

# Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio

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**STRYKER** – At this morning’s meeting, the CCNO Board tasked the jail’s leadership staff with looking into options for purchasing two vehicles. A vehicle purchase has been approved twice before for the local jail; however, the state-contract purchase has been cancelled both times by the dealership.

“We’re to the point that we can’t wait anymore,” commented Executive Director Dennis Sullivan. Unfortunately the state’s dollar amount threshold for competitive bidding hasn’t caught up with the rising inflation. “We can’t find vehicles under \$50,000 so we need to look into either emergency purchases or we’ll have to do a RFP [request for proposals] for these vehicles,” Sullivan added.

The Director shared that the jail’s American Correctional Association (ACA) audit was coming up at the beginning of May. Tonya Justus, CCNO Fiscal Manager, was able to work with CORSA to cover the full cost of the audit, saving the jail approximately \$14,000.

Mental health afflicted offenders and the lack of state hospital bed space was discussed by the board following the scheduled agenda. Sheriff Roy Miller commented “conversations are coming about how to deal with this here instead of waiting a month or so for a state hospital bed.” The meeting closed with the facility leadership being asked to present some options or information for a solution to this consistent issue.

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