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WILLIAMS COUNTY RATED A+ BY S&P

BRYAN, OH, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009: The Williams County Board of commissioners is pleased to announce that the County has received an A+ Bond rating by Standard and Poors. Williams County Commissioners applied with Standard and Poors to become bond rated to help reduce costs on future interest rates to be paid on borrowed money. The rating was awarded to the county after an in depth interview with the County Auditor Deb Nester and Commissioner Board President Lew Hilkert. The analysis and interview covered the areas of Budget process and amendments, debt policy and procedures, and investment policy and procedures.

Commissioner Hilkert stated "this is the first time that the county has been bond rated." This rating will enable the county to receive reduced interest rates, for example the \$2.5 million Bond anticipation note that is being renewed, by the county for

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one year, a rate of 1.5 percent has been assigned to this obligation, a savings over \$12,000 per year.

Hilkert also stated that the future County sewer projects will also benefit from the A+bond by receiving reduced interest rates on money to be borrowed for projects.

Please direct any questions to Anne Retcher, Clerk for the Williams County Commissioners.

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