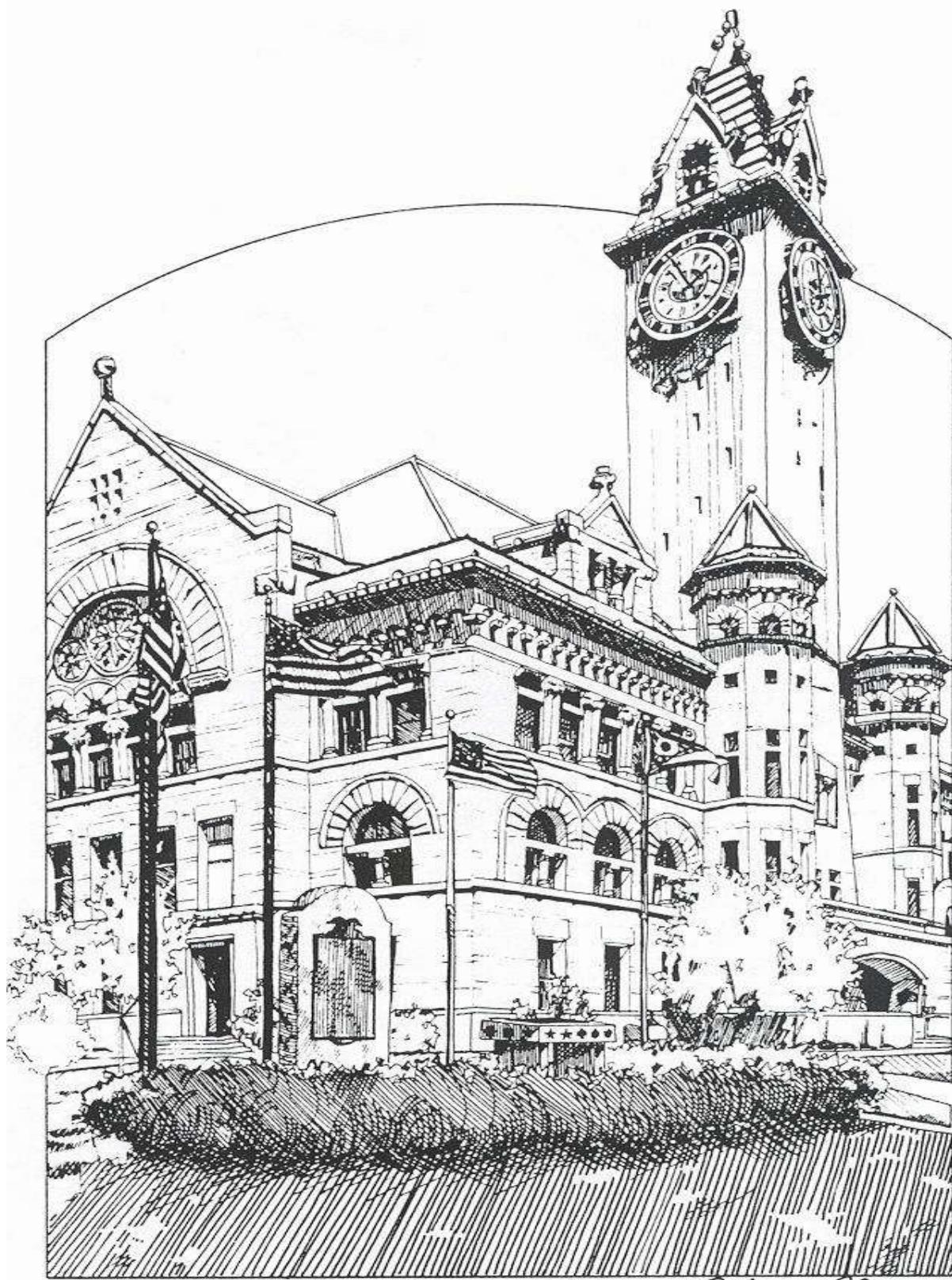


A Guide to Wood County Government

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Wood County Courthouse

Lynn Eibens Morgan

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Wood County Government Office Directory

