



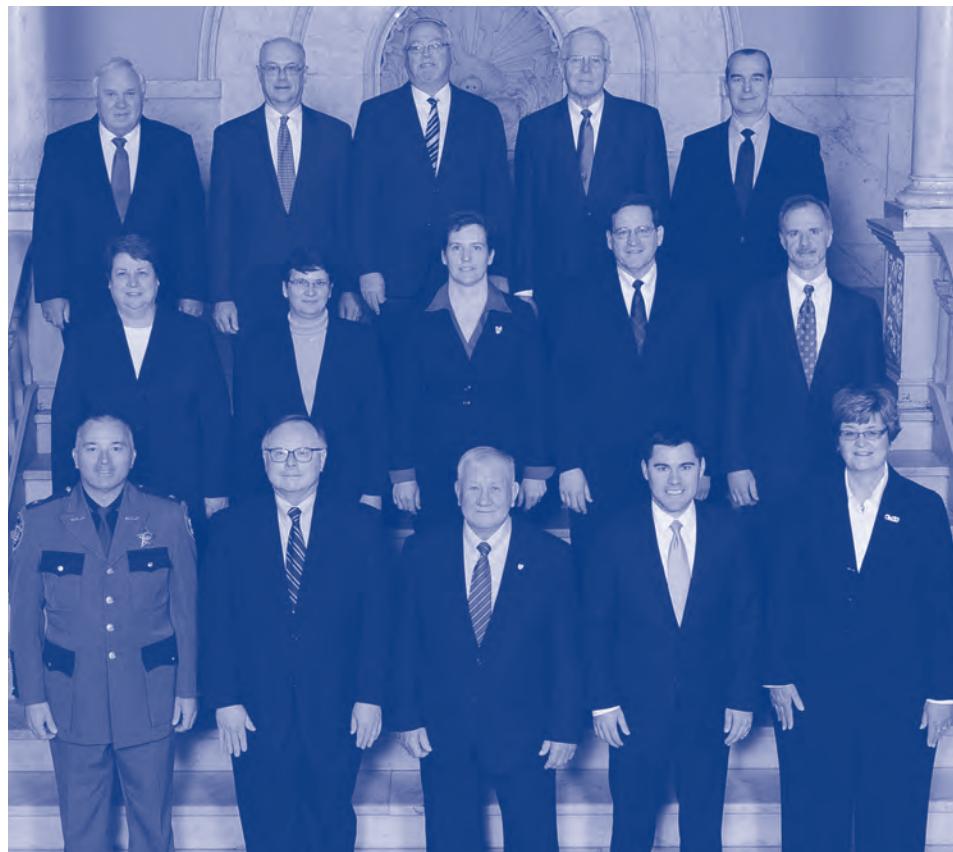
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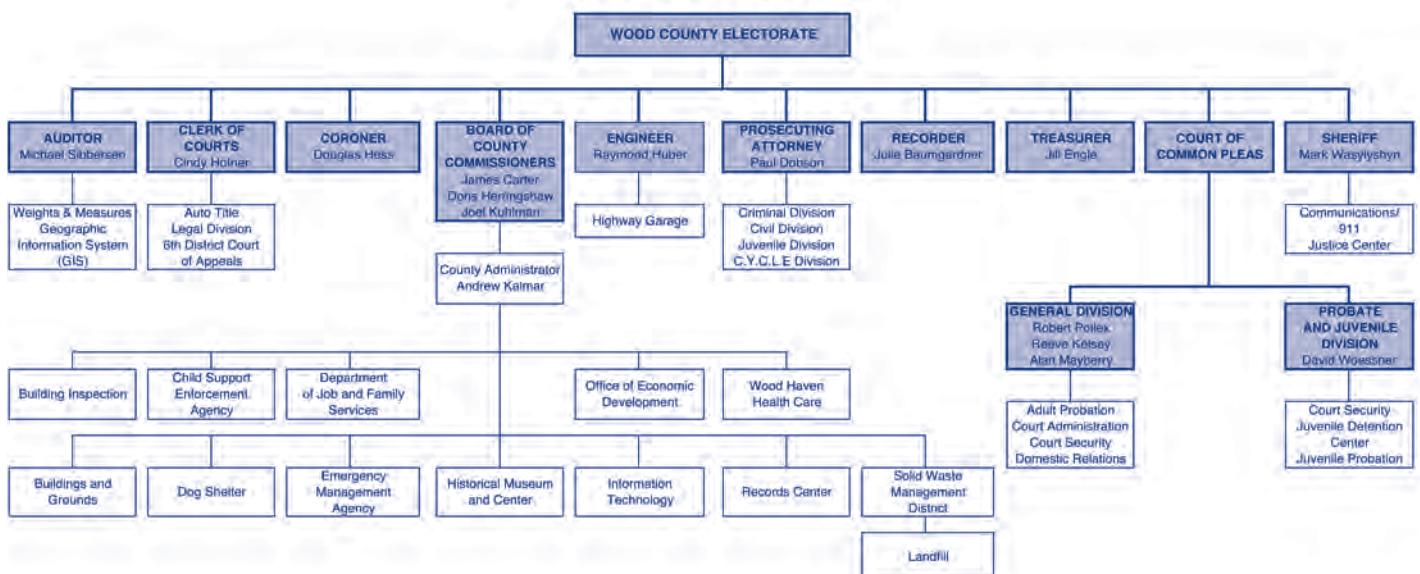
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2015 Wood County Elected Officials. **Front row:** Sheriff Mark Waslyshyn, Auditor Michael Sibbersen, Commissioner James Carter, Commissioner Joel Kuhlman, Commissioner Doris Herringshaw. **Middle row:** Treasurer Jill Engle, Clerk of Courts Cindy Hofner, Recorder Julie Baumgardner, Judge David Woessner, Prosecuting Attorney Paul Dobson. **Back row:** Judge Robert Pollex, Judge Reeve Kelsey, Judge Alan Mayberry, Engineer Raymond Huber, Coroner Douglas Hess.

YOUR WOOD COUNTY GOVERNMENT



BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Alcohol Drug Addiction Mental Health Services
- Board of Elections
- Developmental Disabilities (Wood Lane)
- Law Library
- Planning Commission
- Public Defender Commission
- Senior Citizens Center/Committee on Aging
- Veterans Service Commission

JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

- Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio (Serves 10 County Area)
- Northwest Community Corrections Center (Serves 5 County Area)
- Wood County Port Authority

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

- District Public Library
- Park District
- Regional Airport Authority

INDEPENDENT COUNTY AGENCIES

- Agricultural Society
- Economic Development Commission
- Educational Service Center
- Health District
- Historical Society
- Northwestern Water and Sewer District
- Ohio State University Extension
- Soil and Water Conservation District
- Veterans Assistance Center

A Message from the Board of County Commissioners

We are pleased to work for the citizens of Wood County and to share this annual report that covers many of the significant things happening in our county and in county government.

For a few days last summer, water, or the lack of it, presented significant problems for Wood County residents who receive their water from the City of Toledo. We reside in an area with abundant fresh water. However, due to contaminants in Lake Erie and the inability to filter them, or even adequately test for them, the water system was disrupted.

Over the past decade, we have had many discussions with our local government leaders, as well as neighboring government officials about the water supply for Wood County residents. These discussions have involved seeking a regional solution to drinking water production, and the possibility of bringing other sources of drinking water to the county. This past summer was a stern warning to everyone that a solution must be found. Contaminants in the lake must be addressed, while water supplies must be assured. We are working with a coalition of local groups to study the current water production system so that a plan can be developed to address long-term needs. We are committed to advancing a solution that results in having more local control when it comes to our water supply.

Last year we agreed to fund the design of bridges throughout the county by using Casino Tax dollars, through cooperation with Engineer Ray Huber. At this time, six bridge design projects are underway.

These include: Luckey Road over Packer Creek in Troy Township (between Strail Rd. and Dowling Rd.); Jerry City Road over the Jackson Cutoff in Jackson Township (between Milton Rd. and Custar Rd.); Long Judson Road over Beaver Creek in Grand Rapids Township (between Milton Rd. and Wapakoneta Rd.); Insley Road over Rocky Ford Creek in Henry Township (between Needles Rd. and Quarry Rd.); Kramer Road over the North Branch Portage River in Portage Township (between County Home Rd. and Shinew Rd.); and Bays Road over the Middle Branch of the Portage River in Liberty Township (between Wingston Rd. and Liberty Hi Rd.). The Engineer's staff has obtained grant funding to pay for construction of all six bridges. We appreciate this partnership with Engineer Huber.

The economy in Wood County continues to show strength. Over this past year, we accompanied our Director of Economic Development, Wade Gottschalk on many of his annual visits to industries throughout the County. Most company representatives talked about increased business opportunities, expansions related to buildings, equipment, and employment potential. Some very visible examples of this strength are the new, 1.6 million square foot Home Depot distribution facility in Troy Township, and the expansion of the CSX Intermodal facility in Henry Township.

A theme common among many industries around the county is their growing inability to find skilled people to fill jobs. There are many reasons for this – an aging skilled work force, changes in skills needed to fill jobs, and a misconception that a college education is

needed in order to obtain good employment, to name a few. Two years ago we formed a committee that we simply refer to as Good Jobs. The overall theme of the committee is that there are good jobs, right here in Wood County, for people who have skills. Those skills might come from a four year university like BGSU. They might also come from Penta Career Center or Owens Community College or from one of many skilled trades training facilities in our area. Plumbers, electricians, robotics technicians, machinists, and the list goes on. Workers need good skills and can get good jobs that allow them to live a good life. The Good Jobs committee is working to encourage people of all ages, especially school aged young people to get skills – and be prepared for a productive good life. This is a discussion that involves parents, and businesses of all kinds, along with schools and government at all levels. We ask you to join in the discussion. You can do so by emailing us directly or visiting our Facebook page.

We thank you for your support over the past year. Whether you served on a county board or commission, or simply made a point to shop here in Wood County so that your sales tax dollars stayed here at home, we appreciate all you do to make this a great place to live.

Sincerely,


James Carter, President


Doris I. Herringshaw, Ed.D.


Joel M. Kuhlman

OFFICE OF THE 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.



James F. Carter



Doris I. Herringshaw



Joel M. Kuhlman

Over the past year, the Commissioners discussed and approved several capital projects for county facilities. The largest is an addition to the Wood County Justice Center. By renovating an attached building, 60 minimum housing beds will be added. In addition, two dorms in the existing jail will be remodeled resulting in much needed increased space for female prisoners. The total cost of the project is \$2.9 million.

