

**THE MINUTES**  
**July 22, 2010**

The Holmes County Commissioners met in regular session Thursday, July 22, 2010; with everyone present. Chairman Miller opened the meeting:

**8:30 A.M. – CHRIS YOUNG – ENGINEER – STANDING APPOINTMENT**

Engineer Chris Young met with the Holmes County Commissioners and informed them that there may be an attorney contacting them concerning the way October Hills distributes their sewer bills to the campers at October Hills. Young informed the Commissioners that the Association at October Hills contacted him and informed him of this situation. Young also stated that they bill the Association and then the Association then bills each individual owned lot for the sewer.

Young also met with W.E. Quicksall and Associates concerning the October Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant Project and have a plan that they will discuss with the EPA on Tuesday July 27, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the October Hills Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Young will also be having a conference call with Prosecutor Steve Knowling, the USDA and Laurel Schmidt of French Ridge Title Office.

Young also informed the Commissioners that they are currently patching the holes on several County Roads.

**SUSAN JACKSON & DARREN RUSHFORD – STAPLES – SUPPLIES DISCUSSION**

Susan Jackson & Darren Rushford of Staples met with the Commissioners and discussed buying supplies from Staples for the County Offices. Staples are part of the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program for the State of Ohio.

Rushford went over the survey that was taken by several of the County Offices.

Next, Ault asked about special order items such as special forms and special paper. Staples have a commercial department that prints out special forms if needed.

Miller informed them that we cannot make the Elected Officials and Departments Heads purchase from Staples but we can have Rushford and Jackson talk with the Elected Officials and Department Heads and explain the savings that they will get if they purchase from Staples.

The decision was made to have Rushford and Jackson speak to each elected Official and Department Heads and make a recommendation to them to purchase from Staples.

## **STATE AUDITORS, JOYCE YODER & JACKIE McKEE – EXECUTIVE SESSION – AUDIT PURPOSES**

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Eyler (Mr. Miller - yes; Mr. Eyler – yes; Mr. Ault - yes), the Commissioners went into Executive Session for the purpose of Audit Purposes with the State Auditors, Treasurer Joyce Yoder, Auditor Jackie McKee and Michele Gerber of the Auditor's Office at 10:29 a.m. The session ended at 11:15 a.m.

## **PARK DISTRICT & FAIR BOARD – GRANT APPLICATION DISCUSSION**

Dan Mathie and Jen Halveson of the Park District, Kerry Taylor of the Fair Board and Max and Joan Miller, Grant Writers met with the Commissioners to discuss the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Grant that the Park District is applying for.

Taylor has been working with the Park District for a year on the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund that would let the Park District buy the current fairgrounds. They have received the official appraisal of the Fair Grounds and the amount of the appraisal is \$750,000.00. The Park District could receive \$562,500.00 to purchase the fairgrounds from the County. In return the County would give the \$562,500.00 back to the Ag Society.

Joan Miller informed the Commissioners that this in return would keep the current fairgrounds as green space. Mathie stated that the Park District could use the land then for athletic events for the Park District.

The Park District would like a Resolution passed by the Commissioners and a Letter of Intent signed by the Commissioners.

Joan Miller also stated that this grant is a three step process and the project should be complete by 2014.

The Commissioners informed everyone that the Resolution will be passed and the Letter of Intent signed during the Business meeting on Monday July 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Questions were entertained from the press.

## **JUDGE ROBERT RINFRET – COMMON PLEAS COURT – BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Common Pleas Court Judge Robert Rinfret met with the Commissioners and presented to them the previous years budgets for Common Pleas Court. Rinfret also let the Commissioners know that he will never have a Magistrate unless it is mandated by the State of Ohio.

Also, discussed the County's foreclosures situation if it had gone down. Rinfret informed everyone that the foreclosures have not gone down at this point.

Questions were entertained from the press.

**ADJOURN MOTION**

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Ault moved that the meeting be adjourned at 4:30 p.m.; Mr. Miller seconded the motion (Mr. Miller - yes; Mr. Eyler – yes; Mr. Ault - yes). The next scheduled business meeting of the Holmes County Commissioners is Monday, July 27, 2010.

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Joe D. Miller

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Raymond Eyler

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Attest: Susan L. Haun, Clerk

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Rob Ault