

**December 14, 2009**

The Board of County Commissioners, Highland County, Ohio, met this day in Regular Session with Shane Wilkin, Thomas Horst, and Gary Heaton present. Mr. Wilkin called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The minutes of the previous session were approved as written. All documents referenced in the minutes are filed in the Commissioners' office and are available for review upon request.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from the Sheriff requesting the use of insurance settlement funds to purchase a transport van.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Probate Court requesting a budget modification.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-434** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Probate Court budget, Commissioners Supplies to Probate Supplies, in the amount of \$134.08. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-435** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Juvenile Probation budget, Commissioners (Service) to Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Detention, in the amount of \$5,323.35. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-436** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Rocky Fork Lake Sewer (P-03) budget (various line-items). The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Family & Children First Council requesting an additional appropriation and modification to the budget.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-437** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize an additional appropriation to the Family & Children First (S-24) budget, Ohio Children's Trust, in the amount of \$7,500.00. The Board also authorized a modification to the budget (various line-items). The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from the Clerk of Courts requesting a modification to the budget.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-438** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Clerk of Court's budget, Salary Employees to Supplies and Part-time Salaries, in the amount of \$5,334.30. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from the Recorder requesting a modification to the budget.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-439** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Recorder's budget, Commissioners Supplies to Recorder Telephone, in the amount of \$75.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-440** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Commissioners' budget, Supplies to Other Expense, in the amount of \$395.16. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-441** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Rocky Fork Lake Sewer budget (P-03), New Service to Other Expense, in the amount of \$1,982.19. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners signed a letter to Southern State Community College supporting the Enterprise Facilitation program in Highland County.

**REPORTS** The Highland County Board of Commissioners received the following reports:

Board of DD Help Me Grow Expense Reports 2008 and 2009  
 Engineer Annual County Highway System Mileage Certification for 2009. The Engineer certified 392.32 miles of public roads in Highland County.

**MEETING** Jeremy Ratcliff, Chief Probation Officer, Highland County Probation Department, met with the Commissioners regarding a new grant from the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (DRC). The Probation Department will start two new programs: Prosecutorial Diversion Program and Jail Case Management (Pretrial) Program. The new programs are based in Common Pleas Court and will divert funds from the current probation supervision programs in Municipal and County Courts.

**MEETING** Danielle Ratcliff, Highland County Family & Children First Council Coordinator, met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss Help Me Grow funds for 2010. As Interim Program Director for Highland County Help Me Grow, she asked for a commitment from Board of DD concerning the final total expenses from 2009 (to close the Board of DD Help Me Grow program). Ms. Ratcliff provided the Board with an estimate of revenue for the new Help Me Grow program. The Board assured Ms. Ratcliff that no further funds would be given to Board of DD until all expense discrepancies were clarified. A meeting is scheduled with Bill Fawley, Auditor; Chuck Biggert, Superintendent, Board of DD; and Shane Wilkin, Commissioner.

**MEETING** Chuck Aurigema, Director of Area 937 Ministries, Hillsboro Chuck of Christ, met with the Board of Commissioners to ask to use storage space at the County's West Main properties for another sixty days. Mr. Aurigema agreed to have all the clothes stored at that location removed within that time frame. He also inquired about the cost of leasing the property and will check with his board regarding this matter.

**MEETING** Sheriff Ron Ward met with the Board of Commissioners to ask permission to buy a used transport van with money from an insurance settlement. He proposed selling the current van, which is too big, and using the proceeds from the sale and the insurance money to buy a smaller van. The Commissioners approved the use of the settlement money (\$7,171.75) to purchase a transport van. Sheriff Ward Stated the Dog & Kennel expenses for 2009 are \$16,900 less than the budget. Also, the Wireless 911 is not yet compliant.

**RECESS/RECONVENE** The Board of Commissioners recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

**MEETING** Dan Cowdrey, Economic Development Director, met with the Board to update them on current projects.

**MEETING** Jim Lyle, EMA Director, met with the Board to discuss the status of the Wireless 911 compliance. Mr. Lyle stated there is a problem between AT&T and Emergitech regarding the CAD screen. The coordinates do not display correctly. The Ohio Public Utilities Commission (OPUC) will not sign-off to release the funds until they are sure everything works correctly. The Board will contact Mr. Smith with the OPUC requesting permission to draw funds.

**MOTION** At 3:15 p.m., Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to adjourn. 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, December 16, 2009.

*Jan Wilk*

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*Thomas Hart*

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*Jay Heaton*

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Highland County, Ohio

*Debbie Sansone*

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Clerk of Board