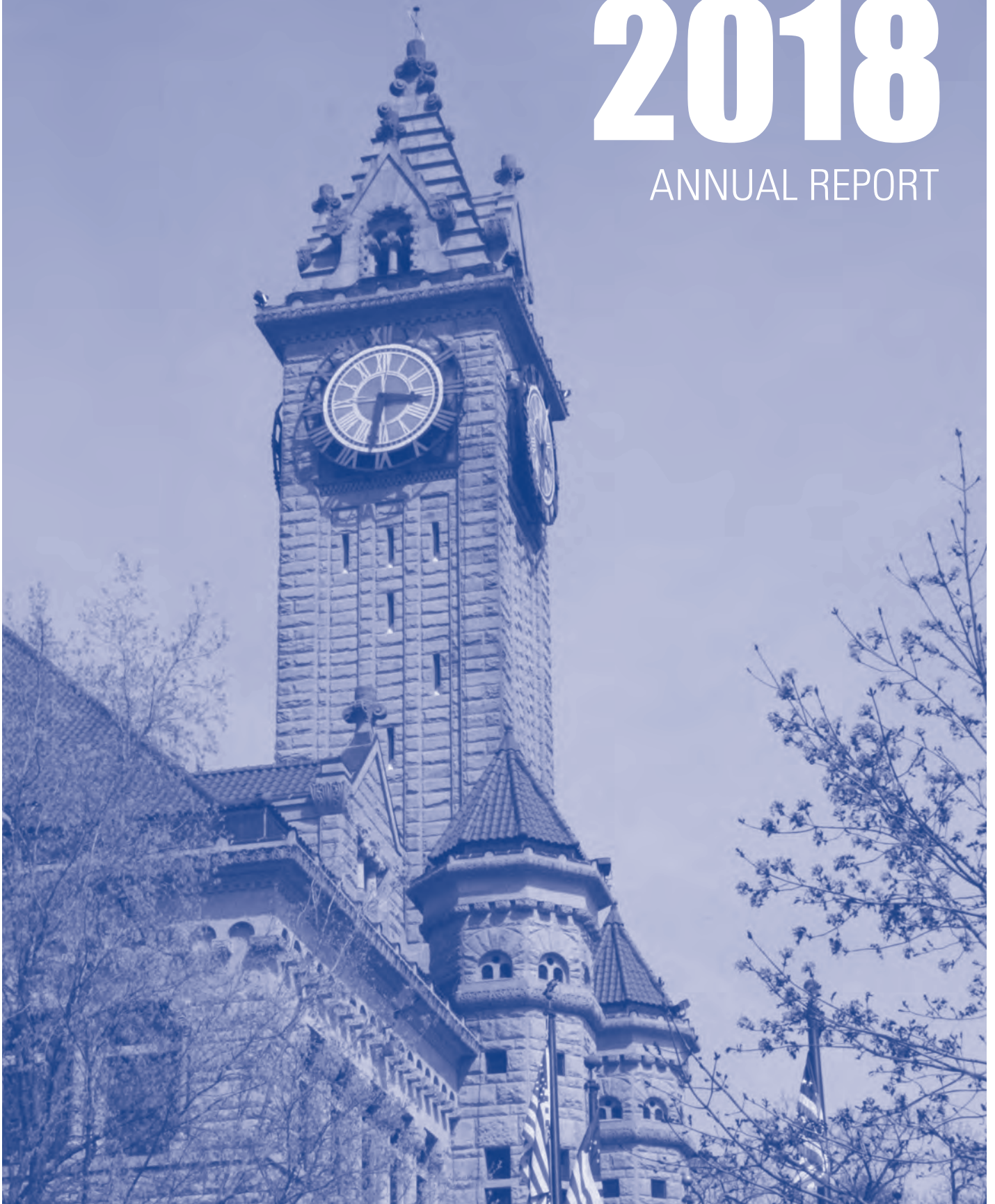


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A BRIEF HISTORY OF WOOD COUNTY

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.

2019 Wood County Elected Officials.

Front Row: Sheriff Mark Wasylyshyn, Recorder Julie Baumgardner, Clerk of Courts Cindy Hofner, Judge Matthew Reger, Auditor Matthew Oestreich.

Second Row: Commissioner Craig LaHote, Treasurer Jane Spoerl, Judge Mary "Molly" Mack, Engineer John Musteric, Prosecuting Attorney Paul Dobson.

Third Row: Commissioner Theodore Bowlus, Judge David Woessner, Judge Alan Mayberry, Commissioner Doris Herringshaw, Coroner Douglas Hess.



A Message from the Board of County Commissioners

Care of roads and bridges, significant economic development projects, and recycling were some of the many highlights of 2018 in Wood County.

On July 30, we announced the transfer of \$2,100,000 to a new fund that will be used to assist the County Engineer John Musteric to build and repair County bridges and roads. The initial transfer of \$1,800,000 came from the Wood County Building Inspection cash balance, while \$300,000 came from the conveyance fee that is used to fund the Wood County Office of Economic Development. Additionally, we agreed to dedicate \$200,000 of county sales tax revenue annually for five years (\$1,000,000 total) to add to the new fund. Clerk of Courts Cindy Hofner also committed \$100,000 by transferring revenue from the Auto Title Fund.

In May, following two public hearings that included a presentation on the health of county roads and bridges by Mr. Musteric, the Commissioners approved a \$5 increase to the county vehicle license fee. This increase became effective January 1, 2019, and will generate approximately \$650,000 annually.

By combining the new vehicle license fee revenue with the funds transferred from the Commissioners and Clerk of Courts, over the next five years the Engineer will have new funding of approximately \$6,450,000 to build and repair county bridges and roads. We strongly believe that putting these revenue sources to work repairing and building roads and bridges is an excellent investment in Wood County.

Businesses increasing their investment in Wood County, thereby offering greater employment opportunities, was a common theme. In Lake Township, First Solar started construction on a new, \$400 million

manufacturing facility that will make their latest photovoltaic panels. First Solar, the largest solar panel manufacturer in North America has been a significant part of the Wood County economy since 1999. NSG Pilkington, formerly known as Libbey-Owens Ford, has been making glass in Rossford since the late 1800s, and announced plans to construct a new, \$265 million glass plant in Troy Township. This new plant will make an engineered glass that will directly serve the solar panel industry. Also, Walgreens started construction on an \$80 million addition to their distribution facility on SR 795 in Perrysburg Township.

With the end of 2018 came the retirement of Common Pleas Court Judge Reeve Kelsey who served this office since 1998. We are grateful for Judge Kelsey's excellent, knowledgeable service to the citizens of Wood County. We are pleased to welcome Judge Mary "Molly" Mack who was elected in November 2018. Most recently Judge Mack served in the Perrysburg Municipal Court, and prior to that served as Chief of the Civil Division in the Wood County Prosecutor's Office.

Wood County residents are terrific recyclers! For more than two decades the Solid Waste Management District (SWMD) offered rural residential recycling one time per month at 14 of the 15 sites around the County. In June, after much discussion and preparation, this program was changed to offer 24/7 recycling opportunities at 10 sites. In November, two additional sites were added, providing 12 drop-off locations around the County. We offer much thanks to the people of Wood County for their enthusiastic use of these sites! More information about this program is available in the SWMD section of this report.

Throughout 2018 we were pleased to work with our State Legislators, Senator Randy Gardner and Representative Theresa Gavarone, and the Wood County Board of Elections, on plans to replace the electronic voting equipment that was purchased 12 years ago. The State Legislature approved funding to assist counties across Ohio with this purchase. With a total purchase price of \$2.1 million, Wood County received \$1.3 million from the State, with the remainder being paid from County funds. This is a project that is of importance to every person in Wood County.

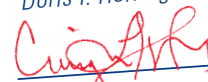
Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Wood County Commissioners. We have a wonderful county, filled with terrific, creative, energetic people.

We encourage you to shop locally and visit the many festivals and events held annually throughout the County. Each community offers something unique which makes Wood County a great place to live and raise a family.

