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Press Release

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WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STATEMENT ON LICK CREEK

JULY 1, 2010 MEETING

BRYAN, OH, JULY 1, 2010: The Williams County Commissioners have chosen to release a press statement regarding today's scheduled Special Lick Creek Meeting. The Williams County Commissioners were contacted by Stephanie Metz, Clerk for the Joint Board on behalf of Chairman of the Joint Board, Tom Kime on June 14 & 24, 2010, regarding his desire to hold a joint board meeting. Chairman Kime requested the meeting for the purpose to approve payment of bills for the Lick Creek Project and to appropriate additional monies to pay ongoing legal bills related to the project incurred by the Joint Board.

It is the position of the Defiance County Commissioners that they serve as the primary fiscal agent for the Joint Board, and thus do not require our input or approval when paying Joint Board expenses. A point we, the Williams County Commissioners

disagree on. Now, that those prior appropriated funds are exhausted, the Defiance County Commissioners have shown an interest in meeting to discuss a transfer of additional Williams County Taxpayers' funds to cover ongoing expenses, and approve the payment of bills.

On April 12, 2010, at the request of the Joint Board Attorney, Peter Silverman, it was asked that the Defiance County Commissioners join us with the appellants and The Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management to see if we could navigate through the impasse, identify a reasonable methodology to meet the objectives, and limit the legal action, but was turned down by the Defiance County Commissioners. With all legal options expended, the Williams County Commissioners replied to the requests of June 14 & 24, 2010 as follows: "Until the Courts have reached a definitive conclusion, the Williams County Commissioners' will not agree to meet." Even though the Defiance County Commissioners received and read the email, they still find it prudent to pursue a meeting that will lack a quorum and expend funds for the purpose of advertising a meeting that lacks legal standing. We, the Williams County Commissioners stand by our decision that we must be accountable to the taxpayers no matter the dollar value, and we will not spend our taxpayers' money frivolously, nor will we do so without merit.

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

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~~June 28, 2010~~

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In Re: Press Release

Bryan Times:

Please be advised that the attached Press Release must be printed in its entirety. If for any reason it is less than its entirety we insist the right to review prior to printing.

Sincerely,

WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOT PRESENT

Brian A. Davis

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