



# Wood County, Ohio

# 2019

ANNUAL REPORT



Celebrating Wood County's Bicentennial: 1820 to 2020  
and the 125th Anniversary of the Wood County Courthouse: 2021

### 2020 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.



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Wood County's 200 years  
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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 Eleazer Derby 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.

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# A Message from the Board of County Commissioners

An otherwise stellar year for Wood County was tempered by heavy, persistent rains in May and June, which left much of the agricultural fields around the county unplanted. While Wood County's farmers are annually near the top of corn, wheat, and soybean production in Ohio, 2019 harvests were dramatically lower. This affected all aspects of agricultural production, including equipment needs, grain elevator services, and fertilizer sales, which combine to represent a very significant part of Wood County's economy.

On a brighter note, we were pleased to participate in the groundbreaking for a new float-glass production facility owned by NSG North America. NSG has been in the glass business in Wood County, specifically Rossford, for more than a century, making sheet glass for automotive and architectural uses. We were thrilled with their announcement about building another glass production facility in Troy Township that will employ 150 people and primarily serve the solar panel production needs of another significant Wood County company, First Solar. As we write this, First Solar is nearing completion of a \$400 million production facility in Lake Township that will employ 500 people. Also in Rossford, Amazon broke ground on a \$175 million fulfillment center. When complete, the new facility will employ 1,000 people with an annual payroll of \$27 million. These are remarkable times for employment in our county!

Wood County was formed in 1820, and its bicentennial will be celebrated in 2020. This will also include a celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Wood County Courthouse for which ground was broken in 1894 and opened in 1896. Consider the amount and pace of change in Wood County since its formation in 1920. From the depths of the Great Black Swamp to the fertile farms, population centers, educational facilities, and industrial opportunities of today, the bicentennial brings an excellent opportunity to celebrate where we have been and look forward to a bright future. Consider as well the many events that have occurred in and around the Wood County Courthouse. Court proceedings, property transactions, elections, Presidential visits, marriage licenses, road and ditch planning, just to name a few.

We live in a terrific county among many, many extraordinary people! Please help us celebrate these wonderful milestones in the coming year.

In 2020, the citizens of Wood County, and the United States will do something vitally important – participate in the US Census. Being counted, and making sure that all people are counted during the Census is important because our representation in Congress is based on population. In addition, the amount of tax money that flows back to local governments from the Federal government is often dependent on population. Please participate and spread the word about Census day, April 1, 2020!



On the back of this report, you will find an article about the Wood County Veterans Memorial project. We encourage you to read the article and participate in helping to bring this project to successful completion in 2020.

We all play a role in what makes Wood County a great place, and we thank you for supporting our efforts on your behalf. Shop locally. Be an active participant in local government. Keep good communication flowing.

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

*Doris I. Herringshaw*  
Doris I. Herringshaw, Ed.D., President

*Craig LaHote*  
Craig LaHote

*Dr. Theodore H. Bowlus*  
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

County Engineer, John Musteric talked with Commissioners in September about the first phase of a study related to storm water and how to handle this issue long-term, possibly through the creation of a storm water management district. Wood County exists today because of good drainage that has kept the Great Black Swamp at bay. Increased development places pressure on our existing drainage systems in terms of water quantity and quality. In 2020, more discussion and information about storm water management will be needed to determine what should happen next with this important topic.

Discussions with Engineer Musteric continued in regards to proposed plans to relocate the County Highway Garage and Engineer's Office to a new facility on East Gypsy Lane Road. Additional research will be needed for this project in 2020.

The Commissioners also continued to work with Sheriff Wasylyshyn to discuss plans for renovating the medical and booking areas of the Wood County Jail, as well as expand housing for females. It is anticipated that this project will cost approximately \$18 million, and will proceed with architectural engineering plans in 2020.

In March, following the retirement of Brad Gilbert, the Commissioners hired Jeff Klein to serve as Director of the Emergency Management Agency. The EMA Director serves a key role in the coordination of local, state, and national resources that may be needed to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects of a disaster. Mr. Klein, from Perrysburg, Ohio, has 32 years of fire service experience having worked most recently for the City of Perrysburg, beginning in 1991, serving as a Firefighter-Paramedic, Assistant Fire Chief, and ten years as Fire Chief.

The Commissioners also selected Carri Stanley to serve as Assistant County Administrator. Mrs. Stanley's duties include preparation and management of the county budget, supervision of the fiscal staff within the Commissioners' Office, and working closely with the County Administrator to guide projects for County offices and departments. The Assistant County Administrator also serves as the Director of the Wood County Solid Waste Management District, including the Wood County Landfill. She is a graduate of Elmwood High School, the University of Findlay, and the

University of Toledo College of Law. She also served as a Senior Assistant Prosecutor in the Office of the Wood County Prosecuting Attorney since 2008.

The Commissioners conducted five Town Hall Meetings to reach residents and provide updates, as well as allow them the opportunity to pose questions and make comments in a convenient setting.

Meetings were held in Pemberville, Risingsun, Grand Rapids, Plain Township, and Jackson Township.

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.

### PORT AUTHORITY ASSISTS WITH DEVELOPMENT

In 2010, the Commissioners created the Wood County Port Authority to serve as another economic development tool for this area.

The Port Authority has participated in the financing of several large projects such as the OI World Headquarters in Perrysburg, the Ohio Logistic Warehouse in Bowling Green, the Walgreens Distribution Center's expansion in Perrysburg Township, First Solar's new manufacturing plant in Lake Township, the new NSG glass plant in Troy Township, and the new Amazon fulfillment center in Rossford.

It also led projects to build the overpass on Liberty Hi Road in Henry Township, and to remove the old railroad bridge that paralleled the Ohio Turnpike bridge from Perrysburg, across the Maumee River into Lucas County.

In 2019, the Port Authority assisted the Wood County Engineer in the reconstruction of the intersection of State Route 795 and Tracy Road, and in 2020 will assist the Engineer in completing roadway improvements on Pemberville Road for the new NSG glass plant.

The Port Authority is currently partnering with the Ohio Department of Transportation to facilitate a study of the State Route 795 corridor to address current and future safety and congestion issues since this road is a major employment connector in Wood County.



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 \$23 million in 2019. Investment income also grew, with a 62 percent increase over 2018. Other large sources of general fund revenue include property tax, casino tax, fees, and fines.

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

#### SALES TAX RECEIPTS

2019	\$22,904,876.40
2018	\$21,938,607.20
2017	\$21,715,016.04
2016	\$20,984,098.38
2015	\$20,019,976.06

#### INVESTMENT INCOME

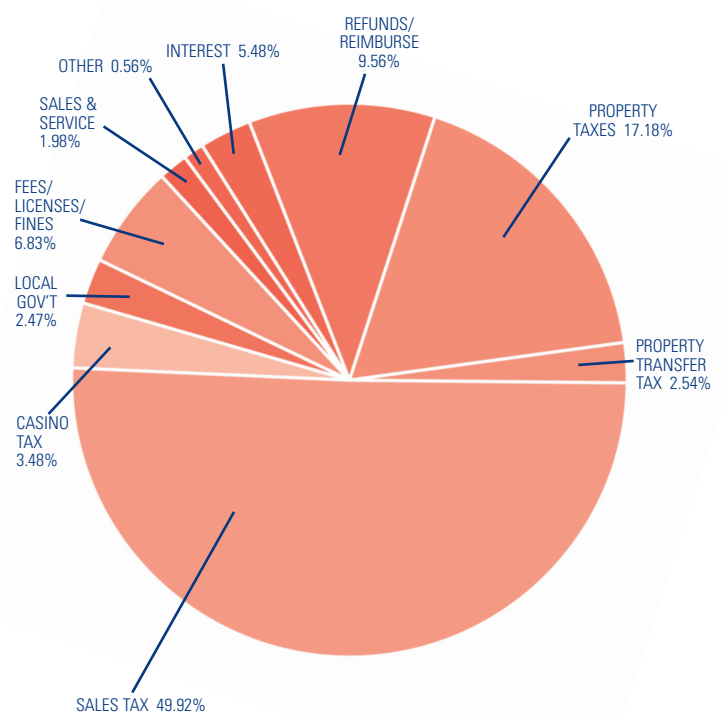
2019	\$2,516,299.44
2018	\$1,553,808.26
2017	\$1,237,387.72
2016	\$1,211,312.14
2015	\$1,199,428.41