Other capital projects include an addition to the Job & Family Services building to accommodate growing needs of the Childrens Services unit. This will provide much needed space for child visitations, and investigations related to child abuse. At Wood Haven Health Care, the roof was replaced and other projects such as replacement of the boiler system and piping throughout the building, new resident room climate controls, new windows, and interior upgrades were planned.

Also at Wood Haven, the Commissioners were pleased to welcome Jeff Orlowski as the new Administrator. Jeff has nearly 20 years of experience in the long-term health care field and is a graduate of Bowling Green State University. He came to Wood Haven following the retirement of Dave Cecil who served as Administrator for 13 years. The Commissioners appreciate Dave's work over

this time and wish him well in retirement.

Once again, at the end of 2014, the Commissioners received a letter from Job & Family Services Director Dave Wigent, requesting a 50 percent reduction in collection of the Protective Services Levy for 2015. The levy was approved by voters in 2007, and the JFS staff determined that the amount of levy funds on hand is sufficient to provide necessary protective services while saving tax payers money through a temporary reduction.

OhioMeansJobs Wood County, the employment resources unit at the Department of Job & Family Services, has partnered with Penta Career Center to bring work resource services closer to residents in the northern part of the Wood County. A new satellite office at Penta is available on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am until 3:30 pm. Interested people can meet individually for professional resume assistance, and gain valuable tips on how to conduct a powerful job search. Training opportunities for in-demand, short term training occupations are also available. The Commissioners extend sincere appreciation to Penta Superintendent Ron Matter for his work to encourage this partnership.

During 2014 residents learned of three pipeline project plans that may impact Wood County. The Nexus

Pipeline, ET Rover Pipeline, and the Oregon Lateral Pipeline are natural gas pipelines that are in various stages of planning and regulatory review. These projects are under the regulatory authority of agencies of the State of Ohio and the federal government. The Commissioners have communicated with state and federal legislators about the importance of safety, well-reasoned pipeline routing, and pipeline construction methods that minimize farmland degradation. The Commissioners also emphasized the importance of individual citizens communicating with legislators, and representatives of the pipeline companies.

With funding secured through the 2014 State capital budget, a significant accessibility project at the Wood County Historical Center will take place in 2015. The project will include installation of an elevator, the addition of fully accessible restrooms on the first and second floors, and other accessibility upgrades throughout the building. The Historical Society has also

been working on a plan for better pedestrian and vehicle accessibility around the building exterior.

The Commissioners continued their practice of taking county government to the residents by conducting six Town Hall meetings in 2014. These were held in Henry Township, Walbridge, West Millgrove, Bowling Green, Washington Township and Perrysburg and preceded the political subdivision's regularly scheduled meeting. A vital part of the Town Hall meetings is the open forum which allows residents an opportunity to comment or ask questions.

Open forum also occurs following every regularly scheduled Tuesday and Thursday session of the Board.

In an effort to provide more public access to Commissioners' sessions, agendas and meeting minutes are posted on the Commissioners' website. The Commissioners also added a Facebook page during 2014. Residents can view updated information from the Office by liking Wood County Commissioners.

SALES TAX RECEIPTS

2014	\$19,785,739.82
2013	\$17,575,330.23
2012	\$17,176,636.58
2011	\$16,397,517.17
2010	\$15,505,828.48

The Commissioners create and adopt the annual operating budget for the County. As required by law, the budget is balanced each fiscal year, which runs from January through December. While the Commissioners have no direct authority over other elected officials - the auditor, clerk of courts, coroner, engineer, judges, prosecuting attorney, recorder, sheriff, and treasurer - the Commissioners are required to determine funding levels for every office. Commissioners must understand the responsibilities of each of these County office holders. This allows them to allocate federal and state funds, and local tax revenue to these other offices through careful budget oversight.

D.A.R.E., Community Policing, Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA), the Emergency Management Agency, and the Wood Soil and Water Conservation District. Equipment including computers and vehicle purchases totaling \$607,576.77 and the transfer of \$500,000 to the permanent improvement fund, along with more than \$730,000 in advances for programs such as the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and others were also included.

Sales tax revenue showed a 13 percent increase from 2013, with a year-end total of \$19,785,739.82. Investment income for the year ended at \$895,851.91 an 11 percent increase from 2013.

As a means of "giving back" to the community, County employees volunteered for and participated in several special projects.

County employees pledged more than \$24,500 to the annual United Way Campaign.

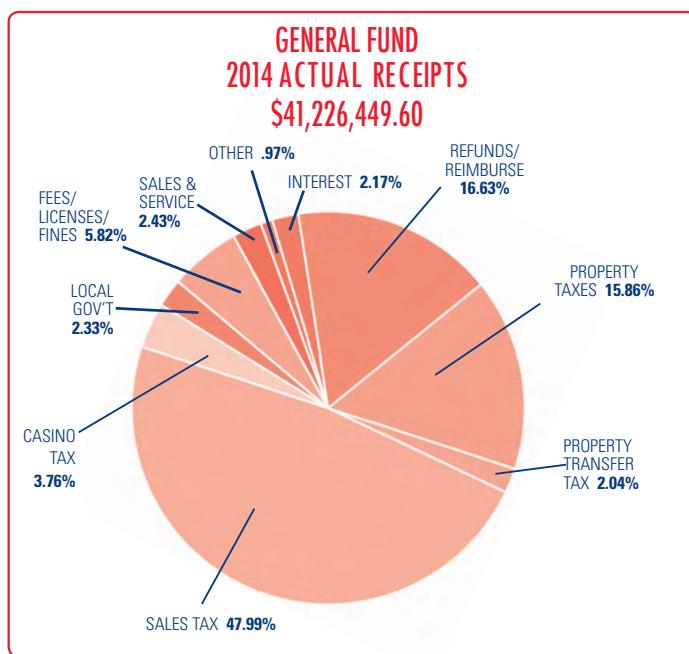
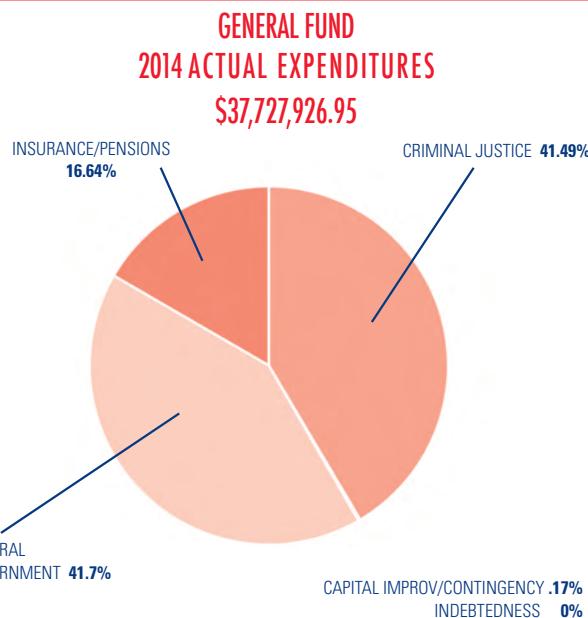
Other volunteer opportunities included blood drives and the Holiday Helping Hands Days that gave employees the opportunity to donate hats, gloves, mittens and toiletry items for distribution to agencies serving Wood County residents.

The 2014 Spirit of Wood County Awards were presented on September 20. Award recipients included Nelson Evans for Self-Government, Frances Weith for Education for Civic Responsibility, and Mark Bushman for Agricultural Leadership. Posthumous awards were presented to John

In spite of continued revenue reductions from the State of Ohio, the appropriations and expenditures for 2014 reflected a cautious, yet optimistic approach by the Commissioners. This resulted in expenditures that maintained quality services to the citizens of Wood County, allowed for modest equipment purchases and capital improvements, and protected the County's financial position through its excellent bond rating.

Because of conservative budgeting over the years, the general fund remains in a good position to fund core services while dealing with changes mandated by the State of Ohio. Receipts and expenditures are detailed in the graphs on this page.

The Commissioners continued their support for many grants including the Agricultural Society, Airport, OSU Extension, Humane Society, Violence Against Women (VAWA),



Newlove (Industrial/Economic Development), Max Rayle (Liberty Through Law/Human Freedom), and John Welch (Lyle R. Fletcher Good Citizenship Award).

It is the non-statutory duties of the Commissioners that make them different from other elected officials.

By necessity the Commissioners must take a broad view of actions necessary to make the County a better place to live and work. The

Commissioners are thus active in promoting public/private partnerships in human services, economic development, health, and infrastructure development. The Commissioners also take an active role in improving the environment, promoting job training programs, and improving agriculture.

The Board of County Commissioners is authorized to perform its duties under Chapters 305 and 307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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.

After careful planning, Job and Family Services broke ground in October on a \$1.7 million expansion of the existing building. The expansion will add 10,000 square feet and create much needed space for multiple units. The agency is currently serving about 25,000 Wood County residents within 51 social service programs.

In partnership with the Commissioners and Penta Career Center, OhioMeansJobs- Wood County opened a satellite office at the Penta Career Center's Adult & Continuing Education Office in Northern Wood County. Staff is available at this location, as well as the Bowling Green office, to

assist individuals with a variety of services geared toward re-entering the workforce.

On January 1, 2014, Medicaid benefits were expanded to all adults below 138 percent of the federal poverty level. Prior to the expansion, in December of 2013, 13,897 Wood County residents were recipients of some type of Medicaid benefits. As of December 2014, 18,867 Wood County residents were recipients of Medicaid benefits. Those who do not qualify for Medicaid are automatically referred to the Federal Market Place for assistance and possible subsidies to obtain private health insurance.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES EXPANDED

County residents in need of transportation to non-emergency medical, mental health, or substance abuse treatment appointments can now call 1-844-353-6779 to speak to a NET-Plus Transportation Coordinator. The Commissioners announced the expansion of the Non-Emergency Transportation (NET) program in November.

At the present time, transportation to physical health appointments will only be available to those consumers who are at or below 200 percent of the poverty level with limited assets. Those with mental health or drug abuse treatment appointments within Wood County should be able to get the transportation without regard to income.

Due to the use of Federal and State funding, a screening process will be utilized to determine eligibility of consumers for the transportation services. The partnering agencies are continuing to discuss options for consumers above the 200 percent poverty level.

