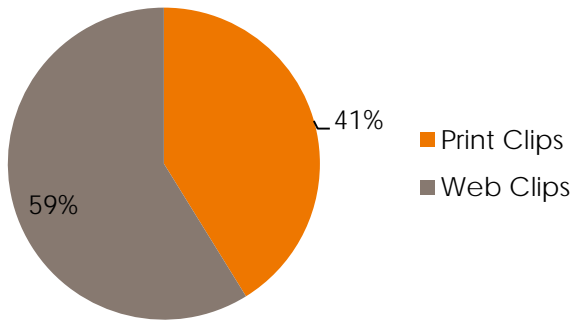


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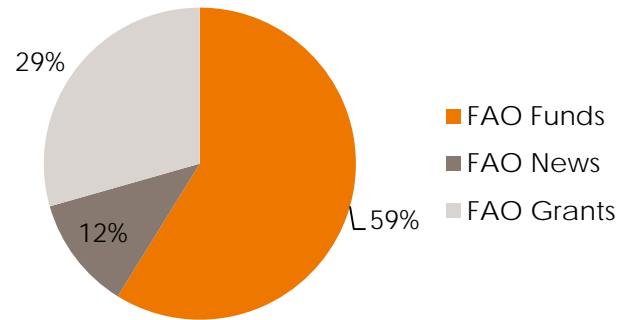
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## Commissioners authorize purchase of body scanner for Highland County Justice Center

The Highland County Justice Center is one step closer to the purchase and installation of a body scanner, following approval by Highland County commissioners Jeff Duncan, Terry Britton and Gary Abernathy at their Wednesday, Jan. 15 meeting.

Highland County Sheriff Donnie Barrera has previously met with commissioners to discuss potential funding options for the request.

Barrera told commissioners Wednesday he has tentatively selected a Tek 84 scanner from Intercept Technologies, which he said is estimated to cost \$149,000. He added that he still wants to see the scanner in person before making a final decision but has received positive feedback from other sheriff's offices, including in Fairfield and Delaware counties.



Pictured, from left, are Highland County commissioners Gary Abernathy, Jeff Duncan and Terry Britton. (HCP Photo/Caitlin Forsha)

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Department. The Maysville Jail has one of the Intercept systems," Barrera told commissioner. "Everybody loves the system."

Along with the \$149,000 quote, the sheriff discussed other fees associated with the scanner. Barrera said that there is a \$262 Ohio Department of Health fee for three years before having to be recertified, and a consulting company checks the radiation annually for \$250 a year. After the "two-year, 100-percent warranty" expires, a \$10,000 annual service fee will be assessed, Barrera said.

Britton asked if those fees would "stay constant." "Yes," Barrera said. "That's pretty much the standard fee once it runs out of the warranty and you purchase the machine."

"Is there going to be any extra employment for this?" Britton asked.

"No, they come in and do a three-day training," Barrera said. "They stay on site. They train usually one or two people, and then they become the trainer, once they become proficient with it. They start training other officers, and soon you can have all your officers trained on this particular machine."

"Everybody I've talked to who has this machine says it's a real simple machine to

operate."

Abernathy asked if they would have to do any "modifications" to the justice center to fit the machine, such as "tearing out a wall."

"I believe it'll fit right in where we have our DataMaster machine," Barrera said.

Britton also asked if there was a security camera for the room where the machine would be placed. "We're just trying to get down to all the costs involved," he said.

Barrera said that if the camera isn't facing that area or if there isn't one in that room already, they could add one when the new camera system — which was approved by commissioners in November — is installed.

Barrera told commissioners that he would be willing to appropriate \$49,000 from the commissary fund to put toward the scanner's purchase. Aramark district manager Mike Colvin has also met with the sheriff and commissioners twice since December 2018 with options to help fund the scanner's purchase, and "the offer's still on the table," according to the sheriff. "They're willing to stay on board with something like that," Barrera said.

"I think we have some funds set aside for this," Duncan replied.

Barrera said that unless there is a medical reason to prevent it, each inmate would be screened through this machine. He spoke about its potential impact at the jail.

"Right now we're at 97 inmates in our jail, and we've got one or two inmates that are locked down because we know they've got contraband on their body," Barrera said. "We have to isolate them to keep them from the other inmates."

"I think the purchase of one of these machines is going to help alleviate — it's not going to stop everything, of course, but it sure is going to alleviate a lot of the issues we have with getting contraband inside the jail."

Barrera said the scanner is also "one of the lowest-dosage radiation machines that there is on the market."

"An individual in this particular machine can go through this body scanner up to a thousand times in a year," Barrera said. "They stand inside a box,



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Britton told Barrera that commissioners are "ready to move forward with this, as long as you make your trips and take a look and see if this is definitely the thing that you want."

