

**January 20, 2010**

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.

**MOTION** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to approve payment of Bill File No. 10-02. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton yea. The total amount paid was \$40,121.20. The amount paid from the General Fund only was \$7,757.90. A list of all bills paid is on file in the Commissioners' office.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Dr. Terrell, Coroner, regarding an incorrect payroll report.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners signed a letter to the Clean Ohio Administrators endorsing grant funds for acquiring property around Fort Hill. The Arc of Appalachia Preserve System will transfer the property to the Ohio Historical Society if funds are granted.

**LETTER** Mr. Wilkin signed a letter to the Air Force Research Lab requesting that Highland County be considered as a location for research.

**LETTER** Mr. Wilkin signed a letter to support the Family and Civic Engagement Team.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Highland 4 Extension requesting a .4 mill levy be placed on the May 4, 2010, ballot to support the Highland County Extension Office.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Sheriff Ward requesting a check for the purchase of a transport van. Funds are available from an insurance settlement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-26** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Rocky Fork Lake Sewer Budget (P-03), Services to Other, in the amount of \$19,407.54. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Children Services requesting a correction to the 2010 budget.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-27** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a correction to the Children Services (S-03) 2010 budget. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Children Services requesting a correction to the Children Services Gift Fund budget.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-28** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a correction to the Children Services Gift Fund (S-04) 2010 budget. 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 Law Library requesting a correction to the Law Library (S-58) 2010 budget.

**RESOLUTION No. 10-29:** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a correction to the Law Library (S-58) 2010 budget. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-30** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize additional appropriation to the CDBG (T-4) budget, in the amount of \$35,000.00. 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 Probation Department requesting a budget modification and an advance.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-31** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the Community Probation budget (S-18), Other to Advances Out, in the amount of \$5,000.00. The Board also authorized an advance from Community Probation to Pre-Trial Supervision (T-23), in the amount of \$5,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-32** 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 \$29,407.66. The Board also authorized a transfer from S-26 to Help-Me-Grow (County) S-60, in the amount of \$6,183.87. 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 requesting an advance to Public Assistance.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-33** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize an advance from County Miscellaneous, Advances Out, to Public Assistance (H-00), in the amount of \$10,551.22. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

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

Highland County Law Library Association 2009 Financial Report

**CONTRACT** The Board of Commissioners signed an amendment with Job & Family Services and FRS Transportation to increase the TANF portion of the July 29, 2009 contract. See Contract Binder 22, Page 4.

**MEETING** Rose Merkowitz, OSU Extension Educator, met with the Board of Commissioners to request that a tax levy be placed on the May 4, 2010, ballot to support the Extension Office. Originally the Extension Office requested a .4 mill levy but Ms. Merkowitz said it would not be enough to operate at the current level. She asked that the Board table the resolution until she could talk to her levy committee about raising the millage for the levy. The Board said they would consider an increased amount but the Extension Office should ask the people of Highland County to bear as small of a burden as possible. Mr. Heaton said that it is important that any money from a tax levy should stay in Highland County and not be placed in a "pool" that funds other OSU Extension Offices.

**MOTION** Mr. Heaton moved, seconded by Mr. Horst, to table the Highland County Extension Office tax levy resolution to give Ms. Merkowitz time to discuss an increased millage with her committee. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**MOTION** At 3:30 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, January 27, 2010.

  
Board of County Commissioners  
Clerk of Board

Highland County, Ohio