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

Options to replace the Highway Garage currently located on Poe Road in Bowling Green were discussed with Engineer John Musteric. Additionally, discussion and planning continued with Sheriff Mark Wasylyshyn on renovation of the booking and medical areas of the Wood County Justice Center. With this discussion the Commissioners are also considering the Sheriff's proposal to increase jail space for female inmates. Questions about both projects should be resolved in 2019.

Ditch improvement projects continued with the completion of the three county effort on a 34-mile watercourse along Toussaint Creek. In addition, the clean-out of a 47-mile section of the Portage River neared completion at the end of 2018, with the project scheduled to wrap up in early 2019.

For the third year, the Got Your Bags Campaign through the Solid Waste Management District was promoted at the Wood County Fair. This message encourages individuals to utilize reusable bags, thereby reducing the number of plastic bags sent to the landfills or left to blow around the County.

In May, the Commissioners introduced Kelli Kling as the new Director of the Wood County Historical Center, following the departure of

Dana Nemeth. Kelli, a graduate of Bowling Green State University, has been a member of the Historical Center staff since 2003, serving initially as Assistant to the Director, which evolved into Marketing and Events Coordinator. Throughout this time she has done significant work to plan and promote exhibits, events, and programs at the Historical Center.

In July, Steve Blausey was named the new Facilities Director, following the departure of Nick Foes. The Facilities Director oversees and directs regular maintenance of all county buildings and grounds, and works with Elected Officials and department heads to address facilities needs within their respective offices and buildings. Steve, from Gibsonburg, Ohio, and a Journeyman Carpenter, oversees 17 buildings and a staff of 30 people.

While the duties of the Commissioners are defined in the Ohio Revised Code, they play an important role in communicating and coordinating citizen questions and concerns among many offices and departments. Some of the issues that are important to the Commissioners include economic and workforce development, public infrastructure, social services, water quality, and community safety.

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 2018 Town Hall Meetings were held in Center Township, Bloom Township, Lake Township,

and the Village of Haskins. 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.

COUNTY LEASES LAND FOR BG SOLAR FIELD

Officials from the City of Bowling Green met with the Commissioners and Board of Developmental Disabilities in May to discuss leasing 70 acres of land for a solar field.

The 50-acre parcel of County property, located on the north side of East Gypsy Lane Road between I-75 and Wood Lane is currently been rented out as farmland. Wood Lane holds title to the other 20 acres.

The City is working on the development of a community solar project in which residents and businesses can sign up to lease kilowatts generated from the solar field.

While still in the developmental stages, the City noted that having the land available will assist in attracting developers for the project.

A 30-year lease agreement for the land was approved by the Commissioners in June. The City will have up to three years to develop the solar project.



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 comprising approximately 50 percent of the budget, totaled nearly \$22 million. The County also received a reimbursement from the State totaling \$582,338.72 following the 2017 change which eliminated sales tax on Medicaid equipment. This transitional payment is in addition to the 2018 annual sales tax receipts. The likelihood of additional transitional payments from the State are unknown at this time.

Other sources of general fund revenue include property tax, casino tax, fees and fines. Investment income continued to grow, with a 25.57 percent increase over 2017.

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.

SALES TAX RECEIPTS

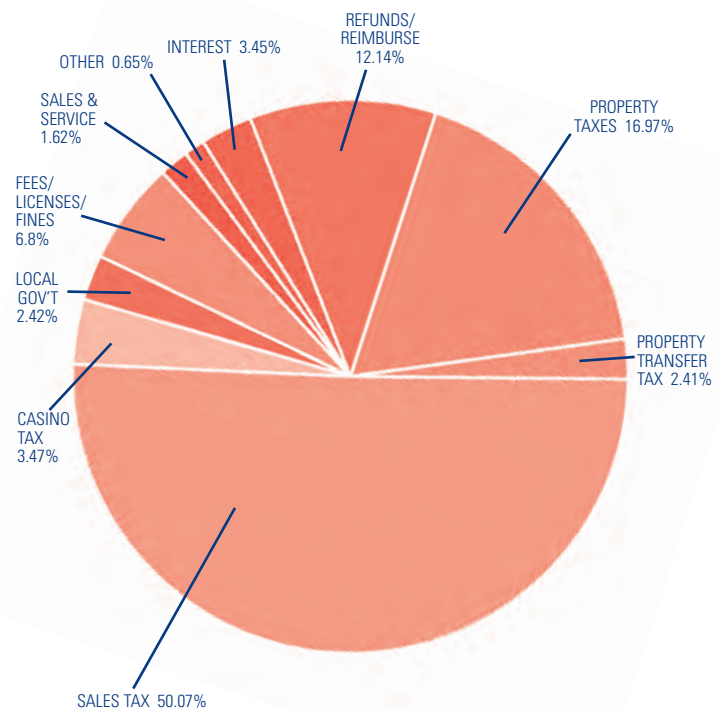
2018	\$21,938,607.20
2017	\$21,715,016.04
2016	\$20,984,098.38
2015	\$20,019,976.06
2014	\$19,785,739.82

INVESTMENT INCOME

2018	\$1,553,808.26
2017	\$1,237,387.72
2016	\$1,211,312.14
2015	\$1,199,428.41
2014	\$895,851.91

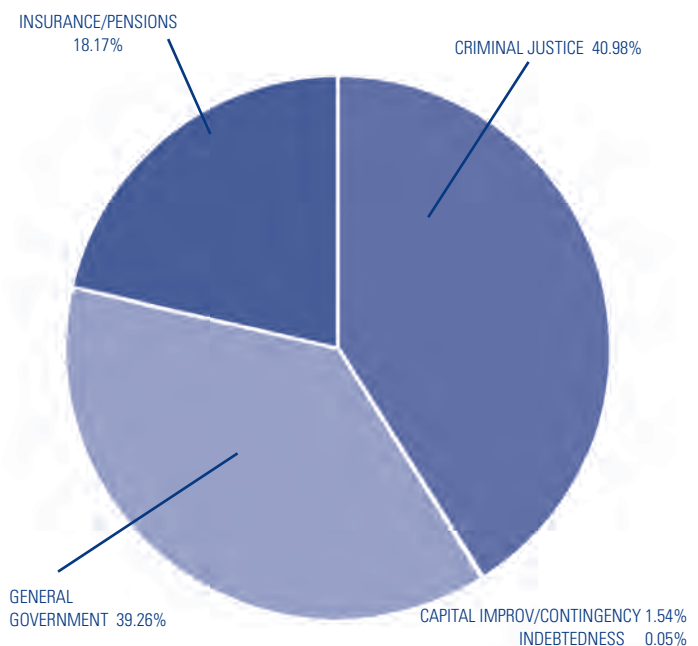
2018 ACTUAL RECEIPTS

\$44,980,788.86



2018 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

\$43,527,075.31



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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.

Recruitment of new foster parents was a focus of the Agency in 2018. In April, an open house provided information to interested people about the need for foster parents and the steps involved in becoming a foster parent. In the spring, staff conducted onsite foster care licensing training, resulting in licensure of six new foster homes.

Child Protective Services collaborated with Bowling Green Parks and Recreation to sponsor the 2nd annual Super Dash at the Bowling Green Community Center. At the event, youth dressed as their favorite super hero and ran through the obstacle course trail. Hometown heroes, members of law enforcement, the fire division, and local athletes were present along with foster parents. At the event, Chris and Melanie Feather of Grand Rapids were named Wood County Children Services foster parents of the year. The Feathers have been foster parents for seven years and have assisted 19 children during that time.

One of the most difficult decisions for the Child Protective Services Unit is determining when to remove a child from a home. Prior to removing a child from a home, the Agency takes preventative steps including service provision, kinship or relative supports, and safety planning with the families. Of the 39 children removed from their homes in 2018, twelve were removed due to opiates. Drugs were also involved in 260 of the reports of child abuse/neglect. An increase in the number of children served indicated that the reports received by the Agency involved more children in the household. Rather than one or two children households, there were often three or more children in the household.

