

\$4,320	\$5,962	\$8,640
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Child Support Enforcement Agency • Frank McLaughlin, Director

The Child Support Enforcement Agency provides a variety of services to ensure children receive the financial and medical support they are legally entitled to and deserve. The Agency seeks to work closely with each family to locate non-custodial parents, determine paternity and support obligations and to collect regular support payments for the children served. The CSEA also reviews and recommends modifications to the order when circumstances change for the family.

The Agency ended 2017 with the fourth highest collection percentage for current support in the State of Ohio, while delivering services on 6,352 active cases.

Through use of an Access Database and document generation software, case managers increased their efficiency and gained valuable time to focus on contacting non-paying parents and other enforcement tactics.

The Legal Support Unit resolved 58 paternity cases through genetic parentage testing, with a total of 171 individuals tested. The Unit established 94 new support

orders through administrative support hearings, and another 150 new cases were opened following divorce/dissolution hearings. Staff also responded to 713 requests for adjustments of support orders, with 209 families completing the process and approved for adjustments.

Staff attorneys enforced orders through 380 civil and criminal proceedings. Warrants were issued in 259 court actions and 182 outstanding warrants were served. In addition, the attorneys accepted 237 other referrals to establish new orders, register orders from another state, and other miscellaneous legal actions.

Overall, the Legal Unit collected \$70,317.59 to be applied against past due arrears.

The Child Support Enforcement Agency operates under the Board of County Commissioners. The

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' Office of Child Support establishes policies and guidelines for the program based on federal and state laws, and processes all payments.

2017 CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY STATISTICS

Wood County Children Served.....	6,506
Average Case Load Size.....	831
Total Collections.....	\$19,034,990.48
License Suspension Program	\$110,367.48
Payouts from insurance settlements	\$29,349.25
Payouts from casino/racino prizes	\$5,433.12
Interceptions from unclaimed funds.....	\$4,560.41
Public Assistance Returned to State of Ohio.....	\$269,639.41
Recouped through Income Tax Refund Offset	\$722,496.67
Reimbursements for Children in Foster Care.....	\$59,617.22

Building Inspection • Michael Rudey, Chief Building Official

Building Inspection provides residential and non-residential building code enforcement throughout Wood County. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents, all construction (including new construction, additions to existing structures, and remodeling) must meet a series of requirements set forth by specific state building codes. In addition, the department provides non-residential enforcement in Hancock, Henry and Fulton Counties as well as residential code enforcement for Napoleon and Wauseon.

Plan reviews for hotels and multi-family apartment buildings kept staff busy during 2017, with projects submitted for the Mosaic Apartments at Levis Commons, Home2 Suites Extended Stay Hotel at Levis Commons, Holiday Inn Express in Perrysburg, Hancock Hotel/Banquet Center in Findlay, Tracey Creek Apartments in Rossford, and Townhomes of Liberty Ridge in Findlay.

Growth in manufacturing facilities in the area also continued with large projects submitted by V-Tec Industries in Bowling Green and a new Campbell Soup Warehouse in Findlay.

The Commissioners approved agreements for the Department to provide residential code enforcement for the cities of Napoleon (Henry County) and Wauseon (Fulton County).

Advancing technology continued to improve services with the public as the Department offered the ability for residents and contractors to submit plans, schedule inspections, and obtain permits on-line.

Building Inspection operates under the Board of County Commissioners and is set up as an enterprise fund, operating solely

on permit revenue. Building codes utilized during 2017 included the 2011 Ohio Building Codes for non-residential structures and the 2013 Residential Code of Ohio for One, Two and Three Family Dwellings.

2017 BUILDING INSPECTION STATISTICS

Permits Issued	5,679
Total Permit Revenue	\$1,648,136
Wood County	\$1,161,044
Hancock County	\$318,242
Henry County	\$91,099
Fulton County	\$77,811
Total Inspections Completed	14,882
Wood County	11,171
7,567 Residential/3,604 Non-Residential	
Hancock County	2,103
Henry County	713
9 Residential (Napoleon)/704 Non-Residential	
Fulton County	895
79 Residential (Wauseon)/816 Non-Residential	

Buildings and Grounds

Nick Foos, Facilities Director

Buildings and Grounds staff oversee the day-to-day maintenance of the buildings at the Courthouse Complex, East Gypsy Lane Road Complex, and satellite offices including the Clerk of Courts Title Office, Highway Garage, Public Defender, and Veterans Assistance Center. Department staff provide maintenance, repair, and grounds keeping for the buildings owned by the Wood County Commissioners. Custodial services are also provided at the Courthouse Complex.

The Buildings and Grounds staff assisted in planning and coordination for the installation of a computerized, exterior lighting control system at the East Gypsy Lane Complex (EGLC). Along with the conversion of nearly every light head to LED, energy usage at the Complex is expected to drop considerably. New curbing throughout the Complex and an expanded parking lot on the west side of the Job and Family Services facility were also installed.

The domestic hot water boilers at the Justice Center were replaced with new high efficiency boilers. Replacement of aging hot water storage tanks also occurred.

Contractors completed plaster repairs and painting on the second and third floors of the Courthouse.

In the Office Building, installation of new chilled water pumps, new carpeting in the common areas and offices of the

Prosecutor's Office, and new curbing and tree replacement in the east parking lot were completed.

Aside from day-to-day responsibilities staff completed several projects internally including cubicle reconfigurations, painting, and lighting changeovers at Child Support, Job and Family Services, the Office Building, and Courthouse.

The custodial staff continued to clean the Records Center, Courthouse, Office Building, and the EGLC Fuel Building. Their responsibilities include daily and weekly cleaning cycles and the handling of recycled materials at each location. The custodial staff also assisted with a deep cleaning of the carpets at the Dunbridge Road Building.

The Buildings and Grounds Department operates under the Board of County Commissioners.

Updates at Wood Haven Health Care continued with removal of wallpaper and painting in the corridors, lobby and dining room. Installation of new flooring in the dining room and main lobby, as well as new work stations for the three nurses' stations, added to the facility's fresh new look.



Dog Shelter • Andrew Snyder, Chief Dog Warden

The Dog Shelter is a department operated under the direction of the Wood County Commissioners. The Dog Warden and deputies enforce Chapter 955 of the Ohio Revised Code. They issue and check dog licenses, ensure proper housing of dogs, impound and care for stray dogs, investigate injuries and bites caused by dogs, adopt out dogs and work with rescue groups on adoption of stray dogs, designate dogs as nuisance, dangerous and vicious, and other related duties. User fees, dog licenses, kennel fees, fines, and penalties are the primary funding sources for the Dog and Kennel Fund which is used to pay for all aspects of the Shelter's operations. The Shelter receives assistance from volunteers and residents of the Northwest Community Corrections Center who provide exercise and socialization by walking impounded dogs.

The total number of licensed dogs, which includes all one year licenses sold plus multi-year licensed dogs, reached a record high in 2017 with 21,347 dogs licensed. Door-to-door license compliance checks aided in enforcement and will continue in 2018.

Modifications to the Shelter's intake room provided air conditioning and additional heating capacity at the facility.

A new vehicle purchased in 2016, was finished with decals to promote a more friendly approach to dog licensing and law enforcement.



2017 DOG SHELTER STATISTICS

Total Dogs Impounded.....	426
Redemptions	182
Adoptions	93
Euthanized	75
Deceased	1
Live Release Rate.....	82.16%
Owner Surrenders	68
Owner Surrenders for Euthanasia	13
Dogs Transferred to Rescues.....	75
Incidents Investigated	492
Total Licenses Sold	20,341
One Year Dog Licenses Sold	19,557
Three Year Dog Licenses Sold	680
Permanent Dog Licenses Sold	104
Total Licensed Dogs	21,347
Kennel Licenses Sold	96
Licenses Sold Online	7,201

Office of Economic Development

Wade Gottschalk, Executive Director

The Economic Development Commission, an Ohio nonprofit corporation, strives to expand the employment base through existing industry development and the systematic recruitment of new businesses. The Commission actively markets Wood County and its communities to outside industrial prospects, while continuing to provide services to the County's communities and existing industries helping them broaden and diversify the tax base while creating and retaining jobs.

The economy in Wood County continued to attract private investment and job creation in 2017, resulting in a strong County unemployment rate of 3.8 percent in December 2017, below the national average of 4.1 percent.

In Rossford, the NAI Harmon Group began construction of a new business park in the Crossroads; last year's Pilkington project enabled the Wood County Port Authority to receive state grant funds to rebuild the rail

crossing on Dixie Highway; and IPS moved into new headquarters in the renovated Ford Building.

Perrysburg Township saw First Solar begin their \$150 million retooling project for their next generation of solar panels.

Continental Structural Plastics in North Baltimore began adding 100 new employees amid a \$16 million investment.

