

December 23, 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.

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

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received "Project Acknowledgement or Release of Environmental Conditions" from the Ohio Department of Development for the following Highland County Community Action grants: B-C-09-033-1 and B-C-09-033-2.

RESOLUTION The Highland County Law Library Association passed a resolution to inventory all Law Library property and turn it over to the Highland County Commissioners, effective December 31, 2009, as required by law (Am. Sub. H.B. 420) (ORC 3375.53).

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Probation requesting an additional appropriation and an advance to the Community Corrections Probation Department budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-454 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize an additional appropriation to the Community Corrections Probation (S-18) budget, Advances Out, in the amount of \$3,000.00, and an advance to the Community Corrections Act (T-20) budget, in the amount of \$3,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Probation requesting a new line-item in Community Corrections Probation Department budget, and an additional appropriation and transfer.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-455 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a new line-item in the Community Corrections Probation Department (S-18) budget, to be known as Transfers Out, and authorize an additional appropriation to Transfers Out, in the amount of \$199.49. The Board also authorizes a transfer from Community Corrections Probation Department, Transfers Out, to Community Corrections Act (T-11), in the amount of \$199.49. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-456 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Community Corrections Probation Department (S-18) budget, Other to Specialized Staff, in the amount of \$5,000.00. 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 of the budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-457 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification of the Recorder's budget, Salary Official to Salary Employees, in the amount of \$131.06. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-458 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification of the General Fund budget, County Miscellaneous, Attorney-Indigent Fees

to Medicare, in the amount of \$903.41. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Juvenile Court requesting a modification to the Youth Services Grant budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-459 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Youth Services Grant (M-00) budget, Worker's Comp to PERS, in the amount of \$69.04. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Board of DD requesting a modification to the Help Me Grow budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-460 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the MRDD Help Me Grow (S-28) budget, Services to Salaries, in the amount of \$5,881.22. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Board of DD requesting a modification and transfer to the Help Me Grow budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-461 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Help Me Grow (S-26) budget, Services to Reimburse, in the amount of \$1,589.48. The Board also authorized a transfer from Help Me Grow (S-26) to MRDD Help Me Grow (S-28), in the amount of \$1,589.48. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Job & Family Services informing the Board of Wanda Foster's intent to retire.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-462 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to approve the retirement of Wanda Foster, Eligibility Case Control Reviewer at Highland County Department of Job & Family Services. Her final date of employment will be December 31, 2009. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a copy of a memo to Fred Beery, Village of Leesburg Solicitor, from Frank Leone, Environmental Engineering Services, outlining payment/procedures for the Highrock Road (Roberts & Campbell Subdivisions) sewer tie-ins.

AMENDMENT Mr. Wilkin signed an amendment to the FY08 Block Grant.

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

Sheriff	Weekly Inmate Count
Juvenile Det Center	Estimated Share of 2010 Operating Costs
Dept of Development	Semi-Annual Housing Program Income Report (CAO)

MEETING Danielle Ratcliff, Family & Children First Council Coordinator, met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the transition of Help ME Grow from MRDD to the County. Also present for the meeting were Jim Grandey, Prosecutor; Rory Ryan, Highland Press; Bill Fawley, Auditor; and Meredith Creek, Times Gazette. Ms. Ratcliff is helping the County find a program director for the new Help Me Grow program. Community Action and FRS Counseling are not interested. Because there is a problem determining how much money will be allocated to MRDD Help Me Grow for 2009 expenses and how much will be available to run the new program, Mr. Grandey said the Help Me Grow pass-through fund (S-26) can be frozen by the Commissioners until the expenses by MRDD are clarified. Mr. Grandey also advised to contact the telephone providers for the Help Me Grow office to be sure service was not terminated during the

transition. The County will need to appoint an interim program director by January 1, 2010.

MOTION Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to appoint Danielle Ratcliff as the Interim Program Director for the County Help Me Grow program as of January 1, 2010, until such time a permanent director is appointed, and to approve the Help Me Grow (County) budget as submitted. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

MOTION Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to draft a letter to the County Auditor instructing him to freeze the Help Me Grow funds in the S-26 pass-through account. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

MEETING Jim Grandey, Prosecutor, met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the 2010 budget. Mr. Grandey stated that his office covers three courts, takes care of delinquent taxes, and provides a cash match to the Victim Witness grant. His clerical staff has lower salaries than the staff in either court in the Courthouse. Mr. Grandey also stated that the Board of Commissioners comes close to not meeting the Ohio Revised Code requirements regarding their responsibility to fund mandated offices. Mr. Grandey has not taken all of his entitled Furtherance of Justice money in the past. He asked the Board to consider the points he made and to consider that he has always worked with the Board to cut his budget. Mr. Grandey thanked the Board and the Board told Mr. Grandey that they appreciate his cooperation.

NOTE The Board of Commissioners informed Highland County Soil & Water Conservation District that they would budget \$30,000 in 2010 for Soil & Water. The Soil & Water board was grateful and said they would still try to find donors to help with their expenses.

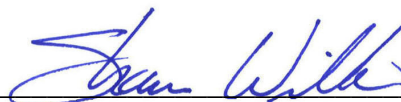
MEETING Dan Cowdrey, Economic Development Director, met with the Board of Commissioner to discuss funding for the Airport in 2010.

MOTION At 11:30 a.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 28, 2009.



Clerk of Board







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Highland County, Ohio