OhioMeansJobs partnered with Northwest State Community College to address the skills gap in Advanced Manufacturing. A Machine Maintenance Specialist training taught youth ages 18-24 basic machine repair, fluid-power, basic welding, and forklift operation. After the 8-week training the students were hired at local manufacturers making self-sufficient wages with benefits.

Conversion of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs to the Ohio Benefits eligibility system took place in 2018. Conversion of these programs completed the conversion of all public assistance programs in Ohio to a new web based system. Medicaid programs were converted in 2014.

After review of the non-mandated Homemaker Program, the Agency reorganized the program and referred many clients to Passport services funded by the State. The Agency continued to provide services through a vendor for elders who met stricter financial and mobility criteria. This change allowed funding to be refocused on the increased number of mandated Child and Adult Protective Services investigations.

INCOME MAINTENANCE UNIT

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	
cash payment cases (MA)	242
Medicaid recipients (MA)	16,761
Medicaid issuance	\$185,706,643
Food assistance recipients	8,353
Food assistance issuance	\$6,353,186
Food assistance issuance per case (MA)	\$167
Children issued food stamps (MA)	2,631

PROTECTIVE SERVICES UNIT

Children served	2,171
Children placed in substitute care	98
Cost for substitute care	\$2.7 million
Home protective services children	137
Reports of child abuse/neglect investigated	884
Adoptions finalized	6
Certified foster/adoptive homes provided with services	17
Adult Protective Services assessments completed	315
Adults receiving chore services	87
Adults receiving home health aid services	76
Homemaker visits provided (MA)	158

SOCIAL SERVICES UNIT

Information and referrals	2,527
Families provided emergency assistance through Prevention, Retention and Contingency program (PRC)	453
Children who received child care services (MA)	479
Transportation (1 way trips) to Medicaid & Title XX services	14,465

OHIO MEANS JOBS/WOOD COUNTY

New Resource Room users	1,713
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) adult and dislocated worker participants	51
CCMEP Youth Employment Program participants	151
TANF Employment and Training participant	6
MA = Monthly Average	

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

2019 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	\$12,490	\$17,236	\$24,980
2	\$16,910	\$23,336	\$33,820
3	\$21,330	\$29,435	\$42,660
4	\$25,750	\$35,535	\$51,500
5	\$30,170	\$41,635	\$60,340
6	\$34,590	\$47,734	\$69,180

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

\$4,320	\$6,100	\$8,840
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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.

Using many tools for case tracking and enforcement, Case Managers excelled in their collection efforts and ended the year ranked third out of the 88 Ohio counties for current support collections. One enforcement tool utilized by the Agency seized more than \$98,000 from the bank accounts of non-custodial parents who have not paid their child support.

To assist unemployed payors, the Agency launched the Independent Job Readiness program to link job seekers with services and monitor job search efforts. Staff also reached out to the community by partnering with the Re-entry Coalition and

Project Connect.

The Legal Support Unit resolved 79 paternity cases through genetic parentage testing, with a total of 225 individuals tested. The Unit established 72 support orders through administrative support hearings, and another 153 new cases were opened following divorce/dissolution hearings.

Staff attorneys enforced orders through 380 civil and criminal proceedings. Warrants were issued in 222 court actions and 190 outstanding warrants were served. In addition, the attorneys accepted 163 other referrals to establish new orders, register orders from another state, and other miscellaneous legal

actions. Overall, the Legal Unit collected \$91,434 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.

2018 CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY STATISTICS

Wood County Children Served	6,567
Active Cases	6,298
Total Collections	\$19,339,377.05
License Suspension Program	\$79,691.27
Financial Institution Data Match	\$98,547.55
Insurance Settlements	\$6,042.31
Payouts from Casino/Racino Prizes	\$17,124.97
Interceptions from Unclaimed Funds	\$7,855.84
Public Assistance Returned to State of Ohio	\$354,568.02
Recouped through Income Tax Refund Offset	\$751,142.87
Reimbursements for Children in Foster Care	\$53,928.95

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 and inspections for schools kept staff busy, with projects submitted for the Rossford, Bowling Green, and Fostoria school systems.

Growth in manufacturing facilities in the area also continued with large projects submitted by First Solar, Walgreens, and Continental Structural Plastics. Submissions for four new hotels were received: three in Wood County and one in Hancock 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 2018 included the 2017 Ohio Building Codes for non-residential structures and the 2013 Residential Code of Ohio for One, Two, and Three Family Dwellings.

2018 BUILDING INSPECTION STATISTICS

Permits Issued	5,822
Total Permit Revenue	\$1,745,214.77
Wood County	\$1,227,876.37
Hancock County	\$312,938.68
Henry County	\$83,143.54
Fulton County	\$121,256.18
Total Inspections Completed	14,839
Wood County	11,023
7,177 Residential/3,846 Non-Residential	
Hancock County	2,506
Henry County	578
182 Residential (Napoleon)/396 Non-Residential	
Fulton County	732
227 Residential (Wauseon)/505 Non-Residential	

UPDATES TO OHIO BUILDING CODES COMING IN 2019

Ohio will be adopting the 2019 Residential Building Code of Ohio on July 1, 2019. This is a mandatory code to be used throughout the State, even if there is not a residential certified department in your area.

Buildings and Grounds

Nick Foos, Facilities Director (Jan. 1 to July 31, 2018)
Steve Blausey, Facilities Director (eff. July 30, 2018)

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 coordinated a restroom renovation project at the NorthWest Community Corrections Center, consisting of upgrades to two separate restroom areas.

Other coordinated projects included fire damper replacement at Wood Haven; replacement of the concrete approach at the rear entrance of the Health Department; new carpet and paint at Juvenile Court; carpet at the Public Defender; installation of supplemental air conditioning units in Common Pleas Court 4; and installation of a mini-split unit at Job and Family Services.

Aside from day-to-day responsibilities staff completed several projects internally including painting

projects in Adult Probation and Domestic Relations; installation of additional track lighting near Building Security; and the installation of sound deadening panels to help with acoustics in the Atrium.

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 carpet cleaning at Child Support and the Dunbridge Road Building.

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



In November, Stefan Dedecek from McKayLodge Conservation Laboratory, Inc. began conservation treatment procedures on the two murals in the Courthouse to repair, conserve, and protect the paintings for many years. Contractors also completed plaster repairs and painting on the first floor of the Courthouse, along with painting of the ornate railings from top to bottom.

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 dog licenses through the County Auditor, 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 2018 with 21,690 dogs licensed.

Door-to-door license compliance checks aided in enforcement and will continue in 2019.

2018 DOG SHELTER STATISTICS

Total Dogs Impounded.....	466
Redemptions	216
Adoptions	131
Euthanized	16
Deceased	1
Owner Surrenders for Euthanasia	18
Dogs Transferred to Rescues.....	84
Live Release Rate.....	92.5%
Owner Surrenders	75
Incidents Investigated	553
Total Licenses Sold	20,248
One Year Dog Licenses Sold	19,553
Three Year Dog Licenses Sold	578
Permanent Dog Licenses Sold	117
Total Licensed Dogs	21,690
Kennel Licenses Sold	93
Licenses Sold Online	8,097

WOOD COUNTY DOG PARK OFFERS MEMBERSHIPS

The Wood County Dog Park registered 115 members in 2018. Located next to the Dog Shelter, the Park features three fenced enclosures.

In December, enhancements to the Dog Park commenced with construction of a new park entrance and a self-closing gate with electronic keypad. Drainage tile and stone were installed to eliminate standing water after heavy rains and snow. Additional work is planned for 2019 including the addition of water stations.

The cost of an annual membership is \$40. Visit the Dog Shelter or County website for membership information.

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.

Economic development projects totaled more than \$780 million in new investment and the creation of 1,150 new jobs in the County.

A new \$5 million investment by Tyson Foods (formerly Keystone/Equity) in Bloom Township created 50 new jobs.

