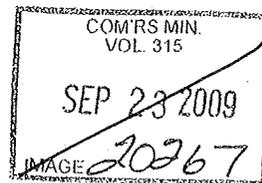


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## MOTION

### *County Should Evaluate Alternative Forms of Governance*

**WE MOVE** for the purpose of determining whether alternative forms of operating county government and providing the full range of public services needed by the People of Hamilton County and mandated by law are better suited to, and are more efficient and economical at doing the same, and in accordance with the dictates of Chapter 302 of the Ohio Revised Code, that a Task Force of Electors in Hamilton County, of such number and meeting such qualifications as to be determined later by the Board, be Named by the this Board to study all alternative forms of County Governance as are permissible under the Ohio Revised Code.

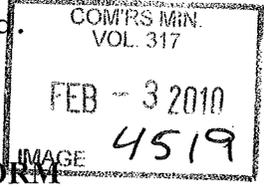
**WE FURTHER MOVE**, that the Task Force on Alternative Forms of County Government, once named, be charged with the responsibility of reporting to the Board of County Commissioners no later than April 30, 2010 with recommendations of Alternative Forms of County Government so that the Board may convene Public Hearings on the subject and determine whether or not to advance to the ballot at the November 2010 General Election a recommended alternate form of Hamilton County Government to be considered by the People of Hamilton County.

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David Pepper

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Todd Portune

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Greg Hartmann

On motion of Mr. Portune, seconded by Mr. Pepper the resolution was adopted.



**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL REFORM TASK FORCE**

This **RESOLUTION** establishing a County Governmental Reform Task Force is adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2010 at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners.

**WHEREAS**, Hamilton County Government is established under authority of Volume Three of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the exact structure of county government may be altered and amended under provisions detailed in Chapter 302 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, Hamilton County contains 49 separate political jurisdiction made up of 37 municipalities and 12 townships with Hamilton County government working in a collaborative manner with all 49 jurisdictions and further providing services for the direct and indirect benefit of, or managing and/or supervising services for, all 49 political subdivisions in Hamilton County; and

**WHEREAS**, Hamilton County is a mostly urban and suburban, built-out county, notwithstanding pockets of rural operations; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the practical nature of how Hamilton County has evolved over time and the kinds of issues and challenges Hamilton County faces in the 21<sup>st</sup> century that include, without limitation, the need to be able to be streamlined and narrowly tailored to work effectively and efficiently with, for and on behalf of said 49 political subdivisions; Hamilton County's immediate neighboring jurisdictions; Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana officials and federal authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, Hamilton County's revenue base of operations is shrinking due to reductions in the state of Ohio's budget; the economy and the actions of other political jurisdictions that work to reduce the availability of funding to Hamilton County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Hamilton County Commission to reform the structure of Hamilton County government in a manner that reflects the consensus will of the People of Hamilton County and that will position Hamilton County in such a manner as to be a more effective, efficient, productive and economical body of government and partner to others;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners does hereby authorize the creation of *the Hamilton County Governmental Reform Task Force* that shall be constituted, devised, created, formed and tasked as follows|:

1. The Task Force shall be comprised of a body of 15 individuals who shall possess such qualifications as are hereinafter set forth:
  - A. Each Member shall be an "Elector" in Hamilton County, Ohio ; and
  - B. The makeup of the task force shall reflect the diversity in Hamilton County; including political, racial gender, age, and socioeconomic diversity; and;
  - C. Members selected shall represent Villages, Cities and Townships and reflect the division of urban, rural and suburban makeup of the Hamilton County; and
  - D. Members appointed shall reflect the five relative geographic areas of the county in the context of north, south, east west and central.; and
2. Such Electors shall be appointed by the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners upon Motion of the President of the Board with the advice and consent of the Board. A Unanimous Vote shall be required to appoint each Member of the Task Force; and
3. The Members of the Task Force shall each serve at the pleasure of the Board until the work of the Task Force as hereinafter described shall be completed or until such time as the Board shall otherwise determine; and
4. The task Force shall convene at such times and in such fashion as required by law until their work is completed and a recommendation delivered in writing and presented to the Board at a regularly scheduled Board Staff Meeting on or before May 31, 2010; and
5. The Task Force shall receive staff and administrative support from the Hamilton County Department of the County Commissioners and County Administration; and
6. The Task Force shall make such recommendations about a proposed and reformed Hamilton County Governmental structure as are permitted under authority of Chapters 301, 302, 305, 307 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Constitution and any amendments thereto that may be adopted by the Ohio General Assembly at any time up to and including the final presentation of the Report and Recommendations of the Task Force; and
7. It being anticipated that the Board of County Commissioners shall convene Public Hearings upon the recommendations of the Task Force, the Task Force shall remain an empowered body capable of reconvening at any time up to and including the final date of action by the BOCC to advance a recommendation to the ballot at the General Election in November 2010.

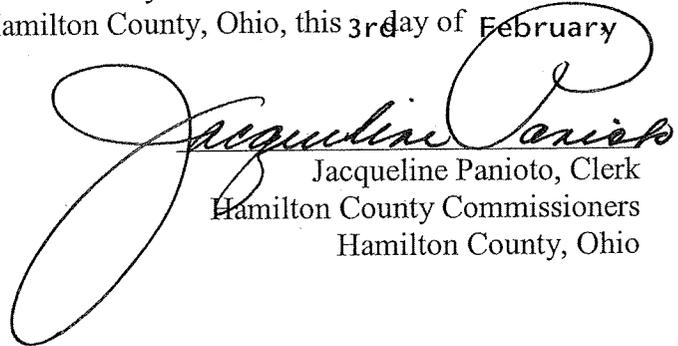
**ADOPTED** at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners this 3rd day of February 2010.

Mr. Pepper YES                      Mr. Portune YES                      Mr. Hartmann YES

**CERTIFICATE OF CLERK**

**IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED** that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio, in session this 3rd day of February, 2010.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Office of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio, this 3rd day of February 2010.

  
Jacqueline Panioto, Clerk  
Hamilton County Commissioners  
Hamilton County, Ohio