The Home Depot Distribution Center in Troy Township made a significant investment in floor space and equipment to better

serve e-commerce activity.

The City of Northwood saw Campbell Mechanical Services expand their facility, while Magna Norplas brought their total employed number up to approximately 1,500.

A partnership with Senator Sherrod Brown's office and others led to the launch of a manufacturing camp targeting middle school students in an effort to expose them to a variety of career opportunities in manufacturing.

The Commission is also a participant in funding a study to examine the potential for a large youth sports complex and funded a now complete study seeking alternative water sources in conjunction with the ongoing regional water discussions.

The Office of Economic Development staff are employees of the Wood County Commissioners, while the Economic Development Commission coordinates planning and policy for the office.

Solid Waste Management District • Kelly O'Boyle, Assistant County Administrator

A department under the Board of County Commissioners, the Solid Waste Management District manages solid waste planning and the development of recycling opportunities for residents. It also operates the Wood County Landfill, with the mission of providing an environmentally responsible disposal facility for citizens, businesses, and industry that is self-supporting and meets or exceeds all regulations. The District is required to assure there is sufficient disposal capacity for solid waste generated within Wood County. It also must assure that 90 percent of citizens have access to recycling and provide education on proper waste disposal.

In February, the five-year update of the Solid Waste Management Plan, required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), was ratified. The Plan establishes both waste reduction and recycling goals for the County, while ensuring the District retains adequate disposal capacity.

In July, the District launched its first quarterly electronic newsletter, "Wood You Recycle?", to provide information about the importance of recycling.

A tire collection event in September resulted in the collection of 3,607 tires. The event was funded by a grant from the EPA and included partnerships with the Wood Soil and Water

Conservation District, Health District, Fair Board and Sheriff's Office.

The District continued its \$1.00 per capita recycling program to every community, along with Bowling Green State University, for residential recycling programs. The 15 satellite recycling locations continued to support residential recycling for rural areas and helped ensure compliance with the recycling related portions of the Solid Waste Management Plan. Events in 2017 led to staff proposing a transition from monthly satellite drop-off locations to permanent 24/7 mixed drop-off recycling locations. Steps to convert

to the permanent locations are underway with a targeted start date of June 2018.

Staff provided 67 presentations and 81 tours to more than 3,300 individuals. Tours included visits to the Landfill, wind turbines, and the Bowling Green Recycling Center. District staff also participated in 16 community events reaching over 10,000 residents.

Due to a wet spring in 2017, capping of the additional six-acre area at the Landfill was delayed to 2019.

Required information to submit an expansion permit to the EPA is being gathered, which if granted will extend the life of the Landfill by over 100 years. Remaining capacity of the existing Landfill cell is approximately six years, based on current waste rates.

NEED MULCH?

Mulch, made by recycling brush brought to the Landfill, is available for purchase for \$25 per ton beginning in late spring.

For more information visit recyclewoodcounty.org or call 419.352.0180.

Emergency Management Agency

Bradley J. Gilbert, OCEM, Director

Emergency Management is the organized analysis, planning, decision-making and assignment of available resources to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from the effects of disasters. The concept of Emergency Management requires the input and cooperation of all first responders, local officials, community partners, businesses, residents and volunteers in order to be successful. The Agency operates under the Board of County Commissioners.

The Agency provided a record number of training opportunities for first responders and local officials. This included a functional county emergency operations center exercise in March which simulated a hazardous materials incident. More than 80 local officials participated in this important exercise.

The Agency worked with a consultant to complete a comprehensive update of the All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), a document that provides general guidance regarding the responsibilities of political subdivisions and citizens in times of disaster. The update of the EOP included review and input from all of the departments and agencies that have a role in the response to, and recovery from a large scale emergency or disaster. The Agency also began working with a consultant to do a comprehensive update of the natural hazard mitigation plan which is required by FEMA to be updated every five years.

In late 2016 and early 2017, the Agency worked closely with fire departments to secure a \$627,533 grant from the State Fire Marshal's office to partially fund the purchase of 700/800MHz two-way radios for fire and EMS departments to transition to the Ohio MARCS radio system. The Agency also secured a \$61,740 State Homeland Security Program grant to purchase a cache of 25-30 700/800MHz portable radios to use across the County and the Northwest Ohio region for big events and large scale emergencies and disasters.

Events around the County offered opportunities for the Agency to promote emergency preparedness and provide public outreach information and severe weather information via its Facebook page.

Information Technology • Ben Hendricks, IT Director

Under the direction of the County Commissioners, the Information Technology (IT) staff provides technical related support to many County offices. Staff is responsible for maintaining PCs, servers, networking hardware, phone hardware and other IT related equipment. The IT Director provides strategic guidance, policies, and procedures for County government and assists the Automatic Data Processing Board with research and discussion related to technical issues.

IT staff received training on systems utilized by departments within the County and maintained over 700 computers utilized by County offices.

The computers in the training lab were converted to all-in-one systems allowing portability in the event of an emergency.

Records Center

Brenda Ransom, Records Manager

Created in 1998, the Records Center provides records management services to County offices. The Center, which opened in 2002, offers secure, environmentally sound storage of paper records, preservation microfilming and digital imaging services. The storage rooms contain high-density mobile shelving units with a maximum storage capacity of 10,533 cubic-foot records boxes. The Records Center operates under the Board of County Commissioners.

The Center accepted a collection of early County records previously held by the Center for Archival Collections at Bowling Green State University. Released to the County's climate controlled facility were files on the establishment of the County's oldest roads, 19th century election results, and materials related to construction of the Courthouse.

Staff, along with Work Leads to Independence workers, continued to reformat departmental records for purposes of preservation and accessibility and provided assistance in efficiently and effectively managing the total life cycle of both paper and electronic records. Following the County's records retention schedule, the Center forwarded over eight tons of obsolete, shredded records to the Bowling Green Recycling Center for disposal.

During 2017, four Northwest Ohio counties received microfilming services from the Center. In addition, representatives from two counties toured the facility as part of research on developing their own records management programs.

2017 RECORDS CENTER STATISTICS

Records stored (cubic feet)	8,087
New records (cubic feet).....	812
Eligible for disposal (cubic feet).....	665
Storage space recovered (cubic feet)	396
Pounds of records shredded and recycled	16,650
Pages/microfilm images scanned	544,655
Rolls of microfilm created	286

With a change in liability insurance carriers in 2017, cyber security training was introduced to focus on email and Internet-related threats. The Department worked to develop training to introduce features for endpoint protection to better position the County with the ever-changing cyber threat landscape.

Historical Museum and Center

Dana Nemeth, Director

The Historical Center, located on the grounds of the former Wood County Infirmary, actively preserves and shares the history of the County and the Infirmary. This historic site is one of the last county poor farms where nearly all of the original structures still remain. Financial support for the Center is derived from County tax dollars and through the private fund-raising activities of the Wood County Historical Society. The 50-acre County-owned site is part of the system of parks maintained and patrolled by the Wood County Park District.

Educational programs and tours featured topics including the sinking of the USS Ticonderoga, the 1914 Christmas Truce and the extinction of the Passenger Pigeon. More than 200 volunteers contributed to all aspects of the Museum's functions, donating over 2,800 hours of service.

Staff provided a variety of public programs throughout the year, including a monthly tea series, Demonstration Days, Wood County Living History Day, German-American Day and the Friday Night Folklore Trick, Treat & Tour. The Historical Society hosted its annual fundraising Gala in December with the theme "Furlough from the Front."

The Center completed a variety of capital projects in 2017,

including re-plastering and painting of the Museum's east wing attic, upgrading power to the Boomtown area, installing a sprinkler system in the Herb Garden, and making necessary repairs to the Corn Barn, stone fence and Shelter House.

The Center logged 11,800 visitors and program attendees, including guests from 39 different states and countries such as Canada, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, Russia, and Scotland.

The Historical Museum and Center staff are employees of the Board of County Commissioners, while the Historical Society Board sets the policy for the operation of the Center.

Museum Exhibit Receives Award

The exhibition "Over There! Send Word: The Wood County Boys are Coming! World War I, 1914-1918" opened in February and received a 2017 Ohio Local History Alliance Award for outstanding contribution to the field of local history in Ohio.

This display, open through November 2018, fills the entire main building and includes artifacts from the Historical Society's collection, as well as items on loan from members of the community, including uniforms, medals, photos, weapons and posters that illustrate the global significance of the War at a local level.

Thanks to sponsorship with the Bowling Green Convention and Visitors Bureau, residents can tour the Museum for free during Furlough Fridays, the first Friday of each month now through November.

Wood Haven Health Care

Jeff Orlowski, Administrator

Wood Haven Health Care, a 95 bed short-term rehabilitation and long-term health care center, provides both skilled and intermediate level care and services. Rehabilitation programs offered through Bordner Therapy Care include physical, occupational and speech therapies. Health care services include 24-hour professional nursing care; nutritional evaluation and meal planning; social services and family support; therapeutic recreational programs; psychological intervention and physician oversight.

