

April 22, 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 written.

NOTE

Jim Grandey, Highland County Prosecutor, and Martha Jacob, Highland Press, were present for portions of the meeting.

MOTION

Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to approve payment of Bill File No. 09-15. The vote resulted as follows:

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

The total amount paid was \$317,341.76. The amount paid from the General Fund only was \$93,864.79. A list of all bills paid is on file in the Commissioners' office.

LETTER

April 15, 2009

Highland County Commissioners
Highland County Administration Building
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

RE: Fine & Fee monies

We request that you appropriate \$212.00 into the line item of "Court Fines and Fees, 0410-T007-13.000". Please add as follows:

\$212.00 to the line item 0410-T007-T13.000 (Court Fines and Fees)

Thank you for your consideration into this matter.

Sincerely,

James B. Grandey, Prosecutor
For Highland County Victim-Witness

Resolution No. 09-140

The Board of County Commissioners of Highland County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on April 22, 2009, with the following members present:

Gary Heaton, Tom Horst, Shane Wilkin

Mr. Horst moved the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Highland County Commissioners, that the said Board authorizing additional appropriation within the Victim-Witness budget:

From: Un-appropriated funds,

To: 0410-T007-T13.000, Court Fines & Fees, amount of \$212.00

Mr. Heaton seconded the Resolution, and the roll called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Adopted April 22, 2009

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

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

LETTER

April 14, 2009

Dear Commissioners:

The Board of Elections had a meeting April 9, 2009. They have instructed me to request the following modification in our budget.

From: 01870-A003-A06.075 Contracts & Services \$9,000.00
To: 0180-A203-A02006 Poll Workers Salary & Expense \$9,000.00

This will pay the Poll Workers, Rovers, and Precinct set up Teams for the May 5th Special Election.

Thank You for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kate Cameron, Director
Highland County Board of Directors

Resolution No. 09-141

The Board of County Commissioners of Highland County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on April 22, 2009 with the following members present:

Gary Heaton, Tom Horst, Shane Wilkin

Mr. Horst moved the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Highland County Commissioners, that the said Board authorizing additional appropriation within the Highland County Board of Elections budget:

From: 0180-A003-A06.075, Contracts & Services,

To: 0180-A203-A02.006, Poll Workers Salary & Expense, amount of \$9,000.00

Mr. Heaton seconded the Resolution, and the roll called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Adopted April 22, 2009

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

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

LETTER

April 16, 2009

Highland County Commissioners
Highland County Administration Bldg.
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Dear Sirs:

Highland County Children Services respectfully requests to set up a new fund and line item to be known as Children Services Special Foster Fund, 0656-S056-S01-090. We request an appropriated amount of \$25,000.00.

If there are any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy J. Jacobs, Executive Director
Highland County Children Services

Resolution No. 09-142

The Board of County Commissioners of Highland County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on April 22, 2009 with the following members present:

Gary Heaton, Tom Horst, Shane Wilkin

Mr. Horst moved the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Highland County Commissioners, that the said Board agrees to establish a new budget to be known as Children Services Special Foster Fund and appropriate within the budget:

Appropriate
From: Un-appropriated funds

To: 0656-S056-S01.090, Special Foster Fund, amount of \$25,000.00

Mr. Heaton seconded the Resolution, and the roll called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Adopted April 22, 2009

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

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

Resolution No. 09-143

The Board of County Commissioners of Highland County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on April 22, 2009 with the following members present:

Gary Heaton, Tom Horst, Shane Wilkin

Mr. Horst moved the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Highland County Commissioners, that the said Board authorizing additional appropriation within the Lakeside Sewer budget:

From: Un-appropriated funds,

To: 3050-P050-P015.090, Other Expense, amount of \$300.00

Mr. Heaton seconded the Resolution, and the roll called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Adopted April 22, 2009

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

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

LETTER

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Dori Bishop, Recycling
DATE: April 20, 2009
RE: 0510-Q001 Recycling Budget

I received \$200.50 from the Village of Leesburg, and \$2,172.00 from the RPHF Solid Waste District, both for the Tire Collection. These funds were deposited in the 0510Q001 Budget. I am requesting that these funds be appropriated as follows:

From: Un-appropriated funds

To: Q001-Q17.090 Recycling Collection in the amount of \$2,372.50.

