

March 3, 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 8:40 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 the meeting.

MOTION Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Wilkin, to approve payment of Bill File No. 10-08. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea, and Mr. Horst, yea. The total amount paid was \$104,993.48. The amount paid from the General Fund only was \$9,430.45. A list of all bills paid is on file in the Commissioners' office.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners signed letters to Senator Voinovich, Congressman Turner, and Senator Brown urging them to oppose the President's budget request to reduce funding for Resource, Conservation and Development (RC&D) programs.

LETTER President Wilkin signed a letter on February 26, 2010, to the Highland County Airport Authority instructing them to provide Heskett Insurance with an estimate to replace a tractor that burned in 2009.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Dan Cowdrey on behalf of the Highland County Airport Authority, explaining a communication problem between the insurance company and John Deere regarding the replacement of a tractor that burned in 2009.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a letter from the Sheriff requesting that two invoices be paid from the proceeds of the sale of a 2000 GMC transport van to Delaware County. The van sold for \$2,500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-78 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize an additional appropriation to the Commissioners, Other Expense, in the amount of \$2,500.00. The additional funds resulted from the sale of a Sheriff's transport van. 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 the Pre-Trial Supervision (T-23) budget and additional appropriation.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-79 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize the creation of a new line-item in the Pre-Trial Supervision (T-23) budget, to be known as Equipment, and appropriated \$3,000.00 to Equipment. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Veterans Service Commission requesting permission to travel.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-80 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to approve travel for three Veteran Service Commission board members to the Ohio State Association of County Veterans Service Commissioners' Spring Conference on April 9th and 10th in Dublin, Ohio. Cost of travel is estimated at \$848.97. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-81 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to set the time and date for a public viewing to close an alley. The Public Viewing will be March 24, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at the alley located between Lot Number 20 and Lot Number 21 on Main Street in Buford, Clay Township, and the Public Hearing will be March 24, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at the Commissioners' Office. 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 Sheriff requesting additional appropriation to the budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-82 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize additional appropriation to the Sheriff's budget, Employee Salaries, in the amount of \$21,060.00. Additional funds are from the DARE grant. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-83 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 \$915.95. 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:

- Sheriff – February 2010 Inmate Report (Daily Average 51 males, 10 females)
- Sheriff – February 2010 Statement of Expenditures from Sheriff's Allowances
- Sheriff – February 2010 Out-of-County Housing, reimbursements (\$717.52)
- Clerk of Courts – February Indigent Defense Application Fees (Common Pleas)
- Public Defender – August 2009 Reimbursement of Indigent Defense (35%)
- Sheriff – February 2010 Inmate Telephone income (\$861.46)
- Auditor – Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources

MEETING George Matthews, owner of Hangar 6, Inc., Dave Heithaus and Marlon Eavers, Hangar 6, Inc., and Brian S. Sullivan, Attorney for Mr. Matthews, met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the property taxes in question for Hangar 6, Inc. Jim Grandey, Prosecutor, was also present for the meeting. There is a disagreement in the interpretation of the lease agreement as to which party is responsible for the taxes on the improved portion of the property. Mr. Sullivan appealed to the Commissioners to help resolve the problem because he was not receiving any response to his correspondence to the Prosecutor's office. Mr. Grandey proposed that the County pays the real estate taxes on the land and Hangar 6, Inc. pays the taxes on the business improvements made since the inception of the lease. Mr. Grandey also stated that the County cannot exempt county property used for commercial purposes. Mr. Sullivan asked that if Hangar 6, Inc. paid for the taxes, he would ask for an offset against the lease payment. Hangar 6, Inc. pays \$342 per month for the lease of the property. Mr. Grandey reiterated that taxes generated by improvements made by Hangar 6, Inc. are not the County's responsibility. The taxes in question are \$750.29 per half year.


Mr. Wilkin asked Mr. Sullivan if he would agree to the Board of Commissioners talking with Mr. Grandey about the issue and meeting again in one week. Mr. Sullivan agreed and stated that he wanted to settle the issue out of court and did not want to be adversarial. A meeting was scheduled for March 17, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

MEETING Dan Cowdrey, Director, Economic Development, met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the closing of the Economic Development office. Mr. Wilkin explained that there would be no funds available after March 31, 2010. The Commissioners will assume the duties relating to Economic Development with limited help from Rapheal Underwood, Economic Recovery Coordinator. Mr. Cowdrey stated that Highland County needed economic development more than ever and felt the County was reducing its efforts in this area. The Board asked that Mr. Cowdrey notify his clients and direct them to the Board of Commissioners with questions. Mr. Wilkin will write a letter to Mr. Cowdrey as an official notice that the Economic Development office will close on March 31, 2010.

MEETING Aaron Oliver, SkinFX Tattoos, met with the Board of Commissioners to express his interest in purchasing the building he now leases from the County and the adjacent building owned by the County. The Board quoted him a price of \$35,000 for both buildings. Mr. Oliver asked if he could also look at the property at 144 West Main St. The Board arranged for Mr. Oliver to look at the buildings.

MOTION At 11:15 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, March 10, 2010.


Clerk of Board




Board of County Commissioners
Highland County, Ohio