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Elected Officials and Departments	Phone Toll Free: 866-860-4140	Address	E-Mail
Adult Probation	419-354-9201 (fax: 419-354-9376)	1 st Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square	
Auditor	419-354-9150 (fax: 419-354-9370)	2nd Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square	auditor@woodcountyohio.gov
GIS Department	419-354-3589		
Real Estate Appraisal	419-354-9173 (fax: 419-354-9165)		
Buildings and Grounds	419-354-9082 419-354-9722	Courthouse Complex, One Courthouse Square East Gypsy Lane Complex, 1934 East Gypsy Lane Road	wcmaintenance@woodcountyohio.gov
Building Inspection	419-354-9190 (fax: 419-373-6786)	3 rd Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square	buildinginspection@woodcountyohio.gov
Clerk of Courts			
Legal	419-354-9280 (fax: 419-354-9241)	2 nd Floor, Courthouse, One Courthouse Square	wccoc@woodcountyohio.gov
Auto Title	419-354-9180 (fax 419-354-1322)	1616 East Wooster Street, #16	clerkofcourts@woodcountyohio.gov
Commissioners	419-354-9100 (fax: 419-354-1522)	5 th Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square	commissioners@woodcountyohio.gov
Common Pleas Court 1	419-354-9210 (fax: 419-354-7626)	3 rd Floor, Courthouse, One Courthouse Square	
Common Pleas Court 2	419-354-9220 (fax: 419-354-9223)	3 rd Floor, Courthouse, One Courthouse Square	
Common Pleas Court 4	419-354-9600 (fax: 419-354-9612)	4 th Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square	
Coroner	419-352-1452	640 South Wintergarden, Suite B	
Court Administration	419-354-9042 (fax: 419-354-0331)	1 st Floor, Courthouse, One Courthouse Square	
Jury Commission	419-354-9620 or 1-877-354-9620		
Court Security	419-354-9266 (fax: 419-373-4905)	1 st Floor, Courthouse, One Courthouse Square	wcsecurity@woodcountyohio.gov
Courthouse Complex Security	419-373-4914	1 st Floor, Courthouse, One Courthouse Square	
Dog Shelter	419-354-9242 (fax: 419-353-9802)	1912 East Gypsy Lane Road	wcdogshelter@woodcountyohio.gov
Domestic Relations	419-354-9290 (fax: 419-354-9291)	1 st Floor, Courthouse, One Courthouse Square	
Economic Development	419-352-7469 (fax: 419-354-6084)	639 South Dunbridge Road, Suite 2	wade@woodcounty.com
Emergency Management Agency	419-354-9269 (fax: 419-354-6382)	1 st Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square	woodcountyema@woodcountyohio.gov
Engineer	419-354-9060 (fax: 419-354-1409)	3 rd Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square	engineer@woodcountyohio.gov
Highway Garage	419-354-9071	600 East Poe Road	
Information Technology	419-354-9038 (fax: 419-373-4937)	3 rd Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square	it@woodcountyohio.gov
Job and Family Services	419-352-7566 (fax: 419-353-6091)	1928 East Gypsy Lane Road	jfs@woodcountyohio.gov
Child Support Enforcement	419-354-9270 (fax: 419-354-9371)	1940 East Gypsy Lane Road	childsupport@woodcountyohio.gov
Protective Services Hotline	419-354-9669		
Apply for Benefits/Assistance	1-844-640-6446		
Juvenile Court	419-352-3554 (fax: 419-352-6084)	1032 South Dunbridge Road	
Probate Court	419-354-9230 (fax: 419-354-9357)	2 nd Floor, Courthouse, One Courthouse Square	
Prosecuting Attorney	419-354-9250 (fax: 419-353-2904)	4 th Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square	prosecutor@woodcountyohio.gov
Recorder	419-354-9140 (fax: 419-354-1914)	2 nd Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square	recorder@woodcountyohio.gov
Records Center	419-373-4901	Records Center, One Courthouse Square	recordcenter@woodcountyohio.gov
Sheriff's Office	419-354-9137 (fax: 419-354-9086)	1960 East Gypsy Lane Road	
Jail	419-354-7744 (fax: 419-354-6657)		
Solid Waste Management District	419-354-9297 (fax: 419-354-1620)	5 th Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square	solidwastedistrict@woodcountyohio.gov
Landfill	419-352-0180 (fax: 419-354-6704)	15320 Tontogany Road	
Treasurer	419-354-9130 (fax: 419-354-9619)	2 nd Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square	jspoerl@woodcountyohio.gov
Wood County Museum	419-352-0967 (fax: 419-352-6220)	13660 County Home Road	museum@woodcountyhistory.org
Wood Haven Health Care	419-353-8411 (fax: 419-353-2394)	1965 East Gypsy Lane Road	woodhaven@woodcountyohio.gov