Respectfully,



Dori Bishop
Recycling Outreach Specialist
Highland County Recycling & Litter Prevention

Printed on recycled paper

Resolution No. 09-144

The Board of County Commissioners of Highland County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on April 22, 2009 with the following members present:

Gary Heaton, Tom Horst, Shane Wilkin

Mr. Horst moved the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Highland County Commissioners, that the said Board authorizing additional appropriation within the Highland County Recycling & Litter Prevention budget:

From: Un-appropriated funds,

To: 0510-Q001-Q17.090, Recycling Collection in the amount of \$2,372.50

Mr. Heaton seconded the Resolution, and the roll called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Adopted April 22, 2009

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

Shane Wilkin
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Board of Commissioners
Highland County, Ohio

LETTER

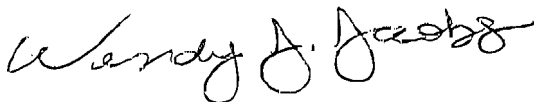
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Dear Sirs,

The Highland County Children Services Board respectfully requests that a new board member be appointed to replace Hank Thompson.

You may contact me at 393-3111 or Arlene Cole, Highland County CSB Chairperson at 937-393-2563 when a decision is made.

Respectfully,



Wendy J. Jacobs, Executive Director
Highland County Children Services
Protecting Children - Strengthening Families

Resolution No.09-145

The Board of County Commissioners of Highland County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on April 22, 2009 with the following members present:

Mr. Wilkin, Mr. Thomas Horst, Mr. Gary Heaton

Mr. Horst moved the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Highland County Commissioners, that the said Board approve the appointment of Chris Lewis to serve on the Highland County Children Services Board:

Effective April 22, 2009 through December 31, 2009. This will finish out the term of Hank Thompson.

Mr. Heaton seconded the Resolution, and the roll called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Adopted April 22, 2009

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

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

LETTER

April 20, 2009

Gary Heaton
President, Highland County Commissioners
114 Governor Foraker Place
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

Dear Mr. Heaton:

Enclosed you will find copies of letters we received from the members representing Highland County on the Policy Committee of the Ross, Pickaway, Highland, Fayette Joint Solid Waste Management District appointing members as follows:

Tim Bosier, of Candle-lite, representing the industrial waste generators within Highland County;

Dori Bishop representing the general interest of the citizens of Highland County;

Barbara Graves representing the general interests of the public of Highland County;

Judi Mannion representing the Public at-Large of the District.

These are two-year terms for all and will expire on April 21, 2011. Would you please journalize the appointments during your Board meeting?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 800-852-9034.

Sincerely,

Wanda Rathkamp, Administrative Assistant
Ross, Pickaway, Highland, Fayette Joint Solid Waste Management District

Resolution No. 09-146

The Board of County Commissioners of Highland County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on April 22, 2009 with the following members present:

Mr. Wilkin, Mr. Thomas Horst, Mr. Gary Heaton

Mr. Heaton moved the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Highland County Commissioners, that the said Board approve for the following three re-appointments and one new appointment to the Joint Solid Waste Policy Committee for the term of two years beginning April 21, 2009.

Tim Bosier of Candle-Lite representing the Industrial Waste Generators (new appointment)

Barbara Graves, Soil & Water, representing general interests of the Public (re-appointment)

Dori Bishop representing the Citizens of Highland County (re-appointment)

Judi Mannion representing interest of the Public of the District (re-appointment)

Mr. Horst seconded the Resolution, and the roll called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Adopted April 22, 2009

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

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

LETTER

April 2, 2009

Highland Co. Board of Commissioners
114 Governor Foraker Place
Hillsboro, OH 45133

RE: Highland Co. Sheriff's Employee Salaries, 0190-A006-A02-006
Methamphetamine Initiative Grant; Grant No. 2007CKWX0219

Dear Commissioners:

I wish to modify the budget of the Highland County Sheriff, specifically, Highland Co. Sheriff's Employee Salaries (line item number listed above) by the following additional amount, and request that this be done at the next regular meeting of the Highland County Board of Commissioners.

Pay-in to Highland County General Fund on April 20, 2009: \$ 2,639.88

The reason for this request is that the pay-in referenced above was been made as referenced above, as reimbursement to the Highland County Sheriff's Office, from the grant mentioned above, for salary-related law enforcement activity performed under the conditions of said grant.