#### CASINO TAX RECEIPTS

2019	\$1,595,690.04
2018	\$1,559,237.10
2017	\$1,516,925.42
2016	\$1,534,075.88
2015	\$1,501,611.89

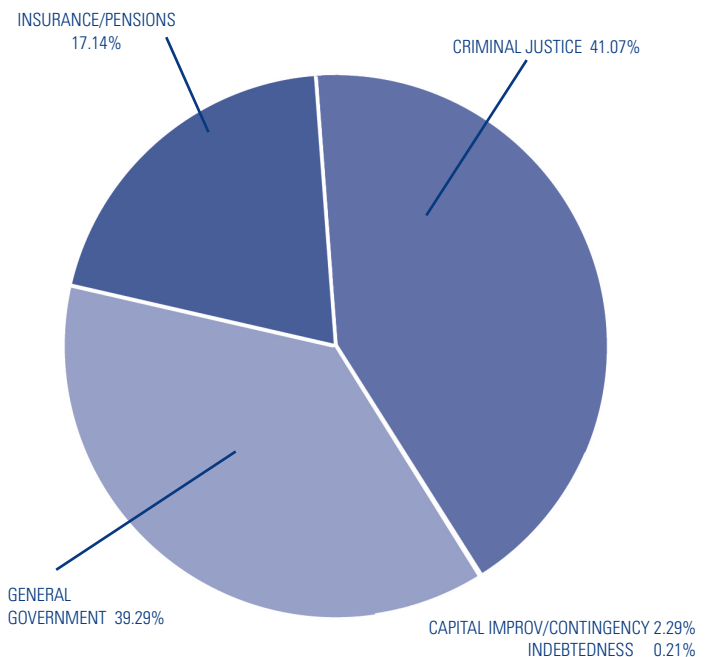
#### 2019 ACTUAL RECEIPTS

\$45,883,700.44



#### 2019 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

\$45,163,739.72



## 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.*

In April 2019, the Children Services unit joined nine Ohio County Children Services Agencies to implement 30 Days to Family®. This national, short-term intervention project is designed to reduce the length of time children spend in foster care; increase the number of children placed with kin; recruit and develop additional foster families; increase the placement and stability of children in foster care; save the partner counties money on placement costs; reduce the use of group care; and reduce the length of time to permanency. Since joining the program eight children were served. With the assistance of this program, placement costs decreased more than \$200,000.

The K-12 Fitted for Success program funded through Prevention, Retention, and Contingency provided backpacks filled with grade appropriate school supplies and brand new shoes and socks to 400 children.

The Income Maintenance unit experienced advancements in technology with new features added to the state phone Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system. Consumers can call to get an electronic response regarding the status of their case and benefit amounts. Outbound calls notify consumers of benefit approvals, documents received or still needed, and renewal reminders. When an outbound call is made to consumers, they are given the option to sign up for text messages, speak with a case manager, or to remove their name from the call list.

OhioMeansJobs continued its partnership with Northwest State Community College to recruit and help low-income young adults with training and support necessary to enter a career and break the poverty cycle.

Transportation services through Wood County NET Plus continued to expand. Trips to select support groups were added in partnership with the Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board. The program served residents without regard to income or assets with transportation to medical, mental health, dental, and vision appointments and is funded through Medicaid, Title XX (federal funds), and local funds provided by the Health Department, Commissioners, and ADAMHS Board. Wood County NET Plus averaged 1,254 one-way trips per month, with costs from all funds totaling \$491,917.83. Use of physical health funds increased due to more dialysis patients utilizing services and better collaboration with the Wood County Committee on Aging.

### INCOME MAINTENANCE UNIT

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	
cash payment cases (MA)	210
Medicaid recipients (MA)	15,724
Medicaid issuance	\$125,997,544
Food assistance recipients	9,586
Food assistance issuance	\$7,956,109
Food assistance issuance per case (MA)	\$220
Children issued food stamps (MA)	2,424

### PROTECTIVE SERVICES UNIT

Children served	2,014
Children placed in substitute care	98
Cost for substitute care	\$2.4 million
Home protective services children	163
Reports of child abuse/neglect investigated	811
Adoptions finalized	4
Certified foster/adoptive homes provided with services	21
Adult Protective Services assessments completed	281
Adults receiving chore services	56
Homemaker visits provided	213

### SOCIAL SERVICES UNIT

Information and referrals	783
Families provided emergency assistance through Prevention, Retention and Contingency program (PRC)	458
Children who received child care services (MA)	460
Transportation (1 way trips) to Medicaid & Title XX services	14,790

### OHIO MEANS JOBS/WOOD COUNTY

Resource Room users	4,114
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) adult and dislocated worker participants	34
CCMEP Youth Employment Program participants	152
On the Job Training Contracts	7
Incumbent Worker Training Contracts	8
MA = Monthly Average	

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

### 2020 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	\$12,760	\$17,609	\$25,520
2	\$17,240	\$23,791	\$34,480
3	\$21,720	\$29,974	\$43,440
4	\$26,200	\$36,156	\$52,400
5	\$30,680	\$42,338	\$61,360
6	\$35,160	\$48,521	\$70,320

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

\$4,480	\$6,182	\$8,960
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## Child Support Enforcement Agency • Frank McLaughlin, Director

*The Child Support Enforcement Agency promotes the well-being of children by providing assistance in obtaining financial and medical support. The Agency works with families to locate non-custodial parents, determine paternity and support obligations, and collect regular support payments for the children served.*

### 2019 CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY STATISTICS

Wood County Children Served	5,964
Total Collections	\$19,261,666.06
License Suspension Program	\$79,631.32
Financial Institution Data Match	\$77,510.42
Insurance Settlements	\$4,405.28
Payouts from Casino/Racino Prizes	\$16,167.35
Interceptions from Unclaimed Funds	\$8,110.61
Other Legal Unit collections	\$108,026.96
Public Assistance Returned to State of Ohio	\$352,012.88
Recouped through Income Tax Refund Offset	\$694,914.68
Reimbursements for Children in Foster Care	\$57,857.12
Civil and Criminal Proceedings Initiated	297
Warrants Issued	310
Warrants Served	167
Requests for Modifications	664
Completed Requests for Modifications	174

The Agency was recognized at the State level for the collection of current support, and ended the year ranked first in Ohio compared to counties of similar size.

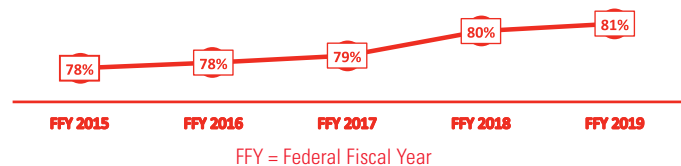
The State's child support guidelines were updated to better reflect current family needs, and the Wood County courts converted to electronic filing of legal documents; both events required changes in local procedures.