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

The Wood County NET-Plus transportation program is an expansion of the current Non-Emergency Transportation (NET) operated by the Department of Job and Family Services. Partnering agencies include The Wood County Department of Job and Family Services, Wood County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board, and the Children's Resource Center.

INCOME MAINTENANCE UNIT

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

cash payment cases (MA)	238
Medicaid recipients	23,242
Medicaid issuance	\$125,060,446
Food assistance recipients	12,733
Food assistance issuance	\$6,522,118
Food assistance issuance per case (MA)	\$152
Children issued food stamps (MA)	3,358

CHILDREN'S PROTECTIVE SERVICES UNIT

Children served	1,606
Children placed in substitute care	68
Cost for substitute care	\$2.2 million
Home protective services children	132
Reports of child abuse/neglect investigated	717
Adoptions finalized	7
Certified foster/adoptive homes provided with services	23
Adult Protective Services assessments completed	223

OHIO MEANS JOBS-WOOD COUNTY UNIT

Individuals receiving WIA training services	97
New job seekers	1,068
WIA Youth Employment Program participants	212
Summer Youth Employment Program participants	49

SOCIAL SERVICES UNIT

Information and referrals	3,220
Families provided emergency assistance (PRC)	264
Children who received child care services (MA)	470
Adults receiving chore services	53
Adults receiving home health aid services	77
Homemaker visits provided (MA)	268
Transportation (1 way trips) to Medicaid & Title XX services	10,916

MA = Monthly Average

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

2015 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	\$11,770	\$16,243	\$23,540
2	\$15,930	\$21,983	\$31,860
3	\$20,090	\$27,724	\$40,180
4	\$24,250	\$33,465	\$48,500
5	\$28,410	\$39,206	\$56,820
6	\$32,570	\$44,947	\$65,140

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

\$4,160 \$5,741 \$8,320

Child Support Enforcement Agency

Frank McLaughlin, Director

The Child Support Enforcement Agency provides services to ensure that children receive the financial and medical support they are legally entitled to and deserve. By working with both parents, the program seeks to establish support orders and maintain consistent support payments. The Agency assists with location of non-custodial parents; paternity establishment; establishment and enforcement of financial and medical support orders; and support order modifications.

The Child Support Enforcement Agency increased its performance in the four categories measured by the State of Ohio: paternity establishment, support establishment, current support collections and collection of arrears. As a result of the diligent efforts of the staff, the Agency was recognized by the State for outperforming other similarly-sized counties in its current support collections for the Federal fiscal year ending September 2014.

During 2014, the Agency provided services to families on 6,668 active cases.

The Legal Support unit resolved 90 paternity cases through genetic parentage testing, with a total of 202 individuals tested. About 140 parent-child relationships

were acknowledged at the time of the child's birth. The unit established 123 new support orders through the administrative process and completed 316 reviews and adjustments on active orders.

The Case Management units enforced support orders through withholding orders issued to employers or bank accounts. The Case Managers also issued national medical support notices to ensure that children were covered by available health insurance. When appropriate, Case Managers used enforcement tools such as credit bureau reporting; license suspensions; passport denials; tax refund interception; and seizure of Ohio lottery prizes, bank accounts and settlements from civil lawsuits. The Case Managers partnered with

other states to help enforce Ohio orders and referred cases for civil contempt or criminal prosecution.

The Legal unit initiated court actions for the establishment of paternity and support, where the administrative process could not be utilized. In addition, the staff attorneys enforced orders through 268 civil and 46 criminal proceedings. Warrants were issued on 60 cases and 210 warrants were

served. Overall, the unit collected \$96,555.32 in lump sum payments to be applied against support arrearages.

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.

2014 CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY STATISTICS

Wood County Children Served	8,502
Total Collections	\$18,226,403.33
License Suspension Program	\$84,890.26
Payouts from civil lawsuits	\$18,136.56
Collections/Disbursements to Custodial Parents	\$18,384,002.54
Public Assistance Returned to State of Ohio	\$338,248.76
Recouped through Income Tax Refund Offset	\$907,105.40
Reimbursements for Children in Foster Care	\$31,791.89

Building Inspection • Michael Rudey, Chief Building Official

Wood County Building Inspection provides residential and non-residential building code enforcement throughout Wood County as well as non-residential enforcement in Hancock, Henry, and Fulton Counties. 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 building code.

For the first time since 2007, the Department issued more than 4,500 permits. While not a record year for the Department, the number of permits does reflect an increase in commercial and residential construction in the area.

In July, Fulton County entered into a contract agreement with Wood County for Non-Residential Code enforcement.

Development of a program for electronic plan submittal and applications, as well as on-line scheduling for inspections took place during 2014. These enhanced features are scheduled for implementation in late 2015.

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 2014 included the 2011 Ohio Building Codes for non-residential structures and the 2013 Residential Code of Ohio for One, Two and Three Family Dwellings.

2014 BUILDING INSPECTION STATISTICS

Permits Issued	4,657
Total Permit Revenue	\$1,275,449
Wood County (72%)	\$927,780
Hancock County	\$235,196
Henry County	\$93,613
Fulton County	\$18,860
Total Inspections Completed	12,225
Wood County	9,621
(6,706 Residential, 2,915 Non-Residential)	
Hancock County	1,714
Henry County	794
Fulton County	96

Information Technology • Ben Hendricks, IT Director

Under the direction of the County Commissioners, the Information Technology (IT) staff provides technical support and maintains 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.

In 2014, the IT Department finalized tasks to consolidate compute resources at two locations, reducing physical space consumption and operating costs. In addition, the compute environments now offer the maximum possible resiliency and reliability available to any Wood County Office.

In other areas, additional security was added to networking resources to reduce data and identity theft opportunities, and a new design to the Wood County website was published to offer a fresh and mobile device friendly look.

Dog Shelter • Andrew Snyder, Chief Dog Warden

The Dog Shelter enforces Section 955 of the Ohio Revised Code which includes issuing and checking dog licenses, ensuring proper housing of dogs, impounding and caring for stray dogs, investigating dog bites and livestock claims, and other related issues. 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 rescue organizations, who publicize dogs available from the Shelter, which further assists in the staff's ongoing effort to find permanent homes for sheltered dogs. The Dog Shelter operates under the Board of County Commissioners.

2014 DOG SHELTER STATISTICS

Total Dogs Impounded	531
Adoptions	240
Redemptions	207
Euthanized	84
Surrendered for Euthanasia	12
Adoption Rate	84.2%
Incidents Investigated	578
Dog Licenses Sold	20,168
Licenses Sold On-Line	5,636
Kennel Licenses Sold	105
Dogs Transferred to Rescues	96

Options Available for Dog Licenses

Residents may purchase a one-year license for \$14, a three-year license for \$42, or a permanent dog license for \$140. One year licenses are available for purchase on-line with a convenience fee of \$2.

Wood Haven Health Care

David Cecil, Administrator (Jan. 1 - Nov. 30, 2014)
Jeff Orlowski, Administrator (eff. Dec. 29, 2014)

Wood Haven Health Care, Senior Living & Rehabilitation, a 95-bed short-term rehabilitation and long-term health care facility, provides both skilled and intermediate level care and services. Available rehabilitation programs through Bordner Therapy Care include physical, occupational, and speech therapies designed to meet the rehabilitative needs of residents with the goal often being regaining the ability to return home. 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. Hospice and short-term respite care are also available. Additional services, customized to meet the individual needs of each resident, are provided as needed. Wood Haven is Medicare and Medicaid certified and serves individuals covered under various nursing care insurance plans.

In 2014, Wood Haven Health Care focused on providing the best experience for residents by installing three new whirl pools in the bathing area, and adding a new kitchen steamer to enhance dining options. The building received a new roof, and many other renovations are planned for 2015.

Many outings were offered to the residents including trips to the Hollywood Casino, the Wood County Fair, lunch outings, picnics at Bowling Green Park, a visit to Elmwood High School for the school's Christmas program, and to Bowling Green High School to attend their production of the musical Mary Poppins.

Wood Haven Health Care received a high enough score from the Ohio Department of Aging's 2014 Family Satisfaction Survey to receive a Quality Point offered from the State of Ohio. The score was one of the highest in the county.

Wood Haven Health Care is a member of the Ohio Health Care Association, Leading Age Ohio and the Ohio County Home Association and operates under the Board of County Commissioners.



2014 WOOD HAVEN STATISTICS

Registered Admissions	147
Residents Returning Home Following Stay	84
In-House Days Logged	26,652
Privately Funded Residents	19.25%
Medicaid Residents	62.77%
Medicare Residents	5.47%
Managed Care Residents	4.22%
Hospice Residents	7.93%
Occupancy Rate	76.9%

Solid Waste Management District • Joe Fawcett, Assistant County Administrator

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

The Solid Waste Management District provided educational programs including 72 presentations and 82 tours to more than 3,000 residents. The tours included visits to the Landfill, wind turbines, and Bowling Green Recycling Center. District staff also participated in 15 community events.

The District's website was completely overhauled to make it more modern and easier to navigate. During 2014, the website was visited more than 28,000 times by nearly 7,000 different users.

The District continued its \$1.00 per capita recycling support despite receiving \$50,400 less in revenue from 2013 and \$100,000 less than 2012. Per capita recycling support is awarded to every local government, along with Bowling Green State University, for residential recycling programs. During 2014, the District along with

its service provider, the Bowling Green Recycling Center, fully implemented the collection of cardboard to the list of accepted materials at satellite recycling locations. The 16 satellite locations continued to support residential recycling for rural areas and helped ensure compliance with recycling related portions of the Solid Waste Management District Plan.

Tonnage received at the Landfill increased by more than 2,500 tons compared to 2013 figures.

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

Much of the year was

dedicated to addressing a 6.1 acre area that received final capping and ensuring all aspects of Landfill construction met or exceeded Ohio EPA specifications and requirements. Plans for

capping another 6.1 acre area were started with construction expected in 2017.

The Solid Waste Management District operates under the Board of County Commissioners.



Construction of a 1,700 square foot scale house was completed in the fall. The previous scale house was originally meant for temporary use, however, due in part to the recession, this temporary use ended up continuing more than 10 years. The new scale house provides a public area, separate from the Scale Attendant's workstation, which provides added security and an easily accessible public restroom.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Tim Hainen, Facilities Director

Buildings and Grounds oversees 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. The Department provides assistance in facility planning, remodeling, and preventative maintenance.