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Independent Agencies	Phone/Fax	Address	E-Mail
Agricultural Society	419-352-0441	13800 West Poe Road	
Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board	419-352-8475 (fax: 419-352-3349)	745 Haskins Road, Suite H	wcadamhs@wcadamh.org
Children's Resource Center	419-352-7588 or 1-888-466-KIDS	1045 Klotz Road	crckids@crcwoodcounty.org
Unison Health	419-352-4624 (fax: 419-354-1774)	1084 South Main Street Suite A	contact@unisonhealth.org
Harbor Wood County	419-352-5387; 419-872-2419	1010 North Prospect; 1033 Devlac Grove; 309 South Main Street; 800 Commerce Drive, Perrysburg, OH 43551	harborinfo@harbor.org
Zepf Center	419-841-7701 ext. 9000	219 South Church Street	woodcounty@zepfcenter.org
NAMI Wood County (National Alliance on Mental Illness)	419-352-0626	541 West Wooster Street 2 nd Fl	infor@namiwoodcounty.org
A Renewed Mind	419-359-5621 419-330-1050	735 Haskins Road, Suites B & C 855 Commerce Drive, Perrysburg, OH 43551	appointmentrequest@ arenewedmindservices.org
Board of Developmental Disabilities (Board of DD) Service & Support Administration	419-352-5115 (fax: 419-760-0002) 419-353-0541 (fax: 419-760-0003)	1921 East Gypsy Lane Road	contact@woodcountydd.org
Board of Elections	419-354-9120 (fax: 419-354-1730)	1 st Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square	boe@woodcountyohio.gov
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	419-354-2886 419-874-7575	1616 East Wooster Street, #30 26611 N Dixie Hwy, Ste 125, Perrysburg OH 43551	
County Public Library	419-352-5104	251 North Main Street	wcdpl@wcnet.org
Educational Service Center	419-354-9010 (fax: 419-354-1146)	1867 North Research Drive	
Environmental Protection Agency	419-352-8461	347 North Dunbridge Road	
Farm Services Agency	419-352-5171 (fax: 419-354-7511)	1616 East Wooster Street #31	
Genealogical Society	419-354-9557	1 st Floor, Office Building	wcogs@wcogs.org
Health Department	419-352-8402 (fax: 419-353-9680)	1840 East Gypsy Lane Road	healthdept@woodcountyohio.gov
Wood County Community Health Center	419-354-9049		
Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	419-354-9661	639 South Dunbridge Road 2 nd Fl	
Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio	419-353-4406 (fax: 419-353-4502)	1012 South Dunbridge Road	administration@jrcnwo.org
Law Library	419-353-3921 (fax: 419-352-9269)	Law Library, One Courthouse Square	srenda@woodcountyohio.gov
Municipal Court		711 South Dunbridge Road, PO Box 326 Perrysburg – 419-872-7900 Fostoria – 419-595-3026	
NorthWest Community Corrections Center	419-354-7444 (fax: 419-354-7445)	13 West Findlay Street Fostoria, OH 44830 1740 East Gypsy Lane Road	
Northwestern Water and Sewer District	419-354-9090 (fax: 419-354-9344)	12560 Middleton Pike, PO Box 348	district@nwwsd.org
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Unemployment Services	877-644-6562	Call the Toll-Free number to file for unemployment benefits	
OSU Extension	419-354-9050	639 South Dunbridge Road, Suite 1	
Park District	419-353-1897 (fax: 419-353-7765)	18729 Mercer Road	office@wcparks.org
Planning Commission	419-354-9128	5 th Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square	
Public Defender	419-354-9244 (fax: 419-353-9865)	123 North Summit Street	
Regional Airport Authority	419-354-2908	1261 East Poe Road	
Senior Center-Committee On Aging	419-353-5661 (fax: 419-352-7448) 800-367-4935	140 South Grove Street	
Social Security Office	866-931-7674	745 Innovation Drive	
Soil and Water Conservation District	419-354-5517	1616 East Wooster, Suite # 32	wcsbcd@woodswcd.com
Special Olympics	419-352-5115 (fax: 419-352-9602)	1921 East Gypsy Lane Road	
Veterans Service Office	419-354-9147 (fax: 419-354-9148)	1616 East Wooster, # 22	

Frequently Used Governmental Services & Providers

Abuse:

Domestic with threat of violence: Dial 911

Child: Job & Family Services 419-354-9669

Senior Citizens: Job & Family Services 419-354-9669

Developmental Disabilities Adult: Board of DD Service & Support 419-353-0541

Addresses, New: Planning Commission 419-354-9128

Adoption: Probate Court 419-354-9230

Agriculture/Horticulture: OSU Extension 419-354-9050

Addiction (Drug/Alcohol/Gambling): Alcohol Drug Addiction Mental Health Services Board 419-352-8475; Harbor 419-352-5387; Zepf Center 419-841-7701; A Renewed Mind 419-873-8280; Unison Health 419-352-4624

Animal Control:

Wildlife Officer 419-429-8397; Humane Society 419-352-7339

Dogs: Dog Shelter 419-354-9242

Annexations: Commissioners 419-354-9100

Behavioral Health: Crisis Hotline 419-502-HOPE

Birth Certificates:

After 1908: Health Department 419-354-1050

1867 - 1908: Probate Court 419-354-9230

Corrections of Birth & Delayed Registrations of Birth: Probate Court 419-354-9230

Boat Registrations: Clerk of Courts 419-354-9180

Bridges: Engineer 419-354-9060

Building Regulations & Permits: Building Inspection 419-354-9190; Driveway/Culvert Permit, Storm Tap Permit, SWP3 Permit: Engineer 419-354-9060