Alzheimer's Care, Parkinson's Care, Hospice and short-term Respite Care are also available. Wood Haven Health Care is Medicare and Medicaid certified, serves individuals covered under various nursing care insurance plans, and accepts most insurance plans. Wood Haven is a member of the Ohio Health Care Association, Leading Age Ohio and the Ohio County Home Association. The facility operates under the Board of County Commissioners.

With a continued focus on providing customers an outstanding experience, Wood Haven introduced Delay The Disease, an evidenced-based fitness program designed for people with Parkinson's Disease. Other programs initiated include the Awakening Minds art program; First Impression program; KaBloom!, a spring flower program; and a live entertainment series.

Interior renovations throughout the facility including the front lobby, hallways, dining room, resident lounge, nurses' stations, and front receptionist desk were completed.

Dining services added enhanced meal options including the opening of Le Bois Haven Café which offers a French inspired breakfast and lunch menu, and Wood Haven Grill that serves American and ethnic

dishes. Availability of a resident snack cart, along with theme dinners and happy hour were also added.

Many outings were offered to residents throughout the year including trips to the Hollywood Casino, the County Fair, Historical Center, Bowling Green parks, and a Grand Rapids river dam tour. Residents also participated in outings for ice cream, a scavenger hunt, Christmas light tours, and shopping.

A Family Council was established to ensure Wood Haven will continue to improve on providing an outstanding experience to the people served.

In efforts to increase state tested nursing assistants staffing levels to one of the highest levels in the area, the facility began offering classes for prospective employees to become state certified.

2017 WOOD HAVEN STATISTICS

Admissions by Pay Type:

Privately Funded Residents	12.33%
Medicaid Residents	2.05%
Medicare Residents	51.37%
Insurance/Managed Care Residents	30.14%
Hospice	4.11%
Total Admissions Returning Home	76.02%

GOVERNING BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Individuals from across the County provide representation on a number of Wood County governing boards and commissions. Their role is to provide knowledge and support to enhance the functioning of County government. The Board of County Commissioners greatly appreciates the willingness of so many citizens to accept appointments and serve on these Boards and Commissions to help keep Wood County a great place to work, live and raise a family.

If you are interested in serving as a member on a County Board or Commission, please complete an Application for Volunteer Service located on the Commissioners' website or contact their office for a copy of the application.

ALCOHOL DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

Allan Baer, Jessica Clements*, Jennifer Cumming*, Doug Cubberley*, Leanne Eby, Erin Hachtel*, Marcus Jensen, Tom Kiger*, Stan Korducki*, Sue Moore, Randy Rothenbuhler*, Corey Speweik*, Cary Wise*, Patrick Wise*, and four vacancies

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Tim Brown*, Rebecca Ferguson, John Hunt*, Ed Metzger, Jerry Miller*, Marlene North*, and Martha Woelke*

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD**

Brent Baer, Joni Bretz, Steve Callejas, Thomas Clemons, Paul Dobson, Ann Garcia, Ronda Gibson, Tony Hetrick, Andrew Kalmar, Reeve Kelsey, Craig LaHote, Alan Mayberry, Daniel Paez, Mark Reddin, Matthew Reger, Lori Tretter, Mark Wasylshyn, Cary Williams, and Chris Zografies

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION MEMBERS

Dr. Theodore Bowlus, John Eckel, Doris Herringshaw, Andrew Kalmar, Michael Keys, Craig LaHote, Cathy Newlove-Wenig, Matthew Oestreich, Donna Schuerman, Jane Spoerl, and W. David Steiner

COURTHOUSE COMPLEX BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE **

Becky Ewing, Nick Fools, Doris Herringshaw, Earlene Kilpatrick, Cathleen Nelson, Dana Nemeth, Matthew Oestreich, Matthew Reger, Michael Sibbersen, Irma Wolf, and Karen Young

DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Becky Bhaer*, Nancy Buchanan*, Ellen Dalton, Nathan Eikost*, John Fawcett, Chet Marcin, and Brian Paskvan*

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Nancy Buchanan, Joyce Coutinho*, Dru Cunningham, Judy Ennis, Elizabeth Geer-Fry, Mark Hollenbaugh, Becky Mancuso, Neil Munger, Michael Penrod, Wynn Perry*, Jim Philo, Lori Parratt, George Stossel, Becky White-Schooner, and Irma Wolf*

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Joseph Catalano, Sue Clanton, Judy Knox, Stephanie Lauwers, Susan Miklovic, Denise Niese, and John Sinn

LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES BOARD

Linda Brown*, Sarah Bushong*, Reina Calderon, Thomas Teet, and Jeffrey Nelson

NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Rob Armstrong, Steve Arnold, John Cheney*, Bill Hirzel*, Melinda Kale, Leonard Michaels, J. Douglas Miller*, Mark Sheffer, and Bill Verbosky

PLANNING COMMISSION**

Anthony Allion, John Alexander, Dr. Theodore Bowlus, John Brossia, Doris Herringshaw, Craig LaHote, John Musteric, Donna Schuerman, and Robert Stitt Black.

PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

Eva Dhondt, Elizabeth Emmert, Dennis Ferrell*, Rex Huffman*, and Frederic Matthews*

REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

David Anderson, Jorge Betancourt, Jeffrey Hamons, Ken Hermes, Mike Liebenthal, Rob Riday, and Chad Thompson

RESIDENTIAL BOARD OF APPEALS**

Ron Bechstein, Tim Enright, Robert Maurer, Laurie Melchior Huskisson, Carl Snyder and Connie Workman

ALTERNATES: Jeffrey Ford and Tom Pendleton

ROSSFORD TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Walt Celley, Bob Mack, Joseph Minarcin, Jr., Doug Miller, John Musteric, Edward Pavuk, Bob Watrol, and one vacancy

TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL**

John Cheney, Valerie Hovland and Cathy Newlove-Wenig ALTERNATES: Tim Harris, and one vacancy

WOOD COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

Cheryl Johnson*, Milton F. Knight, Mike Liebenthal*, James Rossler*, John Rust Jr., Thomas Uhler*, and Martha Woelke*

WOOD HAVEN ADVISORY BOARD**

Richard Barker, Norman Carney, Margaret Chamberlain, Frank McLaughlin, Denise Niese, and Doug Troutner

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: Rita Logsdon, Andrew Kalmar, Jeff Orlowski, and the President and Vice President of the Resident's Council

WOOD SANDUSKY OTTAWA SENECA COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION

Total Membership - 24

Wood County Members: Carmen Beltran*, Dr. William Donnelly*, Greg Kegler, Dean King, Felicia Otte, and Jane Wengel



As of December 31, 2017

* Appointed by Commissioners

** All Members Appointed by Commissioners

AUDITOR



Matthew Oestreich

The Auditor serves as the County's chief fiscal officer and appraiser. He prepares financial reports, acts as payroll agent and reviews and pays all County bills. The distribution of real and personal property tax settlements to the subdivisions and the distribution of local government funds are also the responsibility of the Auditor. An agent for the Ohio Department of Taxation, the Auditor sells vendor's licenses. He is the sealer of weights and measures and is also secretary of the Budget Commission, Board of Revision and Data Processing Board. The Auditor is authorized to perform his duties under Section 319, 322, 323, 5701-5743, et al. of the Ohio Revised Code.

Auditor Michael Sibbersen, the longest serving County Auditor with 24 years, announced his retirement from office effective September 30, 2017. Matthew Oestreich was appointed to fill the remaining term and took office on October 12, 2017.

Enhancements to the accounts payable process provided the ability to pay vendors via Automated Clearing House (ACH), saving

processing time and postage.

The acquisition of three-inch aerial imagery for the entire County was orchestrated by the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) department.

The Auditor's Office offered two websites, one for general information and the other for real estate information and mapping, along with a Facebook page.