Continued local partnerships with the Re-entry Coalition and Project Connect provided community outreach opportunities.

The Agency also launched an updated website to improve consumer access to information and forms.

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.

### Collection of Current Support



## 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.*

Growth in manufacturing, shipping, and warehouse facilities continued with large projects submitted by Amazon, NSG Glass, and Walgreens. Submissions for two new hotels, one in Perrysburg and the second in Bowling Green, were received along with plans for senior living centers in Rossford, Pemberville, Napoleon, and Swanton.

The residential market continued to maintain a steady pace for 1, 2, and 3 family dwellings, with a slight increase of units from the prior year, with the majority of the residential market in Perrysburg and Perrysburg Township. Permits and inspections for manufactured homes also increased.

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 2019 included the 2017 Ohio Building Codes for non-residential structures and the 2019 Residential Code of Ohio

for One, Two, and Three Family Dwellings. These are mandatory codes used throughout the State, even if there is not a residential certified department.

### 2019 BUILDING INSPECTION STATISTICS

Permits Issued	5,849
Total Permit Revenue	\$1,871,377.23
Wood County	\$1,432,692.78
Hancock County	\$223,895.44
Henry County	\$87,928.97
Fulton County	\$126,860.04
Total Inspections Completed	14,956
Wood County	10,572
7,252 Residential/3,320 Non-Residential	
Hancock County	2,587
Henry County	735
302 Residential (Napoleon)/433 Non-Residential	
Fulton County	1,062
253 Residential (Wauseon)/809 Non-Residential	

## Buildings and Grounds

Steve Blausey, Facilities Director

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

Conservation treatment on the two murals in the Courthouse concluded in June. Informational panels outlining the history of the murals were unveiled during a reception in September.

The Buildings and Grounds staff coordinated landscaping improvements throughout the East Gypsy Lane Complex, along with replacement of six roof top units at the Juvenile Residential Center, sprinkler line repairs at the Justice Center, renovations at the Dog Shelter, and rest room updates at the Juvenile Detention Center.

Other coordinated projects at the Courthouse Complex included painting in Courtroom 2; installation of a new storm water pump; carpeting updates in Probate Court and the Recorder's Office; updates to the Commissioners' Hearing Room; installation of a new chiller for the IT Server Room; soundproofing of the Prosecutor's Office conference room; and replacement of the front porch at the Public Defender's Office.

The custodial staff continued to clean the Records Center, Courthouse, Office Building, and the Fuel Building. Their responsibilities included 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.



## 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.*

### 2019 DOG SHELTER STATISTICS

Total Dogs Impounded.....	480
Redemptions .....	220
Adoptions .....	151
Euthanized .....	18
Deceased .....	3
Owner Surrenders for Euthanasia .....	24
Dogs Transferred to Rescues.....	62
Live Release Rate.....	90%
Owner Surrenders .....	94
Incidents Investigated .....	568
Total Licenses Sold .....	20,162
One Year Dog Licenses Sold .....	18,739
Three Year Dog Licenses Sold .....	1,228
Permanent Dog Licenses Sold .....	195
Total Licensed Dogs .....	21,824
Kennel Licenses Sold .....	86
Licenses Sold Online .....	8,832

### DOG PARK OFFERS MEMBERSHIPS

The Wood County Dog Park registered 150 members in 2019. Located next to the Dog Shelter, the Park features three fenced enclosures. Memberships fees were reinvested into the park and provided enhancements at the site including the addition of water stations.

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

*For nearly 100 years, two oak trees grew prominently on the east lawn of the Courthouse. Over the past 20 years, the health of these trees declined and selective trimming removed dead limbs. To ensure the safety of people passing below them and the Courthouse, the trees were removed in May. A new Heritage Oak tree was planted in December on the east lawn of the Wood County Courthouse. All expenses for the new tree were paid by a donor.*



## 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 their tax base while creating and retaining jobs.*



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Another solid year of investment and job creation reduced the County's unemployment to a strong 3.4 percent in November 2019, slightly below the national average of 3.5 percent.

Amazon announced plans to construct a fulfillment center in Rossford. This project will create more than 1,000 jobs when fully staffed as the result

of an investment of at least \$175 million while also bringing in over \$500,000 per year to Rossford Schools. This project was the culmination of a team effort led by the City of Rossford.

NSG North America broke ground and made substantial progress on construction of their previously announced 500,000 square foot, \$265 million float

glass plant that will create 150 new jobs in Troy Township, and generate over \$300,000 per year to Eastwood Schools.

In other endeavors, the Office of Economic Development partnered with Senator Sherrod Brown's office and others to offer our third annual manufacturing camp targeting middle school students in an effort to expose them to a

variety of career opportunities in manufacturing. The camp was a success and is being planned again for 2020.

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  
(January 1 - July 31, 2019)

Carri L. Stanley, Assistant County Administrator  
(effective September 16, 2019)

*A department under the Board of County Commissioners, the Solid Waste Management District operates the Wood County Landfill and is required to ensure 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 that the District provides outreach regarding recycling.*

Site preparation continued at the Landfill for capping of a 5.5 acre area as work was delayed in 2019 due to the excessive rains. Work is expected to begin in June 2020 with completion in late summer. The expansion permit remained under review at 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 5.5 years, based on current waste rates.

The permanent residential 24/7 mixed recycling drop-off locations remained popular with residents. Additional locations opened in Portage and Wayne to assist with recycling in those areas. The total increase in recycling from 2017 to 2019 was 1,259,220 pounds or 629 tons, an increase of 763 percent. For a map of drop-off locations or to see a list of acceptable items visit [www.recyclewoodcounty.org](http://www.recyclewoodcounty.org).

## RECYCLE WOOD COUNTY!

As evidenced by the use of the recycling drop-off locations, people in Wood County want to recycle!

At the same time, concerns arise in regard to recycling's future. First is the on-going disruption of the recycling environment. About two years ago, China stopped importing recyclable materials from the U.S. because the materials were not clean enough, causing China to pay for disposal rather than recycling.

As a result, the markets for recycled materials plummeted. While glass is almost infinitely recyclable, it often costs more than it is worth to transport to recycling facilities. The over-abundance of cardboard and paper materials available for recycling has also caused a marked drop in value. So, what is of value today in the recycling market? Aluminum, steel, and plastic.

Every community with a recycling program is facing the same dilemma: We want to recycle, but at what cost? Do we limit the collection of items to those that can pay their way in the market?

With regard to the County's recycling drop-off locations, proper use is important! These sites are provided at no cost to residents. Please place only recyclable materials in the containers; if the containers are full upon arrival, stop back in a day or two.

## 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.

## Emergency Management Agency

Bradley J. Gilbert, OCEM, Director  
(January 1, 2019 - March 29, 2019)  
R. Jeffrey Klein, Director (effective March 29, 2019)

*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.*

In 2019, an initiative was introduced to identify the needs of skilled nursing facilities in the County. Staff facilitated a table-top exercise providing an opportunity for the participating facilities to understand the dynamics of a disaster that could impact them, as well as how they can work together to fulfill everyone’s needs.

The Agency received approval of documentation submitted to the National Weather Service Cleveland and Ohio EMA for Storm Ready Certification. Completion of a site visit in early 2020 should finalize the certification process.

To bring the most up-to-date methods to the County, staff assisted many neighboring counties with exercises. In addition, Agency staff attended numerous training sessions on infrastructure failure, cyber issues, active shooter, disease spread through animals, and a host of other topics.