Chemical Disposal, Household: Solid Waste Management District 419-354-9297

Child Advocacy: CASA/GAL 419-352-3554

Child Neglect: Job & Family Services 419-354-9669

Child Support: Child Support Enforcement Agency/JFS 419-354-9270

Children's Services: Job & Family Services 419-354-9669; Children's Resource Center 419-352-7588 or 888-466-KIDS; Educational Service Center 419-354-9010; Health Department 419-352-8402

Civil Protection Orders (Domestic/Dating): Clerk of Courts 419-354-9280; Domestic Relations 419-354-9290

Coroner's Reports: Clerk of Courts 419-354-9280

Court Records: Civil, Court of Appeals, Criminal, Divorce, Misc.: Clerk of Courts 419-354-9280

Criminal Defense: Public Defender 419-354-9244

Day Care: Job & Family Services 419-352-7566

Death, Cause of: Coroner 419-352-1452

Death Records:

After 1908: Health Department 419-354-1050

1867-1908: Probate Court 419-354-9230

Deeds: Recorder 419-354-9140

Developmental Disabilities: Board of DD 419-352-5115; Emergency: Board of DD Service & Support 419-353-0541; Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (Health Department) 419-352-8402

Disaster Response & Recovery: Emergency Management Agency 419-354-9269

Ditches: Engineer 419-354-9060; Soil & Water 419-354-5517

Petitions: Commissioners 419-354-9100

Divorce/Dissolution: Clerk of Courts 419-354-9280; Domestic Relations 419-354-9290; Law Library 419-353-3921

Dog Adoptions: Dog Shelter 419-354-9242; Humane Society 419-352-7339

Dog Bites: Health Department 419-354-2702; Dog Shelter 419-354-9242

Dog Park: Dog Shelter 419-354-9242

Easements: Recorder 419-354-9140

Economic Development: Economic Development Commission 419-352-7469; Planning Commission 419-354-9128

Education: Educational Service Center 419-354-9010; Health Department 419-354-8402; OSU Extension 419-354-9050; Sheriff's Office (DARE) 419-354-9137; Soil & Water 419-354-5517

Elections: Board of Elections 419-354-9120

Emergency Planning & Preparedness: Emergency Management Agency 419-354-9269

Employment: County: Contact individual offices or www.woodcountyohipo.gov
Other: Job & Family Services 419-352-4172; Community Employment Services (Board of DD) 419-352-5115

Enterprise Zones: Planning Commission 419-354-9128

Estates: Auditor 419-354-9150; Probate Court 419-354-9230

Fair Information: Agricultural Society 419-352-0441

Family & Consumer Sciences: OSU Extension 419-354-9050

Financing Statements: Recorder 419-354-9140

Flooding: Co. Roads: Engineer 419-354-9060

Flood Plains: Planning Commission 419-354-9128

Food Permits/Inspections: Health Department 419-354-2702

Food Stamps: Job & Family Services 1-844-640-6446

Foreclosures: Financial Institution: Clerk of Courts 419-354-9280

Tax: Treasurer 419-354-9130; Prosecutor's Office 419-354-9250

Sales: Sheriff 419-354-9137

Foster Care: Job & Family Services 419-354-9669

Fraud Reporting: Auditor of State 1-866-Fraud-OH; Public Assistance Fraud: 419-373-6964

Genealogy/Historical Research: Genealogical Society 419-354-9557; Museum 419-352-0967

Guardianship: Probate Court 419-354-9230

Hazardous Materials Reporting: Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) 419-354-9269

Health Inspections: Health Department 419-352-8402

Home Care for the Elderly: Senior Center 419-353-5661

Homestead Exemption: Auditor 419-354-9173

Immunizations: Health Department 419-352-8402

Jail: Wood County Jail 419-354-7744

Jury Questions: Jury Commission 419-354-9620

Juvenile Delinquency: Juvenile Court 419-352-3554; Prosecutor 419-354-9250

Land Contracts: Recorder 419-354-9140

Land Use: Economic Development Commission 419-352-7469; Planning Commission 419-354-9128

Agricultural: Auditor 419-354-9174

Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office 419-354-9137; Dog Shelter 419-354-9242

Leases: Recorder 419-354-9140

License Plates: Bureau of Motor Vehicles 419-354-2886 or 419-874-7575

Licenses: Business: Auditor 419-354-9150

Cigarette: Auditor 419-354-9150

Drivers: Bureau of Motor Vehicles

419-354-2886 or 419-874-7575

Dog: Auditor 419-354-9150; Dog Shelter 419-354-9242

Marriage: Probate Court 419-354-9230

Vendor: Auditor 419-354-9150

Frequently Used Governmental Services & Providers

Liens: Sales Tax and Judgment: Clerk of Courts

419-354-9280

Mechanic, Federal Estate, Federal Tax, Personal Property, Recognition, Unemployment Compensation, Worker's Compensation: Recorder 419-354-9140

Living Wills: Recorder 419-354-9140

Low-Income Services: Job & Family Services 419-352-7566; OSU Extension 419-354-9050; Community Health Center 419-354-9049