2017 AUDITORS STATISTICS

Parcels of real property assessed (valued at over \$3.2 billion).....	75,259
Conveyances processed.....	4,499
Individual land parcels (valued at \$1,408,537).....	6,908
Acres of farmland enrolled in CAUV (Current Agricultural Use Value).....	318,357
Residents enrolled in Homestead Exemption program	9,021
Dog licenses sold	19,557
Weights and Measures Inspections:	
Commercial Scales.....	636
Gas Pumps and electronic scanners.....	1,432
GIS requests	140

WOOD COUNTY QUICK FACTS

Population: 2010 Census: 125,488; 2015 estimate: 130,219
 Land area in square miles: 617.4
 Land in farms (acres): 267,957
 Number of farms: 1,091
 Total cash receipts from farms: \$227,705,000
 Private sector goods/service establishments: 2,943
 Total Households: 50,091
 Median household income: \$53,577
 Major & Notable Employers in Wood County:
 Magna International; First Solar Inc.; Chrysler Group LLC; Home Depot; Owens-Illinois, Inc; Bowling Green State University; Owens Community College; Perrysburg Exempted Village Schools; Wood County Government; Wood County Hospital Association; Walgreen Company
 Source: 2016 Ohio County Profile from Ohio Office of Policy, Research and Strategic Planning

TREASURER



Jane Spoerl

The Treasurer oversees the receipt and disbursement of funds for the County and collects taxes for the County, as well as for the schools, municipalities and townships within the County. The largest source of revenue is generated through real property taxes. More than 18 area financial offices serve the County as real estate tax payment sites. Qualifying taxpayers may utilize an available escrow program or delinquent tax repayment program. The Treasurer's Office also collects taxes on mobile homes and inheritance. The Treasurer serves on the Budget Commission, Board of Revision and Data Processing Board in addition to her duties as Investing Authority for the Investment Advisory Board and is authorized to perform her duties under Section 321 and 323 of the Ohio Revised Code.

In 2016, Treasurer Jill Engle announced plans to not seek reelection for 2017. Jane Spoerl was elected to serve effective September 4, 2017.

Constituents continued to utilize options to pay for real estate tax by credit card, with a convenience fee attached, or through automatic withdrawal. Information on how to enroll in the withdrawal plan

is available on the Treasurer's website. Change of address and remission of penalty forms, as well as real estate tax information are also accessible online.

All investments made by the Treasurer's Office were fully collateralized and sufficiently liquid to enable the County to meet reasonably anticipated operating requirements.

2017 TREASURERS STATISTICS

Real estate tax collected	\$192,061,502.06
Manufactured home tax collected.....	\$1,207,676.01
Taxpayers enrolled in monthly automatic withdrawal plan	520
Investment income.....	\$1,237,387.72

NOMINATE SOMEONE YOU KNOW FOR A SPIRIT OF WOOD COUNTY AWARD

Nominations for the 2018 Spirit of Wood County Awards are being accepted through August 15.

Nomination forms, descriptions of the seven award categories, and a listing of prior award recipients can be found on the County's website.

The 2018 Awards will be presented on October 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the Alvin L. Perkins Atrium.

The 2017 Spirit of Wood County Award recipients included: Gordon and Cathy Wenig, Lesley Riker and Paul Herringshaw for Agricultural Leadership; Mary Kuhlman for Education for Civic Responsibility; Tim Brown for Self-Government; Dan Van Vorhis for Liberty through Law/Human Freedom; Pastors Mary Jane and Gary Saunders for Religion and Liberty; Barbara Rothrock for Industrial/Economic Development; and Amy Holland and Gwen Andrix for the Lyle R. Fletcher Good Citizenship Award.

CLERK OF COURTS



The Clerk of Courts maintains the records of Common Pleas Court, issues motor vehicle and watercraft titles and serves as Clerk for the Sixth District Court of Appeals. By statute she is a member of the Data Processing Board and Records Commission.

Cindy Hofner

The Title Office processed a record number of titles in 2017, with 59,105 titles recorded.

In January, the State transitioned all auto title offices to new software, known as ATPs (Automated Title Processing System), to process vehicle and watercraft titles. This update provided many enhancements for staff which improved efficiency and accuracy for the end product and customers.

Collaboration with the Attorney General for collection of unpaid court costs, fines and restitution over the past five years has returned \$166,590.91 to the County. In 2017 alone, \$52,170.10 was returned, the largest amount collected in a single year. These amounts are over and above that collected through normal billing processes and payment plans.

The Legal Office progressively reviewed ways for more efficient methods to process documents with fewer hands touching each document. Review of office processes continued with the intent to implement a program during 2018.

TITLE DOCUMENTS PROCESSED

Auto Titles, Duplicates & Memo Titles	76,013
Motor Vehicle Mortgages Recorded	18,807
Salvage Titles	260
Penalties (for not transferring titles timely)	3,613
Inspections	6,631
Affidavits	21,550
Manufactured Home Archives Recorded	480
Boat titles, Duplicates and Memo Titles (includes charged replacement titles)	1,516
Watercraft Mortgages Recorded	369
Watercraft Affidavits	135
Watercraft Penalties	844
Watercraft Registrations	999

TITLE DISBURSEMENT TOTALS **\$25,027,318.38**

Clerk of Courts	
Certificate of Title Fund Receipts	\$822,550.43
State of Ohio Motor Vehicle and Watercraft	
Casual and Dealer Tax	\$23,979,593.70
BMV Certificate of Title Fees	\$191,412.75
DNR Watercraft Fees	\$3,997.50
DNR Watercraft Registrations	\$29,764.00

LEGAL CASES AND DOCUMENTS FILED (Partial List)

CasesAppealed to 6th District Court of Appeals	67
Domestic Relations Cases Filed	385
Domestic Violence Civil Protection	119
Civil Stalking/Sexually Oriented Offense Protection Orders	137
Foreign Support	6
Domestic Cases Reopened	245
Foreign Judgment	1
Criminal Cases Filed	611
Civil Cases Filed (Includes 189 Civil Foreclosure Cases)	652
Land Foreclosure Cases	67
Mobile Home Foreclosure Cases	84
Judgment Liens Filed	1,054
State Tax Liens Filed	3,113
Foreign Judgment Liens	5
Executions Filed (Aid & Writ)	4
Debtor Exams	25
Garnishments	236
Publications	130
Writs of Possessions	18
Total Number of Judgment Entries	15,136
Notary Commissions Filed	370
Passport Applications Accepted	203
Criminal Investigations	6
Search Warrants	232
Coroner's Reports Filed	92

LEGAL DISBURSEMENT TOTALS **\$2,316,924.98**

General Fund	\$368,159.65
Legal Research Fees	\$8,427.20
Computerization Fees	\$110,372.20
Reimburse Court Diagnostic Fees	\$3,142.71
Mediation Costs	\$47,124.80
Fines Paid to the County	\$50,879.20
Fines Paid to the Law Library	\$750.00
Statutory fees paid to non-Wood County entities	\$118,017.03
Funding Shelters for Victims of Domestic Violence	\$12,137.38
Fees Paid to Adult Probation Supervision	\$16,862.83
Fees Paid to the Sheriff	\$107,308.90
Fines Paid to the Sheriff	\$19,530.78
Interest Paid to General Fund	\$1,120.01
Fees Paid to Appraisers	\$25,570.00
Indigent Application Fees	\$3,970.06
Sundries – includes, but not limited to: bond refunds, deposits less costs or deposits in whole refunded, court ordered civil, domestic and criminal disbursements (i.e. restitution) and appropriation disbursements	\$1,421,552.23

COUNTY EMPLOYEES GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

County employees volunteered for and participated in several special projects coordinated through the Commissioners' Office. Employees raised more than \$19,000 during the annual United Way Campaign which included a Day of Sharing basket raffle. Other volunteer opportunities included blood drives and the Holiday Helping Hands Days that gave employees the opportunity to donate hats, gloves, mittens and toiletry items for distribution to agencies serving Wood County residents.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



Paul Dobson

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office consists of four legal divisions: criminal, juvenile, civil, and appellate. The Prosecutor's Office has 15 attorneys, a victim services unit, two investigators, the C.Y.C.L.E. Division, the A.R.C. Program and support staff. The Prosecuting Attorney is authorized to perform his duties under Chapter 309 of the Ohio Revised Code.

In cooperation with the Commissioners, the Prosecutor's Office expanded both its Criminal and Civil Divisions by adding an attorney in each division in 2017.

The Criminal Division responded to crimes against persons, including State v. Edward Ellis, convicted of the shooting of his ex-wife, who thankfully survived the incident, and State v. Earl Weidner, where Wood County cooperated with Ottawa County officials to convict and imprison a serial sex offender. 2017 also saw the successful prosecution of several fraud cases perpetrated against citizens, including State v. James Bernard, convicted of defrauding more than 50 individuals through used car sales, and State v. Robert Searfoss, convicted of stealing over \$400k as trustee of a private trust. The fraud cases were strengthened by the involvement of Investigator Douglas Kinder, who was nationally accredited in 2017 as a Certified Fraud Examiner.

In representing the County Treasurer's Office, the Civil Division enhanced its enforcement of the county Mobile Home Tax. The objective is to ensure that all residents owning mobile homes are sharing the cost of county services with their neighbors and with those owning real estate in the County.

The C.Y.C.L.E. (Cooperating with Youth, the Community and Law Enforcement) Division coordinated programs for youth in the County including 29 cases in Teen Court, a diversion program for first-time, non-violent offenders; 108 mediations through JuMP, a juvenile mediation program which targets issues of truancy, delinquency, or unruly behavior; and StreetWise which focuses on topics such as technology safety, conflict management, and bullying prevention. C.Y.C.L.E. also coordinated the Youth Olympics and Safety Kids Calendar Contest.

