

Recorder Slashes Spending

Newly elected Columbiana County recorder Craig Brown has reduced office spending in the first six months of his term by over \$30,000.

General fund spending for the first six months of 2004 totaled \$103,521.10. Spending for the same account in 2005 totaled \$73,233.20, a decrease of \$30,287.90.

Brown stated that the savings concerning the general fund are from several factors. He said that notable decreases in spending occurred in the areas of recorder related expenses, employee overtime and costs, and contractual expenses.

Added Brown, "I alone have saved tax payers around \$4000 by paying my own travel expenses and by paying for services from the Ohio Recorders Association."

The recorder's equipment fund also had a reduction in spending of just under \$3000.

Brown said that the "numbers are even more interesting when considering sizable expenditures in 2005 from the equipment fund were for bills left unpaid from 2004."

Brown is enthusiastic about the six month spending reduction stating, "A big part of why I ran for recorder was because I thought the office's spending was too high and now I've demonstrated that it could have been lower."

He added, "It will be fun to see how low our numbers will be by the end of the year."

The 2005 savings comparison is based upon spending totals from the first six months of 2004 and the first six months of 2005.