

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION
AND OTHER INITIATIVES IN CONJUNCTION WITH A VOTER-APPROVED SALES TAX
INCREASE FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PURPOSES**

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BY THE BOARD;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has voted to place on the November 7, 2006 ballot a one quarter cent sales tax increase pursuant to ORC Section 5739.021 ("jail sales tax"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed sales tax increase will be used for criminal justice purposes specifically for the construction and operation of a new jail facility; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has pledged to keep County spending at or below the rate of inflation each year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners will implement a property tax rate reduction program for property taxes from the current millage rate for current expenses of the county within the ten-mill limitation ("inside millage") pursuant to ORC Section 5705.313 ("property tax reduction"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Ohio that a property tax rebate be applied to the County's inside millage contingent on the passage of the jail sale tax.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the property tax reduction from the current inside millage (2.26 mills) for current expenses is estimated to be:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Property Tax Reduction</u>
2007	\$13,584,681 or .68 mills
2008	\$11,749,082 or the appropriate millage rate to be determined
2009	\$ 4,629,977 or the appropriate millage rate to be determined

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that issues concerning the construction of the jail will be referred to the County's Managed Competition and Efficiency Committee to attempt to identify additional cost savings and efficiencies in the construction and operation of the a county-owned facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners will endeavor to obtain a contribution from the State of Ohio for the construction of the new jail facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any additional savings after construction shall be used to end the sales tax prior to the expiration of the ten year term. This includes any savings generated through reductions in the cost of construction, through lower than anticipated financing costs, or as a result of a State contribution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the recommendations of the Corrections Review Task Force and the Vera Institute, a Criminal Justice Coordination Commission (CJCC) will be appointed by the Board of Commissioners upon passage of the levy. The mission of the CJCC shall include the following:

- 1) Developing and implementing reliable measures of recidivism rates and regularly reporting to the Board and the community at large as to the County's success in reducing recidivism;
- 2) Improve data quality and the use of data in decision-making;
- 3) Establishing a comprehensive community-based continuum of sanctions;
- 4) Improving implementation, coordination and access to specialized courts; and
- 5) Improving opportunities for, and coordination of, community-based sanctions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator, be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to take those actions as necessary and appropriate, including the delegation of said functions

among responsible staff and the administrative details and controls, to assure proper implementation in exercising this authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be and hereby is authorized and directed to certify copies of this resolution to County Administrator Patrick Thompson, Assistant County Administrator for Administrative Services Eric S. Stuckey, Director of Budget and Strategic Initiatives Christian Sigman, Hamilton County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney James Harper, and Hamilton County Auditor Dusty Rhodes.

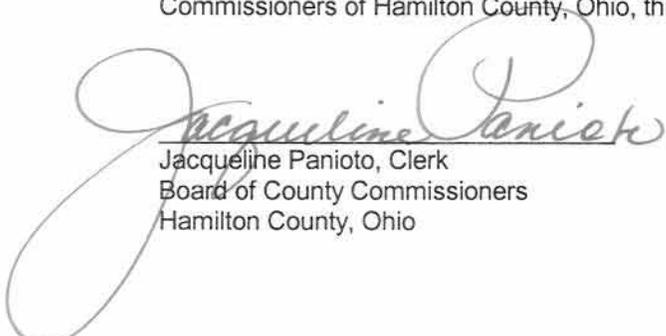
ADOPTED at a regularly adjourned meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, this 21st day of August 2006.

Mr. DeWine AYE Mr. Heimlich AYE Mr. Portune AYE

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 of Hamilton County, Ohio the 21st day of August 2006.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio, this 21st day of August 2006.



Jacqueline Panioto, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Hamilton County, Ohio