Approximately 1,031 victims of or witnesses to a crime in the County were helped through the legal process and procedures by the Victim/Witness Services unit.

In 2017, Prosecutor Dobson served as the President of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association, which assists county prosecuting attorneys in promoting public safety and the pursuit of truth and justice.

2017 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY STATISTICS

Criminal Division

Cases opened	931
Indictments	435
Bills of Information for adult felony cases.....	28
Cases resolved by jury or court trial (21 guilty/8 not guilty).....	29
Cases disposed.....	786
Cases disposed in Municipal Court	141

Juvenile Division

Delinquency cases.....	729
Unruly cases	70
Traffic cases.....	606
Permanent custody cases filed	6
Felony level offenses adjudicated	45
Adult contributing to minors.....	14
Abuse/neglect/dependency cases filed	461
Adult Protection Services petitions	2

RECORDER



Julie Baumgardner

The Recorder's Office is responsible for making a complete, accurate, and permanent record of every document pertaining to the conveyance and encumbrance of land within the County. As the repository of records for all property transactions in the County, the Recorder's Office safeguards every property owner's title. Though real estate documents constitute the majority of filings in the office, financing statements on personal property, military discharge papers and a listing of veteran's graves in the County are also filed in the Recorder's Office. The Recorder is authorized to perform her duties under numerous sections of the Ohio Revised Code. The Recorder also serves on the Data Processing Board and the Records Commission Board.

Three gas transmission pipelines being built through the County and a resurgence of gas exploration have contributed to an increase in the number of oil and gas leases recorded.

2017 RECORDER'S DOCUMENTS

Documents recorded/filed	17,564
Deeds	5,445
Judgment entries and certificates for transfer	108
Mortgages (total value \$9,596,957,273.67)	4,506
Mortgages released (with a value of \$2,152,748,258.38)	5,182
Land Contracts	21
Rights of way and easements	235
Leases	182
Mechanics liens	31
Plats	7
Federal Tax Liens	81
Financing statements	39
Terminations	87
All Others	1,640
Documents filed electronically (16.3%)	2,862
Fees Collected	\$1,037,095.90
Paid to Ohio Housing Trust Fund	\$512,173.45
Paid to Recorder's Supplemental Equipment Fund	\$68,676
Paid to General Fund	\$456,246.45

Civil Division

New client matter files opened	221
Contracts prepared/reviewed	363
Formal opinions issued	27
Total bank foreclosures	201
Total real estate tax foreclosure.....	67
32 dismissed with payment/17 sold/10 forfeited/8 pending	
Total mobile home tax foreclosure	84
33 dismissed with payment/4 sold/4 forfeited/43 pending	

Appellate Division

Sixth District Court of Appeals merit briefs submitted.....	32
Cases decided(18 affirmed/1 reversed/1 restitution order voided)	20
Ohio Supreme Court jurisdictional briefs submitted (3 denied/3 pending)	6
Ohio Supreme Court cases won.....	2

Addiction Response Collaborative (A.R.C.)

Individuals Referred.....	15
11 post-overdose/2 probation departments/2 other sources	

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

General Division

The Court of Common Pleas, General Division, adjudicates felony criminal case; all civil actions including those arising out of automobile accidents, product liability claims, real estate matters, and contract disputes; administrative appeals, such as those in the areas of workers' compensation and unemployment compensation; and appeals from certain local governments. The Court also



Matthew Reger
COURTROOM 1



Reeve Kelsey
COURTROOM 2



Alan R. Mayberry
COURTROOM 4

adjudicates divorces, dissolutions, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, as well as child and spousal support enforcement and modification. The Judges oversee the Grand Jury, which determines if, based upon the evidence presented by the Prosecuting Attorney, probable cause exists to charge an accused with a felony criminal offense. If the Grand Jury so finds, they return an indictment, advising the accused of the nature of the charges. The matter then goes before the Court for further proceedings. The Judges supervise the Adult Probation and Court Security Departments and appoint and supervise the Jury Commission. They also appoint members to the Veterans Service Commission, Public Defender Commission, Law Library Resources Board, and the Wood County District Public Library Board. The Court of Common Pleas operates under Title 23 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Petitioners granted civil protection orders received wallet-sized cards from the Court, providing a convenient, practical way to verify and enforce such orders with local law enforcement.

Cases continued to be referred to mediation by all divisions of the Court with 175 such referrals occurring in 2017. Approximately 81 percent of the cases referred were resolved without further court proceedings.

The Court assisted families going through divorce with an online parenting seminar and the Changing Families program which are centered on the children going through this transition. Parties also utilized the Family Matters Mediation program as an alternative to litigation, resolving their issues in an efficient and effective manner.

During 2017, Judge Kelsey served as Presiding Judge and represented the County on the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District Court; Judge Reger represented the Court on the Judicial Advisory Board for the NorthWest Community Corrections Center and served as Court Security Judge; and Judge Mayberry served as Administrative Judge.

2017 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS STATISTICS

Cases Completed	2,535
Pending Cases	927
General Civil Cases Completed	811
Domestic Relations Cases Completed	995
Criminal Cases Completed	729
Notary Public - New Applications	132
Notary Public - Renewal Applications	299

ADULT PROBATION • Joni Bretz, Director

The Adult Probation Department, under the authority of the Court of Common Pleas, conducts pre-sentence investigations for purposes of sentencing, and supervises felony level offenders placed under court-ordered supervision.

In early 2017, supervision of the Work Release program was transferred to the Sheriff's Office.

2017 ADULT PROBATION STATISTICS

Pre-sentence investigations conducted	346
New offenders under department supervision	378
Offenders supervised	1,122
Individuals terminated from supervision	352
Drug tests conducted	2,278
Offenders placed on Intensive Supervision	112
Offenders placed on Electronic Monitoring	152
Offenders committed to Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC)	78

SECURITY CHANGES AT COURTHOUSE

The judges worked with the Sheriff to transition security duties for the Courthouse Complex between the court constables and the newly created Courthouse Complex Security Department.

Visitors to the Courthouse will notice the main entrance and buildings are monitored by Sheriff's deputies; while the court constables remain responsible for maintaining security in all courtrooms, court offices, Domestic Relations and Adult Probation.

COLLABORATIVE ESTABLISHED TO HELP TO COMBAT THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

The Prosecutor's Office, in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office, A Renewed Mind Behavioral Health and other public and private partners, received an \$87,500 grant from the Ohio Attorney General's Office and instituted the Addiction Response Collaborative (A.R.C.) in November. The program engages with individuals who are actively entangled in opioid and other drug abuse and addiction to participate in rehabilitative treatment. Residents struggling with addiction can contact the A.R.C. team at 419.373.3900.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Probate and Juvenile Division



David E. Woessner

Cases heard in Probate Court involve decedent's estates, guardianships, conservatorships, trust related actions, civil actions, adoptions, mental illness, minor settlements, and wrongful deaths. In addition, the Probate Court provides registration services for births, name changes, miscellaneous filings and marriage license applications. The Judge also makes a number of appointments to Boards and agencies as allowed by law and performs his duties under Chapter 2101 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Newly enacted estate and guardianship laws and procedures became effective, with the Court taking all necessary steps to implement these changes for the benefit of court users.

The number of mental illness affidavits filed increased in 2017. By statute, the Court may order involuntary hospitalization or treatment for individuals believed to be at substantial risk of harming themselves or others. This process, known as a civil commitment, is carried out with the assistance of local community health providers and law enforcement. It is often the last resort available for families who have a loved one suffering from mental illness.

Adult protective services actions also increased. These actions, initiated by the Prosecutor's Office, seek to protect the vulnerable senior population who may be neglected or incapacitated.

2017 PROBATE COURT STATISTICS

Total Cases	791
Estates.....	538
Guardianships and Conservatorships (non-emergency).....	63
Adoptions	40
Trusts	4
Civil Actions.....	15
Marriage Applications.....	820
Minor Settlements.....	12
Name Changes	71
Birth Registrations/Corrections	7
Other Miscellaneous	16
Emergency Actions (Guardianships, Mental Illness, Adult Protective Services)	25
Volunteer Program Active Guardians.....	18
Wards Served	20

The Juvenile Court hears cases concerning traffic offenses, delinquency, unruliness, neglect, abuse, dependency and custody involving individuals under the age of 18, as well as paternity cases for adults and children. The Court may also hear misdemeanor cases involving adults charged with victimizing children and administers . The Judge oversees administration of the Juvenile Detention Center. The Court also provides services and support for youth and families throughout the County and continues its long standing collaborative working relationship with service providers and schools. The Juvenile Court's jurisdiction is outlined in, but not limited to, Section 2151.23 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Records revealed an increase of 59 cases from 2016, mainly involving cases of alleged abuse, neglect or dependent children.

