

March 17, 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.

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. 10-10. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea, and Mr. Horst, yea. The total amount paid was \$180,027.74. The amount paid from the General Fund only was \$1,758.34. A list of all bills paid is on file in the Commissioners' office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Brent and Genevieve Fite, A to Z Advertising, met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the purchase of real estate. Mr. Fite asked to enter into Executive Session. At 8:32 a.m., Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to enter into Executive Session. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea. At 8:45 a.m., the Board returned to Regular Session.

MOTION Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to continue negotiations with A to Z Advertising regarding the sale of the property at 144 West Main Street. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

LETTER Mr. Wilkin signed a letter to Brian Sullivan of Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP law firm, outlining the County's position regarding the tax liability for Hangar 6, LLC.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a copy of a letter from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services informing the Probation Department of the approval of the 2009 Recovery Act subgrant for the Re-entry Initiative Program.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Recycling requesting additional appropriation to the budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-96 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize additional appropriation to the Recycling (Q-01) budget, various line-items, in the amount of \$2,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Job & Family Services requesting a transfer from Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) to Public Assistance.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-97 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a transfer from Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) (C-45) to Public Assistance (H-00), in the amount of \$7,384.24. 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 notifying them of the retirement of two employees.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-98 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to acknowledge the retirement of Maryanne deMilliano, Eligibility Referral Specialist 2, and Claudia Klein, Eligibility Referral Specialist 1. The last day of employment for both employees is April 30, 2010. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Help-Me-Grow (County) requesting two new line-items in the budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-99 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize two new line-items in the Help-Me-Grow (County) (S-60) budget to be known as Part C, and

ARRA Part C. No appropriation is being made at this time. 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 notifying them of the retirement of an employee.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-100 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to acknowledge the retirement of Shirley Quigley, Eligibility Referral Specialist 2, effective March 25, 2010. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

ENTRY The Board of Commissioners received an entry from County Court requesting a transfer of funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-101 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the County Court Computer Research Fund (S-11) and a transfer from Computer Research to County Court Juror Fees, in the amount of \$400.00. 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 Out-of-County Housing, reimbursements (\$183.99)
 Municipal Court – February 2010 Indigent Application Fees, Reimburse Counsel
 CAO – OHCP Status Reports for Grants B-C-09-033-1, 2 (signed)

CONTRACT President Wilkin signed an OCJS/Ohio Department of Public Safety Subgrant Award Agreement for \$14,850.00 in JAG Funds for the Sheriff's Office. See Contract Binder 22, Page 15.

CONTRACT The Board of Commissioners signed a contract with Sherman-Dixie Concrete Industries, for the Engineer's Reinforced Concrete Storm Sewer Pipe (Gasket Joint) project for \$63,496.56. See Contract Binder 22, Page 16.

CONTRACT The Board of Commissioners signed Amendment Number 1 to a contract with Job & Family Services and Southern Ohio Educational Service Center for a Purchased Service Contract for WIA In-School Youth Program. The contract amount was increased by \$1,002. See Contract Binder 22, Page 17.

CONTRACT The Board of Commissioners signed Amendment Number 1 to a contract with Job & Family Services and Children Services for a Purchase of Service Contract using TANF funds. The contract amount increased by \$100,000.00. See Contract Binder 22, Page 18.

MEETING Sheriff Ward met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the Criminal Justice Services JAGS grant awarded to the Sheriff's office for \$14,850.00. The funds will be used to pay for overtime. The grant requires a cash match of \$1,650.00 which will be paid from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF). The Sheriff noted that his office has received no stimulus funds to date.

Sheriff Ward informed the Commissioners that the radios were receiving feed back and he found that the coaxial line to the radio antenna at the water tower needed to be replaced. He asked for permission to buy new cable and an additional antenna, which is needed, to be paid from 911 funds. If needed, he asked if the Board would pay the invoices if the 911 money was not available when the invoices were due. The County would be reimbursed once the funds were received. The Board agreed to this and asked Sheriff Ward to ask the vendors for terms of 60 days to pay. The Sheriff will coordinate the purchase from the vendors and the funding with Jim Lyle.

The Sheriff also discussed arbitration regarding insurance. Two employees asked for settlements totaling \$350.00. The Arbitrator's settlement fee is \$490.00. The Sheriff asked the Board to move on these two issues.

MOTION Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to pay \$350.00 for the settlement of the insurance issues raised during arbitration. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, nay; Mr. Horst, nay; and Mr. Heaton, nay. The motion being denied, the Sheriff agreed to pay \$350.00 from his Furtherance of Justice funds.

MOTION Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to pay \$490.00 for the arbitrator’s settlement fee. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

Sheriff Ward also recommend to the Board to reappoint the members of the Safety Services Communications Committee that oversees public safety communications. The Board appoints three members to the committee.

MEETING Katy Farber, Director, Chamber of Commerce, and George Hedke, Human Resources Environment and Safety Manager at Huhtamki, met with the Board of Commissioners regarding a street light at the intersection of State Route 73 and Buckeye Road. This intersection is very dark and difficult for the employees to see at night. Dean Otworth, Engineer, was also in attendance. Mr. Otworth said that Huhtamaki would need to sign a permit to allow DP&L Power to conduct a study, determine the cost to install the light, and arrange for payment of the installation and the monthly charge. Neither the State nor the County will pay for the installation or the service. Mr. Hedke said that Huhtamaki was reluctant to pay for something they do not own but would pay for the monthly service. Mr. Otworth will verify the procedure with DP&L and said there was no cost for the power company to provide an estimate. Mr. Otworth will notify Huhtamaki within thirty days with his findings. Mr. Otworth will also ask the State if larger signs indicating the Buckeye Road turn-off can be put in place and the signs moved closer to the road. The Board asked Mr. Otworth to communicate with Mr. Hedke directly.

MEETING Brent Fite, A to Z Advertising, met with the Board of Commissioners regarding roof repair at 144 West Main Street. He will obtain estimates for the repair and made an offer of \$103,000.00 if the Commissioners pay for the roof repair. The Board will consider the offer.

MEETING George Matthews, Hangar 6, Inc., and Brian Sullivan, Attorney for Hangar 6, Inc.; Jim Grandey, Prosecutor; Dan Cowdrey, Director, Economic Development; Bill Fawley, Auditor; and David Daniels, State Representative, met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the on-going property tax issue for the property Hangar 6, Inc. leases at the Highland County Airport. Mr. Sullivan said he was disappointed that the County had not changed its position on the issue. Mr. Sullivan said that Ohio Law states that whoever owns the land pays the property tax. Mr. Grandey maintains the lease states the County will pay for the taxes on the “leased premises”, which was only the land. Mr. Sullivan said that Hangar 6, Inc. will pay the delinquent taxes “under protest” and, if necessary, let the court decided who is responsible. The Board asked if an amended lease would be considered, re-negotiating the tax issue. Mr. Sullivan said that he will talk to his client (Mr. Matthews) about it.

DISCUSSION The Board of Commissioners discussed the items of repair to the Courthouse that are needed and will publish a notice to bidders for the work. Because of limited funds, the bids will be made in sections and awarded as money becomes available through donations or sources outside the General Fund.

MOTION At 11:05 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 24, 2010.



Clerk of Board

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Highland County, Ohio