In Lake Township, First Solar began construction on a new 1.2 million square foot manufacturing plant for their next generation of solar panels, representing a \$400 million

investment and the creation of 500 new jobs.

Walgreens Distribution Center started construction on a 500,000 square foot, \$80 million expansion with an expectation to create an additional 350 jobs, bringing employment at the Perrysburg Township site to over 1,000 employees.

Construction on a 70,000 square foot addition at Continental Structural Plastics in North Baltimore is poised to create 100 new positions.

NSG North America announced plans to construct a 500,000 square foot \$265 million float glass plant that will create 150 new jobs in Troy Township.

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

The Commission also funded 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 operates the Wood County Landfill and is required to assure there is sufficient landfill capacity to dispose of local waste. Per the Ohio EPA approved solid waste plan, the District also must ensure that 90 percent of County residents have access to recycling and provides outreach regarding recycling.

Site preparation continued at the Landfill for capping of another six acre area in 2019. On June 29, with assistance from Hull & Associates, an expansion permit was submitted to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, 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.

The Landfill continued to provide economical, environmentally responsible opportunities to dispose of and recycle unwanted materials including the sale of screened wood mulch made from brush. Beginning in late spring, mulch can be purchased for \$25 per ton and can be loaded into any vehicle.



24/7 DROP OFF RECYCLING NOW AVAILABLE: NO SORTING REQUIRED

Recycle at your convenience at one of 12 permanent recycling locations. These sites accept Plastics #1-7 (food and beverage containers) and glass, in addition to other materials. Republic Services of Toledo collects and processes the materials.

Remember the following when utilizing the drop-off locations:

- Rinse all food containers
- Flatten cardboard
- NO plastic bags
- NO garbage
- NO illegal dumping
- NO styrofoam
- NO shredded paper
- NO bagged recyclables

For a map of drop-off locations or to see a list of accepted items visit www.recyclewoodcounty.org.

In June, permanent residential mixed recycling drop-off locations opened allowing for 24 hour recycling, seven days a week at 10 locations throughout the County. Two additional sites were added in November. Pictured is the ribbon cutting for the Perrysburg Township recycling drop-off location.

**THANK YOU WOOD COUNTY RESIDENTS
FOR BEING TERRIFIC RECYCLERS!**

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 assisted County fire departments and EMS agencies with implementation of the Ohio Multi Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS), a state of the art P-25 federally compliant 700/800MHz statewide radio system. The Agency also secured necessary funding for radio improvements at the Sheriff’s Communication Center, allowing seamless communications between 9-1-1 dispatchers and fire/EMS units.

In September, the Agency received FEMA approval of a comprehensive update of the County’s All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, a guidance document that assists political subdivisions with implementing critical mitigation. The updated plan followed several meetings with all of the political subdivisions in the County to determine hazards and mitigation priorities. FEMA requires updates to the Plan every five years.

Training and exercising emergency plans remained a high priority in 2018. The Agency conducted a full-scale hazardous materials exercise in Lake Township with numerous area departments and agencies to practice large scale responses as well as handling hazardous material incidents. The Agency also assisted numerous schools and health care facilities with updating and exercising of their emergency operations plans.

The Agency worked with the Commissioners, Northwestern Water and Sewer District, and several political subdivisions to develop a plan to implement a countywide mass notification system which will be implemented in 2019.

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.

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.

New equipment, including a large format book scanner purchased by the County Recorder, enabled the creation of high resolution images of historical documents such as early Commissioners’ Journals and mid-20th-Century Board of Elections voting results. These projects increased ease of use of the records and cut down on wear and tear of the originals.

Records Center staff, along with scanner operators contracted through Work Leads to Independence and employees from other County Offices, digitized about half a million pages for the Auditor, Sheriff, Public Defender, Board of Elections, and Board of County Commissioners during the year.

In addition to imaging, the Records Center continued preservation efforts through microfilming. The microfilm, a much more stable medium than digital, was sent to secure off-site storage as a protective measure. In addition to Wood County records, staff also provided paid microfilming services to four other Northwest Ohio Counties in 2018.

Staff assisted in the proper disposal of records that had become obsolete with more than 10½ tons of paper shredded at the Center and later recycled.

2018 RECORDS CENTER STATISTICS

Records stored (cubic feet)	8,516
New records (cubic feet).....	766
Eligible for disposal (cubic feet).....	851
Storage space recovered (cubic feet)	392
Pounds of records shredded and recycled	21,275
Pages/microfilm images scanned	495,765
Rolls of microfilm created.....	454

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.

Cyber security training continued to focus on email and Internet-related threats. A baseline phishing campaign in March of 2018 reported that 17 percent of the employees tested opened a phishing email and clicked on the link inside. At the end of 2018, this rate had decreased to eight percent due to the ongoing training of current and new employees.

Historical Museum and Center

Dana Nemeth, Director (Jan. 1 - March 31, 2018)

Kelli Kling, Director (eff. May 24, 2018)

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 fundraising 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.

The Museum welcomed 2,072 visitors during 2018, many of whom utilized the museum's accessibility amenities.

The featured exhibit, "The Return to Normalcy: A Life of Leisure in Wood County, 1920-1939" ran concurrent with the 2017 exhibit, "Over There! Send Word, the Wood County Boys are Coming," which explored Wood County's role in WWI. Leisure Time was inspired by Warren G. Harding's 1920 presidential campaign platform "The Return to Normalcy" and showed first-hand examples of how the local community adapted to life after World War I.

A variety of events attracted an additional 2,939 visitors. Free events included six Demonstration Days and a German-American Story Slam commemorating the end of WWI. The 15th annual Living History Day at Oak Grove Cemetery brought to life local leisure activities ending with a representation of the Kitchen Kazoo Orchestra of the Portage Township homemakers. Guests enjoyed a nearly sold-out Tea & Talk Series featuring 1920s-inspired programs. The

Center also welcomed The Vintage Radio Players who presented a reenactment of Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" historic radio program on its 80th anniversary.

Two successful fundraisers brought in more than \$10,000 to support educational outreach: the Friday Night Folklore Tour offered a 1920s carnival experience with sideshow attractions and carnival games; and the Gala Fundraiser mimicked a roaring '20s speakeasy with live jazz, silent auction, and a '20s-inspired menu.

The Adult Education series provided talks themed around WWI plus a new, chilling tale of the Woodbury House in Wood County. Educational talks like this were presented to 3,537 students, teachers, and adults. Over 300 volunteers and 103 court-appointed and SEARCH volunteers put in more than 3,500 hours (about 1.5 years of full-time employment).

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.

Wood Haven Health Care

Jeff Orłowski, Administrator

Wood Haven Health Care, a 93 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.



Wood Haven Health Care received the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce top Customer Service award.

Wood Haven's focus on customer service resulted in recognition and awards during 2018. Aside from receiving a 9.07 out of 10 on their internal customer satisfaction survey, Wood Haven also received the 2018 Northwest Ohio Top Workplaces award; the Ambassador of the Year award; the Zeus award; and the Ohio Health Care Association 2018 Administrator of the Year award. In December it was announced that Wood Haven Health Care, for the 4th consecutive year, will receive one of the Northwest Ohio Top Work Place awards in 2019.

This customer service culture was created in part by requiring every employee to attend a three hour EMPATHY training at the beginning of their employment with a refresher course offered annually thereafter.

2018 WOOD HAVEN STATISTICS

Admissions by Pay Type:

Privately Funded Residents.....	8.52%
Medicaid Residents	15.91%
Medicare Residents	38.07%
Insurance/Managed Care Residents	34.66%
Hospice.....	2.84%

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' web page on the County website or contact their office for a copy of the application.