The Juvenile Detention Center continued to take care of detention services for delinquent youth from Wood and other counties. The probation department provided youth supervision, community service work, and a wide variety of other services and support for youth and families.

2017 JUVENILE COURT STATISTICS

Cases filed	2,840
Cases disposed of.....	2,862
Cases of alleged abuse, neglect or dependent children.....	461
JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER	
Pretrial and short term commitments	402
Males housed	264
Females housed.....	138
JUVENILE PROBATION	
Youth and adults under supervision.....	268
Community service participants	128
Community service hours.....	2,505.25
Restitution paid to victims.....	\$3,263.12
COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE/ GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM (CASA/GAL)	
Volunteers	45
Children served	171
Child cases referred.....	102
Child cases opened	88
Child cases closed.....	88
Pending matters	83

Looking for a way to give back to your community? Become a Volunteer!

Probate Court is seeking volunteers to act as guardians for community members who are no longer able to care for themselves.

A volunteer guardian is responsible for making decisions in the best interest of the incompetent adult, known legally as a "ward." Volunteers are matched with individuals and asked to meet with the ward at least once per month. Guardians play a vital and necessary role in the lives of people.

For more information, contact Probate Court at 419.354.9230.

CASA/GAL volunteers are needed to advocate for children who have allegedly been abused, neglected or dependent.

Volunteers meet with the child at least once a month while gathering information about the child's life. At each stage of the court process, CASA/GAL volunteers advocate for the best interest of the child. This includes reporting facts gathered and making recommendations to the court for consideration.

Contact the Juvenile Court at 419.352.3554 or email casa@co.wood.oh.us. for more information on the CASA program.

SHERIFF



Mark Wasylshyn

As the County's chief law enforcement officer, the Sheriff provides law enforcement, correctional services and civil services to residents. The Sheriff polices and serves all areas in the County and provides contract police services. The Office of the Sheriff is unique among law enforcement organizations. The Sheriff is the only elected law enforcement official in the State of Ohio. The Sheriff is authorized to perform his duties under Chapter 311 of the Ohio Revised Code. In the fall of 2017, the Sheriff assumed security for the Courthouse Complex.

2017 WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

CIVIL DIVISION

Sheriff foreclosure property sales	149
Proceeds from parcels sold	\$1,827,130.01
Execution of Certificates of Judgment	26
Service fee income to General Fund.....	\$316,596.87
Warrants, summons, subpoena & indictments served	3,230
Civil Protection Orders served	239
Child support warrants served	264
Inmates extradited from out of state	68
Prisoners transported to penal institutions	246
Prisoners transported between agencies	678

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Cases assigned.....	442
Cases cleared by arrest/closed/inactive	385
Cases pending investigation.....	53
Theft/fraud/forgery.....	171
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	81
Suspicious incident/departmental	42
Death/suicide.....	31
Sex offense/child abuse.....	29
Narcotic investigations.....	50
Fines/forfeitures to Drug Fund	\$59,804.22
Fire/arson	7
Human trafficking/prostitution/solicitation	3
Homicide.....	1
Vehicles seized/forfeited to WCSO	1

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ENFORCEMENT

Domestic violence arrests	87
Court case victim assistance	125
Students taught in six schools	275
Sex offense/crimes against children	7
Cases assisted	317
Temporary protection order violation arrests	17

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Registered magnetometer walk-throughs	91,803
Prohibited items held	970

CORONER



Douglas W. Hess, M.D.

The Coroner, an Ohio licensed physician in good standing, evaluates and rules on all violent, accidental and suspicious circumstance deaths including homicides, suicides and sudden deaths of persons in apparent good health. The Coroner is authorized to perform his duties under Chapter 313 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Coroner reviewed 237 cases in 2017, of which 92 were determined by the Coroner.

Auto Accidents	7	Natural.....	28
Drug/Alcohol Accidents.....	14	Suicide.....	13
Accidents/Falls.....	12	Could Not Be Determined.....	2
Other Accidents	8	Pending.....	8

911 DIVISION/COMMUNICATIONS

911 calls answered.....	61,639
Fire calls dispatched.....	4,669
EMS calls dispatched	8,813
Calls dispatched to WCSO deputies.....	25,338
Cities, Villages, Townships, & Park District calls dispatched	31,004
Warrants entered into state/national databases	3,004
Protection orders entered into national database.....	398

ROAD PATROL DIVISION

Complaints received and investigated	25,338
Criminal charges.....	537
Traffic citations.....	1,257
Traffic warning written/verbal	5,882
Crashes investigated	963
Injury crashes	174
Injured persons	229
Fatal crashes	4
Driving under the influence – DUI	73
Driving under suspension – DUS	187
Miles driven by all Sheriff's vehicles	987,535

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)/ S.R.O. (School Resources Officers)

Participating School Districts: Eastwood, Elmwood, Otsego, & St. Louis	
D.A.R.E. core students.....	312
D.A.R.E. students grades K-6	2,039
D.A.R.E. students grade 7	341
Education/prevention classes.....	34
Education/prevention students.....	869
School staff members	391
Safety Towns	3
Children participating in Safety Towns.....	280

JUSTICE CENTER

Inmates booked	3,996
Inmates released	3,975
Average daily population	152.5
Inmates transported to local courts	1,703
Total meals served – Justice Center	186,906
– Juvenile Detention Center	23,040
– Juvenile Residential Center	30,152
Average meals served per day	657.8
Average meal cost (with labor).....	\$2.61
Out-of-county inmate housing income	\$158,315

WEAPON PERMITS & BACKGROUND CHECKS

Concealed Carry Weapon permits issued.....	1,256
Concealed Carry Weapons permits renewed	957
Persons fingerprinted for background checks.....	1,183

SEX OFFENDERS

Registered	107
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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Citizens Police Academy students	14
R.A.D. Kids Safety students	38
Youth identification cards	539
Active Shooter Response Training	553

VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY PROGRAM

Members	36
Special events worked	33
Funeral escorts	201
Hours of work volunteered	4,016

EXPLORER PROGRAM

Members (Young adults 15 - 20)	18
Hours volunteered	1,034
Special events	19
Classroom hours	30
Field Trips	4

ENGINEER



John M. Musteric, P.E., P.S.

The Engineer has the responsibility of maintaining the County's 245 miles of road, 441 bridges, 2,500 culverts and traffic control signs. Under the ditch maintenance program, the Office is responsible for cleaning and debrushing more than 610 miles of open streams and ditches, which is just part of the more than 3,000 miles of open watercourses in the County. The Office also provides cost estimations for road repair projects; assists with grant applications and right-of-way location surveys; oversees the Storm Water Management Plan; investigates drainage problems; and maintains tax map records of daily land transactions such as annexations and parcel splits. In addition to the County roads, Highway Garage staff apply surface treatment to some of the 968 miles of Township roads. The Engineer oversees staff at the County Office Building and at the Highway Garage and also serves as engineer for 18 of the County's 19 townships. He is authorized to perform his duties under Chapter 315 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Modernizations within the Office included the addition of a GPS survey instrument and a Robotic Total Station which enhance the way survey data is collected, stored, and distributed. Conversion of paper files into digital files has also aided in making survey records easier to research, share, and maintain.

Construction of a roundabout was completed at the intersection of Hull Prairie and Roachton Roads to assist with traffic flow for the newly opened Perrysburg Middle School.



2017 SOURCES OF INCOME

Motor Vehicle License Fees.....	\$4,285,898
Gasoline Tax.....	\$2,389,285
Traffic Fines & Receipts.....	\$167,784
Refunds.....	\$127,787
Grants.....	\$295,552
Other Receipts.....	\$62,960
Interest.....	\$79,036
General Fund.....	\$464,124
TOTAL	\$7,872,426

WOOD COUNTY: A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND RAISE A FAMILY

Wood County contains award winning cities including Bowling Green, named a Best Hometown 2017/2018 by *Ohio Magazine* and Perrysburg which was recently named the number one place in Ohio to raise a family, according to a study released by the website WalletHub.