Commissioners voted 3-0 to authorize the body scanner purchase, pending Barrera's final decision, although the sheriff said he thinks they've chosen "the one we'll be happy with."

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In other discussion Wednesday:

- Commissioners voted 3-0 to approve the purchase of a used 2011 Ford truck from Dance Auto Sales in the amount of \$15,070, to be used for plowing snow in the winter.

"We've got a truck we've been plowing snow with for several years, and last time we had it in for some service, it was deemed that maybe its lifespan was limited," Duncan said. "We've been searching the area for a replacement for that vehicle. It's a single-cab, three-quarter-ton, and it's got a snow plow and a salt spreader on it."

Duncan said the truck at Dance Auto Sales has 56,000 miles and is also a three-quarter-ton truck.

"It's kind of hard to find a three-quarter-ton, single-cab truck," Britton said. "We didn't want to spend a lot of money on it, but it's something that we have to have. The old truck that Chuck [Taylor] was using is rusting apart."

- Permissive sales tax receipts are up slightly from this time last year, at \$538,501.61 compared to \$532,304.23 in January 2019.

"It's \$6,197 better than last year, so we're off to a good start," Duncan said. "It could be better, but it certainly could be worse, so that's a positive thing to start off on a positive note for that."

- Abernathy invited the public to the first meeting of the Highland County Community Fund, which is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 30 at 5 p.m. in the Highland County Administration Building's basement meeting room. The board will hear a presentation from representative of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.

According to Abernathy, "The foundation will work in coordination with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio to create opportunities for Highland County citizens and communities by inspiring and supporting philanthropy and assisting various projects and initiatives through grants."

- Duncan noted that they are awaiting quotes to repair the back door of the Highland County Courthouse, which will be discussed at a future meeting.

- Britton announced that Chuck Taylor, who he said does maintenance work and writes programs for the county, has informed commissioners of his plan to retire at the end of March.

"Chuck knows a lot about the inner workings of most of the county buildings," Duncan said.

Abernathy said Taylor is a "go-to guy" for the county whenever any issue arises, while Britton said he has "been a great asset to the county for 39 years."

"We're sad to hear that, but on the other hand, congratulations to Chuck," Duncan said on Taylor's retirement.

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In other action, commissioners approved the following resolutions, each by a 3-0 vote:

- A transfer from County, Transfers Out, to W-75 in the amount of \$30,000 per capital match.

- A blanket resolution to cover all travel of Recorder Chad McConnaughey to all state and district meetings as deemed necessary for 2020.

- A request from the Engineer to establish alternative schedules of vacation leave and holidays for employees of the appointing authority for whom the state employment relations board has not established an appropriate bargaining unit pursuant to section 4771.06 of the Revised Code.

- A resolution to authorize the Engineer to use the existing county employee forces and proceed by "Force Account" in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance or repair of roads, bridges and culverts as determined by the County Engineer in Highland County during the year 2020.

- A blanket resolution to cover all travel of Christopher Fauber, P.E., P.S., Highland County Engineer, to meetings for 2020.

- A request from Job and Family Services for a reimbursement of funds from CSEA to Public Assistance, H-00 in the amount of \$14,605.76.

- A modification within County in the amount of \$5,935.

- A request from the Sheriff for a modification with the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$1,267.

- A request from Probation to establish a new fund, T-32 JRIG Incentive, and a request for an appropriation from unappropriated funds in the amount of \$29,161.95.

- A request from Probation for a budget modification within the T-31 JRIG fund in the amount of \$17,747.

- A request from Probation for a budget modification within T-33 Community Control in the amount of \$25,000.

- A request from Probation to establish a new fund, T-37 SFY 2020 Specialized Docket Subsidy. The new fund shall have the line item and appropriation in the amount of \$75,000.

- A request from Job and Family Services for a reimbursement from Public Assistance to County General Fund for central services support for calendar year 2020 in the amount of \$32,352.

- A request from Job and Family Services for a reimbursement from Child Support Enforcement to County General for central services support for calendar year 2020 in the amount of \$2,985.

- A request from Juvenile Court for a budget modification within M-00 Youth Services in the amount of \$34,947.33.

- A request from Clerk of Courts for an additional appropriation from unappropriated funds to Certificate of Title, Other Expense in the amount of \$100,000.

- A final resolution replacing Bridge No. HIG-CR10-0162.

- A modification within County in the amount of \$37,980.

Commissioners also approved three contracts:

- A contract with the Montgomery County Microfilming Board for the 2020 calendar year, as they "are currently storing some records on microfilm" for the Highland County recorder's office, according to Duncan.

- The annual indigent defense services agreement with the city of Hillsboro for 2020.
- A contract between the engineer's office and Sidwell Company for GIS services to improve their records retention.

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# Body scanner for jail

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[Nord Family Foundation](#) Executive Director Tony Richardson elected to the Center for Effective Philanthropy Board.