During 2014, Buildings and Grounds staff oversaw projects including roof replacement at Wood Haven Health Care, structural repairs at the Fuel Facility, new air conditioning units for the Sheriff's Office and I.T. Department, and facility

upgrades at the Dog Shelter and Juvenile Residential Center.

Additionally staff completed concrete sidewalk repairs, demolition and cleanup work at the Historical Museum, several painting projects, carpet replacement, and

landscaping.

Staff have also been involved in the building expansion projects underway at Job and Family Services and the Justice Center.

The Custodial Staff continued its expanded responsibilities at the Fuel Facility in addition

to providing general office cleaning, carpet maintenance, floor refinishing, window cleaning and recycling duties at the Courthouse Complex.

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

Records Center • Brenda Ransom, Records Manager

The Records Center provides records management services to Wood 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 10,316 cubic-foot records boxes. A small microfilm vault stores some of the County's duplicate copy microfilm, with other copies stored offsite.

Records Center staff carried out several accessibility and preservation projects in 2014. In addition to projects benefitting Wood County offices and departments, the Center completed digital imaging and microfilming projects for Bowling Green State University and Williams and Clinton Counties. Internally, ongoing projects included Public Defender felony files, Sheriff's inmate files, Prosecuting Attorney criminal pre-indictment records, Recorder's deed books, and Probate Court marriage licenses. The projects from outside Wood County government generated revenue that offset costs associated with equipment maintenance.

The Records Center was involved in two grant projects in 2014, including submission of the final report for a Local Government Innovation Fund grant awarded to the Lucas and Wood Counties' Clerk of Courts Offices in 2012 for 2013-2014. The grant funded a feasibility study investigating potential benefits of establishing an inter-governmental imaging lab in Northwest Ohio. Also, the Records Center was awarded a \$2,157 Bureau of Workers' Compensation safety grant to purchase an electric order picker. The order picker is

used to more safely store and remove heavy boxes on shelves located up to 7.5 feet above the floor.

In 2014, Records Manager Brenda Ransom was elected to serve a two-year term as chairperson of the County Archivists and Records Managers Association, a statewide group of public employees whose work focuses on the management and preservation of government records.

The Records Center operates under the Board of County Commissioners.

2014 RECORDS CENTER STATISTICS

Records stored (cubic feet)	7,540
New records (cubic feet)	878
Eligible for disposal (cubic feet)	269
Storage space recovered (cubic feet)	545.5
Tons of paper recycled	13.5
Pages scanned	550,014
Rolls of microfilm created	334

Emergency Management Agency • Bradley J. Gilbert, Director

The Emergency Management Agency assists County government and local communities in responding to natural disasters and special needs situations by utilizing the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The Agency is the umbrella of emergency forces that respond to and mitigate an emergency that may occur in the County.

As a result of one of the snowiest, coldest winters on record, the Agency worked with the American Red Cross to have emergency shelters in stand-by mode and worked closely with utility providers to monitor conditions and help restore services as needed. The record setting winter led to ice jam and flooding concerns in Pemberville and Grand Rapids.

In August, the Agency was called upon by Northwestern Water and Sewer District and the City of Perrysburg to assist in dealing with the Toledo water emergency that left nearly 48,000 people in Wood County without drinking water. The

Agency established a remote Emergency Operations Center at the Northwestern Water and Sewer District offices to help coordinate emergency bottled water and bulk water supplies for residents. The Agency also worked closely with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency to plan for additional resources if needed.

The Agency assisted the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to meet its annual exercise requirements for hazardous materials by conducting a full-scale exercise with the City of Rossford, Pilkington Glass, and Praxair, Inc. in September. Ten months of planning went into the

Emergency Notification Options in Wood County

Emergency Alert System (EAS)

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

NIXLE

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

CodeRED Emergency Notification System

- City of Perrysburg – www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us
- City of Rossford – www.rossfordohio.com
- Perrysburg Twp. – www.perrysburgtownship.us
- Lake Twp. – www.laketwp.com
- NW Water/Sewer District Customers – www.nwwsd.org

Social Media

Emergency Management Agency - Facebook

Sheriff's Office - Facebook and Twitter

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

design of the exercise so first responders and support agencies could physically test how they would respond to a large scale hazardous materials incident. The Agency and the LEPC also

completed the annual update of the county hazardous materials response plan.

The Emergency Management Agency operates under the Board of County Commissioners.

Office of Economic Development

Wade Gottschalk, Executive Director

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



The economy in Wood County continued to improve and attract private investment in 2014. This improvement in the economy and investment by businesses helped the County's unemployment rate fall to 4.2 percent in December.

In Perrysburg Township, FedEx broke ground on a \$42 million expansion of their distribution facility, First Solar announced the addition of new lines and

the creation of 120 new jobs, IMCO Carbide announced an expansion of their existing facility, and Old Castle Glass announced an investment in new furnaces.

The City of Perrysburg saw the attraction of Costco and the opening of a new research and development center by O-I.

The CSX Intermodal facility in Henry Township also began an expansion that will include the addition of two new state

of the art cranes, and totals over \$40 million.

Finally, in Perry Township, Charter Steel announced a major expansion of their operations.

The Wood County Economic Development Commission continued working on a "Good Jobs" initiative, which is an effort to develop more interest in a skilled trades education in Wood County to provide the future workforce required by many of our employers. This

has resulted in a survey of business labor needs and the creation of a "Good Jobs" Facebook page in coordination with Ohio Means Jobs – Wood County.

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.

Historical Museum and Center • Dana Nemeth, Director

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

The Center hosted the nationally renowned photography exhibition, "Asylum: Inside the Closed World of State Mental Hospitals" from June to December and held a free panel discussion and mental health fair to mark the tenth anniversary of the Center's Lunatic Asylum. The exhibit and events were partially funded through a grant from the Ohio Humanities Council.

The Center served more than 2,800 students, teachers and adults in educational programs in 2014 and staff provided 25 in-class presentations in area schools,

several featuring the new Native American Museum Traveling Basket. The Center curated several traveling exhibits, including a "Buying Local" display on early Wood County industry and the history of Wood County 4-H. New displays unveiled in 2014 included "I Love the 80s: A Cultural Comparison of the 1880s and the 1980s," "4-H of Wood County," "A Clean Bill of Health: Societal Response to Communicable Disease," in the site's Pestilence House, and "Chasing the White Rabbit: An Historical Look at American Mental Illness," in the Lunatic Asylum.

The 2014 Spin Into Spring

event at the Center featured the grand opening of the site's log cabin and a display of quilts made by local artists. Other events throughout the year included the popular monthly tea series, behind-the-scenes tours, archaeology digs and lab nights, Bowling Green Boomtown historic district walking tours, Wood County Living History Day, Harvest Festival, October Friday Night Folklore Tours and the Old Home Holiday Tours. To help with these events and other activities, over 390 volunteers gave more than 3,800 hours of service to the Center, including a crew of dedicated front desk greeters.

Site improvements in 2014 included improved drainage throughout the site, repairs to the main building's porches, electrical upgrades to the Wash House and the demolition of the old wood house. The Center also secured funding for an accessibility project to install an elevator and other accessibility amenities. Construction is expected to be completed in 2015.

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



Individuals from across the County provide representation on a number of Wood County governing boards and commissions. Their role is to provide knowledge and support to enhance the functioning of County government. The Board of County Commissioners greatly appreciates the willingness of so many citizens to accept appointments and serve on these Boards and Commissions to help keep Wood County a great place to work, live and raise a family. If you are interested in serving as a member on a County Board or Commission, please complete an Application for Volunteer Service located on the Commissioners' website or contact their office for a copy of the application.

ALCOHOL DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

John Alexander*, Casey Cromwell, Doug Cubberley*, Leanne Eby, Beverley Hirzel*, Tom Kiger*, Stan Korducki*, Monica Moll, Sue Moore, Harold Rosenberg, Randy Rothenbuhler*, Jean Scech*, H. Jay Salvage*, Thomas Vermilya, Patrick Wise*, and three vacancies

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Joe Catalano*, Rebecca Ferguson, Cindy Herman*, Ed Metzger, Pam Van Mooy*, Martha Woelke*, and one vacancy*

GOVERNING BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Tom Chidester, Dorothy Cromley, Tim Hainen, Earlene Kilpatrick, Joel Kuhlman, Dana Nemeth, Robert Pollex, Michael Sibbersen, Irma Wolf, and Karen Young

RESIDENTIAL BOARD OF APPEALS**

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

ALTERNATES: Jeffrey Ford and Tom Pendleton

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD**

Joni Bretz, James Carter, Steve Callejas, Thomas Clemons, Brad Conner, Paul Dobson, John Fawcett, Ann Garcia, Ronda Gibson, Scott Howard, Andrew Kalmar, Reeve Kelsey, Alan Mayberry, Daniel Paez, Robert Pollex, Mark Reddin, Melanie Stretchberry, Mark Waslyshyn, Cary Williams, and Chris Zografies

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION MEMBERS

James Carter, Maxine Cross, John Eckel, Jill Engle, Doris Herringshaw, Andrew Kalmar, Joel Kuhlman, Cathy Newlove-Wenig, W. David Steiner, and Michael Sibbersen

DANGEROUS WILD ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM

Mark Waslyshyn, Brad Gilbert, Stephen Meredith, Michael Richardson, Dr. Daniel Schwerin, Jan Larson-McLaughlin, Joel Kuhlman, Kenneth Hetrick, Timothy Stacy, Brad Espen, and Andrew Snyder

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD

Nancy Buchanan, Wendy Chambers, Dick Conrad, Dru Cunningham, Judy Ennis, Gloria Enriquez-Pizana, Mark Hollenbaugh, Joyce Johnson*, Jean Ladd*, Neil Munger, Michael Penrod, Jim Philo, George Stossel, Joann Ward, and Irma Wolf*

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Shelian Beaupre, Jeanette Bostelman, Joseph Catalano, Sue Clanton, Stephanie Lauwers, Judy Knox, Susan Miklovic, Denise Niese, John Sinn, and three vacancies

LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES BOARD

Dennis East*, Ann Bowers*, Reina Calderon, Thomas Teet, and Jeffrey Nelson

LOCAL COURT SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Joni Bretz, Nancy Buchanan, Tom Chidester, Brad Conner, Rodney Fleming, Brad Gilbert, James Hammer, Scott Hicks, Cindy Hofner, Joel Kuhlman, Nina Hernandez, Richard Schmidbauer, Mark Waslyshyn, and Karen Young

NORTHWESTERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Steve Arnold, John Cheney*, Bill Hirzel*, Melinda Kale, Leonard Michaels, Shad Ridenour*, Lyle Schulte, Michael Scott and Mark Sheffer

PLANNING COMMISSION**

Anthony Allion, John Alexander, John Brossia, James Carter, Doris Herringshaw, Raymond Huber, Joel Kuhlman, Donna Schuerman, Robert Stitt Black, Leslee Thompson, and one vacancy

PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

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

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Becky Bhaer*, Nancy Buchanan*, Ellen Dalton, Chet Marcin, William Harbauer*, Brian Paskvan, and Jane Robb

REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

Thomas Bamburowski, George Betancourt, William J. Davis Jr., Gerald Jones, Rob Ridday, Matt Reger, and Wendy Stram

ROSSFORD TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Ron Andes*, Ed Ciecka, John Hrosko, Raymond Huber, Bob Mack, Doug Miller*, Edward Pavuk, Bob Watrol

TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL**

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

WOOD COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

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

WOOD HAVEN ADVISORY BOARD**

Margaret Chamberlain, Jean Ladd, Frank McLaughlin, Denise Niese, Winn Stone, Doug Troutner
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: Carolyn Marquardt, Andrew Kalmar, Jeff Orlowski, and the President and Vice President of the Resident's Council

WOOD SANDUSKY OTTAWA SENECA COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION

Total Membership - 24
Wood County Members: Ron Andes*, Carmen Beltran, Melvin L. Browning*, Dean King, Kate Sommerfeld, and Charlie Stelle

WORKFORCE POLICY BOARD**

Sue Clanton, Patrick Giammarco, Diana Herman, Tamela Ledford, Ronald Matter, Sandy Milligan, John Schlagheck, Pat Scholl, Cathy Newlove-Wenig, and two vacancies.
AD HOC MEMBERS: Wade Gottschalk, Andrew Kalmar, Mary DeWitt, and Dave Wigert



Michael Sibberson

AUDITOR

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 property tax settlements to the subdivisions and the distribution of local government funds are also the responsibility of the Auditor. An agent for the Ohio Department of Taxation, the Auditor processes and distributes estate tax payments and 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.

In 2014, the Auditor was presented the Auditor of State Award with Distinction. Less than five percent of Ohio's governmental entities qualified for this award. Wood County also received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for 2013, marking the 18th consecutive year Wood County earned this distinction.

Ohio's Homestead Exemption program provided 10,045 residents (those aged 65 and older, or permanently disabled) with property tax relief. Taxpayers enrolled in this program saved \$4,644,648 in taxes compared to a savings of \$4,063,472 in 2013. Legislative changes have altered eligibility for the program. For 2015, the income limitation of \$31,000 must be met

to qualify. The income test will be determined by the adjusted gross income from the Ohio tax return. Social Security benefits are not included in this income test.

The Office assessed 74,350 parcels of real property with a taxable value of over \$2.8 billion. Special assessments for waterlines, sewers, ditches and other services were also collected with the real estate tax duplicate and distributed to all appropriate local governmental units. Whenever property is sold, a deed is brought to the Auditor to convey taxable ownership before being recorded. In 2014, 4,136 such conveyances were processed, encompassing 6,296 individual land parcels, which generated \$1,254,275. These funds were forwarded to the County's General Fund and the

Economic Development Fund.

The Auditor's office administers the Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) program. A total of 321,380 acres of farmland in Wood County are enrolled in this program, which brought a tax savings of over \$9.1 million to landowners last year.

The Auditor conducted a forfeited land sale at which 27 parcels of land were auctioned and returned to the tax rolls.

For 2014, sales of dog licenses consisted of 19,442 regular, 651 3-year, 75 permanent and 105 kennel licenses, of which 5,636 were sold on-line.

The Weights and Measures division inspected 718 commercial scales, 1,387 gas pumps, as well as electronic scanners in retail and wholesale use, and investigated consumer complaints.

The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department facilitated the acquisition of new aerial imagery. The new imagery is available to view via the Auditor's website. The imagery is also available in electronic format for other local government units to use in their own applications.

The Office held a training seminar for township fiscal officers and maintained a Township Fiscal Officer Toolbox web-portal. Social media augmented the Office's public outreach and educational efforts.

The Office also offered two websites: one for general office information, forms, and dog registration; and one for real estate information and mapping.

The Auditor is authorized to perform his duties under Section 319, 322, 323, 5701-5743, et al. of the Ohio Revised Code.



Jill Engle

TREASURER

The Treasurer oversees the receipt and disbursement of funds for the County and is responsible for collecting taxes for the County, as well as for the schools, municipalities, and townships within the County. The two largest and most noted sources of revenue are generated through real and personal 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.

For the first time since 2007, investment income increased over the prior year's returns. Investment income for 2014 totaled \$895,851.91, an 11 percent increase from 2013. All investments made by the Treasurer's Office were fully collateralized and sufficiently liquid to enable the County to meet reasonably anticipated

operating requirements. During 2014, the Office collected \$175,958,820.87 in real estate taxes. Manufactured home taxes totaling \$794,692.78 were also collected.

Payment for real estate tax by credit card, with a convenience fee attached, or through automatic withdrawal from bank accounts remained popular with constituents.

During 2014, 473 taxpayers utilized the automatic withdrawal plan and 434 taxpayers participated in the monthly automatic withdrawal plan.

Information on how to enroll in the automatic withdrawal is available on the Treasurer's website. Change of address and remission of penalty forms, as well as real estate

tax information are also accessible online.

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.

The Treasurer is authorized to perform her duties under Section 321 and 323 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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.

In 2014, the Clerk of Courts Legal Division discontinued its long history of creating physical case files in order to continue to move toward a paperless office. Staff continued analyzing office processes to improve efficiencies and collaboration with other offices.

The Auto Title Division once again processed a record number of vehicle titles during the year, an increase of 5,964 from the prior year.

The duties of the Clerk of Courts are authorized under many sections of the Ohio Revised Code.

TITLE DOCUMENTS PROCESSED

Auto Titles, Duplicates & Memo Titles	77,365
Motor Vehicle Mortgages Recorded	19,444
Salvage Titles	212
Penalties (for not transferring titles timely)	3,059
Inspections	6,537
Affidavits	20,682
Manufactured Home Archives Recorded	552
Boat titles, Duplicates and Memo Titles (includes charged replacement titles)	1,133
Watercraft Mortgages Recorded	222
Watercraft Affidavits	680
Watercraft Penalties	125
Watercraft Registrations	721

TITLE DISBURSEMENT TOTALS

Clerk of Courts	
Certificate of Title Fund Receipts	\$793,374.11
Wood County General Fund Receipts	\$312.64
State of Ohio Motor Vehicle and Watercraft	
Casual and Dealer Tax	\$23,318,733.34
Certificate of Title Fees	\$191,318.75
Watercraft Fees	\$2,994.00
Watercraft Registrations	\$21,496.00

CORONER

The Coroner evaluates and rules on all violent, accidental, and suspicious circumstance deaths including homicides, suicides, and sudden deaths of persons in apparent good health. The Coroner generally does not investigate deaths that occur from natural causes, when the person has a family physician. The Coroner is an Ohio licensed physician in good standing who carries out and directs the investigation of deaths in the County. The investigation may involve the scene, as well as labs, x-rays, and autopsies as needed. The Coroner is authorized to perform his duties under Chapter 313 of the Ohio Revised Code.

LEGAL CASES AND DOCUMENTS FILED (Partial List)

CasesAppealed to 6th District Court of Appeals	87
Domestic Relations Cases Filed	431
Domestic Violence Civil Protection	156
Civil Stalking/Sexually Oriented Offense Protection Orders	132
Conciliation	1
Foreign Support	5
Domestic Cases Reopened	294
Foreign Judgment	2
Criminal Cases Filed	558
Civil Cases Filed (Includes 250 Civil Foreclosure Cases)	651
Land Foreclosure Cases	76
Judgment Liens Filed	1,373
State Tax Liens Filed	3,157
Foreign Judgment Liens	3
Executions Filed (Aid & Writ)	11
Debtor Exams	62
Garnishments	201
Publications	38
Wrists of Possessions	40
Wrists of Partition	1
Total Number of Judgment Entries	13,936
Notary Commissions Filed	430
Passport Applications Accepted	197
Criminal Investigations	9
Search Warrants	72
Coroner's Reports Filed	96

LEGAL DISBURSEMENT TOTALS

Legal Disbursement Totals	\$2,195,081.66
General Fund	\$353,114.66
Legal Research Fees	\$8,290.29
Computerization Fees	\$99,160.38
Computerization Fees from Collections	\$1,494.24
Reimburse Court Diagnostic Fees	\$7,317.00
Mediation Costs	\$47,538.29
Fines Paid to the County	\$29,008.35
Fines Paid to the Law Library	\$750.00
Statutory fees paid to non-Wood County entities	\$125,585.34
Funding Shelters for Victims of Domestic Violence	\$13,842.55
Fees Paid to Adult Probation Supervision	\$11,039.54
Adult Probation Substance Fees	\$143.91
Fees Paid to the Sheriff	\$131,426.79
Fines Paid to the Sheriff	\$15,700.42
Interest Paid to General Fund (includes interest for CDs)	\$917.95
Fees Paid to Appraisers	\$48,750.00
Indigent Application Fees	\$2,593.45
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	\$1,298,408.50

2014 CORONER CASES

Total Deaths Reviewed	241
Cases Determined by Coroner	86
• Auto Accidents	13
• Drug/Alcohol Accidents	12
• Other Accidents	13
• Natural	28
• Suicide	15
• Homicide	1
• Undetermined	1
• Pending	3



Paul Dobson

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office includes three legal divisions. The Criminal Division prosecutes all felony criminal offenses committed in the County by adults. The Juvenile Division prosecutes all cases involving juvenile offenders, whether felony or misdemeanor. Further, the Juvenile Division, in cooperation with the Department of Job and Family Services, prosecutes adults for acts of abuse, neglect or dependency against children (also known as "status" offenses). The Civil Division provides legal services to all county departments and agencies, as well as school districts and townships. The Prosecutor's Office has 13 attorneys, a victim services unit, an investigator, the C.Y.C.L.E. Division and support staff.