I am attaching hereto a copy of the pay-in slip with regard thereto.

Please note that this request relates to the appropriation, only, and is not a request for additional county funds.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Ronald D. Ward,
Highland County, Ohio

Resolution No. 09-147

The Board of County Commissioners of Highland County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on April 22, 2009 with the following members present:

Gary Heaton, Tom Horst, Shane Wilkin

Mr. Horst moved the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Highland County Commissioners, that the said Board authorizing additional appropriation within the Sheriff's Employee Salaries budget:

From: Un-appropriated funds,

To: 0190-A006-A02.006, Sheriff's Employee Salaries, amount of \$2639.88

Mr. Heaton seconded the Resolution, and the roll called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Adopted April 22, 2009

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

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

LETTER

April 17, 2009

Highland Co. Board of Commissioners
119 Governor Foraker Place

Hillsboro, OH 45133

RE: Highland Co. Sheriff's Employee Salaries, 0190-A006-A02-006
Airborne Traffic Enforcement Grant; Grant No. HVEO-2008-36-00-00-00212-00

Dear Commissioners:

I wish to modify the budget of the Highland County Sheriff, specifically, Highland Co. Sheriff's Employee Salaries (line item number listed above) by the following additional amount, and request that this be done at the next meeting of the Highland County Board of Commissioners:

Pay-in to Highland County General Fund on April 16, 2009: \$3,153.60.

The reason for this request is that the pay-in referenced above was made as referenced above, as reimbursement to the Highland County Sheriff's Office, from the Treasurer of the State of Ohio, for law enforcement activity performed under the conditions of the grant referenced above. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the pay-in slip with regard thereto.

Please note that this request relates to the appropriation, only, and is not a request for additional county funds.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Ronald D. Ward
Highland County, Ohio

Resolution No. 09-148

The Board of County Commissioners of Highland County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on April 22, 2009 with the following members present:

Gary Heaton, Tom Horst, Shane Wilkin

Mr. Horst moved the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Highland County Commissioners, that the said Board authorizing additional appropriation within the Sheriff's Employee Salaries budget: (Airborne Traffic Enforcement Grant)

From: Un-appropriated funds,

To: 0190-A006-A02.006, Sheriff's Employee Salaries, amount of \$3,153.60

Mr. Heaton seconded the Resolution, and the roll called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Adopted April 22, 2009

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

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

PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was signed and read aloud to proclaim April 26 through May 2, 2009, as “National Crime Victims’ Rights Week.” The Highland County Victim-Witness Assistance Program is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Highland County and America to observe the 25th anniversary of VOCA during National Crime Victims’ Right Week. Present for the proclamation, in addition to the Board of Commissioners and the Clerk, were Trissa Chapman, Director of Victim-Witness; John Dodds, Carol Fenner, Barbara Shoemaker, and Peggy Rector, Victim-Witness Staff and Volunteers.

PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was signed and read aloud to proclaim May 16, 2009, as “Highland County Special Olympics Kick-Off Day.” The Special Olympics serves one million persons with mental retardation in more than 200 programs in more than 150 countries. Children and adults who participate in this event develop improved physical fitness and motor skills, greater self-confidence, and a more positive image. Present, in addition to the Board of Commissioners and the Clerk, were Melanie Chance, Teacher, Hills and Dales; Faith Johnson, Nicole Binkley, Kyle Hopton, and David Lee Campbell, students at Hills and Dales.

PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was signed and read aloud to proclaim “May 2009 as Older Americans Month” to celebrate the accomplishments of our older citizens and to express our gratitude for the contributions they make to our communities. Present, in addition to the Board of Commissioners and the Clerk, were Suzanne Hopkins, Director of the Highland County Senior Center; Susan Royse, Area Agency on Aging; and Harold “Smoke” Walker, Highland County senior citizen.

MEETING

Commissioner Heaton left to attend a meeting at the OSU Piketon Research and Extension Center in Piketon, Ohio, regarding new business plans.

MEETING

Dan Cowdrey, Economic Development Director, met with the Board of Commissioners with updates of projects he is working on in the county.