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

## CodeRED Emergency Notification System Available County-wide

The Emergency Management Agency became the lead coordinating entity bringing seven separate mass notification systems in the County under one umbrella. This has not only created one county-wide CodeRED Mass Notification System for political subdivisions that did not have a mass notification system, but also saved thousands of tax dollars throughout the County by consolidating the seven contracts into one.

Residents can sign up to receive phone calls, text messages, and/or email alerts of critical communications including weather alerts, boil water advisories, road closures, etc., based on location.

To register for this service, visit the County’s website and select CodeRED under Quick Links.



## Records Center

Brenda Ransom, Records Manager

*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 10,545 cubic-foot records boxes. The Records Center operates under the Board of County Commissioners.*

For the first time in more than a decade, staffing turnover in August affected the Records Center. Even with one less records technician, staff and contracted scanner operators from Work Leads to Independence digitized more than 600,000 pages.

Recorder, Clerk of Courts, and Probate Court employees utilized equipment in the Records Center to carry out projects including microfilming and preservation of historical records. Records from the Sheriff, Public Defender, Auditor, and Commissioners were made more accessible to the originating offices through scanning.

Records Center staff microfilmed County records in addition to documents for officials in Hancock, Mercer, and Williams Counties, bringing revenue to the General Fund that covered microfilm maintenance costs for the microfilm writer.

### 2019 RECORDS CENTER STATISTICS

Records stored (cubic feet) .....	8,640
New records (cubic feet).....	441
Eligible for disposal (cubic feet).....	294
Storage space recovered (cubic feet) .....	276
Pounds of records shredded and recycled .....	17,700
Pages/microfilm images scanned .....	645,095
Rolls of microfilm created .....	256

## 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.*

The department continued training employees on the latest security threats. With respect to other critical technologies, aging equipment was replaced to provide a quicker response to most county-wide applications and the main document management system was updated.



## Historical Museum and Center

Kelli Kling, Director

*In 1816, the Ohio General Assembly authorized Boards of County Commissioners to construct poor houses to care for those unable to provide the basic necessities of life for themselves. The County Commissioners opened Wood County's Poor Farm in 1869, which remained in operation until 1971 before becoming a museum in 1975. 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.*

In 2019, the Museum celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Wood County Infirmary.

The featured exhibit, "For Comfort & Convenience: Public Charity in Ohio by Way of the Poor Farm," depicted the history of Ohio's poor farm system and included modern photographs by Jeffrey Hall of all 88 Ohio county poor farm sites. The exhibit won the Ohio Local History Alliance History Outreach Award and the Ohio State Historic Preservation Award for Public Education and Awareness. The exhibit was also the feature of national, regional, and local media outlets.

The monthly tea and talk series welcomed speakers from across Ohio to address the uniqueness of their county poor farms and connect the dots on how these institutions led to the social services known today. In April, the Center honored those buried in the Paupers' Cemetery with a monument naming 252 confirmed burials.

Through the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Museum exhibited Jacob Riis: How the Other Half Lives. Through journalistic coverage and photographs, Riis documented the living conditions of New York's poor immigrants and laborers in "The Gilded Age" in contrast to millionaires such as Carnegie and Rockefeller.

The staff continued its educational outreach by hosting events such as Demonstration Days, a German-American Story Slam, Living History Day, Friday Night Folklore Tour, and a Gala Fundraiser themed around the poor farm's 150th birthday. These programs combined with educational talks to students and adults served more than 4,500 people, a 12 percent increase from 2018.

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's focus on customer service resulted in recognition and awards during 2019. Aside from receiving a 9.24 out of 10 on their internal customer satisfaction survey, Wood Haven also received the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year; Northwest Ohio Top Workplaces award; the American Health Care Association National Bronze Award; and was voted Best Nursing Home in Bowling Green.

The Delay the Disease (TM) outreach program, the number one exercise program in the country for Parkinson's disease, continued to be offered at no charge to individuals diagnosed with the disease.

### 2019 WOOD HAVEN STATISTICS

Admissions by Pay Type:

Privately Funded Residents.....	7.78%
Medicaid Residents .....	7.39%
Medicare Residents .....	38.91%
Insurance/Managed Care Residents .....	40.47%
Hospice.....	5.45%



Wood Haven Health Care resident Carla Bennett had her dream to ride on a train fulfilled through the facility's Dare-to-Dream program. The program shows the people living at Wood Haven Health Care that dreams do come true. In 2019, four dreams were awarded through private donations to the program.

## 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, Tonya Camden, Jessica Clements\*, Doug Cubberley\*, Fred Dannhauser\*, Leanne Eby, Judy Ennis\*, Marcus Jensen, Stan Korducki\*, Dan Lambert\*, Frank McLaughlin\*, Brad Miller, Sue Moore, Hallie Nagel\*, Corey Speweik\*, Cary Wise\*, and two 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, Paul Dobson, Ann Garcia, Tony Hetrick, Andrew Kalmar, Craig LaHote, Alan Mayberry, Mark Reddin, Matthew Reger, Lori Tretter, Mark Wasylyshyn, Cary Williams, and Chris Zografides

### 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\*, Ellen Dalton, Nathan Eikost\*, John Fawcett, Kenneth Frisch\*, Chet Marcin, and Brian Paskvan\*

### 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

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Hal Brown, Frank Butwin, Dru Cunningham, Judy Ennis, Kenneth Frisch\*, Biff Geer, Rhonda Hogrefe, September Killy, Neil Munger, Nick Pavlik, Michele Raine, Michael Sibbersen\*, Becky White-Schooner, and Irma Wolf\*

### JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE\*\*

Brent Baer, Shelian Beaupre, Tim Brown, Sandi Carsey, Sue Clanton, Judy Knox, Julie Launstein, Stephanie Lauwers, Denise Niese, Cathleen Wenig, and David Wigent

### 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, Jeffrey Schaller, John Schuerman, and Erik Wineland

### PORT AUTHORITY

Cheryl Johnson\*, Milton F. Knight, Ed Nagle\*, James Rossler\*, John Rust Jr., Thomas Uhler\*, and Martha Woelke\*

### PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

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

### REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY\*\*

David Anderson, William Davis, Don Deters, Jeffrey Hamons, Mike Liebenthal, Chad Thompson, and Jack Waddell

### RESIDENTIAL BOARD OF APPEALS\*\*

Ron Bechstein, Tim Enright, Robert Maurer, Laurie Melchior Huskisson, Connor Rose, and Connie Workman  
ALTERNATES: Jeffrey Ford and Tom Pendleton

### TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL\*\*

John Cheney, Valerie Hovland, and Cathy Newlove-Wenig  
ALTERNATES: Tim Harris and Michael Sibbersen

### TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Jim Bagdonas, Walter Celley, Joe Fawcett, Bob Mack, Doug Miller\*, John Musteric, Megan Newlove, Edward Pavuk\*, Mike Rywalski, Jonathon Smith, and Robert Watrol

### 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 Orłowski, and the President and Vice President of the Resident's Council

As of December 31, 2019

\* 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 manufactured home 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 Chapters 319, 322, 323, 5701-5743, et al. of the Ohio Revised Code.*

To reduce costs and increase efficiencies, the Office continued to increase the use of electronic payments and transfers through Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments.

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.