Maps: Auditor GIS 419-354-2958; Engineer 419-354-9060; Planning Commission 419-354-9128; Recorder 419-354-9140; Northwestern Water & Sewer District 419-354-9090

Medical Assistance: Community Health Center 419-354-9049; Health Department 419-352-8402; Job & Family Services 1-844-640-6446

Mental Health: Crisis Number 419-502-4673; Alcohol, Drug Addiction Mental Health Services Board 419-352-8475; A Renewed Mind 419-359-5621; Harbor 419-353-5387; Unison Health 419-352-4624; Zepf Center 419-841-7701; Children's Resource Center 419-352-7588

Mortgages: Recorder 419-354-9140

Mulch Sales: Landfill 419-352-0180

Name Change: Probate Court 419-354-9230

Notary Registration: Clerk of Courts 419-354-9280

Nutrition/Food Safety: Health Department 419-352-8402; OSU Extension 419-354-9050

Nursing Care: Wood Haven Health Care 419-353-8411

Oversize/Overweight Vehicle Permits: Engineer 419-354-9060

Passports: Clerk of Courts 419-354-9280

Paternity: Child Support Enforcement Agency 419-354-9270; Juvenile Court 419-352-3554

Pond Management: OSU Extension 419-354-9050; Soil & Water 419-354-5517

Power of Attorney: Recorder 419-354-9140

Public Assistance: Job & Family Services 1-844-640-6446; Veterans Service Office 419-354-9147

Public Health: Health Department 419-352-8402

Real Estate: Appraisal: Auditor 419-354-9173

Deeds, Mortgages: Recorder 419-354-9140; Sheriff's Office 419-354-9137

Sales: Auditor 419-354-9173; Sheriff's Office 419-354-9137

Tax Maps: Engineer 419-354-9060

Recreation: Park District 419-353-1897

Recycling: Solid Waste Management District 419-354-9297

Refuse Disposal: Landfill 419-352-0180; Solid Waste Management District 419-354-9297; Health Department 419-354-2702

Restaurant Inspections: Health Department 419-354-2702

Roads: Maintenance, Traffic Signs, Hauling Permits, Work in Right of Way: Engineer 419-354-9060

Security Agreements: Recorder 419-354-9140

Senior Citizens Services: Senior Center 419-353-5661

Sewer: Northwestern Water & Sewer District 419-354-9090; Septic/Sewer Systems: Health Department 419-354-2702

Snow Removal (County Roads): Engineer 419-354-9060; Highway Garage 419-354-9071

Stalking Protection Orders: Clerk of Courts 419-354-9280; Domestic Relations 419-354-929; Law Library 419-353-3921

Storm Water Management: Engineer 419-354-9060; Health Department 419-354-2702

Subdivisions: Planning Commission 419-354-9128; Engineer 419-354-9060

Taxes: Delinquent: Treasurer 419-354-9130

Mobile Home: Treasurer 419-354-9130

Personal Property: Treasurer 419-354-9130

Real Estate: Treasurer 419-354-9130;

Auditor 419-354-9173

Map: Engineer 419-354-9060

Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF): Job & Family Services 1-844-640-6446

Titles: Auto, Boat, Manufactured Homes: Clerk of Courts - Auto Title 419-354-9180

Tourism: Economic Development 419-352-7469

Transportation: NetPlus 1-844-353-6779;

Job & Family Services 419-352-7566;

Senior Center 419-353-5661; Veterans Service

Office 419-354-9147; Board of DD 419-352-5115

Utilities Assistance: Job & Family Services 419-352-7566

Veterans: Veterans Service Office

419-354-9147

Discharge: Recorder 419-354-9140

Victims of Crime Forms: Clerk of Courts 419-354-9280

Victim/Witness Assistance: Prosecuting Attorney 419-354-9250

Voter Registration: Board of Elections

419-354-9120

Water: Health Department 419-354-2702; Northwestern Water & Sewer District 419-354-9090

