On motion of Mr. Portune, seconded by Mr. Pepper the following resolution was adopted for a two to one vote.

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RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICY GOALS BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE EVALUATION, DELIBERATION AND DECISION BY THE BOARD TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE HAMILTON COUNTY CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM COMMENCING IN 2007; AND TO PROVIDE WITH A REASONABLE DEGREE OF CERTAINTY THE FUNDING TO FULLY OPERATE THE SAME

WHEREAS, Hamilton County is currently experiencing a jail overcrowding problem that results in the early release of prisoners prior to completing their sentences, the delay in the onset of jail terms; or such other practices that have the net effect of releasing criminals on the street prior to such criminals commencing or completing the sentences meted out by sentencing judges in Hamilton County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned jail overcrowding problem in Hamilton County is also resulting in the transfer of up to 400 prisoners per day to facilities in Butler County, Ohio from Hamilton County at an annual cost to the General Fund of Hamilton County in excess of $7 Million not counting transportation; and

WHEREAS, the jail overcrowding in Hamilton County has resulted in the use of dispersed facilities that increase costs of operation and decrease the efficacy and efficiency of programs, treatment and services, and contributing in large measure to Hamilton County's high 70% and greater recidivism rate of inmates notwithstanding the county's deployment of one of the greatest number and degree of programs and services inside and outside of the traditional "four-corners" of an inmate population; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners has determined that Hamilton County's existing correctional facilities are inadequate and pose a risk of harm to county employees and correctional staff, to the general public and to the inmates themselves;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County do hereby set forth the following Policy Goals for a Comprehensive Program in Hamilton County of Corrections and Rehabilitation that shall

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commence in 2007 and that shall provide for funding to operate the same during the entirety of the program as hereinafter set forth:

1. In direct response to the lack of adequate jail space in Hamilton County to handle the number of adults in Hamilton County requiring local incarceration the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, in meeting their duty and responsibility under the Ohio Revised Code, Chapters 305 and 307, shall hereinafter develop a comprehensive "Corrections and Rehabilitation Program" that shall be funded under the authority of the Board of Commissioners for Hamilton County, which such program shall be developed by the Board based in part upon the advice and recommendations of the previously established Hamilton County Criminal Justice Commission; and
2. Such Corrections and Rehabilitation Program must be comprehensive in approach in order to be effective, and as such, must provide for a complete menu of services that could include, without limitation, any one or more of the following in any combination thereof: an appropriate number of beds at all security levels to provide such bed space as is necessary to result in the elimination of the occurrences of early releases, mitigated sentences, and other practices currently used to reduce inmate populations to stay within facility capabilities; educational programming to lead to inmates obtaining a high school diploma or equivalent degree; to upgrade job skills and training; to enhance civic responsibility including registration to vote upon the completion of time; treatment of individuals requiring special medical needs; treatment of individuals presenting issues of mental illness; treatment of individuals for the purpose of overcoming addictions to drugs and alcohol; re-entry programming; enhanced case management including pre-trial practices; diversion programs, electric in home monitoring, and/or other alternatives in treatment, sentencing, management and incarceration; and
3. Hamilton County's Corrections and Rehabilitation Program shall be designed to meet the county's needs as set forth by the parameters in paragraph 2 above from the present through December 31, 2037 as forecasted to a reasonable degree of certainty; and

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4. Hamilton County's Corrections and Rehabilitation Program ("HCCRP") shall contain the operational flexibility so as to provide the most efficient and effective way to protect society, protect each individual inmate, and to reduce the likelihood of all persons sentenced and a part of the HCCRP to engage in repeat criminal behavior [recidivism]; and
5. It is the goal of the Board to reasonably secure all funding necessary to run the entire HCCRP program through the program period;
6. The HCCRP shall employ best practices and shall do so in the most efficient and accountable way. As such the HCCRP shall, in its entirety, remain under the review and scrutiny of the Hamilton County Criminal Justice Commission for the duration of the program and shall also look to other counties, states and/or national practices for the purpose of benchmarking, accountability and to ensure deployment of best practices; and
7. The HCCRP must meet all operational needs of the Hamilton County Sheriff as measured under reasonably determined objective standards; and
8. To the extent necessary and subject to such requirements, the HCCRP shall comply with in all respects those standards set for certification by the Ohio Bureau of Adult Detention ("OBAD");
9. Inasmuch as certification is required by the OBAD, the goal of the HCCRP is, nonetheless, to construct and/or rehabilitate all necessary facilities in a manner that provides the most cost-effective means of addressing the needs established including without limitation constructing the right blend or mix of rated and approved facilities under the authority of the Ohio Bureau of Adult Detention's standards for: **Minimum Standards for Jails in Ohio**

Such as:

Full Service/Minimum Security Jails (January 2003 - 39 pages)

12 Day Jails (July 2005 - 39 pages)

12 Hour Jails (January 2003 - 30 pages)

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Temporary Holding Facilities Guidelines and Requirements (January 2003 - 15 pages)

10. Due to the potential magnitude of the cost, all program elements, now in operation and those to be added now or in the future shall be subject to review and scrutiny to ensure that goals are being met and that all such elements are being done in the most efficient and cost-effective way; and
11. As a further means to ensure that the cost to the public is kept to a minimum, all other revenue generating options, including grant writing and utilization of any legislatively provided appropriations, or such other means of raising revenue such as private sector donations and charges to inmates for all costs of incarceration [see: (A) Pursuant to section 2929.37 of the Revised Code, the board of county commissioners may require a person who was convicted of an offense and who is confined in the county jail to reimburse the county for its expenses incurred by reason of the person's confinement.]
12. As the HCCRP is developed the Board of County Commissioners shall consider other public safety enhancements that may be attained to a reasonable degree of certainty and without adding cost to the overall Hamilton County Public Safety budget; and
13. As the HCCRP is developed the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners shall consider program implementation in such a manner that has the operative effect of reducing property taxes in ways other than simply providing a property tax rollback; and
14. Each Member of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners affirms that he is open to any solution that provides for a comprehensive program as set forth above for the purpose of establishing a HCCRP and, in recognition to other competing demands on county finances and the tax burden that exists in Hamilton County, affirms that such comprehensive solutions shall first be sought via financial means that do not raise new taxes on local county residents if possible, and only if such are not attainable using only existing local resources without doing harm to the ability of Hamilton County to provide its full measure of community services and functions as determined by the Board and as mandated under Ohio law, then and only then shall new taxes be considered; and

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15. The Board of Hamilton County Commissioners recognizes the urgency of finding a solution to the county's corrections program needs, and, finding that time is of the essence, hereby expresses its intent to determine a solution that provides a comprehensive program of corrections and rehabilitation on or before February ~~23~~ 22, 2007, to the extent possible.

ADOPTED, at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio, this 31st day of January, 2007.

Mr. Portune AYE Mr. Pepper AYE Mr. DeWine NO

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 31st day of January 2007.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Office of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio, this 31st day of January 2007.

Jacqueline Panioto

Jacqueline Panioto, Clerk
Hamilton County Commissioners
Hamilton County, Ohio