[The Shelby Foundation](#) Traveling Pizza Parlor Exhibit is now at Marvin Memorial Library in Shelby.

Ohio Valley Athletic Conference starting a 'preservation foundation' through the [Foundation for Appalachian Ohio](#).

[Richland County Foundation](#) Connections Fund awards 6 grants.

[Scioto Foundation](#) grants over \$100K.

TLC Inc. works toward literacy for all with funding for educational material coming primarily through grants from [The Troy Foundation](#), [Altrusa International Foundation](#), [the Dollar General Foundation](#), [the Miami County Foundation](#) and individual donors.

[Licking County Foundation](#) donor profile: Emergency Warming Center Task Force.

Solar field to revitalize Overland Industrial Park neighborhoods through [the Greater Toledo Community Foundation's](#) unrestricted grants.



**Erie Community Foundation** awards grants.

Two Ashland High School Female Athlete of the Year recipients are working to raise \$11K to establish the AHS Female Athlete of the Year Scholarship Fund with **Ashland County Community Foundation**.

**United Way of Greater Cincinnati** names first female CEO.

**The Cleveland Foundation, George Gund Foundation, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Cleveland Votes and the Children's Defense Fund-Ohio** are the recipients of a \$250K grant given by The New Venture Fund to support efforts to count hard-to-count populations in Ohio for the 2020 census.

Smucker pledges \$1 million to **LeBron James Family Foundation**.

**United Way of Summit County** provides healthy snacks at 14 Akron Public School District sites.

Ohio Governor's Imagination Library program launched in Tuscarawas County with funding from Eric Kimble, **Tuscarawas County Community Foundation**, Dover Hydraulics and the Rotary clubs of Dover, New Philadelphia and Dennison and with program administration from the **United Way of Tuscarawas County**.

**United Way of Stark County** offering free tax-filing service for residents.

**United Way of Greater Lorain County** in partnership with MOVE Lorain County and with funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation begins mobility management program.

## New Blog Post



### Trends in Philanthropy

A key component in developing Philanthropy Ohio's strategic framework was to learn about national trends in the philanthropic sector.

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# Woodsfield Savings Bank makes donation

WOODSFIELD — The Woodsfield Savings Bank is turning its \$10,000 donation into \$20,000 for the Monroe County Community Foundation endowment fund. In partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, the bank is doubling its impact with a gift to Monroe County, a move expected to make a difference in the community for generations. “With the goal of raising \$200,000, the Monroe County Community Foundation is pleased with the Woodsfield Savings Bank kick-off donation,” Nikki Baker-Lude, foundation committee member. “Between now and the end of May, if we can raise \$200,000 for our community’s endowment then we can pair it with \$200,000 in matching funds.”

That could mean \$400,000 more for the Monroe County Community Foundation. More importantly, these new dollars will make possible more than \$15,000 in grants for our communities every year. And with success meeting the match this year, Monroe County may have a chance for additional matching funds next year.

“Community banks, by definition, exist to focus on the needs of the families, businesses, and farmers of our community,” Woodsfield Savings Bank CEO Tracey Craig said. “Woodsfield Savings Bank proudly donates and volunteers to several amazing nonprofit organizations throughout the Monroe and Belmont County area.

“When the Monroe County Community Foundation contacted Woodsfield Savings Bank with the opportunity to have our donation dollars matched, our board of directors immediately made the decision to contribute. We look forward to seeing the positive impact that this donation has on our community.”

Interested donors can give a cash or check, transfer from an IRA, transfer appreciated stock, or even fulfill a pledge over time. To learn more, call 740-753-1111. To give online, visit [www.appalachianohio.org/Monroe](http://www.appalachianohio.org/Monroe).



Photo Provided The Woodsfield Savings Bank donates \$10,000 to the Monroe County Community Foundation. Woodsfield Savings Bank CFO Connie Richter, left, and CEO Tracey Craig with Monroe County Community Foundation Committee member Gwynn Stewart, Andy Thompson from the Foundation of Appalachian Ohio, and Monroe County Community Foundation Committee members Mick Schumacher and Nikki Baker-Lude.



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# Meigs County Community Fund opens annual grant round

## Grant applications due March 15

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Funding is available for projects across five areas — arts and culture, community and economic development, education, environmental stewardship, and health and human services. At this time, the Meigs County Community Fund does not accept applications for any event sponsorships or sports-related requests.

Applications will be accepted from now until March 15, 2020. To receive full consideration for funding, grant requests must include a completed application. Applications are available online at [www.AppalachianOhio.org/Meigs](http://www.AppalachianOhio.org/Meigs) and must be postmarked by March 15, 2020 and mailed to PO Box 109, Pomeroy, Ohio 45769. Grant recipients will be notified by April 2020 and all grantees will be required to submit a final report within one year of their award, including a detail of expenditures

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The Meigs County Community Fund Family of Funds is a local community fund of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO). The Meigs County Community Fund provides a way for anyone to give back to the community and invest in nonprofits, schools, and community organizations through grants.

