

October 28, 2009

The Board of County Commissioners, Highland County, Ohio, met this day in Regular Session with Shane Wilkin, Thomas Horst, and Gary Heaton present. At 8:30 a.m. Mr. Wilkin called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous session were approved as written. All correspondence, resolutions, and contracts are on file in the Commissioners office and can be viewed during regular office hours.

**MOTION** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to approve payment of Bill File No. 09-42. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

The total amount paid was \$270,814.24. The amount paid from the General Fund only was \$70,290.26. A list of all bills paid is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

**NOTE** Rory Ryan, Highland Press, and James Grandey, Prosecutor, were present for portions of the meeting.

**LETTER** The Highland County Board of Commissioners signed a letter to the Highland County Bar Association expressing gratitude for their support to temporarily lower the reimbursement rate.

**LETTER** The Highland County Board of Commissioners received a letter from the Board of Elections requesting a budget modification.

**RESOLUTION No. 09-351:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Board of Elections' budget (Workers Comp to various lines, \$6,734.63).

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Highland County Board of Commissioners received a letter from the Board of Developmental Disabilities requesting a budget modification.

**RESOLUTION No. 09-352:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize modification to the Board of DD budget (Other to Advertising, \$1,486.00)

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Highland County Board of Commissioners received a letter from the Board of Developmental Disabilities requesting a budget modification.

**RESOLUTION No. 09-353:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Board of DD budget (Services to Repairs, \$6,000.00).

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Highland County Board of Commissioners received a letter from Board of Developmental Disabilities requesting a budget modification.

**RESOLUTION No. 09-354:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Board of DD budget (Other to Contracts, \$4,000.00).

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Highland County Board of Commissioners received a letter from the Board of Developmental Disabilities requesting a new line item.

**RESOLUTION No. 09-355:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a new line item to the Board of DD budget (eFMAP).

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION No. 09-356:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a new line item to the Commissioners' budget (Tobacco – Economic Development).

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Highland County Board of Commissioners received a letter from the Board of Elections requesting additional appropriation to the ADA Grant budget.

**RESOLUTION No. 09-357:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize additional appropriation to the Board of Elections ADA Grant in the amount of \$5,327.62.

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Highland County Board of Commissioners received a letter from Children Services requesting additional appropriation to the Children Services Foster Fund (S-56).

**RESOLUTION No. 09-358:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize additional appropriation to the Children Services Foster Fund in the amount of \$120,000.00. This is a donation from the Corporation Board of the Advocacy Home.

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION No. 09-359:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to rescind Resolution No. 09-349 regarding fees providing legal counsel for indigent individuals.

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION No. 09-360:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to lower the reimbursement fee for providing legal counsel to indigent individuals from \$35.00/hour to \$30.00/hour. This reduction will be in effect from October 28, 2009 through December 31, 2009. On January 1, 2010, the rate will revert to \$35.00/hour.

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION No. 09-361:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a transfer from County Miscellaneous to various debt retirement funds, in the amount of \$395,143.66.

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Highland County Board of Commissioners received a letter from Judge David McKenna, Hillsboro Municipal Court, requesting a transfer of a portion of his salary to the Highland County Probation Department.

**RESOLUTION No. 09-362:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the General Fund (Municipal Court Salary Official to County Miscellaneous, Transfers) in the amount of \$4,216.68 and a transfer of this amount to Community Probation (S-18). The Judge waived the county portion of his salary for November and December 2009.

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Highland County Board of Commissioners received a letter from the Probation Department requesting a modification to the Community Corrections Act budget (T-20).

**RESOLUTION No. 09-363:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Community Corrections Act Budget (T-20) and additional appropriations in the amount of \$18,400.00.

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION No. 09-364:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the General Fund (Workers Comp to Steno) in the amount of \$68.00.

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Highland County Board of Commissioners received a letter from Hillsboro Municipal Court requesting a modification to the budget.

**RESOLUTION No. 09-365:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Municipal Court budget (Witness Fees to Salary Official) in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**CONTRACT** The Board of Commissioners entered into a contract with Adams County Sheriff for housing prisoners at \$55.00 per day per prisoner. See Contract Binder 21-B, Page 97.

**CONTRACT** The Board of Commissioners entered into a contract with J. D. Equipment, Inc., for annual service to the Generator Tower and the Justice Center. See Contract Binder 21-B, Page 98.

**CONTRACT** The Board of Commissioners entered into a contract with Simplex Grinnell for annual Fire/Security maintenance for the fiscal year 2010. See Contract Binder 21-B, Page 99.

**MEETING** Bill Fawley, Auditor, met to review budget issues for 2010. Mr. Fawley gave a listing of budget appropriations beginning 1982 through 2009 and anticipates receipts for 2010. County budget fund appropriations were \$11,516.00 for 2008. Mr. Fawley estimates to receive \$7,946,685, almost 3.6 millions from 2008. The last time the County's general fund budgets were this low was in 2000, when they were \$7,690.629.

**MEETING** Dori Bishop, Director of Recycling & Litter Prevention, met with the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Bishop said the Recycling Grant has been reduced considerably. The grant was signed by the Board at their meeting on Monday, October 26, 2009, and mailed out. Also, Ms. Bishop still has issues with items being put in the dumpsters that are disallowed. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Bishop for the update.

**VIEWING** At 9:45 a.m., the Board of Commissioners and the County Engineer, Dean Otworth, traveled to the Community of East Monroe to view an alley that had been petitioned to be closed.

**HEARING** At 11:15 a.m., the Board of Commissioner stated that there were questions asked regarding the closing of an alley in East Monroe that needed to be addressed by the Prosecutor before making a decision on the closing. There will be a second hearing on Wednesday, November 4, 2009.

**MEETING** A luncheon meeting was held with Mr. McDermot, Bureau of Worker's Compensation. This meeting was regarding guidelines for A Drug Free Workplace. Seventeen in addition to the Commissioners and Clerk attended the meeting.

**MEETING** Sheriff Ward and Bob Cross, Cross Management Consulting, met with the Board of Commissioners. At this time, Sheriff Ward asked that the Board enter into Executive Session regarding negotiations.

**MOTION** At 1:43 p.m., Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to leave Regular Session and entered into Executive Session for Sheriff negotiations. Roll call was answered by Shane Wilkin, yea; Thomas Horst, yea; and Gary Heaton, yea. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:35 p.m.


**MEETING** Richard Kisamore, Veterans Service Commission, met with the Board with a budget reduction. The Veterans Service Commission has reduced their budget by \$64,040.23. The Board thanked Mr. Kisamore and his board.

**MOTION** At 3:00 p.m., Mr. Horst moved to adjourn. Mr. Heaton seconded the motion.

Vote on motion: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**WHEREUPON**, the Board of Highland County Commissioners will meet in Regular Session on Wednesday, November 4, 2009.

  
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