### 2019 AUDITOR STATISTICS

Parcels of real property assessed (valued at over \$3.2 billion).....	75,487
Conveyances processed.....	4,329
Individual land parcels (valued at \$1,752,720).....	6,505
Acres of farmland enrolled in CAUV (Current Agricultural Use Value).....	317,960
Residents enrolled in Homestead Exemption program .....	8,031
Dog licenses sold.....	20,162
Weights and Measures Inspections:	
Commercial Scales.....	678
Gas Pumps.....	1,498
GIS requests.....	109
Forfeited Land Sale Proceeds .....	\$5,000
Parcels.....	7
Manufactured Homes .....	4

### 2019 REAL ESTATE, PUBLIC UTILITY TAX, AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRIBUTION

Wood County.....	\$7,031,085
Northwestern Water & Sewer District.....	\$1,544,119
County Ditch Maintenance/Construction .....	\$512,548
County Sewer and Waterline Projects.....	\$390
Maumee Watershed Conservancy.....	\$103,033
Board of Developmental Disabilities.....	\$19,237,697
Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services.....	\$6,798,220
Park District.....	\$2,683,016
Committee on Aging .....	\$1,879,457
Board of Health.....	\$1,481,946
Historical Center .....	\$149,170
Job & Family Services.....	\$3,490,446
Wood County Library Bond .....	\$282,444
Townships .....	\$17,531,064
Municipalities .....	\$13,340,231
Schools.....	\$124,317,665
Libraries.....	\$3,073,751

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 Chapters 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.

### 2019 TREASURER STATISTICS

Real estate tax collected .....	\$208,322,317.31
Manufactured home tax collected.....	\$951,098.47
Investment income.....	\$2,516,299.14
Taxpayers enrolled in monthly automatic withdrawal plan .....	1,825
Taxpayers enrolled in semi-annual/yearly ACH plan.....	705

## WOOD COUNTY QUICK FACTS

Population: 2010 Census: 125,488; 2018 estimate: 130,696

Land area in square miles: 617.4

Land in farms (acres): 268,767; Number of farms: 1,069

Total cash receipts from farms: \$159,265,000

Private sector goods/service establishments: 2,822

Total Households: 50,187; Median household income: \$58,033

Major & Notable Employers in Wood County: Norplas Industries/ Magna Exteriors; 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: 2018 Ohio County Profile from Ohio Office of Policy, Research and Strategic Planning





## 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 Clerk of Courts - Auto Title Office issued 76,787 auto titles in 2019, which is the second highest number recorded in the County.

In March, the Legal Office staff ventured into the electronic filing world, moving away from "pushing only paper" for case filings. To fund this project, the filer pays a one-time, per-case action convenience fee, eliminating the tax payers' need to fund this project.

Collaboration with the Attorney General for collection of unpaid court costs, fines, and restitution continued with \$58,840.56 returned in 2019. This amount is above and beyond that collected through statutory required billing processes.

### TITLE DOCUMENTS PROCESSED

Auto Titles, Duplicates & Memo Titles	76,787
Motor Vehicle Mortgages Recorded	19,491
Salvage Titles	317
Penalties (for not transferring titles timely)	3,946
Inspections	7,806
Affidavits	22,215
Manufactured Home Archives Recorded	588
Boat Titles, Duplicates and Memo Titles (includes charged replacement titles)	1,462
Watercraft Mortgages Recorded	390
Watercraft Affidavits	146
Watercraft Penalties	754
Watercraft Registrations	846

### TITLE DISBURSEMENT TOTALS \$26,922,298.08

Clerk of Courts	
Certificate of Title Fund Receipts	\$861,896.03
State of Ohio Motor Vehicle and Watercraft	
Casual and Dealer Tax	\$25,836,088.55
BMV Certificate of Title Fees	\$194,813.50
DNR Watercraft Fees	\$3,891.00
DNR Watercraft Registrations	\$25,609.00

### 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](http://www.com.ohio.gov/unfd).

The 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](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	358
Domestic Violence Civil Protection	124
Dating Violence Civil Protection Order	13
Civil Stalking/Sexually Oriented Offense Protection Orders	159
Foreign Support	5
Domestic Cases Reopened	219
Foreign Judgment	2
Criminal Cases Filed	591
Civil Cases Filed (Includes 177 Civil Foreclosure Cases)	704
Land Foreclosure Cases	56
Mobile Home Foreclosure Cases	65
Certificate of Qualification	2
Foreign Subpoena	6
Judgment Liens Filed	1,069
State Tax Liens Filed	2,359
Foreign Judgment Liens	3
Executions Filed (Aid & Writ)	4
Debtor Exams	18
Garnishments	263
Publications	113
Writs of Possessions	18
Total Number of Judgment Entries	14,633
Notary Commissions Filed	362
Passport Applications Accepted	314
Criminal Investigations	8
Search Warrants	218
Coroner's Reports Filed	85

### LEGAL DISBURSEMENT TOTALS \$2,534,319.23

General Fund	\$454,403.18
Legal Research Fees	\$8,631.39
Computerization Fees	\$113,021.43
Interlock Fees	\$150.00
Traffic Fines	\$675.00
Mediation Costs	\$48,797.25
Fines Paid to the Law Library	\$1,250.00
Statutory Fees Paid to non-Wood County entities	\$103,571.56
Funding Shelters for Victims of Domestic Violence	\$10,322.89
Fees Paid to Adult Probation Supervision	\$26,361.29
Fines to Prosecutor Law Enforcement Trust Fund	\$2,177.62
Fees Paid to the Sheriff	\$111,455.13
Fines Paid to the Sheriff	\$6,491.53
Interest Paid to General Fund	\$4,456.69
Fees Paid to Appraisers	\$29,535.00
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	\$1,613,019.27

## 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 prosecuted major crimes, including *State v. Brianna Mockenstrum* who entered a guilty plea to two counts of Involuntary Manslaughter and was sentenced to two 8-year sentences to be served consecutively; *State v. Kelly O'Brien* who was convicted of stealing \$15.8 million from area dealerships and investors and was sentenced to 18 years in prison; and *State v. Harold Simpson* who was convicted of multiple sex offenses involving minors and received 28.5 years in prison. The Criminal Division also saw the successful prosecution of several drug cases, including *State v. Cody Halka* who was sentenced to 33 years in prison after being found guilty of 21 counts of drug trafficking.

The Civil Division rendered legal opinions; negotiated, drafted, and reviewed contracts; and initiated and defended civil actions and appeals on behalf of their clients in both the state and federal courts. Prosecutor Dobson also conducted training on "First Amendment Audits", a social movement that often involves filming in a public space.

Prosecutor Dobson's office awarded the annual 'Servant and Sword Award' to Trooper Ann Malone from the Ohio State Highway Patrol for her outstanding service to the community.

### 2019 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY STATISTICS

#### Criminal Division

Cases opened .....	756
Indictments .....	426
Bills of Information for adult felony cases .....	15
Cases resolved by jury or court trial (22 guilty/2 not guilty) .....	24
Cases disposed .....	413
Cases disposed in Municipal Court .....	86
Victims of crimes served .....	1,403

#### Juvenile Division

Delinquency cases .....	711
Unruly cases .....	57
Traffic cases .....	570
Permanent custody cases filed .....	7
Felony level offenses adjudicated .....	45
Adult contributing to minors .....	17
Abuse/neglect/dependency cases filed .....	487
Adult Protection Services petitions .....	4

#### Civil Division

New client matter files opened .....	271
Contracts prepared/reviewed .....	432
Formal opinions issued .....	14
Total bank foreclosures .....	186
Total real estate tax foreclosure .....	56
25 dismissed with payment/10 sold/3 forfeited/18 pending	
Total mobile home tax foreclosure .....	65
44 dismissed with payment/6 sold/5 forfeited/10 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 veterans' 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.*

The Office implemented a fraud alert program allowing property owners to receive a phone call or text message when a document was filed regarding their property.

The number of documents filed electronically nearly doubled from 2018. In all, 4,375 documents were filed electronically accounting for 26 percent of the total documents for the year.