The C.Y.C.L.E. (Cooperating with Youth, Community, and Law Enforcement) Program continued use of the StreetWise program, a curriculum focused on technology safety, conflict management, suicide prevention, drug and alcohol abuse prevention, and bullying prevention. The program was expanded to serve one County agency and three additional community learning centers in 2014. The Youth Olympics event is a component of this program and served more than 500 students. Additionally, more than 500 entries were received for the annual Safety Kids Calendar Contest.

JuMP (Juvenile Mediation Program) conducted 92 mediations, providing an alternative for dealing with juvenile offenders with issues of truancy, delinquency or unruly behavior.

Twenty-nine members from 10 different school districts served on Teen Court where 34 cases were heard throughout their term.

Approximately 637 victims of or witnesses to a crime in the County received assistance through the legal process and procedures by the Victim/Witness Services Unit staff, who served as liaisons between crime victims and the attorneys assigned to the cases.

The Prosecuting Attorney is authorized to perform his duties under Chapter 308 of the Ohio Revised Code.

2014 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY STATISTICS

Criminal Division

Indictments	390
Bills of Information for adult felony cases.....	58
Cases resolved by jury or court trial	11
Cases disposed.....	632
Conviction rate	99%

Juvenile Division

Delinquency cases.....	831
Unruly cases.....	114
Permanent custody cases filed	9
Felony level offenses adjudicated	28
Juvenile traffic cases.....	616
Adult contributing to minors.....	18
Abuse/neglect/dependency cases filed.....	295

Civil Division

Opinion requests.....	24
Bank foreclosure	262
Total Tax foreclosure	77
42 dismissed with payment/18 properties sold	
5 properties forfeited/11 cases pending	



Julie Baumgardner

RECORDER

The Recorder's Office is responsible for making a complete, accurate, and permanent record of every document pertaining to the conveyance and encumbrance of land within the County.

The office takes great care to ensure that every document received is accurately filed, recorded, indexed, and retained in an archival form. As the repository of records for all property transactions in the County, the Recorder's Office safeguards every property owner's title. Though real estate documents constitute the majority of filings in the office, financing statements on personal property, military discharge papers, and a listing of veteran's graves in the county are also filed in the Recorder's Office.

A total of 17,057 documents were recorded and/or filed, with \$925,020.14 collected in fees. Of this amount \$455,744.75 was remitted to the State of Ohio for the Ohio Housing Trust Fund; \$114,023 was deposited into the Recorder's supplemental equipment fund; and the remaining \$355,252.39 was paid into the County's general fund.

In September the on-line index search was upgraded to allow advanced search features. While a limited number of plat images are available online, work continues to redact personal information (social security numbers, etc.) to add additional documents to the site in the future.

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.

2014 RECORDER'S DOCUMENTS

Deeds	5,068
Judgment entries and certificates for transfer	122
Mortgages (total value \$5,672,763,705.60).....	4,108
Mortgages released (with a value of \$522,594,961.84)	5,140
Land Contracts	28
Rights of way and easements.....	137
Leases	65
Mechanics liens	36
Plats	14
Federal Tax Liens.....	186
Financing statements.....	64
Terminations.....	81
All Others	2,008

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 including foreclosures, and contract disputes; administrative appeals, such as those in the areas of worker's compensation, unemployment compensation; and appeals from certain local governments. The Court also adjudicates divorces, dissolutions, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, child and spousal support enforcement and modification. The Judges supervise the Grand Jury, which determines if, based upon the evidence presented by the Prosecuting Attorney, probable cause exists to charge an accused with a felony criminal offense. If the Grand Jury so finds, they return an indictment, advising the accused of the nature of the charges. The matter then goes before the Court for further proceedings. The Judges 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 Public Library Board. The Court operates under Title 23 of the Ohio Revised Code.



Robert C. Pollex
COURTROOM 1



Reeve Kelsey
COURTROOM 2



Alan R. Mayberry
COURTROOM 4

During 2014, Judge David Woessner of the Probate/Juvenile Division served as Presiding Judge. Judge Pollex served as Administrative Judge and represented the Court on the Judicial Advisory Board for the NorthWest Community Corrections Center. Judge Kelsey served as Court Security Judge and represented the County on the Maumee Watershed Conservancy District Court.

The Court started two new programs in Domestic Relations. Litigants now have an opportunity

to try to resolve their differences through Family Matters Mediation, a program designed to be available quickly (within two weeks of the request to participate) and to be an affordable alternative to litigation. Another new program, Changing Families, allows the children of divorcing families to meet with a counselor in a group setting to address their feelings in their new situation. The Court moved its parenting seminar to an online program to allow the parties to complete the program at their convenience in their own home.

2014 COURT OF COMMON PLEAS STATISTICS

Cases Completed	2,488
Pending Cases	914
General Civil Cases Completed	781
Domestic Relations Cases Completed	1,034
Criminal Cases Completed	673
Notary Public - New Applications	140
Notary Public - Renewal Applications	315

Court Security

Thomas G. Chidester, Chief Court Constable

Court constables are the primary law enforcement officers at the Courthouse Complex, and provide for the safety and security of the courts, employees at the site, and the visiting public. They also manage the systems that monitor fire, panic, and intrusion alarms, as well as those that control access to the buildings.

The Department co-sponsored violent intruder in the workplace and bomb threat training in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security.

Constable Ross Peters received the State Court Officer of the Year Award by the Ohio Bailiffs and Court Officers Association. The award recognizes exemplary service or actions of court employees.

2014 COURT SECURITY STATISTICS

Registered magnetometer walk-throughs	110,828
Prohibited items held	1,195
Incident reports filed	34

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.

2014 ADULT PROBATION STATISTICS

Pre-sentence investigations conducted	242
New offenders under department supervision	382
Offenders supervised	1,151
Individuals terminated from supervision	307
Drug tests conducted	1,513
Work Release program participants	32
Offenders placed on Intensive Supervision	95
Offenders placed on Electronic Monitoring	92



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Probate and Juvenile Division

Cases heard in Probate Court involve decedent's estates, guardianships, conservatorships, testamentary trusts, 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. In addition to trial proceedings, the Probate Court Judge makes a number of appointments to Boards and agencies as allowed by law.

During 2014, Probate Court processed 767 new cases as well as 36 additional cases that were filed previously but re-opened for further action. The Court also processed 713 marriage applications.

The number of guardianship filings increased 48 percent from the previous year. Population changes, increased awareness of the availability of guardianship proceedings, and attention given at the state level regarding the need for oversight of vulnerable populations are factors that may have contributed to the increase. Adult Protective Services actions, which are sometimes a precursor to a guardianship filing, increased as well.

The increase in guardianship filings impacted the Volunteer Guardian Program. Throughout the year, this program provided a guardian to 19 adults who are legally incompetent but have no suitable person to act on their behalf. Eleven trained volunteers served as guardians in the program.

In September, new legislation changed the jurisdictional requirements for filing an affidavit to involuntarily commit a mentally ill person. Although patients may be hospitalized outside of Wood County, the new law requires the action to be filed in the county of residence. Consequently, these cases will be filed more frequently than in previous years.

The Probate Court Judge is authorized to perform his duties under Chapter 2101 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

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

A volunteer guardian is responsible for making decisions in the best interest of the incompetent adult, known legally as a "ward." Examples of decisions a volunteer might make include those relating to medical care or housing. 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.

The Juvenile Court hears cases concerning traffic offenses, delinquency, unruliness, neglect, abuse, dependency, and custody involving individuals under the age of 18, as well as paternity cases for adults and children. The Court may also hear misdemeanor cases involving adults charged with victimizing children. The Juvenile Detention Center is also administered through the Juvenile Court.

In 2014, the Juvenile Court's 48-bed Juvenile Detention Center continued to offer and expand upon a variety of programming for detained youth.

The Probation Department worked closely with families, schools, and service providers to assist court involved youth. Probation Officers completed 495 hours of training in order to stay up-to-date on the latest research and training available for families.

The Court also offered parents reduced cost drug screens for their children. Single or multiple drug screens were available.

The Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem (CASA/GAL) program supervised 39 volunteers who advocated for 137 allegedly abused or neglected children and provided more than 3,600 hours of service. As of December 31, volunteers continued to advocate for 71 children. CASA was able to serve 90 percent of the abuse, neglect, and dependency cases for which CASA volunteers were requested during the year.

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

2014 Juvenile Court Statistics

Cases filed	2,768
Cases disposed of	2,771
Cases of alleged abuse, neglect or dependent children	295

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Pretrial & short term commitments	520
Males housed	379
Females housed	141

JUVENILE PROBATION

Youth and adults under supervision	326
Community service participants	239
Community service hours	4,893
Restitution paid to victims	\$9,712.92

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

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

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



SHERIFF

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

Mark Wasylshyn

2014 WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

CIVIL DIVISION

Sheriff foreclosure property sales	225
Proceeds from parcels sold	\$4,941,718.09
Execution of Certificates of Judgment	31
Service fee income to General Fund.....	\$248,202.17
Warrants, summons, subpoena & indictments served	2,785
Civil Protection Orders served	188
Child support warrants served	211
Inmates extradited from out of state	33
Prisoners transported to penal institutions	246
Prisoners transported between agencies.....	686

DETECTIVE BUREAU

Cases assigned.....	907
Cases cleared by arrest/closed/inactive	831
Cases pending investigation.....	43
Theft/fraud/forgery.....	226
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	127
Suspicious incident/departmental	161
Death/suicide.....	25
Sex offense/child abuse.....	22
Narcotic investigations.....	76
Fines/forfeitures to Drug Fund	\$44,899.91
Fire/arson	1
Human trafficking/prostitution/solicitation	102
Homicide.....	2
Vehicles seized/forfeited to WCSO	0

911 DIVISION/COMMUNICATIONS

911 calls answered.....	34,586
Fire calls dispatched.....	3,424
EMS calls dispatched.....	3,025
Calls dispatched to WCSO deputies.....	31,227
Village police depts. & park ranger calls dispatched	4,632
Warrants entered into state/national databases	2,369
Protection orders entered into national database.....	385

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

Participating School Districts: Eastwood, Elmwood, North Baltimore, and Otsego	
D.A.R.E. core students.....	380
D.A.R.E. students grades K-6	876
D.A.R.E. students grade 7.....	338
Education/prevention classes.....	4
Education/prevention students.....	95
School staff members.....	0
Safety Towns	2
Children participating in Safety Towns.....	213