2017 COMPLETED PROJECTS

ROAD PROJECTS

Resurfacing/Rehabilitation

Roachton/Hull Prairie Roads roundabout and approaches
Pemberville Road - base repair and overlay SR 582 to US 20/23

Surface Treatment (Chip/Seal)

Dixie Highway East (Bloom Twp.).....	0.5 Miles
Leathers Road (Bloom Twp.)	0.7 Miles
Silverwood Road (Center Twp.).....	0.9 Miles
Pemberville Road (Troy Twp.).....	1.5 Miles
Wapakoneta Road (Weston/Grand Rapids Twp.)	2.1 Miles
Liberty Hi Road (Henry Twp.).....	1.4 Miles
Eagleville Road (Bloom Twp.).....	0.5 Miles
Linwood Road (Center Twp.).....	0.5 Miles
Lime City Road (Perrysburg Twp.)	4.0 Miles
Tontogany Road (Washington Twp.)	2.6 Miles

BRIDGE PROJECTS

Jerry City Road over Jackson Cutoff, Jackson Twp.
Emerson Road over Ditch 1556, Bloom/Perry Twp.
Cygnet Road over S. Branch Portage River, Perry Twp.
Sand Ridge Road over Jackson Cutoff, Milton Twp.
Latcha Road over Cedar Creek, Lake Twp. (ODOT Bridge Partnership Program)

DITCH MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Cleanouts	17.43 Miles
Debrushing.....	4.75 Miles
Bank Protection and Repair.....	300 Feet
Sprayed Vegetation.....	166.43 Miles
Mowing.....	17.43 Miles

DITCH CONSTRUCTION

Jack Stearns 2473 (construction 2018).....	47 Miles
Galen Emch 2475 (constructed 95% complete).....	1.1 Miles
Bruce Dewese 2476 (completed in 2017)	2.39 Miles
Gary Conklin 2479 (under petition).....	1.43 Miles
Gerald Moser 2480 (petitioned 2016).....	1.08 Miles
Doug Pratt 2481 (petitioned 2016).....	1.06 Miles
Sugar Creek Joint County 2482 (petitioned 2015).....	7.50 Miles
Plain Township Trustees 2483 (petitioned 2017).....	11.48 Miles

TAX MAP REVIEWS

Deed Pre-approvals.....	1,535
Deed Final Approvals.....	1,902
New Parcels	698
Total Parcels Reviewed.....	5,557

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Terry L. Burton, Director; Carol DeJong, Director

The Board of Elections is responsible for the voter registration, voter database management and election administration within the boundaries of Wood County. Activities include administration of Election Day; management of the early vote program; precinct election official recruitment and training; auditing of campaign financial reports; verification of candidates and ballot issues; and the securing, programming, and testing of all electronic voting devices. In addition the office maintains all current and historical records for voter information, election documentation and precinct maps.

The Ohio Secretary of State launched on-line voter registration in 2017 through myohiovote.com. The website also permitted voters to check their voter registration and update their address.

Wood County's voter registration rose .05 percent from 2016 to 94,320.

The Board of Elections held three elections in 2017, with 238 candidates running for elected offices in municipalities, township, school districts and court districts. Voters decided on 41 local tax and policy issues. The average voter participation for the year was 18.59 percent.

More than 5,000 voters cast their ballot by absentee, either by requesting and returning a ballot by mail or by voting in-person at the Board of Elections during the 30 days preceding the election.

The Board of Elections expanded its online presence by adding functionality to its website as well as both Facebook and Twitter accounts.

The Board of Elections operates under the direction of a four-member board and the Ohio Secretary of State.

HEALTH DISTRICT

Ben Batey, RN, MPH, Health Commissioner

The Wood County Health District works to prevent disease, promote healthy lifestyles and protect the health of those living in the County.

The District was selected in 2017 to coordinate public health emergency preparedness efforts for 18 counties in the Northwest Ohio region.

Along with six other counties, the District created the Public Health Services Council of Ohio, a formal public health council of governments. The Ohio Department of Health viewed this as a model for other rural counties that do not have the capacity to exist independently as it allows members to leverage their combined purchasing power and access grants to bring additional resources and public health research to the area.

Increased access to affordable oral health services continued to be an important public health need across the United States, including Wood County. While plans to expand and open a dental center were delayed in 2017, the District is committed to fulfilling this goal in 2018.

Promotion of the Wood County Community Health and Wellness Center continued. The Center provided primary care services for all residents, offering many benefits including sliding fee schedules and lower prescription drug costs.

The 10 member Board of Health, in addition to appointing the Health Commissioner, assumes the responsibility of overseeing the Wood County General Health District's activities to provide for the protection and promotion of health for those living in and visiting the County.

LAW LIBRARY • **Bev Wagener, Law Librarian**

The Wood County Law Library, operating under Section 307.51 et seq. of the Ohio Revised Code, serves the legal information needs of the courts, government, and citizens. The governing board, the Law Library Resources Board is composed of five members - two appointed by the County Commissioners, and one each by the Municipal Courts, Common Pleas Court and the Prosecuting Attorney. The print collection includes Ohio primary sources: statutes, regulations and cases as well as legal encyclopedia, treatises and practice materials with an emphasis on Ohio. Online databases provide access to federal and other states' law.

A generous donation made in memory of Dennis East established an annual lecture series. East served as the first chairman of the Law Library Resources Board. Planning for the first lecture is underway and will be held in 2018.

Throughout the year, nearly 800 people visited the Library, including 131 people utilizing the self-help computer to print divorce, dissolution, or other domestic relations forms. Although legal advice cannot be obtained at the Law Library, the staff can assist in helping to find forms and information.

In addition, the Library received 161 phone calls and 21 emails seeking information.

The Law Library is open to the public during regular Courthouse hours.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Holly Ball, Wood-Lucas Extension Director

The Ohio State University Extension Office strives to provide current, up-to-date information on agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, community development, horticulture, and 4-H youth development. The Extension Office is a cooperative effort of the Ohio State University, the Wood County Commissioners, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

More than 20,000 milkshakes were made in the new 4-H Milkshake Barn on the County fairgrounds. The building was made possible by donors and volunteers helping to "Give 4-H'ers a Fair Shake". The proceeds annually fund camp and trips for youth, awards and other educational programs and totaled over \$40,000 in 2017. The County is home to 52 community 4-H clubs with enrollment of 1,302. In addition, hundreds of 4-H school enrichment youth received instruction from one of 220 4-H projects. In addition, the Wood County 4-H CARTEENS program taught 125 first-time juvenile

traffic offenders valuable safety information utilizing a "teens teaching teens" approach to traffic education while also building offenders' self-esteem and interpersonal skills.

Wood County Master Gardener membership reached 124 members and 6,720 volunteer hours in 2017. In collaboration with ODOT, Master Gardeners created a roadside habitat for monarchs and a prairie for natives located at the southbound rest area on I-75 in Wood County. A seed swap also occurred in Bowling Green.

Educational resources expanded on the Extension

website with the introduction of a new program, Healthy Soil Healthy Environment, soilhealth.osu.edu.

A field day was held at Riker Seed Farm which showcased cover crops and how to measure soil compaction.

Crop pest scouting, water quality research, and pesticide applicator training continued to benefit the agricultural community.

Horticulture and homeowner landscape pest problems were addressed with OSU Extension recommendations given.

Women in Agriculture, a one-day workshop conducted

in March, engaged 180 females ages 17 to 85 by supporting individuals and families involved with agriculture by conducting educational programs and activities that address their pursuit in building independent and productive lives.

Family and Consumer Science staff continued to educate the public with food and nutrition programming through a six-week Cooking Matters course. This course taught families how to shop and cook healthy meals on a budget. Staff also trained more than 300 licensed food operators regarding safe food handling procedures.

PLANNING COMMISSION • W. David Steiner, Director

The Planning Commission administers policy concerning zoning regulations, land use issues and residential, commercial and industrial subdivisions. The staff approves parcel splits, assigns rural addresses, and issues floodplain development permits. They administer the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP). The Planning Commission is also responsible for revising and promoting adherence to the Wood County Comprehensive Land Use Plan and assisting townships and villages in their local zoning programs.

In March, the Commission presented an updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. The Plan serves as the official guide for researching and planning for growth in the County.

The Commission heard and reviewed 16 rezoning requests. Of these requests, three involved text changes to current zoning resolutions in Middleton, Troy and Center Townships. The remaining requests involved the rezoning of existing lands in Troy, Plain,

Middleton, Perrysburg and Lake Townships.

One variance from the Subdivision Rules and Regulations was heard, and one text amendment to the document was reviewed.

Staff continued to undertake projects with the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP). CHIP grant funds totaling \$800,000 received for fiscal year 2016 assisted low and moderate income homeowners in Wood County with emergency repairs and improvements to their homes. Additionally, Wood County

partnered with the City of Northwood in order to secure more grant dollars for projects there. CHIP Funds in the amount of \$40,000 assisted

Habitat for Humanity in building two homes in the County.

The Planning Commission operates under Chapter 713 of the Ohio Revised Code.