### 2019 FEES & DISBURSEMENTS

Total Fees Collected .....	\$1,033,300.84
Paid to Ohio Housing Trust Fund .....	\$510,242.45
Paid to Recorder's Supplemental Equipment Fund .....	\$65,956.00
Paid to General Fund .....	\$457,102.39

### 2019 RECORDER'S DOCUMENTS

Documents recorded/filed .....	16,903
Deeds .....	5,245
Judgment entries and certificates for transfer .....	116
Mortgages (total value \$7,012,302,681.38) .....	4,523
Mortgages released (with a value of \$4,166,029,622.55) .....	4,946
Land Contracts .....	33
Rights of way and easements .....	140
Leases .....	27
Mechanics liens .....	36
Plats .....	10
Federal Tax Liens .....	124
Financing statements .....	84
Terminations .....	77
All Others .....	1,542

### Addiction Response Collaborative (A.R.C.)

Referrals .....	49
(29 Entered Treatment/Jail with 21 ongoing; 1 Referred to Other Programs; 17 Rejected A.R.C./Could not be located)	

### Appellate Division

Sixth District Court of Appeals merit briefs submitted .....	43
Cases decided (36 affirmed/4 reversed) .....	40
Ohio Supreme Court defense jurisdictional briefs submitted (8 denied/0 accepted) .....	8
Ohio Supreme Court State's jurisdictional briefs submitted (1 denied/0 accepted) .....	1

## 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, it returns 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



Mary "Molly" Mack  
COURTROOM 2



Alan R. Mayberry  
COURTROOM 4

### 2019 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS STATISTICS

Cases Completed.....	2,517
Pending Cases .....	872
General Civil Cases Completed .....	885
Domestic Relations Cases Completed .....	984
Criminal Cases Completed .....	648

### COURT SECURITY STATISTICS

Jury/Court Trials .....	36
Stalking/Domestic Violence Hearings .....	500
Public Escorts by Court Security.....	1,187
Persons Taken into Custody by Court Security.....	171
Prisoner Escorts by Court Security .....	1,226

### 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.*

### 2019 ADULT PROBATION STATISTICS

Pre-sentence investigations conducted.....	323
New offenders under department supervision .....	338
Offenders supervised.....	1,153
Individuals terminated from supervision .....	274
Drug tests conducted.....	2,553
Offenders placed on Intensive Supervision .....	118
Offenders placed on Electronic Monitoring .....	117
Offenders committed to Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) .....	56

During 2019, Judge David E. Woessner (Probate/Juvenile Division) served as Presiding Judge; Judge Mayberry served as Administrative Judge; Judge Reger represented the Court on the Judicial Advisory Board for the NorthWest Community Corrections Center and served as Court Security Judge; and Judge Mack represented the County on the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District Court.

In September, the passage of Senate Bill 263, known as the Ohio Notary Public Modernization Act, transferred all applications for notary commissions, renewals, online authorizations, and updates to contact information from the Court to the Ohio Secretary of State.

Cases continued to be referred to mediation by all divisions of the Court with 177 such referrals occurring in 2019. Approximately 81 percent of the cases referred were resolved without further court proceedings.

The Court facilitated monthly legal clinics to provide information for self-represented parties about the necessary forms that are required to accompany a complaint for divorce or a petition for dissolution. For children involved in a case, the Court provided a program for the children with a licensed counselor to help the children cope with the transition from one home to two homes. Parents are also referred to various seminars to help them understand what their children are experiencing and to help them work with their children.

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.



## 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.*

#### 2019 PROBATE COURT STATISTICS

New Cases Opened .....	818
Re-Opened Cases .....	39
Estates .....	543
Guardianships and Conservatorships (non-emergency) .....	61
Adoptions .....	32
Civil Actions .....	26
Marriage Applications .....	754
Minor Settlements .....	6
Name Changes .....	108
Birth Registrations/Corrections .....	8
Other Miscellaneous .....	28
Emergency Actions (Guardianships, Mental Illness, Adult Protective Services) .....	6
Volunteer Program Active Guardians .....	18

In 2019, the Court experienced a significant increase in miscellaneous cases, most notably in the name change category. Much of this increase stems from the documentation required to obtain a federally compliant driver's license.

As a public service to the community, Judge Woessner continued to host educational courses and provided materials to assist attorneys and court users.

#### PROGRAMS SEEK VOLUNTEERS

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 or neglected. 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](mailto:casa@co.wood.oh.us) for more information on the CASA program.

*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 described in part in Section 2151.23 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

#### 2019 JUVENILE COURT STATISTICS

Cases filed .....	2,678
Cases disposed of .....	2,677
Cases of alleged abuse, neglect or dependent children .....	497

#### JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Pretrial and short term commitments .....	404
Males housed .....	287
Females housed .....	117

#### JUVENILE PROBATION

Youth and adults under supervision .....	204
Families served under Intervention/Diversion .....	67
Community service participants .....	110
Community service hours .....	2,480.50
Restitution paid to victims .....	\$4,846.99

#### COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE/ GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM (CASA/GAL)

Volunteers .....	35
Children served .....	145
Child cases referred .....	94

#### NOMINATE SOMEONE YOU KNOW FOR A SPIRIT OF WOOD COUNTY AWARD

Nominations for the 2020 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 2020 Awards will be presented in October during a special ceremony in the Alvin L. Perkins Atrium.

Honorees from 2019 included Rossford resident Bradley Gilbert, Self-Government; Middleton Township resident Collette Dickey, Agricultural Leadership; former Bowling Green resident Father Mark Davis, Religion and Liberty; Perrysburg Township residents Reeve Kelsey, Liberty Through Law/Human Freedom; Julie Danko, Education for Civic Responsibility; Philip Rudolph Sr., Industrial/Economic Development. Weston Township resident George Stossel received the Lyle R. Fletcher Good Citizenship Award.

## SHERIFF



Mark Wasylyshyn

*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 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.*

## 2019 WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

## CIVIL DIVISION

Sheriff foreclosure property sales	119
Proceeds from parcels sold	\$2,729,254.98
Execution of Certificates of Judgment	14
Service fee income to General Fund	\$147,348.84
Warrants, summons, subpoena & indictments served	3,526
Civil Protection Orders served	285
Child support warrants served	212
Inmates extradited from out of state	68
Prisoners transported to penal institutions	215
Prisoners transported between agencies	762

## DETECTIVE BUREAU

Cases assigned	438
Cases cleared by arrest/closed/inactive	343
Cases pending investigation	52
Theft/fraud/forgery	172
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	45
Suspicious incident/departamental	38
Death/suicide	19
Sex offense/child abuse	19
Narcotic investigations	197
Fines/forfeitures to Drug Fund	\$13,248.78
Fire/arson	15
Human trafficking/prostitution/solicitation	32
Homicide	1

## 911 DIVISION/COMMUNICATIONS

911 calls answered	37,529
Fire calls dispatched	10,977
EMS calls dispatched	11,263
Calls dispatched to WCSO deputies	22,512
Cities, Villages, Townships, & Park District calls dispatched	38,532
Warrants entered into state/national databases	2,269
Protection orders entered into national database	499

## ROAD PATROL DIVISION

Complaints received and investigated	22,512
Criminal charges	503
Traffic citations	1,316
Traffic warning written/verbal	5,008
Weight enforcement stops	54
Weight enforcement citations	47
Crashes investigated	1,027
Injury crashes	205
Injured persons	270
Fatal crashes	3
Driving under the influence – DUI	79
Driving under suspension – DUS	150
Miles driven by all Sheriff's vehicles	989,262

