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STRYKER – The commission members for the regional jail selected their bed numbers for the 2021 fiscal year at this morning’s meeting. The selections – Lucas County, 200; Defiance County, 60; Williams County, 55, Fulton County 52; and Henry County 37 – are an overall decrease of 16 beds from the current count.

A brief point of contention amongst the members was related to two counties, Lucas and Fulton, selecting beds lower than their “chartered” bed amount. “This action was approved at the June meeting when the board passed a resolution for a 12-month MOU [Memorandum of Understanding] to allow members to drop below their chartered beds,” clarified Director Dennis Sullivan. “We anticipated this action, and the board has talked about it for a few months now. It’s not permanent, and it will be reevaluated next year.”

The jail will be doing a renovation to accommodate increased video arraignment after action taken at today’s meeting. Director Sullivan explained that, because of COVID, the facility has seen a significant spike in use of this service, sometimes up to 50 inmates a day. The current design just isn’t working for that high of use, and they anticipate that the numbers will remain fairly consistent.

The director also informed the commission on the status of the new RFID system which was installed approximately one month ago. He explained that it’s working exactly as intended and shared some feedback from the company on CCNO’s quick rise to top performer. “CCNO staff have literally gone from brand new to leading the nation in rounds compliance with this system. That’s so impressive,” Sullivan commented.

Continuing to highlight staff performance, he announced Daniel Beltran, Williams County, was the June employee of the month for intercepting a note within a housing unit describing in

Serving the counties of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, and Williams.

detail how the legal mail process was being used to bring contraband into the facility. John Zimmann, also from Williams County, earned the July honor for his efforts in the implementation of the RFID system; coming in on all shifts to train and be a resource for his fellow officers as they learned the new technology.

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