

October 5, 2016

The Board of County Commissioners, Highland County, Ohio, met this day in Regular Session with Shane Wilkin, Jeff Duncan, Tom Horst. Mr. Wilkin called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. All documents referenced in the minutes are filed in the Commissioners' office and are available for review upon request.

NOTE Sarah Allen, Barb Cole, Bill Fawley, Terry Britton, Todd Wilkin and Randy Mustard, Jared Warner, LuAnn Winkle, Shawn Gall, Donnie Barrera and Rory Ryan were present for the meeting.

Mr. Wilkin led attendees in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION Mr. Horst, seconded by Mr. Duncan, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

MOTION Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, to approve payment of Bill File No. 16-38. The total bill file amount paid was \$177,745.68. The amount paid from the General Fund was \$67,276.44. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-209 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Sheriff requests additional appropriation from unappropriated funds to the Sheriff, Employee Salaries in the amount of \$7,571.13. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-210 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Commissioners authorize LuAnn Winkle, Turning Point, to sign and accept grant from the US Department of Justice, Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Award #2016-AJ-BX-008. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-211 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, HCDDJ&FS requests a transfer from County, Transfers Out to S-03 Children Services in the amount of \$200,000. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-212 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Commissioners request a transfer from County to Court Stenographer in the amount of \$2,000. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-213 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Board of DD requests an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds to S-00 Board of DD in the amount of \$51,000. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-214 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, Sheriff requests an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds to the Sheriff Budget, Salary Employees in the amount of \$3,166.12. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-215 Mr. Horst moved, seconded by Mr. Duncan, HCDDJ&FS requests a reimbursement of funds from Children Services, S-03 to Public Assistance, H-00 in the amount of \$194,001.99. The vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wilkin, yea; Mr. Duncan, yea; and Mr. Horst, yea.

DISCUSSION

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman announced at the Wednesday, Oct. 5 Highland County Board of Commissioners meeting the awarding of a Department of Justice grant of \$843,498 for the Rocky Fork Lake Area Safety and Advancement Plan. During a conference call with commissioners Shane Wilkin, Tom Horst and Jeff Duncan, Portman said Wednesday, "The grant money will go a long way in dealing with the drug problems in Highland County as well as support economic development at the Rocky Fork Lake State Park."

"Highland County's public and private sector worked together to make this happen. I was delighted to support the Rocky Fork Lake ASAP. This is critical for the Rocky Fork Lake area in combating drug activities and blighted properties."

Second District Rep. Brad Wenstrup called the board. Wenstrup thanked commissioners, Winkle and Highland County Community Action Organization Executive Director Julia Wise for their efforts. Wenstrup referenced legislation that he is working on to bring assistance programs together. "There are 92 programs that we need to get under one roof. There are lots of redundancies (in public assistance programs)," Wenstrup said. Wenstrup, who owns property near Rocky Fork Lake State Park, said he is really excited about the grant and the opportunities to combat the drug problem at Rocky Fork Lake and across the county. "The potential in the region and around Rocky Fork Lake is really huge," Wenstrup said. "This will help a lot of people in many, many ways. I look forward to us working together. It's a great county to work with."

A call from Ohio House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger, who also praised local officials for their efforts in securing the significant grant. "I really appreciate the local emphasis and partnerships to help the Rocky Fork Lake region in fighting crime and the drug epidemic," Rosenberger said. "This grant will help reduce drug-related crime, improve the quality of life and help economic development in the long term." Rosenberger also thanked Portman and Wenstrup for their efforts.

State Sen. Bob Peterson, who was in attendance at the meeting, told county officials they are "super fortunate to have these partnerships." "We appreciate working with all of you on issues that come up," Peterson said. "We are in this fight together. Always feel free to reach out to us when it's appropriate."

Commissioners thanked Portman, Wenstrup, Rosenberger and Peterson for their assistance. "We are strapped for dollars as it is," Wilkin said. "This is eight percent of our budget coming into the county. This is not General Fund money, but it is to be used specifically to implement the plan." Wilkin specifically thanked Winkle, Highland County Health Commissioner Jared Warner, Pant Township Trustee Randy Mustard, Diane Uhl of the Rocky Fork Lake Community Alliance, and Robert Moots, a 20-plus year member of the Turning Point Applied Learning Center Board of Directors. "The group behind all of this had a lot of fantastic partners," Moots said. "It was an excellent team put together. They worked very hard, and I thank them for not giving up. Rocky Fork Lake is very personal for me, as my father came here to build Rocky Fork Lake." Winkle said there were more than 100 stakeholders in the planning process for the past 18 months. She thanked her steering team of 25 people. She also thanked Ohio University for writing the plan for the grant and Angela Carl, a consultant for Planning For Success. Winkle outlined a few of the priorities for the grant:

- The development of a land bank, which will be working through Highland County Community Action Organization.
- Transportation from the Rocky Fork area to Hillsboro and Greenfield, through FRS Transportation.
- Targeted enforcement areas as identified by Highland County Sheriff Donnie Barrera.
- The implementation of a 411 anonymous crime tip line.
- A part-time sanitation officer at the lake, through the Health Department.
- Economic development, by creating a contract person to focus on recreation and tourism to create jobs.

"I don't want this just to be a two-year plan, then have it die and go away," Winkle said. "We're working to make it sustainable moving forward." "This is a great day for Highland County," Wilkin said. "We all recognize that Rocky Fork Lake could be an economic driver for the whole county. It's been a long process with a lot of dedication by a lot of people." Horst thanked Winkle for her overall efforts and also for reaching out to the Highland County Visitors Bureau. "Rocky Fork Lake is a priority of ours at the CVB," Horst said. "We look forward to working together." "I would like to thank everybody who has worked on this," Mustard said. "This is going to turn Rocky Fork Lake around and bring it back to what it used to be." Barrera also thanked Winkle and Scott Miller at the sheriff's office for all of the statistical background that went into the plan. "LuAnn really kept us on track," Barrera said.

RECESS/ RECONVENE 9:27 a.m./ 9:45 a.m.

MEETINGS/ APPOINTMENTS

8:40 *Turning Point, LuAnn Winkle*

CORRESPONDENCE

Highland County Recorder's Office. No Increase in funds.

CONTRACTS #92

Commissioners, Sheriff, Sudo Support, IT Contract

REPORTS

- Highland County Sheriff, Inmate Transport, September 2016*
- Highland County Sheriff, Statement of Prisoners' Meals, September 2016*
- Highland County Sheriff, Credit Procurement Card Expenditure Report, October 2016*
- Highland County Sheriff, Pay Ins. Form Inmate Calling Solutions, September 30, 2016*
- CORSA, Loss Report 9/60/16*

Meeting Adjourned at 9:54 AM



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