2017 PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIVITY

Minor parcel split transactions	117
Total acres in minor parcel splits	1,749
Transactions involving parcel combinations	38
Total acres of parcel combinations	1,356
Residential subdivisions approved	4

FY16 CDBG PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2017

North Baltimore ADA improvements for park restroom	\$35,500
Bradner waterline improvements	\$50,000
Bairdstown sanitary sewer taps	\$40,000

FY16 CDBG PROJECTS AWARDED FOR COMPLETION IN 2018

Walbridge ADA improvements to senior center	\$36,500
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PUBLIC DEFENDER

Kathleen Hamm, Chief Public Defender

Established in 1979, the Public Defender's Office provides constitutionally mandated legal representation for indigent defendants in the Bowling Green, Perrysburg and Fostoria Municipal Courts, Juvenile Court, Common Pleas Court and all levels of the Appellate Court. Funds for appointment of counsel are budgeted by the Commissioners and partially reimbursed by the State. Ohio law mandates individuals requesting representation to pay a \$25 application fee. The County retains 80 percent of the fee to offset the costs of providing legal representation. To be eligible for representation, an individual must qualify under the Ohio Public Defender Commission Standards of Indigency, as listed in the Ohio Administrative Code section 120-1-03.

In 2017, staff represented approximately 2,630 clients. Cases included felonies, misdemeanors, delinquencies, status offenses, appeals, and other post-conviction remedies. When a conflict exists, the Public Defender is unable to represent the individual and the case is assigned to outside counsel.

The duties of the Public Defender are outlined in Section 120 of the Ohio Revised Code. A five-member commission, appointed by the Common Pleas Judges and the Board of County Commissioners, oversees the office administration. A satellite office located at the Perrysburg Municipal Court accommodates the significant caseload in the Northern part of the County.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER

Mary E. Hanna, Executive Director

The goal of the Veterans Assistance Center is to provide compassionate, high quality services to Wood County veterans and their families. The staff strives to accomplish this by making the clients, rather than the benefit program, the central focus. The Center issues Veteran Identification Cards to County veterans containing the veteran's photo, address, branch of service, dates of active military service and character of discharge. The Veterans Service Commission operates under Chapter 5901 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Veterans reached out for \$51,375 in emergency financial assistance through the Center.

For every dollar spent by the County on veteran assistance, the Center brought \$70.25 in federal money back into the County to benefit those veterans directly receiving assistance. The economy

benefitted by the increased purchasing power of veterans and their families.

The local Bureau of Motor Vehicles also referred veterans requesting or renewing the armed forces designation on their driver's license to the Center to ensure they were registered for available services.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Nicki Kale, District Administrator/Education Coordinator

The major function of the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is to determine natural resource needs and implement programs that protect and develop these resources. The District operates on funds provided by the Commissioners, which is partially matched by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The District, chartered in 1949, is a subdivision of the State of Ohio formed by a referendum petition and includes all the lands within the County. The SWCD operates under Chapter 1515 of the Ohio Revised Code. Policies are set by a five-member board of supervisors who are elected for a three-year term.

The Ohio Agricultural Steward Verification Program, a pilot project, worked with local farmers to examine all parts of the farm operation to ensure compliance with conservation goals and water quality expectations.

Through Great Lakes Conservation Connect, the District targeted outreach to farmland owners who are not involved in the day-to-day farm operation with the goal of increasing adoption of conservation practices on rented farmland acres.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provided program assistance to farmers to apply conservation practices on 4,585 acres and through \$468,505 in funding. Accomplishments for the year included 3,421 acres of cover crops, 1,923 acres of nutrient management, and 582 acres of hay added to crop rotations. NRCS also worked with farmers

to develop five comprehensive nutrient management plans on livestock operations to help better utilize on farm nutrients and manage animal manure. Lastly, 2,250 acres were enrolled in the Conservation Stewardship Program in which producers commit to a five year contract implementing conservation practices on land to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality.

Ten private ditch improvement projects were completed encompassing 21 miles and more than 5,000 acres.

The District also investigated reports of agricultural pollution violations and worked with the appropriate agencies to enforce Ohio's agricultural pollution laws and regulations.

More than 4,100 adults and youth were reached through 133 educational programs. The District also co-hosted multicounty events for the public and legislators.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER STATISTICS FOR 2017

Veterans Residing in the County.....	12,895
Total Client Contacts	12,441
Veterans Transported to Medical Facilities	368
Veterans Photo I.D. Cards Issued.....	115
Memorial Day Appropriations	\$11,000
Flags/Grave Markers Distributed.....	10,621
Federal VA Claims/Documents Processed.....	37,466
Total Federal Dollars Brought into County	\$33,590,000

ARE YOU A VETERAN LIVING IN WOOD COUNTY?

Register with the Veterans Assistance Center to make sure you are receiving all the benefits you are entitled to receive. Call 419.354.9147 to learn more.



Many Wood County residents may not know where to turn when they need help.

Wood County's No Wrong Door program provides information about services and resources with one call to any of the member agencies. No Wrong Door can help with the real life challenges that touch Wood County residents and provide guidance for issues like home repair, employment, food, clothing, shelter, financial assistance, and more.

No Wrong Door is a program of the Family and Children First Council of Wood County, a partnership of Wood County human and social service agencies, schools, law enforcement agencies, government and the courts, dedicated to assisting Wood County residents in need.

If you need help and don't know where to turn, just call any one of the agencies listed and they will guide you to the services you need.

Looking to increase recycling at your event?

The Solid Waste Management District can help your group with recycling efforts. Clear Stream recycling containers and trash barrels are available for loan. Contact the District office at 419.354.9297 at least one week prior to your event to complete a Container Loan Application. The District also provides a Household Recycling Guide to answer common disposal questions. Visit the County website for a copy.

NO WRONG DOOR Agencies

24 Hour Information and Referral - United Way 2-1-1	Dial 2-1-1
Crisis Line - The Link	419-352-1545 or 800-472-9411
Behavioral Connections/Harbor Wood County	419-352-5387 or 419-872-2419
Bowling Green City Schools	419-352-3576
Children's Resource Center	888-466-KIDS or 419-352-7588
City of Bowling Green	419-354-6203
Family Service Counseling Center	877-352-4624 or 419-352-4624
American Red Cross	419-352-4575
United Way of Greater Toledo - Wood County Office	419-352-2390
Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services	419-352-8475
Board of Developmental Disabilities	800-356-3218 or 419-352-5115
Commissioners' Office	866-860-4140 or 419-354-9100
Committee on Aging	800-367-4935 or 419-353-5661
OSU Extension	419-354-9050
Job and Family Services	888-282-1118 or 419-352-7566
Educational Service Center	419-354-9010
Health District	866-861-9338 or 419-352-8402
Wood County Hospital	419-354-8910 (ER) or 419-354-8900
Juvenile Court	866-860-4140 or 419-352-3554
Prosecuting Attorney's Office	866-860-4140 or 419-354-9250
WSOS Community Action Commission	800-775-9767 or 419-353-7407

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AVAILABLE

County residents in need of transportation to non-emergency medical, behavioral health, or substance abuse treatment appointments can call 1-844-353-6779 to speak to a NET-Plus Transportation Coordinator.

Transportation to physical health appointments is available to those consumers who are at or below 200 percent of the poverty level with limited assets. Those with behavioral health or drug abuse treatment appointments within Wood County can receive transportation services without regard to income.

Since the NET-Plus program is for non-emergency transports, all calls must be made at least ten days in advance of appointments.

Refer to the chart on page 6 for additional information regarding poverty levels to see if you qualify for services.

Emergency Notification Options in Wood County

Emergency Alert System (EAS)

All local television and radio stations are part of the EAS which has been in place for decades to disseminate local and national emergency information to the public. Newer smartphones push emergency information and severe weather alerts for the area in which the smartphone is located. To see if your smartphone has this capability, contact your cell phone provider.

NIXLE

Utilized by the Sheriff's office, this system delivers neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications via text message, email or web. Register at www.woodcountysheriff.com.

CodeRED Emergency Notification System

- City of Perrysburg – www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us
- City of Rossford – www.rossfordohio.com
- Perrysburg Township – www.perrysburgtownship.us
- Lake Township – www.laketwp.com
- Northwestern Water & Sewer District customers – www.nwwsd.org

Social Media

Emergency Management Agency - Facebook

Sheriff's Office - Facebook and Twitter

Local TV and Radio Stations - Facebook, Twitter, free text alerts

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.co.wood.oh.us

The County's website provides links to Elected Official and Departmental websites as well as quick links to the following information:

- Real Estate Information (Auditor)
- Real Estate Tax Payment (Treasurer)
- Real Estate Index Search (Recorder)
- Voter Location Search (Board of Elections)
- Dog Adoptions (Dog Shelter)
- Building Permit Inquiry (Building Inspection)
- Internet Auction (Commissioners)
- Marriage License and Probate Records (Probate Court)
- Dog License Purchase and Renewal (Auditor)
- Sex Offender Database (Sheriff)
- Sheriff Sales (Sheriff)
- Bids/Requests for Proposals (Commissioners)
- Court Records Search (Clerk of Courts)
- Road Closings and Interactive Maps (Engineer)
- Household Recycling Guide (Solid Waste Management District)
- Spirit of Wood County Awards (Commissioners)
- History of Wood County



HOW TO CONTACT US...

Call 419.354.9000 and let us help you or call toll-free 1.866.860.4140.