ALCOHOL DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

Allan Baer, Jessica Clements*, Doug Cubberley*, Leanne Eby, Stanley Edwards*, Judy Ennis*, Erin Hachtel*, Marcus Jensen, Stan Korducki*, Dan Lambert*, Sue Moore, Randy Rothenbuhler*, Corey Speweik*, Cary 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, Tony Hetrick, Andrew Kalmar, Reeve Kelsey, Craig LaHote, Alan Mayberry, Daniel Paez, Mark Reddin, Matthew Reger, Lori Tretter, Mark Wasylshyn, Cary Williams, Chris Zografies, and one vacancy

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 **

Steve Blausey, Rob Eaton, Doris Herringshaw, Earlene Kilpatrick, Kelli Kling, Cathleen Nelson, 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

Hal Brown, Frank Butwin, Dru Cunningham, Judy Ennis, Kenneth Frisch*, Biff Geer-Fry, Rhonda Hogrefe, September Killy-Knight, Neil Munger, Nick Pavlik, Michael Penrod, Wynn Perry*, George Stossel, Becky White-Schooner, and Irma Wolf*

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Shelian Beaupre, Sue Clanton, Judy Knox, Stephanie Lauwers, Denise Niese, Cathleen Wenig, David Wigent, and Sandi Carsey

LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES BOARD

Linda Brown*, Sarah Bushong*, Reina Calderon, Heather Pentycote, and Dan Weiss

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, Steve Arnold, Dr. Theodore Bowlus, John Brossia, Doris Herringshaw, Craig LaHote, John Musteric, Barbara Ruland, John Schuerman, Robert Stitt Black, and Erik Wineland

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 Liebenenthal, Rob Riday, and Chad Thompson

RESIDENTIAL BOARD OF APPEALS**

Ron Bechstein, Tim Enright, Robert Maurer, Laurie Melchior Huskisson, Connie Workman, and one vacancy
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 Michael Sibbersen

WOOD COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

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

WOOD HAVEN ADVISORY BOARD**

Richard Barker, Norman Carney, Frank McLaughlin, Denise Niese, Doug Troutner, and one vacancy
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: Darlene Selvey, Andrew Kalmar, Jeff Orlowski, and the President and Vice President of the Resident's Council

WSOS/GREAT LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Total Membership - 24
Wood County Members: Carmen Beltran*, Dr. William Donnelly*, Greg Kegler, Dean King, Felicia Otte, and Jane Wengel



As of December 31, 2018

* 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.

Following electrical work and painting, Auditor's staff located on the third floor of the County Office Building relocated to the second floor Auditor's Office to improve efficiency.

The Auditor's Office offered two websites, one for general information and the other for real estate information and mapping. A Facebook page also provided timely updates.

2018 AUDITOR STATISTICS

Parcels of real property assessed (valued at over \$3.2 billion).....	75,259
Conveyances processed.....	4,369
Individual land parcels (valued at \$1,615,379).....	6,689
Acres of farmland enrolled in CAUV (Current Agricultural Use Value).....	318,357
Residents enrolled in Homestead Exemption program	8,428
Dog licenses sold.....	19,553
Weights and Measures Inspections:	
Commercial Scales.....	705
Gas Pumps.....	1,470
GIS requests.....	115
Forfeited Land Sale Proceeds	\$17,420
Parcels.....	10
Manufactured Homes	12

Distribution of Real Estate, Public Utility Tax, and Special Assessments by the County Auditor in 2018

Wood County.....	\$6,808,114
Northwestern Water & Sewer District.....	\$1,622,850
County Ditch Maintenance/Construction	\$535,076
County Sewer and Waterline Projects.....	\$410
Maumee Watershed Conservancy.....	\$107,145
Board of Developmental Disabilities	\$15,708,263
Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services	6,571,966
Park District.....	\$2,594,993
Committee on Aging	\$1,816,495
Board of Health	\$1,436,952
Historical Center	\$144,836
Job & Family Services.....	\$3,348,083
Wood County Library Bond	\$275,699
Townships	\$17,657,778
Municipalities	\$17,515,318
Schools.....	\$119,396,725

Visit the Auditor's web page on the County website for a complete breakdown.

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

Information on how to enroll in the monthly payment plan, real estate tax information, and forms for change of address and remission of penalty are also accessible online.

2018 TREASURER STATISTICS

Real estate tax collected	\$198,252,682.63
Manufactured home tax collected.....	\$1,422,758.06
Investment income.....	\$1,553,808.26
Taxpayers enrolled in monthly automatic withdrawal plan	1,730
Taxpayers enrolled in semi-annual/yearly ACH plan.....	650



Auditor Oestreich and members of his staff accepted the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. Wood County was one of 38 Ohio counties receiving this honor.

CLERK OF COURTS



Cindy Hofner

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.

The Title Office processed 61,035 titles in 2018, an increase of 1,930 from 2017's record year.

Work continued on two major projects in the Legal Office including the development of the e-filing software through Cenifax and an upgrade to the document imaging software, which is also utilized by other County offices. In early 2019, both projects will be implemented.

Collaboration with the Attorney General for collection of unpaid court costs, fines, and restitution over the past five years has returned \$215,294.60 to the County. In 2018 alone, \$48,907.69 was returned. These amounts are over and above that collected through normal billing processes and payment plans.

TITLE DOCUMENTS PROCESSED

Auto Titles, Duplicates & Memo Titles	78,626
Motor Vehicle Mortgages Recorded	20,588
Salvage Titles	377
Penalties (for not transferring titles timely)	3,879
Inspections	7,324
Affidavits	22,253
Manufactured Home Archives Recorded	542
Boat titles, Duplicates and Memo Titles (includes charged replacement titles)	1,571
Watercraft Mortgages Recorded	398
Watercraft Affidavits	161
Watercraft Penalties	848
Watercraft Registrations	1,010

TITLE DISBURSEMENT TOTALS\$26,290,070.92

Clerk of Courts	
Certificate of Title Fund Receipts	\$860,062.29
State of Ohio Motor Vehicle and Watercraft	
Casual and Dealer Tax	\$25,196,527.13
BMV Certificate of Title Fees	\$199,189.50
DNR Watercraft Fees	\$4,137.00
DNR Watercraft Registrations	\$30,155.00

UNCLAIMED FUNDS

Unclaimed funds are money or the rights to money that have been dormant or forgotten. Ohio has over \$2.6 billion in missing money waiting to be returned. You can search to see if you have unclaimed funds by visiting www.com.ohio.gov/unfd.

The Wood County Clerk of Courts also provides a list of local unclaimed funds from the court system. To see if your name is on the list, visit http://clerkofcourt.co.wood.oh.us/unclaimed_funds_rtp.pdf.

LEGAL CASES AND DOCUMENTS FILED (Partial List)

Cases Appealed to 6th District Court of Appeals	93
Domestic Relations Cases Filed	350
Domestic Violence Civil Protection	139
Registered Civil Protection Order	1
Dating Violence Civil Protection Order	5
Civil Stalking/Sexually Oriented Offense Protection Orders	128
Foreign Support	2
Domestic Cases Reopened	245
Foreign Judgment	3
Criminal Cases Filed	617
Civil Cases Filed (Includes 192 Civil Foreclosure Cases)	704
Land Foreclosure Cases	70
Mobile Home Foreclosure Cases	58
Certificate of Qualification	1
Foreign Subpoena	20
Judgment Liens Filed	1,305
State Tax Liens Filed	2,616
Foreign Judgment Liens	7
Executions Filed (Aid & Writ)	6
Debtor Exams	35
Garnishments	245
Publications	135
Writs of Possessions	22
Total Number of Judgment Entries	15,056
Notary Commissions Filed	426
Passport Applications Accepted	368
Criminal Investigations	18
Search Warrants	140
Coroner's Reports Filed	96

LEGAL DISBURSEMENT TOTALS\$2,525,178.97

General Fund	\$608,030.49
Legal Research Fees	\$9,031.66
Computerization Fees	\$122,262.62
Interlock Fees	\$75.00
Traffic Fines	\$150.00
Mediation Costs	\$49,959.60
Fines Paid to the Law Library	\$1,250.00
Statutory fees paid to non-Wood County entities	\$125,521.56
Funding Shelters for Victims of Domestic Violence	\$10,663.64
Fees Paid to Adult Probation Supervision	\$21,628.31
Fees Paid to the Sheriff	\$120,304.01
Fines Paid to the Sheriff	\$2,447.74
Interest Paid to General Fund	\$2,266.53
Fees Paid to Appraisers	\$31,590.00
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	\$1,419,997.81

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



Paul Dobson

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office consists of four legal divisions: criminal, juvenile, civil, and appellate. The Prosecutor's Office has 17 attorneys, a victim services unit, two investigators, two Addiction Response Collaborative (A.R.C.) staff, and support staff. The Prosecuting Attorney is authorized to perform his duties under Chapter 309 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Criminal Division responded to crimes against persons, including State v. Terrence Williamson, who was sentenced to 40 years in prison after being convicted of aggravated robbery, kidnapping, and attempted murder for the abduction and shooting of his girlfriend; and State v. Bradley Feasel who was sentenced to 16 years in prison for 11 counts of burglary. The Criminal Division also saw the successful prosecution of several drug cases, including State v. Larbi Benkaddour, convicted after being arrested by the Ohio State Highway Patrol for possessing 6.3 million dollars worth of cocaine. Additionally, approximately 1,323 victims of or witnesses to a crime in the County were helped through the legal process and procedures by the Victim/Witness Services unit.

