

August 5, 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.

CONFERENCE CALL

Commissioner Wilkin participated in a conference call with Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC), Ohio Department of Development (ODOD), and Rapheal Underwood, Economic Recovery Coordinator, to discuss a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) for Highland County. OVRDC will prepare all the documents for the Prosecutor to review.

MOTION

Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to approve payment of Bill File No. 09-30. The vote resulted as follows:

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

The total amount paid was \$188,360.00. The amount paid from the General Fund only was \$74,649.10. A list of all bills paid is on file in the Commissioners' office.

DEPOSITORY

The Board of Commissioners designated Merchants National Bank, Hillsboro, Ohio, to be the depository for the Active (Checking) Account for the County. The depository term is August 21, 2009 to August 20, 2013.

Resolution No. 09-238

The Board of County Commissioners of Highland County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on August 5, 2009, with the following members present:

Shane Wilkin, Thomas Horst, and Gary Heaton.

Mr. Horst moved the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Highland County, Ohio, that the said Board agrees that the following investment contracts shall be awarded for the period of August 21, 2009 through August 20, 2013 at the maximum amounts of inactive funds as follows:

Leesburg Federal Savings Bank	One Million
Merchants National Bank	Six Million
Liberty Savings Bank	Six Million
Fifth Third Bank	Six Million
US Bank	Six Million
National Bank & Trust	Six Million

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Merchants National Bank shall be awarded all the active funds during this four-year depository contract, and this award is based upon the letter from Merchants National Bank dated July 29, 2009.

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

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

Adopted August 5, 2009

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

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

Resolution No. 09-239

The Board of County Commissioners of Highland County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on August 5, 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 authorize additional appropriation within the Victim Witness budget:

From: Un-appropriated funds,

To: 0410-T007-T12.000, Donations, in the amount of \$1,000.00

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 August 5, 2009

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

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

Resolution No. 09-240

The Board of County Commissioners of Highland County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on August 5, 2009 with the following members present:

Shane Wilkin, Thomas Horst, and 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 authorize a transfer to the Ohio Pet Fund:

From: 0077-A015-A15.080, County Miscellaneous, Transfers

To: S-50, in the amount of \$30.00.

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

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

Adopted August 5, 2009

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

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

Resolution No. 09-241

In the matter of submitting to the electors the question of maintenance and operation of the Highland County Department of Health for the General Election to be held on November 3, 2009, it was moved by Mr. Horst and seconded by Mr. Heaton that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten (10) mill limitation will be insufficient to provide the Board of Health of the General Health District of Highland County, Ohio, with sufficient funds to carry out its health programs and to meet the expenses of the Highland County, Ohio, General Health District programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Highland County Board of Commissioners, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary that a tax be levied pursuant to Section 3709.29 ORC in excess of the 10 mill limitation for the purpose of providing the Board of Health of the General Health District of Highland County, Ohio, with sufficient funds to carry out its health programs and to meet the expenses of the Highland County, Ohio, General Health District programs at a rate not to exceed five tenths (0.5) mill for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to five cents (\$0.05) for each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, being the tax years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, which is a renewal of an existing one-half (0.5) mill levy expiring in the tax year 2009;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said proposed levy shall be placed upon the tax lists and duplicate of the current year, beginning with the tax year 2010, in compliance with Section 5705.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, if the legally required per centum of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof at the General Election to be held November 3, 2009,

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board be, and she hereby is directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Highland County Board of Elections 75 days prior to November 3, 2009, and to notify said Highland County Board of Elections to cause notice on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

As to such action, each member voted as follows:

Gary Heaton, yea; Tom Horst, yea; and Shane Wilkin, yea.

Adopted this 5th day of August 2009.

**STATE OF OHIO
HIGHLAND COUNTY SS:**

I, Debbie Sansone, Deputy Clerk of the Highland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true copy of the resolution passed by the said Highland County Board of Commissioners at its regular session held on August 5, 2009,

providing for the submission to the electors the question of providing for maintenance and operation of the Highland County Department of Health at the General Election on November 3, 2009.

WITNESS my hand this 5th day of August, 2009.

Debbie Sansone
Deputy Clerk

Filed with the Board of Elections of Highland County, Ohio this 6th day of August, 2009.

Kate Cameron, Director
Highland County Board of Elections

MEETING

Gary Cooper, Southern Ohio Communication Services, met with the Board of Commissioners regarding an application for The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) broadband funds. Mr. Cooper would like to include Highland County in his application and requested a letter of support. His application also includes Jackson, Pike, Brown, and Adams counties. He explained the application process and said that he would provide “last mile” wireless service to residential customers. The Board agreed to write a support letter and thanked Mr. Cooper for the information.

LETTER

The Board of Commissioners signed a support letter for Southern Ohio Communication Services to apply for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) broadband funds for “last mile” wireless Internet connectivity in Highland County.

BID OPENING

Bids were received, opened, and read aloud for the Engineer’s Highrock Road Reconstruction project. Present, in addition to the Board of Commissioners and the Clerk, were Jim Franke, Cox Paving; Melvin Asphalt; and Chris Fauber, Deputy County Engineer. Bids were as follows:

Cox Paving	Leesburg, Ohio	\$307,951.54
Melvin Asphalt	Hillsboro, Ohio	\$377,731.21

The bids will be studied before an award is made.

MEETING



Sheriff John Calhoon, Atchinson County, Kansas, met with the Board of Commissioners while he was visiting relatives in Highland County. Mr. Calhoon discussed the differences and common problems between his office and the Highland County Sheriff’s office. The Board thanked Sheriff Calhoon for meeting with them.

NOTE

The Board of Commissioners requested that the County Auditor advance \$300,000 to the General Fund from the second-half property tax settlement.

DISCUSSION

The Board of Commissioners received a request from a City of Greenfield council member for the County Dog Warden to patrol the Greenfield Area one day each week. After discussion, the Board will ask the Sheriff to schedule the Dog Warden to patrol the area one-half day each week.

CONTRACTS

The Board of Commissioners received a fully-executed contract for a Canon copier for the Auditor's Office. See Contract Binder 21-A, Page 68.

The Board of Commissioners signed a contract by and between the Highland County Department of Job & Family Services and the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center to purchase a youth training program to improve academic performance and employability skills. See Contract Binder 21-A, Page 69.

The Board of Commissioners signed a contract renewal for Heartland Hospice Service, LLC for their office space at 1575 North High Street (TEC). The Contract period is October 2009 through September 2010. See Contract Binder 21-A, Page 70.

The Board of Commissioners received and Mr. Wilkin signed the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDG) Program/Economic Development Program grant for \$495,000. This grant will aid small business development in Highland County. See the Economic Development Block Grant file.

LETTERS

The Board of Commissioners received the following letters from the Ohio Department of Development:

FY2009 CDBG Economic Development Program Funding - permission to proceed

Project Acknowledgement or Release of Environmental Conditions for Grant No. B-E-09-033-1

LETTERS

The Board of Commissioners signed a letter of support for the Highland County Community Action, Inc. application for Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 grant.

The Board of Commissioners signed a letter to the Auditor of the State of Ohio, Mary Taylor, requesting an extension of the due date of the audit bill.

REPORTS

The Board of Commissioners received the following reports:

Sheriff – Monthly Dog Warden Report (July)
Sheriff – Income from inmate telephone (July)
Sheriff – Expenditures from Sheriff's Allowance (July)
Sheriff – Credit/Procurement Card Expenditure Report (August)
Sheriff – Monthly Inmate Count

MOTION

At 11:15 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, August 10, 2009.

Rosalind Newman
Clerk of Board

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