ROAD PATROL DIVISION

Complaints received and investigated	31,227
Criminal charges.....	388
Traffic citations.....	789
Traffic warning written/verbal	6,522
Crashes investigated	887
Injury crashes.....	164
Injured persons.....	212
Fatal crashes	7
Driving under the influence – DUI	67
Driving under suspension – DUS	84
Miles driven by all Sheriff's vehicles	990,382

WEAPON PERMITS & BACKGROUND CHECKS

Concealed Carry Weapon permits issued.....	1,210
Concealed Carry Weapons permits renewed	801
Persons fingerprinted for background checks	1,061

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ENFORCEMENT

Domestic violence arrests	57
Court case victim assistance	102
Students taught in six schools	299
Sex offense/crimes against children	12
Cases assisted	448
Temporary protection order violation arrests	13

SEX OFFENDERS

Registered	135
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JUSTICE CENTER

Inmates booked	3,870
Inmates released	3,654
Average daily population	132.94
Inmates transported to local courts	1,753
Total meals served	216,798
– Justice Center	148,844
– Juvenile Detention Center	27,010
– Educational Service Center	4,971
– Juvenile Residential Center	35,973
Average meals served per day	604
Average meal cost (with labor).....	\$2.29

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Citizens Police Academy students	28
R.A.D. Kids Safety students	42
Youth identification cards.....	1,024
Active Shooter Response Training	110

VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY PROGRAM

Members	41
Special events worked	36
Funeral escorts	204
Hours of work volunteered	5,961

EXPLORER PROGRAM

Members (Young adults 15 - 20)	17
Hours volunteered	1,024
Special events	22
Classroom hours.....	56
Field Trips	4

In December, the Sheriff entered an agreement to provide dispatching services for the City of Rossford.

Plans continued for the renovation and expansion project at the Justice Center. Mosser Construction was awarded the bid for construction with work expected to begin in January 2015.

OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

Outdoor warning sirens are activated to alert the outdoor public of an emergency. When you hear an outdoor warning siren, you should seek additional information on what the emergency is and take appropriate protective actions for safety.

Outdoor warning sirens are not designed, or intended, to be used as a primary means of emergency notification for people inside of structures. All-hazard (weather) radios should always be used as primary means of emergency notification inside structures, especially for severe weather.

Sirens can be used to notify the outside public of any type of emergency; however, they are most commonly used when a tornado WARNING is issued for the area.

In Wood County, the outdoor warning sirens are tested the first Saturday of every month at 10 a.m. unless severe weather is threatening the area.



ENGINEER

The Engineer has the responsibility of maintaining the County's 245 miles of roads, 444 bridges, 2,500 culverts, and traffic control signs. Under the ditch maintenance program, the Engineer is responsible for cleaning and debrushing more than 570 miles of open streams and ditches, which is just part of the more than 3,000 miles of open water courses in the County. The Engineer also serves as engineer for each of the 19 townships. He provides cost estimating for road repair projects, assists with grant applications, right-of-way location surveys, investigates drainage problems, and applies surface treatment to some of the 989 miles of Township roads. The Engineer's Office maintains tax map records of daily land transactions such as annexations and parcel splits, as well as keeping an extensive file of survey field records.

Effective May 2014, all developments of one or more acres in Lake, Middleton, and Perrysburg Townships require a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) review by the Engineer's Office. The requirements were put into place to ensure continued compliance with Ohio EPA regulations regarding construction-related storm water discharges.

Construction on the new vehicle bridge on Glenwood Road bridge over Grassy Creek began during 2014 and is scheduled for completion in June 2015. This project utilized Safe Routes to School and other federal grants.

The Engineer oversees staff at the County Office Building and at the Highway Garage and is authorized to perform his duties under Chapter 315 of the Ohio Revised Code.

2015 Proposed Projects

(actual projects contemplated contingent on available budget, weather, and other factors)

BRIDGE PROJECTS

Potter Road, north of Needles Road - Jackson Twp.
 Insley Road, north of Quarry Road - Henry Twp.
 South River Road, east of Wayne Road - Freedom Twp.
 Kramer Road Repair, west of Shinew Road - Center & Portage Twps.
 Lime City Road, south of Bayer Road - Perrysburg Twp.
 Eagleville Road, west of Huffman Road - Bloom Township
 Emerson Road, north of Cygnet Road - Bloom & Perry Twps.
 Robbins Road, east of Emerson Road - Perrysburg Twp.
 Luckey Road, south of US 20 - Troy Twp.

ROAD PROJECT

Huffman Road from Bridge #3-82B to Mermill Road

ODOT BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM BENEFITS WOOD COUNTY

The Ohio Department of Transportation launched a new partnership with counties and cities to fully fund the replacement or repair of some locally owned bridges. According to ODOT officials, the program will take about three years to complete.

During 2014 five bridges were designed and built at the State's expense: Bradner Road between SR 795 and Collins Road, Jerry City Road between Emerson Road and Lenhard Road, Mermill Road east of SR 25, Range Line Road between Hammansburg Road and Cygnet Road, and Owen Road north of Walbridge Road.

Six bridges are scheduled for construction during 2015. These include Tracy Road south of the Ohio Turnpike, Jerry City Road between Potter and Wingston Roads, Five Point Road Bridge west of Thompson Road, Latcha Road Bridge between Tracy Road and East Broadway, Jerry City Road between Rudolph and Mitchell Roads, and Park Avenue west of SR 199.

SOURCES OF INCOME

Motor Vehicle License Fees.....	\$4,008,779.94
Gasoline Tax	\$2,334,893.50
Traffic Fines & Receipts	\$151,230.74
Reimbursements.....	\$1,132,475.48
Refunds.....	\$629.00
Grants.....	\$307,864.90
Other Receipts.....	\$16,217.11
Interest.....	\$9,700.58
Total	\$7,961,791.25

ROAD PROJECTS COMPLETED

Resurfacing

East Broadway Rd. (Lake Twp.) 2.7 miles	\$548,034.30
Kellogg Rd. (Washington & Plain Twps.) 2.71 miles	\$470,701.75
Roachton Rd. (Perrysburg Twp.) 1.89 miles.....	\$377,555.51

Surface Treatment

Mermill Rd. (Portage & Montgomery Twps.) 7.4 miles.....	\$77,379.24
Bahnsen Rd. (Lake Twp.) .5 miles	\$11,059.75

Chip/Seal Projects

Sugar Ridge Rd. (Freedom Twp.) 4 miles	\$60,000.00
Carter Rd. (Center Twp.) .75 miles.....	\$11,250.00
Luckey Rd. (Troy Twp.) .6 miles.....	\$9,000.00
Pemberville Rd. (Freedom Twp.) .8 miles	\$12,000.00
Custar Rd. (Jackson Twp.) 3.5 miles	\$52,500.00
Poe Rd. (Plain Twp.) 1 mile	\$15,000.00
Liberty Hi Rd. (Plain & Washington Twps.) 4.4 miles.....	\$66,000.00
Tracy Rd. (Lake & Perrysburg Twps.) 1.75 miles	\$26,250.00
Douglas Rd. (Montgomery Twp.) 1.6 miles	\$24,000.00

Pavement Markings

Various roads (Various Twps.) 57 miles	\$26,481.75
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BRIDGE PROJECTS COMPLETED

Sugar Ridge Rd. over Toussaint Creek (Webster Twp.).....	\$409,000.00
Kellogg Rd. over Ditch #2244 (Washington Twp.).....	\$210,000.00
Weston Rd. over Hockenberry Run (Jackson Twp.).....	\$101,000.00
Portage Rd. over Ditch #2271 (Montgomery Twp.)	\$111,000.00

DRAINAGE PROJECTS COMPLETED

Ditch Cleanouts	35.03 Miles
Ditch Bank Debrushing	54.52 Miles
Ditch Bank Protection and Repair	0.47 Miles
Sprayed Vegetation	154.72 Miles

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

PLANNING COMMISSION • W. David Steiner, Director

The Planning Commission administers policy concerning residential, commercial and industrial subdivisions, zoning regulations, and land use issues. The staff approves parcel splits, assigns rural addresses, and issues floodplain development permits. They also 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.

Funding from the Moving Ohio Forward grant continued into 2014 and provided over \$500,000 for demolition of abandoned and blighted residential structures throughout the County. A total of 86 structures were demolished during the two-year grant program.

New Subdivision Rules and Regulations for Wood County were approved. These regulations cover all new residential, commercial, and industrial subdivisions in Wood County.

During 2014, the Commission heard and reviewed 10 zoning requests. Of these requests, three involved text changes to current zoning resolutions in Liberty, Troy and Washington Townships. One involved recommending approval for zoning to be enacted in the unzoned area of Perrysburg

Township. The remaining requests involved the rezoning of existing lands in Bloom, Freedom, Lake and Middleton Townships.

The Planning Commission Office partnered with the City of Northwood to secure a total of \$800,000 in CHIP grant funds. These funds will be used to assist low and moderate income homeowners in Wood County with emergency repairs and improvements to their homes.

Grant funds from the FY13 CDBG Grant were used to clean and repair manholes and storm sewers in the Village of Custer, pave Church Street in the Village of Hoytville, ADA improvements to the North Baltimore Village Hall, and ADA curbs and ramps in the Village of Walbridge.

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

2014 PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIVITY

Minor parcel split transactions	73
Total acres in minor parcel splits.....	1,250
Transactions split from existing lots	45
Transactions combined with existing lots	28
Residential subdivisions approved	9

FY14 CDBG PROJECTS AWARDED FOR COMPLETION IN 2015

Bloomdale storm sewer and catch basin replacement:.....	\$31,300
Bradner waterline improvements:.....	\$47,400
Pemberville ADA improvements to opera house:	\$52,400
Weston demolition of abandoned water treatment building:	\$24,700

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Kathleen Hamm, Chief Public Defender

Established in 1979, the Public Defender's Office provides constitutionally mandated legal representation for indigent defendants in juvenile and criminal cases. To be eligible for public defender representation, the individual must qualify under the Ohio Public Defender Commission Standards of Indigency, as listed in Ohio Administrative Code section 120-1-03. Individuals are represented in the Bowling Green, Perrysburg, and Fostoria Municipal Courts, Juvenile Court, Common Pleas Court, and all levels of the Appellate Court. The Public Defender also operates a satellite office at the Perrysburg Municipal Court to accommodate the significant Northern Wood County caseload.

In 2014, the Office of the Public Defender represented approximately 2,700 clients. Cases included felonies, misdemeanors, delinquencies, status offenses, appeals and other post-conviction remedies.

