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PRESS RELEASE

Recorder Anxious to Receive News on Equipment Fund : 10/2010

Columbiana County Recorder Craig Brown hopes that he will receive a response from county commissioners within the next week regarding his recent request to renew the office's equipment fund.

"I'm anxious to receive word on what direction the commissioners plan to take because their decision on the renewal will have a huge impact on next year's budget for this office," stated Brown.

He added, "I want to be as prepared as possible for this meeting and knowing about the future of the equipment fund will allow me to present a better picture of the recorder's office in 2011."

The commissioners are faced with several options receiving the fund. The commissioners could choose not to renew the fund or could choose to renew the fund. The fund could be renewed for the current \$4 per document or the fee could be established up to \$7 per document.

An increase in the equipment fund set aside for the recorder's office is not an increase of public fees and will not lead to a greater cost for the general public.

If the commissioner's do not decide to renew the fund then commissioners will have to pay for the office's equipment costs via the general fund. The result will be increased spending from the general fund.

Brown has explained the need for a greater set aside amount per document because the number of recorded documents has been annually decreasing while activity in the office has been increasing.

User activity in the recorder's office has greatly increased in recent months due to interest in possible natural gas yielding shale deposits in Eastern Ohio.

Brown discussed his renewal request at a county commissioners meeting over a month ago.

Columbiana County Commissioners will begin budget hearings with office holders and department heads on October 27th.