Watercraft Registrations: Clerk of Courts 419-354-9180

Weatherization: Planning Commission 419-354-9128

Weights and Measures: Auditor 419-354-9156

Welfare: Job & Family Services 1-844-640-6446

WIC: Health Department 419-354-9661

Wills: Probate Court 419-354-9230

Youth Development/4-H: OSU Extension 419-354-9050

Zoning: Planning Commission 419-354-9128

Township: Recorder 419-354-9140

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www.woodcountyoio.gov

Federal and State Elected Officials Phone Numbers

U.S. Representatives

5th Congressional District 202-225-6405
Robert Latta 419-354-8700

9th Congressional District 202-225-4146
Marcy Kaptur 419-259-7500

U.S. Senators

Sherrod Brown 202-224-2315
J.D. Vance 202-224-3353

Ohio Representatives

75th District 614-466-8104
Haraz Ghanbari

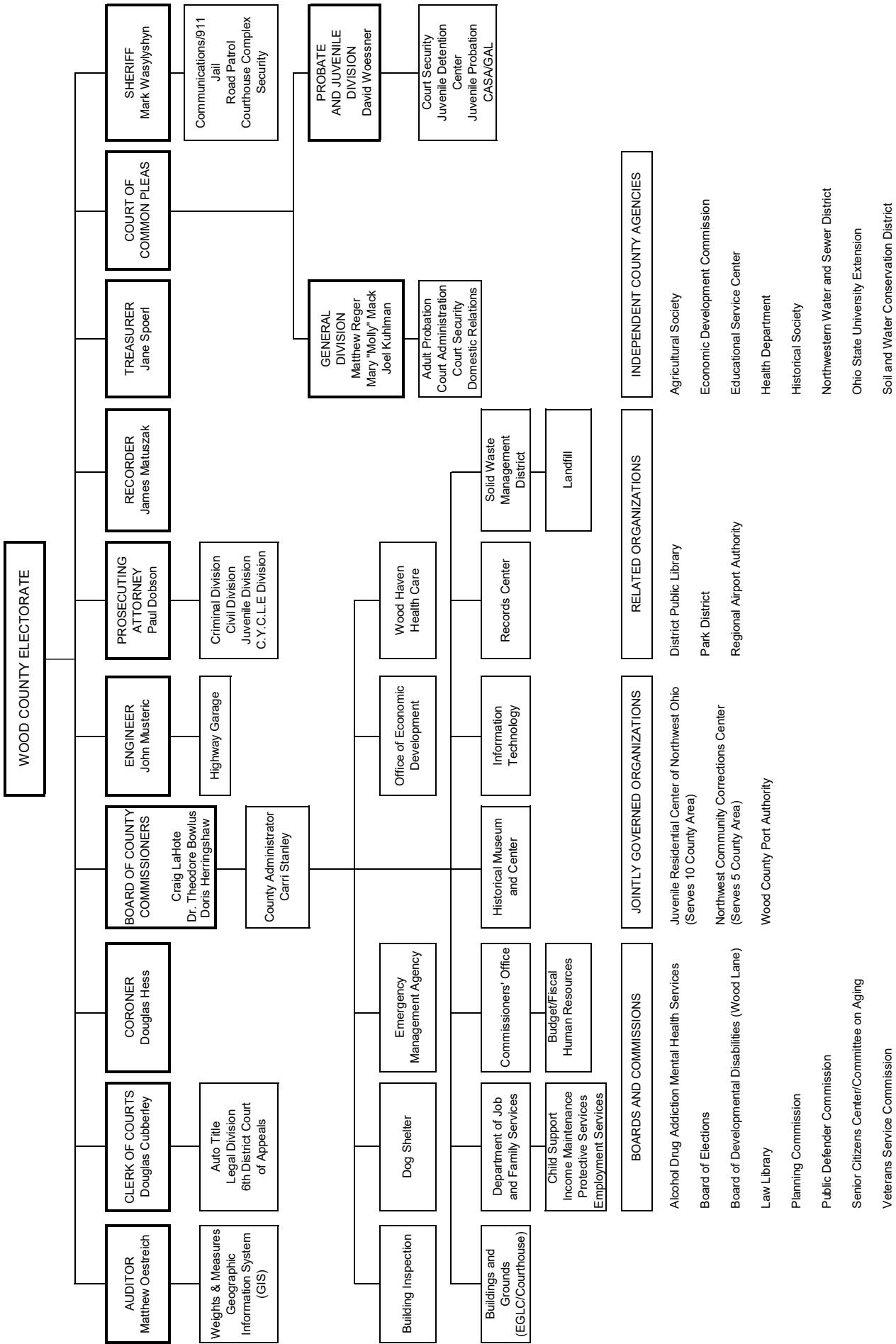
44th District 614-466-1401
Elgin Rogers Jr.

Ohio Senator

2nd Senate District 614-466-8060
Theresa Gavarone

See a complete list of Elected Officials representing Wood County on the Board of Elections webpage at woodcountyoio.gov.

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Wood County Elected Officials

Each Ohio county organized under the general statutory law has eleven elected officials consisting of three county commissioners and an auditor, treasurer, prosecuting attorney, clerk of courts of common pleas, engineer, coroner, recorder and sheriff. There is no chief executive officer; each elected official possesses some executive authority. Wood County has 15 independent elected officials. A brief description of the duties of each elected official is listed. For additional information, refer to the Wood County Annual Report that is available on the Wood County website, www.woodcountyohio.gov.

Auditor • Matthew Oestreich



The Auditor serves as the county's chief fiscal officer and appraiser. He is responsible for financial reports, the county's payroll and the review and payment of all county bills. Distribution to all subdivisions of real estate tax and local government funds are other responsibilities of the Auditor. He is the sealer of weights and measures for the county, serves as secretary of the Budget Commission, Board of Revision and the Data Processing Board, and administers the county's GIS department.

