

April 29, 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.

MOTION

Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to approve payment of Bill File No. 09-16. The vote resulted as follows:

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

The total amount paid was \$190,065.57. The amount paid from the General Fund only was \$15,814.93. A list of all bills paid is on file in the Commissioners' office.

Resolution No. 09-150

The Board of County Commissioners of Highland County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on April 29, 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-P15.090, 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 29, 2009

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

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

LETTER

A support letter was signed by the Board of Commissioners to support the Fort Hill Volunteer Partners and their efforts to assume management of Fort Hill State Memorial.

MEETING

Jim Hinkel and Colleen Trevis with Canon Copiers met with the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Hinkel has visited all the County departments to check on copiers and the usage of each. Mr. Hinkel would recommend centralizing the document

workflow by reducing the number of printers to perform daily tasks. By utilizing updated copiers, multifunctional devices will increase productivity and reduce costs. Ms. Trevis suggested the Commissioners speak with a local dealer to purchase all supplies and could probably get a good cost savings. Mr. Hinkel will do a more formal proposal with recommendations and breakdown of each department. The Commissioners thanked both for coming in.

MEETING

Dan Cowdrey, Economic Development, met with an update on County projects.

CONTRACT

Amendment No. 3 Contract was entered into by and between the Board of Commissioners, Highland County Job & Family Services, and FRS Transportation for the Purchase of Service. See Contract Binder No. 21-A, Page 23.

MEETING

A department head luncheon was held at 11:30 a.m. with Tim McDermott from Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) as speaker. Commissioner Wilkin opened the meeting and introduced Mr. McDermott. Mr. McDermott explained the process from the beginning of employee being injured and the time frame to report to BWC and the information employer needs to file with BWC. He also explained the drug policy and what all is required. There was a question and answer time. Being nothing further, Mr. McDermott thanked everyone for meeting with him. The Commissioners thanked Mr. McDermott.

MEETING

At 1:00 p.m., the Commissioners traveled to MRDD for a presentation of a five-year accreditation award. The Commissioners returned at 2:20 p.m.

CONFERENCE CALL

A conference call with Ronda Kinnamon, Regional Economic Development Director for Governor Strickland's Office, was held with Jim Brushart, Deputy Director of District 9, ODOT; Steve Campbell, Chief of Staff, ODOT; Jeff Buskirk, ODOT; Dean Otworth, County Engineer; and the Board of Commissioners. This call was for the concerns the Commissioners had regarding the stimulus dollars. The Governor announced a Web site to submit applications and they received 4,600 projects. There was a group of people, ODOT and locals, who evaluated the projects within our district. They selected 149 projects. The County Engineer submitted an application for the extension of Smith-Hobart Drive and was not approved. Mr. Wilkin asked if the projects were only for Federal highway systems. Mr. Campbell answered with no they also went for rail improvements and port facility improvements. Mr. Wilkin explained how hard Highland County is being hit, with unemployment at almost 15 percent, DHL withdraw, Johnson Control closing, and lay offs at Weastec and Hobart. Ms. Kinnamon's reply was that she understood and that Highland County was not the only area being in a distressed area, that most of the counties across Ohio were having the same problems. State Route 62 and State Route 321 are not eligible for stimulus funds as the county first thought, but twelve miles of paving within Highland County is, with four different sections of roads being eligible to meet the criteria. Ms. Kinnamon and others agreed to meet with the Commissioners and the Engineer on May 4th. She thanked everyone.

REPORT

The Board of Commissioners received the Weekly Inmate Count Report from the Sheriff.

MOTION

At 3:35 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 Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

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Highland County, Ohio