

RESOLUTION NO. 18-01175

In the matter of opposition to the proposed) County Commissioners' Office,
amendment to the Ohio Constitution known as) Wood County, Ohio
State Issue 1.) October 25, 2018

WHEREAS, Ohio voters will decide on a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution known as State Issue 1 on the November 6, 2018 ballot; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1, if passed, will have disastrous results for the residents of Wood County and the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, those results include exposing Ohioans to an increase in substance abuse activity and criminal behavior as there will be little to no consequence for engaging in such; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 would impose a substantial unfunded mandate upon Wood County taxpayers who would be obligated to pay for the treatment services mandated by its provisions; and

WHEREAS, Wood County would incur significant costs for the court proceedings necessary to comply with State Issue 1's retroactive application that would require courts to re-sentence and/or release any individual convicted of an offense of possessing, obtaining or using drugs; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 mandates that the possession of Fentanyl, K2, Cocaine, LSD, Methamphetamines, Heroin, and other controlled substances be classified as a misdemeanor with mandatory probation; and

WHEREAS, the additional misdemeanor classifications will further financially burden Wood County and other counties in Ohio already faced with significant funding challenges; and

WHEREAS, such lenient laws on lethal drugs will attract those with nefarious and criminal intentions to Wood County and the great state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 would virtually eliminate "drug courts" in the State of Ohio utilized by our State's judges to effectively treat substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, constitutional mandates brought forth by State Issue 1 will prevent the State Legislature from maintaining the needed flexibility to legislate the fight against crime and drugs in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 negatively and materially impacts the safety and well-being of the residents of Wood County; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Wood County Board of Commissioners declares its opposition to State Issue 1 and strongly encourages the voters of Wood County, Ohio to vote NO on State Issue 1.

Commissioner Herringshaw moved and Commissioner Bowlus seconded the resolution and the roll being called on its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

DR. THEODORE H. BOWLUS yes CRAIG LAHOTE yes DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW, Ed.D yes

Attest: Sandy A. Gong
Clerk of said Board