The Civil Division hosted public law training for more than 60 township trustees and other officials, covering public meetings, ethics, conflicts of interest, roads, zoning, and nuisance properties.

At the annual meeting of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association, Appellate Prosecutor, David Harold, was awarded "Outstanding Assistant Prosecutor of the Year" for his vast knowledge of case law and his constant willingness to assist others. At the annual Law Enforcement Seminar, Prosecutor Dobson's office awarded the 'Servant and Sword Award' to Detective Sergeant Joe Miller from the Sheriff's Office for his outstanding service to the community.

2018 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY STATISTICS

Criminal Division

Cases opened	969
Indictments	450
Bills of Information for adult felony cases.....	33
Cases resolved by jury or court trial (19 guilty/6 not guilty).....	25
Cases disposed.....	610
Cases disposed in Municipal Court	118

Juvenile Division

Delinquency cases	719
Unruly cases	75
Traffic cases.....	532
Permanent custody cases filed	12
Felony level offenses adjudicated	43
Adult contributing to minors.....	17
Abuse/neglect/dependency cases filed.....	483
Adult Protection Services petitions	7

Civil Division

New client matter files opened	286
Contracts prepared/reviewed	503
Formal opinions issued.....	10
Total bank foreclosures	207
Total real estate tax foreclosure.....	70
33 dismissed with payment/15 sold/8 forfeited/14 pending	
Total mobile home tax foreclosure	58
27 dismissed with payment/1 forfeited/30 pending	

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.

In conjunction with the Auditor's and Engineer's Offices, the Office started accepting deeds electronically in November. Previously only mortgages and other liens were accepted by electronic means. A total of 2,943 documents were electronically filed, up from last year, and about 17 percent of the total documents for the year.

2018 FEES & DISBURSEMENTS

Total Fees Collected	\$998,630.85
Paid to Ohio Housing Trust Fund.....	\$493,237.80
Paid to Recorder's Supplemental Equipment Fund.....	\$66,908.00
Paid to General Fund.....	\$438,485.05

2018 RECORDER'S DOCUMENTS

Documents recorded/filed.....	17,231
Deeds	5,553
Judgment entries and certificates for transfer	106
Mortgages (total value \$3,982,214,697.78).....	4,132
Mortgages released (with a value of \$474,645,496.76).....	4,937
Land Contracts	31
Rights of way and easements.....	134
Leases	132
Mechanics liens.....	89
Plats	11
Federal Tax Liens.....	118
Financing statements.....	55
Terminations.....	60
All Others	1,873

Appellate Division

Sixth District Court of Appeals merit briefs submitted.....	40
Cases decided (28 affirmed/4 reversed)	32
Ohio Supreme Court defense jurisdictional briefs submitted (15 denied/1 accepted).....	16
Ohio Supreme Court state's jurisdictional briefs submitted (2 denied/1 accepted).....	3

Addiction Response Collaborative (A.R.C.)

Referrals	76
(36 Entered Treatment/Jail with 32 ongoing; 16 Referred to Other Programs; 24 Rejected A.R.C./Could not be located)	

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

General Division

The Court of Common Pleas, General Division, adjudicates felony criminal cases; 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 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.



Matthew Reger
COURTROOM 1



Reeve Kelsey
COURTROOM 2



Alan R. Mayberry
COURTROOM 4

2018 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS STATISTICS

Cases Completed.....	2,516
Pending Cases	871
General Civil Cases Completed	889
Domestic Relations Cases Completed	952
Criminal Cases Completed	675
Notary Public - New Applications	142
Notary Public - Renewal Applications	146

COURT SECURITY STATISTICS

Jury/Court Trials	36
Stalking/Domestic Violence Hearings	406
Public Escorts by Court Security.....	1,019
Persons Taken into Custody by Court Security.....	154
Prisoner Escorts by Court Security	1,205

As a result of new legislation, the Court heard petitions for civil protection orders under the revised domestic violence statute for individuals who have experienced violence in a "dating relationship". In recognition of the trend that some people who come to court are unable to afford attorneys, the Court has been working with the Wood County Bar Association to coordinate a legal clinic to help self-represented parties. Attorneys donate their time by coming to the Court once a month to help the parties navigate the necessary forms that are required when filing to terminate their marriage.

Petitioners granted civil protection orders continued to receive 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 202 such referrals occurring in 2018. 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 2018, 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.

Judge Kelsey retired on January 1, 2019, after more than 20 years on the bench. Judge Mary "Molly" L. Mack was elected to the post during the General Election.

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.

2018 ADULT PROBATION STATISTICS

Pre-sentence investigations conducted.....	315
New offenders under department supervision	368
Offenders supervised.....	1,139
Individuals terminated from supervision	324
Drug tests conducted.....	2,372
Offenders placed on Intensive Supervision	111
Offenders placed on Electronic Monitoring	151
Offenders committed to Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC)	106

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.

2018 PROBATE COURT STATISTICS

New Cases Opened	875
Re-Opened Cases	24
Estates	576
Guardianships and Conservatorships (non-emergency)	77
Adoptions	47
Civil Actions	23
Marriage Applications	797
Minor Settlements	15
Name Changes	88
Birth Registrations/Corrections	9
Other Miscellaneous	27
Emergency Actions (Guardianships, Mental Illness, Adult Protective Services)	13
Volunteer Program Active Guardians	16
Wards Served	21

In addition to the actions noted above, the Probate Court spent a considerable amount of time verifying fiduciary compliance with statutory reporting. These requirements include, but are not limited to, accounts, continuing education, and case status reporting. Consequently, the Court conducted citation and status hearings to ensure those appointed in a fiduciary role are held accountable.

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. 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.

2018 JUVENILE COURT STATISTICS

Cases filed	2,687
Cases disposed of	2,695
Cases of alleged abuse, neglect or dependent children	483
JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER	
Pretrial and short term commitments	441
Males housed	315
Females housed	126
JUVENILE PROBATION	
Youth and adults under supervision	230
Community service participants	113
Community service hours	2,393.75
Restitution paid to victims	\$5,543.95
COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE/ GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM (CASA/GAL)	
Volunteers	41
Children served	147
Child cases referred	89

NOMINATE SOMEONE YOU KNOW FOR A SPIRIT OF WOOD COUNTY AWARD

Nominations for the 2019 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 2019 Awards will be presented in October during a special ceremony in the Alvin L. Perkins Atrium.

Honorees from 2018 included Pemberville resident Tom Oberhouse, Industrial/Economic Development; Jackson Township resident Mark Drewes, Agricultural Leadership; former North Baltimore resident Richard Adams, Religion and Liberty; Middleton Township resident Robert Pollex, Liberty Through Law/Human Freedom; and Rossford resident Charles Cox, Education for Civic Responsibility. Bowling Green residents Ann Harris Householder, Mildred Broka, and Michael Sibbersen received the Lyle R. Fletcher Good Citizenship Award. Also recognized posthumously for his service to Wood County was David Chilson of Plain Township.

