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STRYKER – Budget talks were the focus at this morning’s meeting of the Corrections Commission of Northwest Ohio. Members and jail staff discussed 2021 budgets and potential impacts from CARES Act funding.

Tonya Justus, CCNO Fiscal Manager, presented the board with a proposed 2021 per diem of \$71.85. She mentioned that costs were diligently evaluated so the per diem could be kept low in spite of several contract increases for the coming year. The members also approved a decrease in electronic monitoring costs, by nearly 50%, so that area courts would be better able to sentence people to monitoring instead of jail time.

Board members allowed the jail to accept CARES Act funding from member jurisdictions to help offset some costs for 2021. The CARES Act allows for recipients to use funds to pay for the wages of essential workers, such as corrections officers. Lucas County said they’d be contributing approximately \$2.09 million of their funds and the four rural counties – Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams – would each be giving \$50,000 to the jail to cover 2020 pandemic-related payroll. Members requested to have a special meeting after the funds were provided to CCNO to talk about how that would impact the 2021 per diem.

Executive Director Dennis Sullivan was able to share that a resolution to the water tower issue is in the works. He and the Archbold Village Administrator have discussed a 50/50 proposal on tower repairs, with a max of \$100,000 for CCNO, with Archbold taking ownership of the tower after the repairs are completed. Committees from both parties have agreed on the proposal, and the board approved the solution at the morning’s meeting. Mr. Sullivan said it would now go to the full Archbold village council and then they’d start working with the legal team to get everything finalized.

[Serving the counties of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, and Williams.](#)

The director shared the Employees of the Month for August and September. Jamie Jones, originally of Defiance County, received the honor for her willingness to take on additional responsibilities at the jail, including report writing, which helps to identify issues. The September winner was Lisa Osborne, Defiance County, who identified a manhole cover that was no longer secure during a security walk.

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