Board of County Commissioners • Craig LaHote, Dr. Theodore H. Bowlus, and Doris I. Herringshaw, Ed.D.



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.

Clerk of Courts • Douglas Cubberley, CCE



The Clerk of Courts is responsible for filing, docketing, indexing and preserving all court pleadings and orders for civil, felony criminal, domestic relations and a few other miscellaneous cases. The Clerk also issues all forms directing service such as: Summons, Warrants to Arrest, Order of Sales, and Notice to Serve to name a few.

In addition, the Clerk is responsible for processing and holding the proof of ownership for motor and watercraft vehicles. The office also is responsible for collecting all title fees and sales tax at the point of sale for each vehicle titled.

The Wood County Clerk of Courts also serves as the Clerk for the Sixth District Court of Appeals.

Coroner • Douglas W. Hess, M.D.



The Coroner 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 generally does not investigate deaths that occur from natural causes, when the person has a family physician. The Coroner is a Ohio licensed physician in good standing who carries out and directs the investigation of deaths in the county. The investigation may involve the scene, as well as labs, x-rays and autopsies as needed. The Coroner is authorized to perform his duties under Chapter 313 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Wood County Elected Officials

Court of Common Pleas • Court 1 – Matthew Reger, Court 2 – Mary “Molly” Mack, Court 4 – Joel Kuhlman



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, contract disputes; administrative appeals, such as those in the areas of workers' compensation, unemployment compensation; and appeals from certain local governments. The Court also adjudicates divorces, dissolutions, child and spousal support enforcement and modification, and the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities.

The Judges supervise 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 appoint members to the Veterans Service Commission, Public Defender Commission, Wood County Law Library Resources Board and the Wood County Public Library Board.

Engineer • John Musteric



The Engineer has the responsibility of maintaining the county's 245 miles of road, 339 bridges, 2,500 culverts and traffic control signs. Under the ditch maintenance program, the Office is responsible for cleaning and debrushing more than 740 miles of open streams and ditches, which is just part of the more than 3,000 miles of open watercourses in the county. The Office also provides cost estimations for road repair projects; assists with grant applications and right-of-way location surveys; investigates drainage problems; and maintains tax map records of daily land transactions such as annexations and parcel splits. The Engineer oversees staff at the County Office Building and at the Highway Garage and also serves as engineer for each of the 19 townships. He is authorized to perform his duties under Chapter 315 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Probate/Juvenile Court • David 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 Probate Court 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.

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 Juvenile Detention Center is also administered through the Juvenile Court. The Juvenile Court's jurisdiction is outlined in, but not limited to, Section 2151.23 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Prosecuting Attorney • Paul Dobson



The Prosecuting Attorney's Office consists of four legal divisions: criminal, juvenile, civil, and appellate. The Criminal Division prosecutes all felony criminal offenses committed in the county by adults. The Juvenile Division prosecutes all cases involving juvenile offenders, whether felony or misdemeanor. Further, the Juvenile Division, in cooperation with the Department of Job and Family Services, prosecutes adults for acts of abuse, neglect or dependency against children (also known as "status" offenses). The Civil Division represented the county, townships and schools in proceedings before state and local administrative agencies, and state and federal courts.

Wood County Elected Officials

Recorder • James Matusak



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. The office takes great care to ensure that every document received is accurately filed, recorded, indexed and retained in an archival form. 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.

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.

Treasurer • Jane Spoerl



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

Governing Boards and 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.

A listing of boards and commissions with Commissioners' appointments is available on the Wood County website under the Board of County Commissioners' link.

If you are interested in serving as a member on a county board or commission, please complete an Application for Volunteer Service located at www.woodcountyohio.gov/commissioners, and return it to the Commissioners' Office along with a copy of a resume for future reference. You may also contact the Commissioners' Office for a copy of the application.



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 county seat. The Act further provided that the unorganized counties of Hancock, Henry, Putnam, Paudling, and Williams should be attached to Wood County for civil purposes until further provisions were made by law.

Wood County was named for Colonel Eleazer 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 County Seat 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.

Listed below are known dates of Village Incorporations. Please note that these dates may differ from the dates the villages were platted.