WOOD COUNTY QUICK FACTS

Population: 2010 Census: 125,488; 2017 estimate: 130,492

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: 2,757

Total Households: 50,025

Median household income: \$55,985

Major & Notable Employers in Wood County: Magna International; FedEx Ground; First Solar Inc.; Walgreen Company; Chrysler Group LLC; Home Depot; Owens-Illinois, Inc; Wood County Hospital Association; Bowling Green State University; Owens Community College; Wood County Government

Source: 2017 Ohio County Profile from Ohio Office of Policy, Research and Strategic Planning

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.

2018 WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

CIVIL DIVISION

Sheriff foreclosure property sales	123
Proceeds from parcels sold	\$2,951,950.89
Execution of Certificates of Judgment	29
Service fee income to General Fund	\$151,342.46
Warrants, summons, subpoena & indictments served	3,010
Civil Protection Orders served	267
Child support warrants served	232
Inmates extradited from out of state	51
Prisoners transported to penal institutions	222
Prisoners transported between agencies	681

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Cases assigned	537
Cases cleared by arrest/closed/inactive	458
Cases pending investigation	44
Theft/fraud/forgery	186
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	110
Suspicious incident/departamental	43
Death/suicide	25
Sex offense/child abuse	24
Narcotic investigations	149
Fines/forfeitures to Drug Fund	\$17,700.93
Fire/arson	7
Human trafficking/prostitution/solicitation	3
Homicide	0
Vehicles seized/forfeited to WCSO	1

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ENFORCEMENT

Domestic violence arrests	90
Court case victim assistance	112
Students taught in six schools	280
Sex offense/crimes against children	10
Cases assisted	309
Temporary protection order violation arrests	8

COURTHOUSE BUILDING SECURITY

Magnetometer readings	113,597
Prohibited items held	1,052

911 DIVISION/COMMUNICATIONS

911 calls answered	48,019
Fire calls dispatched	10,515
EMS calls dispatched	10,262
Calls dispatched to WCSO deputies	22,578
Cities, Villages, Townships, & Park District calls dispatched	30,986
Warrants entered into state/national databases	2,865
Protection orders entered into national database	547

ROAD PATROL DIVISION

Complaints received and investigated	22,578
Criminal charges	490
Traffic citations	989
Traffic warning written/verbal	5,770
Crashes investigated	930
Injury crashes	190
Injured persons	264
Fatal crashes	8
Driving under the influence – DUI	85
Driving under suspension – DUS	159
Miles driven by all Sheriff's vehicles	981,354

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	325
D.A.R.E. students grades K-6	2,027
D.A.R.E. students grade 7	339
Education/prevention classes	37
Education/prevention students	900
School staff members	335
Safety Towns	3
Children participating in Safety Towns	160

JUSTICE CENTER

Inmates booked	3,885
Inmates released	3,616
Average daily population	160
Inmates transported to local courts	1,563
Total meals served	
– Justice Center	189,040
– Juvenile Detention Center	21,606
– Juvenile Residential Center	33,056
Average meals served per day	683
Average meal cost (with labor)	\$2.57
Out-of-county inmate housing income	\$212,225

WEAPON PERMITS &

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Concealed Carry Weapon permits issued	932
Concealed Carry Weapons permits renewed	1,594
Persons fingerprinted for background checks	1,124

SEX OFFENDERS

Registered	125
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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Citizens Police Academy students	13
R.A.D. Kids Safety students	37
Youth identification cards	538
Active Shooter Response Training	410

VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY PROGRAM

Members	51
Special events worked	29
Funeral escorts	224
Hours of work volunteered	4,261

EXPLORER PROGRAM

Members (Young adults 15 - 20)	17
Hours volunteered	1,190
Special events	16
Classroom hours	40
Field Trips	4

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 273 cases in 2018, of which 102 were determined by the Coroner.

Auto Accidents	13	Natural	22
Drug/Alcohol Accidents	11	Suicide	17
Falls/Accidents	15	Homicide	3
Helicopter Accident	2	Could Not Be Determined	1
Drowning Accident	3	Pending	12
Other Accidents	3		

ENGINEER



John M. Musteric, PE., P.S.

The Engineer has the responsibility of maintaining the County's 244 miles of road, 443 bridges, over 2,500 culverts, and 3,725 traffic control signs. Under the ditch maintenance program, the Office is responsible for cleaning and debrushing more than 680 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 estimates for road repair projects; assists with grant applications and right-of-way location surveys; oversees the Storm Water Management Plan; investigates drainage problems; maintains tax map records of daily land transactions; and reviews subdivisions, 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.

2018 COMPLETED PROJECTS

ROAD PROJECTS

Resurfacing/Rehabilitation

Baker and Warns Drive Resurfacing (Lake Twp.).....	0.65 Miles
Grant and Insley Road Resurfacing (Henry/Bloom Twp.).....	3.33 Miles
Sugar Ridge Road.....	12 Miles

Pavement Markings

Center Striping.....	56 Miles
Edge Line Striping.....	32 Miles

Surface Treatment (Chip/Seal)

Cygnat Road (Bloom/Perry Twp.).....	8.5 Miles
Wayne Road (Montgomery/Perry Twp.).....	2.9 Miles
Fostoria Road (Lake Twp.).....	3.0 Miles
Hanley Road (Lake Twp.).....	0.5 Miles
Warns Road (Lake Twp.).....	0.4 Miles
Napoleon Road (Center Twp.).....	1.0 Mile

CULVERT PROJECTS

Merrill Road	Robinson Road	Wayne Road
Garling Road	Rangeline Road	Cygnat Road
Huffman Road	Devils Hole Road	Pemberville Road

TAX MAP REVIEWS

Deed Pre-approvals.....	1,699
Deed Final Approvals.....	1,886
New Parcels.....	575
Total Parcels Reviewed.....	6,112

STORM WATER PROJECTS

Permits Issued.....	42
Construction Sites Inspected.....	157

BRIDGE PROJECTS

Huffman Road over Bull Creek (Bloom Twp.)
Strail Road over Ditch 2250 (Troy Twp.)
Latcha Road over Henry Creek (Lake Twp.)

DITCH MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Cleanouts.....	20.46 Miles
Debrushing.....	8.12 Miles
Bank Protection and Repair.....	0.28 Miles
Sprayed Vegetation.....	116 Miles
Mowing.....	18.6 Miles

DITCH CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Jack Stearns 2473.....	47 Miles
Galen Emch 2475.....	1.1 Miles
Bruce Dewese 2476.....	2.39 Miles
Gary Conklin 2479.....	1.43 Miles

2018 SOURCES OF INCOME

Motor Vehicle License Fees.....	\$4,338,896
Gasoline Tax.....	\$2,417,404
Traffic Fines & Receipts.....	\$146,518
Reimbursement.....	\$425,292
Refunds.....	\$968
Grants.....	\$228,698
Other Receipts.....	\$26,183
Interest.....	\$92,422
General Fund.....	\$166,247
Capital Improvement Fund 315.....	\$2,200,000
TOTAL.....	\$10,042,628

OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE PERMIT PROGRAM

In order to protect County roads and bridges from damage and protect people using these roads, the Commissioners met with County Engineer John Musteric to discuss proposed permits and fees for overweight vehicles.

Overweight vehicles that travel state routes are required to obtain a permit from the Ohio Department of Transportation. These same overweight vehicles travel state routes legally, then exit onto county and township roads with no permits and often little regard for the capacity of the roads or bridges.

An overweight vehicle permit allows the Engineer to direct these haulers to specific roads and avoid bridges that cannot bear sufficient weight.

The most important point is if drivers haul legal weight loads, they do not need to purchase a permit. The only permit fee that could affect farmers is for vehicles that exceed 87,000 pounds – most likely semi-trucks hauling grain.

Discussions continued throughout 2018, with the Commissioners' passing a resolution in late December to authorize the Overweight Vehicle Permit program effective January 1, 2019.

