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STRYKER – New Board officers were selected for 2018. Williams County Commissioner Brian Davis was named CCNO Board Chairman, Henry County Commissioner Robert Hastedt as Vice Chair, and Fulton County Sheriff Roy Miller named as Secretary/Treasurer.

Members agreed to enhance security measures during Wednesday’s meeting of the Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio. Board members approved the purchase of a full body scanner at a cost of \$189,000. The scanner will be purchased from SecurPass with a five-year warranty, and was recommended by Executive Director Jim Dennis after a comparison of three different units. This will be an added security measure as inmates in the past have attempted to hide objects in their body orifices.

Board members also authorized staff to seek bids to add a small control room between connecting minimum security dorms. This will allow the addition of an officer to assist and increase safety and security, for both officers and inmates, in the minimum security units. Director of Security Dennis Sullivan acknowledged that the Corrections Officers had previously agreed to increase the amount of offenders they supervise, from 60 to 64, and are now looking at even higher numbers in overflow situations. The Board agreed this was a necessary project to provide increased safety for CCNO’s dedicated officers.

The action comes after members met in executive session for 18 minutes to discuss security details.

Members also authorized staff to obtain bids to replace a 2012 bus with more than 258,000 miles. Funding will come out of the 2018 capital improvement budget.

In other business, the enhanced substance abuse education program – previously referred to as TCAP – will in 2018 only be provided to female inmates sentenced from Henry and Fulton counties with those counties directly paying the cost. Lucas County indicated it will provide its own program while Defiance and Williams counties will utilize other programs at CCNO.

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Mr. Dennis said Wednesday's population stood at 618 with the member population at 484 or 91 percent. Members agreed to adopt a revised 2018 administrative release policy, effective January 1, 2018, in which 485 is the maximum member beds with 95 percent at 460. The five members must stay below 485 beds.

The contract to provide electronic monitoring services to Toledo Municipal Court offenders expires at the end of the year. There is some discussion on whether the contract will be renewed or Toledo Municipal Court will switch to Lucas County Electronic Monitoring for such services. The matter has been referred to the Toledo City Council.

CCNO staff raised \$2,342.10 to benefit the St. Jude Children's Hospital following a special fund raising project spearheaded by approximately a dozen staff members. It was the 22nd year for CCNO staff to donate funds to a local charity. Staff donated crafts and various gift items while area businesses donated numerous products and gift certificates that were raffled off during the annual employee Christmas potluck held Dec. 15.