MEETING

Ms. Wendy Dillingham, CEBCO Benefits Specialist with the County Commissioner Association of Ohio (CCAO) and Ms. Terri Copely, Employee Benefits Consulting with Aon Consulting, Inc., met regarding information on county health insurance. CEBCO is a non-profit corporation formed by CCAO to provide the best cost effective benefit programs for the county. To participate in the program requires a three year commitment. The reason, is to help ensure the stability of the program. At this time, there are twenty counties in the pool. CEBCO is a self-funded program and promotes preventive care programs. The Commissioners thanked both for meeting with them.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Board of Commissioners recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

REPORTS

The Board of Commissioners received the following reports from the Sheriff's Department:

- Weekly Inmate Count
- Positions Opened/Unfilled Due to Budget Reductions, Hiring Freeze, Lay-offs

LETTER

Highland County Commissioners
114 Governor Foraker Place
Hillsboro, OH 45133

Re: Resolution #09-133

Dear Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of a copy of Resolution 09-133 regarding modification of the Municipal Court budget. I understand the serious financial difficulties currently facing Highland County. Further, I continue to support the Commissioner's efforts to deal with this matter. However, I feel compelled to remind you of Section 1901.111 and Section 1901.312 requiring health care coverage for judges and clerks, spouses and dependents. Two fifths of the costs of health insurance is to be paid by the county.

Please insure that appropriate adjustments are made so that the required insurance can be paid as it becomes due.

On the other hand, I am not aware of a statutory requirement that the Municipal Court budget for criminal prosecutions. In fact, I am not sure that including a line item for criminal prosecution is appropriate. It would appear that the neutrality of the court would be compromised by this appropriation. I am not sure when this became part of the budget. I understand that the purpose is to compensate the Hillsboro City Law Director for handling Municipal Court cases occurring outside the Hillsboro City limits. However, I believe that prosecution expenditures would be more properly be included in the prosecutor's budget. Please address this issue in preparing the next budget.

Finally, in an effort to increase Court revenues for everyone in the Municipal Court revenue stream, I have contracted with Capital Recovery Services to go after old debt. This will be accomplished at no cost to the Court. Capital Recovery Services has collected nearly \$100 million for Ohio courts based on a statute allowing them to assess a 30% premium. I hope to see an increased cash flow in the next three to six months.

Sincerely,

Judge David H. McKenna
Hillsboro Municipal Court

LETTER

April 22, 2009

Sherry Stout, President
Southern State Community College
100 Hobart Drive
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

Dear President Stout:

The Highland County Board of Commissioners applauds your efforts to obtain funding from the Ohio Cooperative and Internship Program Grant and offers our partnership in this worthy endeavor. We believe that an internship program is an effective means to train and place students and county government offers a wide range of interests related to a student's field of study such as accounting, business, law, and criminal justice.

We offer our assistance to place and train interns and offer documentation of a cash match in the form of training, supervision, and office space. If we are unable to serve on the advisory board, we are willing to assist you in finding suitable board members.

We support Southern State Community College and its continuing efforts to form a positive working relationship with education, community, and business.

Sincerely,
Shane Wilkin
Tom Horst
Gary Heaton
Board of Commissioners

MEETING

Jeremy Ratcliff, Chief Probation Officer, Highland County Probation, met with the Board of Commissioners with concerns regarding felony level cases. He has been asked to do these additional duties and with his staff reduction, there is just no possible way. He is applying for funds that could come through his office for a Jail Case Management Grant. The Board thanked Mr. Ratcliff for the update.

MEETING

Tim Young, Ohio Public Defender's Office, met with the Board of Commissioners. Also attending were Bill Fawley, County Auditor; Judge Rocky Coss, Common Pleas Court; Judge David McKenna, Hillsboro Municipal Court; and Ron Coffey representing Judge Judkins, Highland County Court, Madison Township Division. Under discussion was would it be feasible for the County to set up a Public Defender's Office? Mr. Young said there were different options and yes, the County could contract with attorneys and with the Ohio Public Defenders Office (OPDO). There would need to be a five-member board commission appointed and he will see who could be appointed to a board. Mr. Young has agreed to do a study for the Commissioners in order to see what options the County might have. Mr. Young said he has a working committee to address all issues. There will be no cost to the County. Judge Coss recommended that now is the time to look at this issue. The Commissioners thanked all for attending.

MOTION

At 5:00 p.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 Monday, April 27, 2009.

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

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