

**January 27, 2010**

The Board of County Commissioners, Highland County, Ohio, met this day in Regular Session with Thomas Horst, and Gary Heaton present. Mr. Wilkin was absent due to the birth of his daughter, Piper, on January 25. Mr. Horst called the meeting to order at 9:30 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, was present for portions of the meeting.

**MOTION** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to approve payment of Bill File No. 10-03. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Horst, yea, and Mr. Heaton yea. The total amount paid was \$471,585.91. The amount paid from the General Fund only was \$130,844.01. A list of all bills paid is on file in the Commissioners' office.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Ohio Valley Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) regarding the appointment for the County's At-Large Representative on the Council. The Board makes the appointment jointly with the Soil & Water Conservation District.

**LETTER** Mr. Wilkin signed letter (January 20, 2010) to Rose Fisher Merkwowitz, OSU Extension Office, requesting a detailed line-item budget for the Extension office.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Highland Soil & Water Conservation District requesting a \$15,000.00 of the 2010 approved budget funds be transferred to the Soil & Water Fund.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Highland 4 Extension organization asking the Board to approve a .45 mills levy be placed on the May 4, 2010 ballot to support OSU Extension, Highland County.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Victim Witness requesting an additional appropriation to the budget.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-34** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize an additional appropriation to the Victim Witness (T-07) budget, Donations, in the amount of \$500.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Horst, yea, and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Victim Witness requesting an additional appropriation to the budget.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-35** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize an additional appropriation to the Victim Witness (T-07) budget, Court Fines & Fees, in the amount of \$98.40. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Horst, yea, and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from FRS Transportation requesting a resolution be passed by the Board designating FRS, Inc. as grantee to the CY 2009 Ohio Coordination Program.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-36** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to designate FRS, Inc. as grantee to the CY 2011 Ohio Coordination Program. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Horst, yea, and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Alternatives to Violence Center to qualify and apply for revenue from the Marriage License Fund.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-37** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize the Auditor to make payments to Alternatives to Violence Center from the Marriage License Fund. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Horst, yea, and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-38** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize an additional appropriation to the Issue II (N-11) budget in the amount of \$330,237.52. The additional funds are from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Engineer's Various County Road Widening & Paving project. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Horst, yea, and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-39** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a transfer from the General Fund, Agriculture, Soil & Water Conservation to the Soil & Water (L-00) budget, in the amount of \$15,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Horst, yea, and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**LETTER** The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Probation requesting the creation of a new fund.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-40** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize the creation of a new fund to be known as Prosecuting Attorney Diversion Program (S-61) and to authorize an appropriation to S-61, Other Expense, in the amount of \$5,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Horst, yea, and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-41** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a transfer from Help Me Grow (S-26) to Help Me Grow (County) (S-60), in the amount of \$2,205.26. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Horst, yea, and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-42** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a .45 mill tax levy for OSU Extension on the May 4, 2010 ballot. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Horst, yea, and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-43** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the General Fund, Maintenance & Operations budget: Services to Rentals in the amount of \$8,732.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Horst, yea, and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-44** Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the General Fund, Miscellaneous budget: Transfers to Court Stenographer, in the amount of \$2,936.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Horst, yea, and Mr. Heaton, yea.

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

Children Services	January 13, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes
Alt to Violence	2009 Annual Report
Health Dept	October 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes
Common Pleas Court	2009 Year End Report
Estimate of Annual Sales Tax Receipts Due to Medicaid Managed Care Sales Tax	

**DISCUSSION** The Board received a letter from John King expressing interest in serving on the Ohio Valley RC&D Council. The Board will consider his request. The Board agreed that the Help Me Grow office should have a Wal-Mart credit card but request that the office keep careful documentation of expenses and provide the Board with a monthly report. The Board approved the purchase of a new copier for the Board of Elections.

**MEETING** Bill Fawley, Auditor, met with the Board of Commissioners to inform them he had not received requested information from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) regarding Help Me Grow. Mr. Fawley will contact Laura Friedman with ODH. Mr. Fawley informed the Board that the problems with the Treasurer's tax bills was nearly solved.


**MEETING** Dan Cowdrey, Director of Economic Development, met with the Board of Commissioners with updates on County projects.

**MEETING** Chuck Biggert, Superintendent, Board of Developmental Disabilities, met with the Board of Commissioners to present them with a final voucher for Help Me Grow (MRDD) reimbursement. Mr. Biggert also informed the Board that the State may not cut the subsidy to MRDD (HB 338). Also present for the meeting were Katie Wright, Times Gazette, and Bill Fawley, Auditor.

**MOTION** At 11:25 a.m., Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to adjourn. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Horst, yea, and Mr. Heaton, yea.

**WHEREUPON**, the Board of Highland County Commissioners will meet in Regular Session on Wednesday, February 3, 2010.

Shane Wilkin – Absent

  
Clerk of Board

  
  
Board of County Commissioners  
Highland County, Ohio