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ENFORCEMENT

Domestic violence arrests	68
Court case victim assistance	120
Students taught in six schools	270
Sex offense/crimes against children	5
Cases assisted	292
Temporary protection order violation arrests	12

## SEX OFFENDERS

Registered	134
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## COURTHOUSE COMPLEX SECURITY

Magnetometer readings	108,949
Prohibited items held	838
Calls for Service	34

WEAPON PERMITS &  
BACKGROUND CHECKS

Concealed Carry Weapon Permits issued	849
Permits renewed	1,298
Persons fingerprinted for background checks	1,219

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Citizens Police Academy students	12
Youth identification cards	876
Threat Assessment Trainings	835

## JAIL

Inmates booked	3,407
Inmates released	3,394
Average daily population	151
Inmates transported to local courts	1,644
Total meals served	
– Jail	179,517
– Juvenile Detention Center	21,944
– Juvenile Residential Center	32,419
Average meals served per day	.657
Average meal cost (with labor)	\$2.57
Out-of-county inmate housing income	\$640,531

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	693
D.A.R.E. students grades K-6	1,736
D.A.R.E. students grade 7	312
Education/prevention classes	43
Education/prevention students	1,959
School staff members	280
Safety Towns	3
Children participating in Safety Towns	310

## VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY PROGRAM

Members	32
Special events worked	24
Funeral escorts	207
Hours of work volunteered	3,731

## EXPLORER PROGRAM

Members (Young adults 15 - 20)	18
Hours volunteered	1,000
Special events	20
Classroom hours	48
Field Trips	3

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAUNCHES ARE YOU OKAY? PROGRAM

In a partnership with the Wood County Committee on Aging, the Sheriff's Office has launched the *Are You Okay?* Telephone Reassurance Program to Wood County seniors who live independently or are disabled in some way to assure their well being.

The system is free to County residents and is a pre-recorded message that calls a participant

at a specific, designated time on a day(s) of their choosing. This software system will then acknowledge that the participant answered the call and will call them at their next scheduled time. If the participant does not answer, the system will call back a determined number of times before a deputy is sent to check on the individual. To learn more about this program call 419.354.9005.

**Are You  
OK?<sup>®</sup>**  
**Telephone  
Reassurance  
Program**

## 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 signs. The Office is responsible for cleaning and debrising more than 681 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 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.*

## 2019 COMPLETED PROJECTS

### ROAD PROJECTS

#### Resurfacing/Rehabilitation

Huffman Road (Portage Twp) - 315 Fund ..... 3 Miles

#### Surface Treatment (Chip/Seal)

Cygnat Road (Bloom/Perry Twps) ..... 8.5 Miles

Liberty Hi Road (Henry/Liberty Twps) ..... 2.7 Miles

#### Microsurfacing

Sugar Ridge Road - 315 Fund

(Center/Middleton/Webster/Troy/Freedom Twps) ..... 12 Miles

Carter Road (Center/Middleton/Webster Twps) ..... 7.2 Miles

Stony Ridge Road - 315 Fund (Webster/Troy Twps) ..... 3.75 Miles

Pavement Markings: Various ..... 73 Miles

#### Culvert/Storm Sewer

Mermill Road Wayne Road

Huffman Road Emerson Road

Lemoyne Road Cygnat Road

### BRIDGE PROJECTS

Bays Road over Middle Branch Portage River (Liberty Twp)

Oil Center Road over Rocky Ford Creek (Bloom Twp)

Long Judson Road over West Branch Tontogany Creek (Washington Twp) - 315 Fund

Hull Prairie Road over Plain Township Trustee Ditch (Perrysburg Twp)

### DRAINAGE PROJECTS

#### Ditch Construction

Moser 2480 ..... 1.8 Miles

#### Ditch Maintenance

Cleanouts ..... 23 Miles

Debrushing ..... 1.23 Miles

Bank Protection and Repair ..... 0.71 Miles

Sprayed Vegetation ..... 143 Miles

Mowing ..... 25 Miles

Storm Water: Construction Sites Inspected ..... 342

### PERMITS ISSUED

Storm water ..... 32

Special Haul (Overweight/Oversize) ..... 459

Driveway, culvert, utilities, road cuts/bore ..... 129

### TAX MAP REVIEWS

Deed Pre-approvals ..... 1,608

Deed Final Approvals ..... 2,046

New Parcels ..... 651

Total Parcels Reviewed ..... 5,982

## 2019 SOURCES OF INCOME

Motor Vehicle License Fees .....	\$5,294,756
Gasoline Tax .....	\$2,939,200
Traffic Fines and Receipts .....	\$146,081
Reimbursements .....	\$607,866
Refunds .....	\$26
Grants .....	\$563,620
Permits/Other Receipts .....	\$88,445
Interest .....	\$116,703
General Fund .....	\$540,868
Capital Improvement Fund 315 .....	\$1,820,504
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$12,118,069</b>



Hull Prairie Road Bridge Project in Perrysburg Township.

## 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 248 cases in 2019, of which 96 were determined by the Coroner.

Auto Accidents .....	8
Drug Accidents .....	16
Falls/Accidents .....	11
Other Accidents .....	4
Natural .....	28
Suicide .....	8
Pending .....	21



## 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 elections in 2019. The Primary Election on May 7 held in the Perrysburg Municipal Court District, Bowling Green, and Fostoria included two tax issues and questions. The General Election on November 7 saw 206 candidates on the ballot along with 33 local questions and issues.

Voters utilized new electronic Poll Books in the May Primary and new ICX voting units in the General Election. Both new systems were purchased using State and County funding. The State of Ohio provided just over \$1,300,000 with the Commissioners appropriating \$900,000. The ICX voting units replaced the 12-year-old voting system implemented in 2006.

The Board continued to equalize and consolidate the number of precincts and reduce the overall number of polling locations in the

County. Voters were effected in Center, Plain, Webster, Freedom, Bloom, Perry, Montgomery, Portage, Liberty, Henry, Milton and Jackson Townships as well as Northwood. Since 2018 the Board of Elections has reduced the overall number of voting precincts by four and the number of voting locations by 23, leaving 95 precincts and 31 voting locations.

Total registered voters as of December 31, 2019, was 90,502. 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 2019, of that 1,826 were new registrations.

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

### 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 everyone in the County.*

Vaping and electronic cigarettes quickly became a focus in 2019, as people began reporting illnesses and lung injuries that have been connected to the devices. With youth use of these products on the rise, vaping and e-cigarettes remain a health priority for Wood County.

The long-awaited dental expansion of the Community Health Center opened in 2019 and offered patients access to a wide range of dental services, including cleanings, X-rays and fillings.

The Health Department's website provided fact sheets and additional resources for the public on health promotion and preparedness as the Ohio Department of Health, in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, continued to closely monitor the coronavirus disease 2019, first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China.

In preparation of the celebration of 100 years of public health in Wood County in 2020, staff worked to gather a history of the department and planned events.

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.

### LAW LIBRARY

Bev Wagener, Law Librarian (Jan. 1 - June 28, 2019)

Sarah Lulfs, Law Librarian (effective June 19, 2019)

*The Wood County Law Library, operating under Section 307.51 et seq. of the Ohio Revised Code, provides legal information needs to the citizens, courts, and government with both print and electronic materials. 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 law. Online databases provide access to federal and other states' law. The governing board, the Law Library Resources Board, is composed of five members - two appointed by the County Commissioners and one member each by the Municipal Courts, Common Pleas Court, and the Prosecuting Attorney.*

At the end of 2019, updates to the current library space and layout began to create a more functional environment for legal research. Staff also evaluated books for the accuracy of the information they contain and rearranged the collection in Library of Congress order for searching convenience.

