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## MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPT 2017 BUDGET

The Miami County Commissioners formally adopted the 2017 tax planning budget during their regular Board meeting Thursday, July 14, 2016. The approval is based upon projections of estimated carryover, estimated revenue and anticipated expenditures for the year 2017.

The tax planning budget, mandated by the Ohio Revised Code, is a planning tool and the first step in the County's budgeting process for 2017. The second and final step is the adoption of 2017 appropriations, which will be adopted by resolution in December of this year.

The Board of Commissioners will hold hearings in the fall with each elected official and department head to discuss their final appropriation requests and narrow any gap there may be in the 2017 budget between revenues and expenses.

The County Budget Commission projects the General Fund revenues for 2017 to be \$24,508,371.87. Requested expenditures in 2017 are limited to \$30,848,696.68. **This represents only a 1% increase over the 2016 General Fund appropriations.** Total revenue in all funds for 2017 is projected to be \$80,483,481.10, and appropriations of \$ \$91,266,378.74.

The \$4.2 million in general fund cuts made by Miami County elected officials and departments in 2010 enabled the county to have budget surpluses each year. However, with the purchasing of beds for incarcerated females from Shelby County this year and the anticipated opening of the third pod at the incarceration facility for females in 2016, our budget could be that much tighter.

Commissioner John F. "Jack" Evans states "We continue to plan for the hiring of additional corrections officers at the Incarceration Facility to house female inmates. This will require us to review our financial condition with the county auditor to ensure a positive cash flow and take action when needed. We are looking forward with the support of all the elected officials and department heads to once again balance the county budget."

Commissioner Richard "Dick" Cultice said "Several years ago the commissioners changed the budget process and moved the detailed discussions with the other elected officials and department heads to the fall appropriations hearings. This change has resulted in providing a more complete financial picture as a result of having 9 months of operations in order to provide for more accurate information in order to set the next years appropriations."

Commissioner John O'Brien continued, "Since the 2010 cuts, with the support of all the elected officials, we've made decisions that have put us in a strong position to better manage our services and expenses. These management strategies have enabled us to have budget surplus every year since 2010 and I see no reason this should not continue. None of this would happen without the support of our elected officials and department heads."