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**WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCE \$1.1 MILLION  
BUDGET REDUCTION**

BRYAN, OH, MARCH 16, 2009: The Williams County Commissioners announced this morning that they have taken steps to reduce the 2009 general fund budget to better align it with current revenues. Following a work session on March 10, 2009 with County Auditor Deb Nester, it was determined the county faces a projected \$1.1 million revenue short fall. (2009 approved budget \$12,402,643.20) In conjunction with the budget reductions, the Commissioners have also suggested that the departments review the possibility of closing the court house one day a week as a means to reduce overall cost.

Commissioner Brian Davis stated, "We have closely monitored our revenue stream since early fourth quarter of 2008. After meeting with Williams County Auditor Deb Nester March 11<sup>th</sup>, we chose to act now to limit the overall impact. It is our hope

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through departmental budget reductions, the possibility of closing the court house one day a week, and limited lay-offs, we can reduce expenses by \$1.1 million dollars."

Commissioner Lew Hilker stated, "Because of the economic conditions throughout the United States, we find ourselves in a position that was not created by any action at the local level, but nonetheless, must be addresses in a timely manner. Our goal from the onset was to keep our employees employed."

Commissioner Al Word stated, "The Board has chosen to place the East Annex restoration on hold until our economy improves. This facility will save the county money when county offices are consolidated into the east annex, and rent for those offices are eliminated. Though it will be a valuable asset we need to focus on the current financial issue at hand."

Further details will be released as they become available. Please direct any questions to Anne Retcher, Clerk for the Williams County Commissioners.

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