Although legal advice cannot be obtained at the Law Library, the staff can assist the public in finding forms and information 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.

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 1,200.	staff provided the national program Million Hearts®. This program provided classes and information to 24 residents on how to improve cardiovascular health through behavioral change. The Dining with Diabetes program remained popular and provided nutrition related information to those affected by the disease. Staff also conducted 13 food safety training classes for licensed food operators regarding safe food handling.	Women in Agriculture, a one-day workshop conducted in March, engaged 200 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.	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.
In addition, the 4-H CARTEENS program taught 125 first-time juvenile traffic offenders valuable safety information utilizing a “teens teaching teens” approach to traffic education while also building offenders’ self-esteem and interpersonal skills.		The Office conducted agricultural research projects in the areas of nutrient	
Family and Consumer Science			

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.

Wood County received \$280,000 in funding for the CDBG grant in 2018 to repair Superior Street in Custar; install ADA curbs and ramps at intersections throughout Pemberville; and reconstruct the sidewalk and install ADA compliant curbs and ramps along Main Street in Risingsun. The State changed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to a two-year program cycle in 2018 providing additional time to complete awarded projects.

The Commission heard and reviewed 16 rezoning requests. Of these requests, six involved text changes to current zoning resolutions in Plain, Liberty, Middleton, and Grand Rapids Townships. The remaining requests involved the rezoning of existing lands in Henry, Troy, Perrysburg, Middleton, Plain, and Lake Townships.

Staff provided assistance to Plain and Grand Rapids Townships as they work to update their zoning regulations.

The Commission also researched and drafted sample language regarding privately owned solar powered generating facilities.

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

2019 PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIVITY

Minor parcel split transactions.....	103
Total acres in minor parcel splits.....	913
Transactions involving parcel combinations .....	28
Residential subdivisions approved .....	2

UNITED STATES CENSUS 2020: BE COUNTED

Every 10 years, the United States Census Bureau undertakes a mammoth task: counting all the people residing in the United States, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories.

Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire—online, by phone, or by mail.

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

Learn more about the importance of the #2020Census and how to participate: <https://www.2020census.gov/>.

## PUBLIC DEFENDER • Kathleen Hamm, Chief Public Defender

*The Public Defender provides constitutionally mandated legal representation for indigent defendants in juvenile and criminal cases within Bowling Green, Perrysburg, and Fostoria Municipal Courts; Juvenile Court; and Common Pleas Court. 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 2019, staff represented approximately 2,350 clients. Cases included felonies, misdemeanors, delinquencies, status offenses, 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.

Funds for appointment of counsel are budgeted by the Commissioners and reimbursed by the State. The State Budget included additional funding for indigent defense which resulted in a significant increase in reimbursement to the County for 2019. Ohio law mandated that individuals requesting representation to pay a \$25 application fee. The County retained 80 percent of the fee to offset the costs of providing legal representation.

The duties of the Public Defender are outlined in Chapter 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 case load in the Northern part of the County.

## 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.*

Ohio Senate Bill 299 created two new assistance programs for producers and enrolled 423 acres in the Working Lands Buffer program, while 1,605 acres enrolled in the Small Grains Program.

In addition, \$30,000 of the funds were set aside for Wood County producers to plant cover crops, helping to protect the soil from erosion in one of the most challenging years of agriculture. The Commissioners provided an additional \$40,000 for this project, with total enrollment of 5,013 acres.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) worked with farmers to plan 42 new contracts covering 16,528

acres of conservation practices committing \$878,087 in federal funds. District staff assisted with one manure storage facility, nutrient management, strip-tillage, conservation crop rotation, and 14,389.5 acres of cover crops.

The District also partnered with the Farm Service Agency to provide a local greenhouse option for producers to fulfill Mid Contract Management obligations. Over 5,000 native plant plugs were planted by Wood County landowners in local filter strips.

Six private ditch improvement projects were completed encompassing more than 10 miles.

## VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER

Mary E. Hanna, Executive Director

*The Wood County Veterans Assistance Center advises and assists persons in the Armed Forces of the United States, veterans and their families, in obtaining rights and benefits under any law of the United States or of Ohio and advocates for the protection of these benefits and rights. The goal of the Center is to provide compassionate, high quality veteran-centered services to Wood County veterans. The Veterans Service Commission operates under Chapter 5901 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

Veterans reached out for \$67,252.62 in emergency financial assistance through the Center.

For every dollar spent by the County on veteran assistance, the Center brought \$76.22 in federal money back into the County to benefit those veterans directly receiving assistance.

### VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER STATISTICS FOR 2019

Veterans Residing in the County.....	15,583
Total Client Contacts .....	12,324
Veterans Transported to Medical Facilities .....	798
Veterans Photo I.D. Cards Issued.....	95
Memorial Day Appropriations .....	\$8,170
Flags/Grave Markers Distributed.....	11,399
Federal VA Claims/Documents Processed.....	30,607
Total Federal Dollars Brought into County .....	\$34,410,000

## 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.

The Center also issues Veteran Identification Cards containing the veteran's photo, address, branch of service, dates of active military service, and character of discharge.



**HOW TO CONTACT US...** Call 419-354-9000 or 1-866-860-4140 (toll-free) and let us help you.

## 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](http://jfs.ohio.gov/fraud/index.htm)

### **Public Assistance Call Center**

1-844-640-6446

### **Medicaid Consumer Hotline**

1-800-324-8680

### **NetPlus Transportation Network**

1-844-353-6779

### **Addiction Response Collaborative (A.R.C.)**

419-373-3900

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

**[www.co.wood.oh.us](http://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:**

- CodeRED (Emergency Management Agency)
- 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, Storm Water Management & Interactive Maps (Engineer)
- Household Recycling Information (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.

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 .....	855-891-7325 or 419-329-2900
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.*



### Wood County Government

One Courthouse Square  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

## PLEASE SUPPORT THE WOOD COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL

The existing Wood County Veterans Memorial was established on the southwest corner of the Courthouse lawn in 1950 through a gift of the WWI, WWII memorial from the Gold Star Mothers of Wood County. Memorials for Korea and Vietnam were added through donations from veterans organizations. Time and weather have taken their toll and the site today is clearly in need of restoration to respectfully recognize the people who gave their lives.

As part of the County Bicentennial, a group of local veterans designed a new Veterans Memorial that will recognize all residents who died in service to our country. The \$400,000 project will also create an area that is accessible to people with disabilities and be conducive to memorial services.

More than half of the \$400,000 goal has been raised. Please consider joining fellow citizens in supporting the new Veterans Memorial by mailing your contribution today. The expected rededication date is November 11, 2020. To learn more about this project, please visit: [www.co.wood.oh.us](http://www.co.wood.oh.us)

### WOOD COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITMENT OF SUPPORT

I/We wish to support the Memorial for Wood County Veterans campaign with a gift of:

- ☐ \$50 ☐ \$125 ☐ \$200 ☐ Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Securities (Please contact me.)  
☐ Enclosed is a check payable to the Bowling Green Community Foundation/Wood County Veterans Memorial.

- ☐ Charge this gift (\$25 or more) to: ☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard

Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Digit Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please credit this gift as follows: (Print legibly.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I/We wish to remain an anonymous donor.

Return to Wood County Veterans Memorial, c/o Bowling Green Community Foundation,  
P.O. Box 1175, Bowling Green, OH 43402. Email: [Vmemorial@co.wood.oh.us](mailto:Vmemorial@co.wood.oh.us)