If you have any questions regarding this grant opportunity or the Meigs County Community Fund, please contact the Foundation at 740.753.1111 or [info@ffao.org](mailto:info@ffao.org). And if you would like to support the Meigs County Community Fund with a gift — which for a limited time will be matched dollar-for-dollar by FAO — then visit [www.AppalachianOhio.org/Meigs](http://www.AppalachianOhio.org/Meigs) to learn more and give today.

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The 2019 grant recipients are pictured with Meigs County Community Fund Board President Jennifer Sheets and board member John Hoback during the awards presentation last spring.



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## Six county organizations among grant recipients

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New Over-the-Rhine museum hopes to depict the lives of early immigrants by recreating their apartments; most of the purchase price came from the **Carol Ann & Ralph V. Haile, Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation and the Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts at Fifth Third Bank**.

WKYC Studios' Margaret Bernstein named trustee of **The George Gund Foundation**.

**Jewish Federation of Cleveland** chooses new, young leaders.

**Community Foundation of Lorain County** hosts financial seminar for nonprofits.

Central Clinic Behavioral Health receives grant from the **CareSource Foundation**.

**Marion Community Foundation** has supported Marion for decades.

OCA Greater Cleveland to produce documentary on history of AsiaTown and Chinese immigrants after receiving \$15,000 from the **Cleveland Foundation's** Minority Arts and Education Fund.

Area schools benefit from Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center grant from **The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation**.

**United Way of Greater Cincinnati** finalizes 2019 campaign results.

**Richland County Foundation** wins planning excellence award for Mansfield Rising Plan from the Richland County Regional Planning Commission.

Jim and Bobbi Lepi to receive to receive the **Muskingum County Community Foundation's** Dick Johnson Civic Leadership Award.

Six county organizations among grant recipients for more than \$22,000 awarded from the Gulfport Energy Fund at the **Foundation for Appalachian Ohio**.

**Ashland County Community Foundation** announces challenge grant opportunity for non-profits in celebration of their 25th anniversary.

Stark County Community Redevelopment Fund established, which is made up of funds from the **George H. Deuble Foundation, Hoover Foundation, Stark Community Foundation and Timken Foundation**.

Fostoria's Tree & Beautification Committee has been awarded a \$12,000 grant from the **Greater Fostoria Community Foundation Fund** to develop a downtown parkette.

## New Blog Post

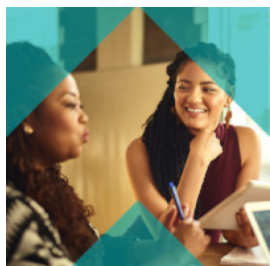


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# Educators offer input on needed resources at regional town halls

## First Book, FAO host town halls to shape future resources and initiatives

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“We so appreciate all the educators who took time out of their busy schedules to join us in shaping future educational resources for Appalachian Ohio,” said Bonnie Beste, partner development manager at First Book. “We really learned so much — from successes in educators’ work that can be leveraged to develop best practices for supporting children and families, to the key challenges facing educators in their communities, especially barriers to educating and supporting children.” Through the town halls, First Book and FAO intend to shape future opportunities to learn from educators and ultimately develop educational resources tailored to the particular needs of Appalachian Ohio’s educators and communities. This could include the development of new children’s books, educational tool kits, and other resources for teachers and all those working with children. FAO also shared that what the nonprofits learn from the town halls will inform future initiatives through its education programming.

“Our partnership with First Book has sought to connect teachers and all those working with children with the books, basic needs items, and educational resources that we know make such a big difference in inspiring learning,” said Megan Wanczyk, vice president of communications and programs at FAO. “We are so grateful to all of the educators and service providers who joined us. What they shared and what we learned will continue to shape the next steps in our work to support educators and the children they serve.”

To access free and low-cost books and other resources through the partnership between FAO and First Book, educators working with children from low-income communities may register with both organizations at [www.FirstBook.org/FAO](http://www.FirstBook.org/FAO).

By completing this quick registration with First Book and FAO, educators will also stay up to date with any future opportunities available through First Book and FAO, including funding for purchases from the First Book Marketplace and Book Bank and information on resources developed as a result of the town halls and ongoing focus groups.

To learn how you can support FAO’s partnership with First Book and future initiatives shaped in response to educator feedback, visit [www.AppalachianOhio.org](http://www.AppalachianOhio.org) or contact FAO at 740.753.1111. Gifts to FAO’s I’m a Child of Appalachia Fund, which supports FAO’s partnership with First Book as well as other bright spot initiatives, are currently eligible for a dollar-for-dollar match opportunity.







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