

Happy Birthday, Highland County

*Commissioners proclaim
county's 200th birthday*

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Highland County Historical Society members Margaret VanFrank, Jean Wallis and Tom Watkins met with county commissioner for a proclamation signing proclaiming February as Highland County's 200th birthday.

Highland County became the 21st county in Ohio Feb. 18, 1805.

In a later interview with Wallis, president of the Highland County Historical Society, the group has a year's worth of programs planned for 2005 to celebrate the birthday.

"We are very excited about this 200th year birthday of Highland County," Wallis said. "We will be kicking off the celebration March 13 with a Sunday Brunch.

"Then throughout the rest of the year we will be having at least seven programs from April through October with special guest speakers from our elected officials."

Wallis also said that the museum has many items in it from that first year in 1705.

"We have a bonnet that was worn by Jane Allen Trimble when she moved to this area two-hundred years ago. We also have other items from that time in our history."

The museum will be open the first of March on Fridays from 1 to 5 p.m.

In other business, the commissioners sent a support letter to Congressman Mike Turner, Senator Mike DeWine (R., Ohio) and Senator George Voinovich (R., Ohio) to support the Clear Skies Act.

Commissioners signed an agreement with William Baldwin for the lease of 65 acres of cropland at the Leesburg Industrial Park located in Fairfield Township.

Commissioners signed the following resolutions to:

- approve travel of Ann Williams, county treasurer to attend the treasurers continuing education conference at a cost of \$100 registration fee;

- authorize an adjustment within Highland Recycling budget of \$1,575 for travel, \$15,684 for contracts, \$5,180 for advertising, \$1,140 for overhead, \$1,979 for other and \$100 for supplies;

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Margaret VanFrank, left, director of the Highland County Historical Society, with Jean Wallis, president of the Highland County Historical Society, met with the board of commissioners Feb. 9 for the signing of a proclamation to proclaim Feb. 18 as Highland County's 200th birthday. Also present at the signing was Tom Watkins, vice president of the society. Photo/M. Jacob)

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- transfer \$50,634 from miscellaneous to GIS within the GIS budget;

- authorize an appropriation of \$8,045 from unappropriated funds into enforcement and education expenses within the enforcement and education budget;

- authorize an appropriation of \$5,908 from unappropriated funds into donations-other expense within the sheriff's donations-other expense budget;

- approve an additional appropriation of \$1,265 into concealed carry law/other expense from unappropriated funds within the concealed carry law budget;

- authorize the transfer of \$12,062 from CSEA administrative account to public assistance account within the Child Support Enforcement agency program for January 2005;

- authorize a revised budget within MRDD construction debt retirement fund of \$12,500 into principal, \$15,000 into interest, \$1,900 into other expense and \$70,000 into transfers out from unappropriated funds;

- authorize an appropriation within MRDD Reserve Balance budget in the amount of \$150,000 transfers out, estimated revenue for 2005.

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