Funds for appointment of counsel were budgeted by the County Commissioners and were reimbursed by the State at 40 percent. Ohio law mandates individuals

requesting representation to pay a \$25 application fee. The County retains 80 percent of the fee to offset the costs of providing legal representation.

The duties of the Public Defender are outlined in Section 120 of the Ohio Revised Code. A five-member commission, appointed by the Common Pleas Judges and County Commissioners, oversees the office administration.

LAW LIBRARY

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

Since 2012, the Law Library has experienced declining revenues. In December 2014, the Attorney General overruled an interpretation of a statute resulting in the collection of retroactive reimbursements due to the Library.

The Library secured grant funding to upgrade the public access computers and software.

Throughout the year, more than 1,029 people visited the Library. In addition, the facility received 190 telephone calls and eight emails seeking information.

Long time Law Librarian Judith Gill retired in March. Dorrie Cramer-Rumple was hired as her replacement and subsequently resigned from the position in December.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Alan Sundermeier, Extension Educator,
Agriculture & Natural Resources, Director

The Ohio State University Extension Office strives to provide current, up-to-date information on agriculture and natural resources, horticulture, community development, family and consumer sciences, and 4-H youth development.

Wood County 4-H offered educational experiences to 5,200 youth, 390 volunteer advisors, and 301 teen leaders. The 55 community 4-H clubs had an enrollment of 1,300 members while 4-H In-School units instructed 1,700 4-H projects.

Staff collaborated with the Historical Society and opened a permanent exhibit at the Historical Center highlighting the 4-H program.

CarTeens, a traffic safety program, covered traffic safety education, offenders' self-esteem, and interpersonal skills for 140 first-time juvenile traffic offenders. The classes were instructed by 20 teen facilitators utilizing a "teens teaching teens" approach.

Collaborating with Bowling Green State University and Virginia Tech University through a USDA grant, 125 area youth were taught valuable science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) concepts by professors from around the nation.

Agricultural research projects focused on cover crops, soil compaction, soil quality, pest scouting, soybean population comparisons, crop rotation, and sustainable cropping systems. Results were shared at local agronomy updates at the Conservation Tillage Conference, Northern Ohio Crops Day, NW Ag Research Field Crops Day, and other events.

The Crop Observation and Recommendation Network (C.O.R.N.) Newsletter was distributed to farmers and agri-business and provided crop scouting, integrated pest

management, cultural practice, and other practical information.

The Wood County Extension Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program, a cooperative effort between the Park District, and OSU Extension Wood County, planned and conducted educational seminars for residents.

Approximately 2,000 residents gained information on horticultural subject matter via telephone calls, email, and Horticultural seminars.

The Master Gardener Volunteer Program welcomed 18 certified members in 2014, bringing the number of active volunteers to 134. Volunteer efforts continued with Bowling Green Parks and Recreation, Wood County Park District, Wood Lane School, The 577 Foundation, The Daughter Project, and the Wood County Public Library.

In 2014, more than 125 women participated in Women-In-Agriculture, a one day workshop for farm women.

OSU Extension's Dining with Diabetes taught ways to manage diabetes through menu planning, carbohydrate counting, portion control, label reading, and healthy recipe taste testing. OSU Extension partnered with Meijer Stores' Healthy Living Program and Bowling Green State University Dietetics Program to offer classes in 2014, with 65 attendees.

One hundred fifty public food servers such as those who work in restaurants, schools, hospitals, childcare centers, and nursing homes were taught to avoid cross contamination, and to measure and log food temperatures from

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Terry L. Burton, Director; Deborah S. Hazard, Director

The Board of Elections is responsible for the administration and execution of all primary, general and special elections in Wood County. These responsibilities include the administration of Election Day, the absentee voter program, coordination of the polling official volunteers, auditing of all campaign financial reports, and verification of all candidates and ballot issues for compliance with all Ohio Revised Code requirements. In addition the office maintains all current and historical voter information, detailed election records and precinct maps both of which are available to the public. Citizens of Wood County may register to vote at the Board of Elections office as well as the Wood County Treasurer's Office, any Ohio License Bureau, U.S. Armed Forces Recruiting Office, public library or municipal offices. The voter registration deadline is 30 days prior to each election.

The Board of Elections held two elections in 2014. State of Ohio and Federal offices appeared on the ballot as well as one County Commissioner position, County Auditor, Common Pleas Court Judge and Common Pleas Juvenile/Probate Division Judge. Voters approved 42 of 52 total questions and issues on the ballot in the County. More than 9,000 voters requested absentee ballots.

During the November General Election, electronic poll books were tested in three voting locations. The electronic poll books allow precinct election officials to more efficiently and accurately check-in voters, create voter cards and record voter participation.

The number of registered voters held steady in Wood County at 96,326. This count is expected to drop with the continued statewide implementation of the National Voter Registration Act and National Change of Address System which permits the Board of Elections to remove voters who are no longer residents or active voters from the rolls.

The Board of Elections maintains a website featuring voter registration information, absentee ballot processes, candidate information, past election results, current office holders and governmental links.

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

delivery and storage to cooking, holding, cooling, and reheating.

More than 1,200 people attended 200 demonstrations or presentations on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's MyPlate Food Guidance System, Dietary Guidelines for Americans,

food safety, and other nutrition topics.

The Extension Office is a cooperative effort of the Ohio State University, the Wood County Commissioners, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

HEALTH DISTRICT

Pamela Butler, MPH, Health Commissioner
(Jan. 1 - June 30, 2014)
Ben Batey, RN, MPH, Health Commissioner
(eff. Sept. 11, 2014)

The Wood County Health District promotes conditions that allow people in the County to lead healthy lives by routinely reviewing health related issues and taking action to prevent illness and injuries.

The Health District applied for and is currently working toward accreditation with the Public Health Accreditation Board.

The Wood County Community Health and Wellness Center, located at the Health District, was designated as a fully funded Federally Qualified Health Center and received federal funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This resulted in the renovation of four offices into new exam rooms, renovation of the patient waiting room, and the creation of a dispensing pharmacy that will help clients with low cost medications. These projects allow for increased healthcare provider time for better client accessibility, and the provision of behavioral health services to clients, the result of which is an increase in the number of patients served.

Due to rapid growth, the Board of Health approved a \$1.9 million, 6,900 square feet expansion to the Health District building, which includes a new community meeting room and space for the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program.

The 11 member Board of Health, in addition to appointing the Health Commissioner, assumes the responsibility of overseeing the Wood County General Health District's activities to provide for the protection and promotion of health for those living in and visiting Wood County.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER

Mary E. Hanna, Executive Director

The goal of the Veterans Assistance Center is to provide compassionate, high quality services to Wood County veterans and their families. The staff strives to accomplish this by making the clients, rather than the benefit program, the central focus.

The Center continued issuing Veteran Identification Cards to County veterans containing the veteran's photo, address, branch of service, dates of active military service, and character of discharge.

Veterans reached out for \$63,425 in emergency financial assistance through the Center. The number of claims continued to rise with increased use of medical and nursing home benefits. Transportation to VA medical facilities continued to be

provided through a contract with Life Star Ambulance.

For every dollar spent by the County on veteran assistance, the Veterans Assistance Center brought \$60.06 in federal money back into the County. These funds benefited those veterans directly receiving assistance. In addition, the economy benefited because these federal funds increased the purchasing power of veterans and their families.

The Veterans Service Commission operates under Chapter 5901 of the Ohio Revised Code.

STATISTICS FOR 2014

Veterans Residing in the County.....	10,674
Total Client Contacts	15,815
Veterans Transported to Medical Facilities	444
Veterans Photo I.D. Cards Issued.....	290
Newsletters Distributed	10,250
Memorial Day Appropriations	\$10,000
Flags/Grave Markers Distributed	9,734
Federal VA Claims/Documents Processed.....	21,170
Total Federal Dollars Brought into County	\$26,976,000

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT • Nicki Kale, District Administrator/Education Coordinator

The Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) includes all the lands within the County. The District, chartered in 1949, is a subdivision of the State of Ohio formed by a referendum petition. The major function of the District 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 Natural Resources' Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The SWCD operates under Chapter 1515 of the Ohio Revised Code. Policies are set by a five-member board of supervisors who are elected for a three-year term. An election of supervisors is held each year at the annual meeting and banquet.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program brought \$434,239 to Wood County through 24 contracts covering 5.422 acres.

The Great Lakes Commission funded a sediment control grant of \$200,000 to establish 8,000 acres of cover crops over two seasons. Staff responded with investigations

on four separate Ag Pollution Abatement complaints.

A Cover Crop demonstration tour was established to bring awareness to the public on some of the efforts by farmers to improve the quality of water in Lake Erie.

A three part series on phosphorus was offered in an effort to inform farmers and landowners on the topic.

The District hosted a Conservation ATV tour that highlighted conservation projects and conservation minded businesses. A total of 53 individuals took part in the six-stop tour.

Numerous programs, workshops, seminars and adult education opportunities were also offered throughout the year on nutrient management, soil erosion, pond

health, water conservation and other topics.

An increase in the use of social media communicates pertinent information and program opportunities to the public in a timely and efficient manner. Nearly 9,000 individuals were reached through many programs offered in schools and to the general public within the County.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WOOD COUNTY

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

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

The selection of County officers took place on April 1, 1820. In May 1822, the Commissioners designated Perrysburg as the first County Seat. It remained so until 1868 when the Seat of Justice was moved to Bowling Green.

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

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

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

WOOD COUNTY QUICK FACTS

Population (2010 Census).....	125,488
Population (2013 estimate)	129,264
Land area in square miles	617.4
Land in farms (acres).....	267,957
Number of farms	1,091
Total cash receipts from farms	\$227,705,000
Private sector goods/service establishments.....	2,678
Total Households.....	48,789
Median household income	\$53,441

Top Five Private Sector Employers in Wood County

Magna International; First Solar Inc.; Chrysler Group LLC; Owens-Illinois, Inc; Walgreen Company

Other Major Employers

Bowling Green State University; Owens Community College; Perrysburg Exempted Schools; Wood County Government; Wood County Hospital Association, Johnson Controls, CSX Corporation

Source: 2013 Ohio County Profile from Ohio Office of Policy, Research and Strategic Planning



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

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

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

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

NO WRONG DOOR Agencies

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

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HOW TO CONTACT US...

CALL 419.354.9000 and let us help you or call toll-free

1.866.860.4140

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.co.wood.oh.us

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

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