

March 24, 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. 10-11. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea, and Mr. Horst, yea. The total amount paid was \$200,085.61. The amount paid from the General Fund only was \$65,534.14. A list of all bills paid is on file in the Commissioners’ office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION At 8:37 a.m., Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to enter into Executive Session to discuss Land Acquisition. 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.

BID OPENING At 9:00 a.m., bids were opened and read aloud for the rental of approximately 64 acres of cropland at Leesburg Industrial Park for one year. Brad Williams, local farmer, was present for the bid opening. The bids resulted as follows:

John Duncan	\$ 8,472.64
Brad Williams	\$ 8,651.50
Baldwin Farms	\$10,251.00

The Board accepted the bid from Baldwin Farms (see resolution below).

MEETING Dean Otworth, Engineer; Chris Farber, Deputy Engineer; Bill Fawley, Auditor; Vickie Warnock, Treasurer; and Tom Perrin, Maintenance, met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss storage space. The Board received an offer for the building at 144 West Main and each of the attendees have items stored in the building. Arrangements were made to begin moving items to the Administration building, possibly using the small meeting room for storage. The Board of Elections was notified that they can continue using their space, which is in a different area of the building, until the buyer needs the space.

VACATE ALLEY – VIEWING At the request (by petition) of Daniel and Peggy Lang, the Board of Commissioners and the Engineer viewed the alley between Lots 20 and 21 on Main Street in Buford, Clay Township. Also present at the viewing were Ralph Tracey, Clay Township Trustee, and Daniel Lang, petitioner.

VACATE ALLEY – HEARING At 11:00 a.m. the Board of Commissioners held a hearing to vacate the alley between Lots 20 and 21 on Main Street in Buford, Clay Township. No one attended the hearing. The Board made the decision to close the alley (see Resolution No. 10-107 below).

LETTER The Board of Commissioners signed a letter to John Hemmings, Executive Director, Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC), supporting Horizon’s application to the Department of Commerce, NTIA, for broadband funding.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners signed a letter to Kathleen Moore, Office of Criminal Justice Services, granting Sheriff Ward the authority to sign all quarterly financial reports and any other required reports, which relate to the JAG grant.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners signed a letter to the Ohio Recorders’ Association asking that the Recorder be permitted to attend the association meetings in 2010 without paying the annual dues.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a letter from Brent Fite, CEO, A to Z Advertising, proposing the conditions of his purchase of 144 West Main Street.

LETTER The Board of Commissioners received a letter from the Airport Authority requesting \$11,275.00 for the operation of the Highland County Airport.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-102 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to adopt a written estimate for the total cost of office space for the Southern Ohio Educational Service Center in the Annex building for the period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The estimate is \$4,365.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-103 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a modification to the General Fund budget, Commissioners, Tobacco Economic Development, to Commissioners, Other, in the amount of \$9,608.08 and from Commissioners, Tobacco Economic Development to Rural Zoning Commission, Salary, in the amount of \$1,500.00. Tobacco Foundation funds for Economic Development were expended in full as salaries. The appropriation is no longer needed in the Tobacco Economic Development line-item. 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 Veterans Service Commission requesting permission to travel.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-104 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to approve travel for two (2) Veterans Service Commission employees to attend the Ohio State Association of County Veterans Service Officers' Spring School in Independence, Ohio on May 11-14, 2010. The approximate cost is \$976.26. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-105 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to authorize a transfer from Help-Me-Grow (S-26), Reimburse, to Help-Me-Grow (County) (S-60), in the amount of \$10,000.00. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-106 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to accept the bid of \$10,251.00 from Baldwin Farms (Charles, Philip, and Mark Baldwin) for the rental of approximately 64 acres of cropland at the Leesburg Industrial Park for one year. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Horst, yea; and Mr. Heaton, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-107 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Heaton, to vacate the alley between Lots 20 and 21 on Main Street in Buford, Clay Township. 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:

Auditor - Amended Official Certificate No. 3

MEETING Jeremy Ratcliff, Chief Probation Officer, Highland County Probation, met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the need for more office space. The award of the Justice Assistance Grant, JAG Stimulus Funds, will create three (3) new positions in the Re-entry Initiative Program: Director, Program Manager, and Administrative Assistant. The Director of the program will help the County write grants if related to Criminal Justice. Mr. Ratcliff asked to use the former Economic Development office space. He hopes to open the new office by May 1, 2010. The Board will consider his request.

MEETING Judge Coss, Common Pleas Court, and Dan Music, Bailiff, met with the Board of Commissioners regarding storage at the Courthouse. Judge Coss would like to move some items out of the Courthouse to make more room. He is also concerned about the condition of the Annex basement and would like to move records and evidence before they are ruined. The Board will have cleaning and maintenance items removed from the Courthouse storage area.

MEETING Dan Cowdrey, Director, Economic Development, met with the Board of Commissioners with an Airport update.

MOTION At 12:35 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, March 31, 2010.



Clerk of Board

Board of County Commissioners
Highland County, Ohio