• Bairdstown	1881	• Milton Center	1869
• Bloomdale	1887	• North Baltimore	1876
• Bowling Green	1855	• Northwood	1962
• Bradner	1889	• Pemberville	1876
• Custar (formerly Lewisburg)	1881	• Perrysburg	1833
• Cygnet	1889	• Portage (first called Portageville)	1857
• Fostoria (formerly Risdon and Rome)	1854	• Risingsun (St. Elms, then Coontown)	1879
• Grand Rapids (formerly Gilead)	1856	• Rossford	1939
• Haskins	1869	• Tontogany	1874
• Hoytville	1886	• Walbridge	1912
• Jerry City (first Stulltown, then Shiloh)	1875	• Wayne (Freeport, then Prairie Depot)	1836
• Luckey	1940	• West Millgrove	1874
• Millbury	1874	• Weston (once known as Taylor Town)	1873

Wood County Population Statistics

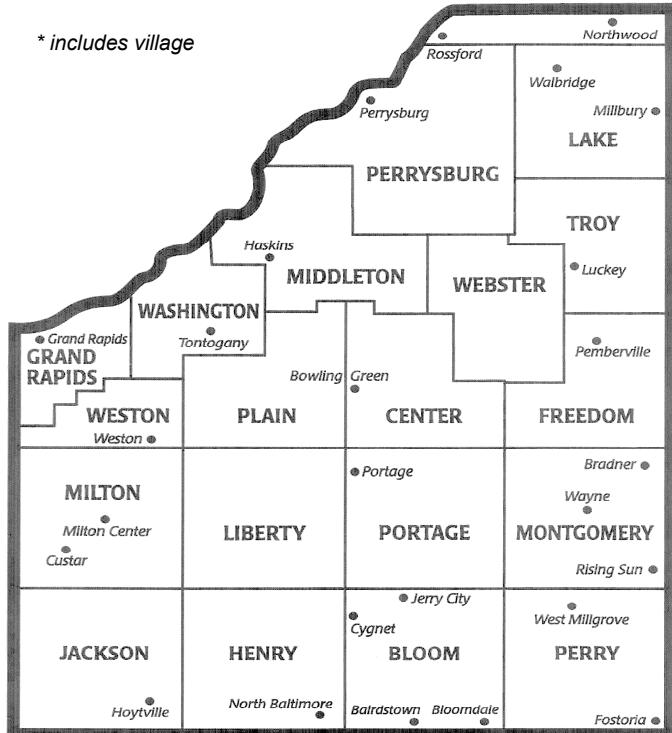
2020 Census: 132,248

2010 Census: 125,488

2000 Census: 121,065

Cities	2020	2010	2000	Townships*	2020	2010	2000
Bowling Green	30,808	30,028	29,636	Bloom Township	2,513	2,609	2,535
Fostoria (Wood County)	1,092	1,038	842	Center Township	1,140	1,206	1,246
Northwood	5,160	5,265	5,471	Freedom Township	2,644	2,727	2,695
Perrysburg	25,041	20,623	16,945	Grand Rapids Township	1,586	1,607	1,631
Rossford	6,299	6,293	6,406	Henry Township	4,079	4,175	4,070
				Jackson Township	702	792	751
Villages	2020	2010	2000	Lake Township	11,160	10,972	10,350
Bairdstown	115	130	130	Liberty Township	1,690	1,766	1,862
Bloomdale	665	678	724	Middleton Township	5,611	4,454	2,598
Bradner	971	985	1,171	Milton Township	929	979	1,159
Custar	178	179	208	Montgomery Township	4,157	4,230	4,505
Cygnet	543	597	564	Perry Township	1,568	1,605	1,934
Grand Rapids	924	965	1,002	Perrysburg Township	13,571	12,512	13,613
Haskins	1,245	1,188	638	Plain Township	1,625	1,663	1,706
Hoytville	220	303	296	Portage Township	1,558	1,614	1,516
Jerry City	454	427	453	Troy Township	4,097	3,870	4,355
Luckey	1,009	1,012	998	Washington Township	1,864	1,841	1,688
Millbury	1,193	1,200	1,161	Webster Township	1,230	1,283	1,277
Milton Center	137	144	195	Weston Township	2,124	2,336	2,274
North Baltimore	3,369	3,432	3,361				
Pemberville	1,326	1,371	1,365				
Portage	398	438	428				
Risingsun	541	606	620				
Tontogany	387	367	364				
Walbridge	3,011	3,019	2,546				
Wayne	841	887	842				
West Millgrove	131	174	78				
Weston	1,455	1,590	1,659				

* includes village



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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)
- Wood County NET Plus (Job and Family Services)
- Marriage License and Probate Records (Probate Court)
- Dog License Purchase and Renewal (Auditor)
- Public Records Policy
- Sex Offender Database (Sheriff)
- Sheriff Sales (Sheriff)
- Bids / Requests for Proposals (Commissioners)
- Election Results (Board of Elections)
- Court Records Search (Clerk of Courts)
- Interactive Map (Engineer)
- Road Closings (Engineer)
- Storm Water Management Program (Engineer)
- Household Hazardous Waste (Solid Waste Management District)
- Spirit of Wood County Awards (Commissioners)
- History of Wood County

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

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

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

If you need help and don't know where to turn, just call any one of the agencies listed and they will guide you to the services you need or view the Yellow Pages of Services on the Wood County website under the No Wrong Door logo.



24 Hour Information and Referral - United Way 2-1-1	Dial 2-1-1
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 Board	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)	419-353-7407