Permit applications may be obtained from the Engineer's Office or from the County website under the Engineer.

Vehicle weight enforcement will be under the authority of the Wood County Sheriff.

Questions regarding the program may be directed to the Engineer's Office at 419-354-9060.

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 Board of Elections administered two county wide elections in 2018. The Primary Election on May 8 included 56 state and federal office seekers on the ballot, along with nine tax issues and questions decided. The General Election on November 6 saw 43 candidates on the ballot along with 29 questions and issues decided.

Local results showed the passing of 33 of the 38 questions and issues on the combined ballots. Voter turnout for the November mid-term election was the third highest for a mid-term since 1994, with a voter turnout of 53.31 percent. November 1994 was 56.17 percent and November 2006 calculated to 55.5 percent.

Total registered voters as of December 31, 2018 was 92,609 up by 8 percent from the beginning of the year. The number of voters who utilized the on-line voter registration system to either register for the first time in Wood County or update their information was 6,163 for 2018, of that 1,826 were new registrations.

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

RECYCLE WOOD COUNTY!

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 list of locations and options for recycling common household items on the County's website.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Ben Batey, RN, MPH, Health Commissioner

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

The Department updated its logos and branding materials during 2018, following an operational name change from the Health District to the Health Department.

Other 2018 highlights included the creation of a new Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan, as well as a successful summer campaign that was designed to encourage people to be more physically active.

The 10 member Board of Health appoints the Health Commissioner and assumes the responsibility of overseeing the Wood County General and Combined Health District activities.



Construction of a five-chair dental clinic housed adjacent to the Community Health Center commenced along with the search to hire a dentist and staff for the clinic.

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.

Throughout the year, staff recorded 872 individual visits to the Library, including 130 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 235 phone calls and 25 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.

Family and Consumer Science staff introduced an eight-week session known as weGrill. This program brought together fathers and their child (ages 10 to 16) to learn relationships and life skills, basic nutrition skills, and food safety practices built around food and grilling.

The Dining with Diabetes program remained popular and provided nutrition related information to those affected by the disease.

Staff also educated and trained 267 licensed food operators regarding safe food handling.

Women in Agriculture, a one-day workshop conducted in March, engaged 195 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.

The Master Gardener program provided more than 6,000 volunteer hours, including work on a roadside habitat for pollinators at the 1-75 rest area outside of Bowling Green.

The Office conducted agricultural research projects in the areas of nutrient management, soil and water quality improvement, integrated pest management, and production efficiency. Specific projects focused on cover crops, soil compaction, soil quality, pest scouting, and sustainable cropping systems. Results were shared at local agronomy updates at the Conservation Tillage Conference, Northern Ohio Crops Day, Northwest Ag Research Field Crops Day, and other events.

Ranked as one of the top northwest Ohio counties for 4-H involvement, Wood County is home to 52 community 4-H clubs with enrollment of 1,382. In addition, hundreds of 4-H school enrichment youth received instruction from one of 220 4-H projects.

In addition, the 4-H CARTEENS program taught 135 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.

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.

Meeting with the development and private engineering community, the Commission discussed ways to streamline the plat approval process. The Commission also met with the Health Department to devise ways to ensure that the Health Department has an active role in the parcel split process.

The Commission secured \$1 million in funding through the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant to assist North Baltimore and the Perrysburg Heights community. Projects are expected to begin in 2019.

Community Housing Improve-

ment Program (CHIP) grant funds totaling \$800,000 were received for program year 2018 to assist low and moderate income homeowners in with emergency repairs and improvements. CHIP Funds also assisted with construction of two Habitat for Humanity homes.

The State changed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to a two-year program cycle providing additional time to complete awarded projects. Wood County received \$280,000 in funding for the CDBG grant in September

2018. These funds must be utilized by October 2020.

The Commission heard and reviewed eight rezoning requests. Of these requests, one involved text changes to current zoning resolutions in

Troy Township. The remaining requests involved the rezoning of existing lands in Troy, Perrysburg and Lake Townships.

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

2018 PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIVITY

Minor parcel split transactions.....	993
Total acres in minor parcel splits.....	1,827
Transactions involving parcel combinations	30
Residential subdivisions approved	3

PY18 CDBG AWARDED PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED IN 2019

Custar: Repair of Superior Street
Pemberville: ADA curbs and ramps
Risingsun: Reconstruction of sidewalk/ADA curbs and ramps

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 2018, staff represented approximately 2,500 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 \$72,074 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.

ARE YOU A VETERAN LIVING IN WOOD COUNTY?

Register with the Veterans Assistance Center to make sure you are receiving all the benefits to which you are entitled. Call 419-354-9147 to learn more.

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 matched by the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The District, chartered in 1949, is a subdivision of the State of Ohio includes all the lands within the County. The SWCD operates under Chapter 940 of the Ohio Revised Code. Policies are set by a five-member board of supervisors who are elected for a three-year term.

Ag-Venture, a self-driving countywide farm tour, drew more than 1,700 visitors to the seven participating farms and ag businesses.

Assistance payments totaling \$817,338 from the USDA-NRCS resulted in the installation of three manure storage facilities, 313 acres of hay, 217 acres of strip-till, 4,936 acres of cover crops, 300 acres of drainage water management, and 7,008 acres of nutrient management.

In the Bull Creek watershed, a grant from Ohio EPA helped offset the costs to install a blind inlet and controlled drainage structure along with 1,600 acres of overwintering cover crops. Farmers in the western part of the County worked with SWCD to install three controlled drainage structures and more than 2,100 acres of cover crops with cost

share from the Great Lakes Commission.

TMACOG and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative also assisted farmers to offset the costs of planting over 1,500 acres of cover crops and installing 18 controlled drainage structures.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) worked with farmers to plan nine new contracts covering 2,788 acres of conservation practices committing \$843,457 in federal funds.

Fifteen private ditch improvement projects were completed encompassing 28 miles.

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

VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER STATISTICS FOR 2018

Veterans Residing in the County.....	14,949
Total Client Contacts	12,922
Veterans Transported to Medical Facilities.....	458
Veterans Photo I.D. Cards Issued.....	108
Memorial Day Appropriations	\$11,000
Flags/Grave Markers Distributed.....	10,611
Federal VA Claims/Documents Processed.....	26,177
Total Federal Dollars Brought into County	\$33,590,000

WOOD COUNTY HOTLINES

Report Child/Elder Abuse

419-354-9669 or
1-866-860-4136

Report Welfare Fraud

419-373-6964 or
1-800-627-8133
jfs.ohio.gov/fraud/index.htm

Medicaid Consumer Hotline

1-800-324-8680

Addiction Response Collaborative (ARC)

419-373-3900



County residents in need of transportation to non-emergency medical, dental, vision, behavioral health, or substance abuse treatment appointments can call Wood County NET Plus at between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Services are provided at no cost and without regard to income or assets; however, depending on need, residents may be referred to use other free community transportation first. Rides must be scheduled at least five business days in advance.

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.

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.



NO WRONG DOOR Agencies

24 Hour Information and Referral - United Way 2-1-1	Dial 2-1-1
24-Hour Wood County Crisis Line.....	419-502-HOPE (4673)
Harbor Wood County (formerly Behavioral Connections)	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
Unison Health (formerly 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 Department.....	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
Great Lakes Community Action Commission (formerly WSOS)	800-775-9767 or 419-353-7407

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.

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

Probate Court is seeking volunteers to serve 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.

Wood County Government

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Countywide CodeRED Emergency Notification System Coming Soon

Emergency notifications will soon be available through the CodeRED notification system.

Critical communications to all or a targeted area within the County will be provided for situations that require immediate action.

Residents will also have the ability to opt in for text message and/or email alerts.

Watch for additional information this spring.

Join the Celebration as Wood County Turns 200 in 2020

Watch for upcoming events to mark the County's 200th birthday.

Contact the Wood County Historical Center at 419-352-0967 to see how you get involved in the celebration.

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 Information (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.