

**April 13, 2009**

The Board of County Commissioners, Highland County, Ohio, met this day in Regular Session with Mr. Wilkin, Mr. Horst, and Mr. Heaton present. At 8:30 a.m. the minutes of the previous session were approved as read.

**MOTION**

Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to approve the minutes of April 1, 2009 with corrections to the 2009 final budget in the following departments: Commissioners, Common Pleas, County Miscellaneous, Coroner, and Agriculture.

The vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**MEETING**

Lu Ann Winkle, Turning Point, met regarding the Community Gardeners Program. There is less than an acre of ground that lays behind the Training and Employment Center (TEC) that could be used for a community garden. If their grant would come in early, they could use summer youth to help with the project. Ms. Winkle said that if this was to go forward then there were many things that needed to be done such as tilling the ground, spraying, seed donations, etc. and someone from the community to oversee the project. The Commissioners suggested she go with this project next year and this would give her more time to have the proper information and everything planned out. The Commissioners thanked her for coming in.

**MEETING**

Greg Nartker, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, met with the Board of Commissioners regarding Workers' Compensation. Mr. Nartker said there were different programs, such as Drug Free Workplace and Transitional Work Program. The Transitional Work Program is to provide you with temporary work assignment within your current restrictions until you go back to your regular job duties per your doctor. This concept is to keep the employee at work. The Commissioners said they recommend they meet with Mr. Nartker on April 27, 2009, and a memo will be sent to all department heads to let them know Mr. Nartker will be speaking with them. Mr. Nartker also passed out information on Workers' Compensation regarding the Transitional Work Program.

**MEETING**

Sharon Cornett and Kelly Ward, NB&T Insurance, met regarding county health insurance. Mr. Wilkin said that when the Commissioners started looking for a consultant it was to compile all the proposals to see what insurance company had what met the county's needs with the best rates. Ms. Cornett informed the Board that NB&T could do the consulting, but the Board would need to put together a couple of plans, with options that the Board wanted. The Commissioners thanked both for this information.

**MEETING**

Dori Bishop, Recycling Outreach Specialist, stopped in to set a time and date for a proclamation to be done Wednesday.

**MEETING**

Tom Gall, Kay Simmons Insurance, met with the Board of Commissioners to let them know that he would be glad to put together a proposal for county health insurance. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Gall for coming in.

**MOTION**

At 11:15 a.m., Mr. Horst moved to adjourn. Mr. Heaton seconded the motion. The vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**WHEREUPON**, the Board of Highland County Commissioners will meet in Regular Session on Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

Rosalind Newman  
Clerk of Board

Shane Wilkin  
Thomas Horst  
Gary Heaton  
Board of Commissioners  
Highland County, Ohio