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Taft Announces Appointment of Beth Myers as Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge

COLUMBUS (June 11, 2003) - Governor Bob Taft today announced an appointment to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas.

Beth A. Myers, from Cincinnati, was appointed Judge to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, for a term beginning June 30, 2003. Judge Myers is replacing Judge Robert Taylor, who resigned.

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Governor Announces \$6 Million in Wright Capital Funds

DAYTON (June 5, 2003) - Governor Bob Taft today announced three awards totaling \$4 million in Wright Capital Project Funds to Dayton and one award totaling \$2 million in Wright Capital Project Funds to Bowling Green State University to create high-paying jobs and advance Ohio's position in the new knowledge economy.

"Projects like these in Dayton and Bowling Green are the heart of my Third Frontier initiative," Taft said. "The Third Frontier Project is about creating jobs in the promising new technologies of the future. It's about whether our kids, grandkids and our college graduates can stay here in Ohio, close to home, because the good jobs are also here in Ohio, close to home."

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Taft Announces \$2 Million Fuel Cell Award to Stark State

CANTON (June 4, 2003) - Governor Bob Taft today announced that Stark State College of Technology will receive \$2 million in Wright Capital Project Funds to support the research, development and commercialization of fuel cells by establishing the Fuel Cell Prototyping Center. The Center is expected to create 300 high-paying jobs for Stark County over the next seven years. This grant is in addition to the \$18 million awarded last week to Case Western Reserve University and a team of four other universities and 21 business partners. To date, Ohio has invested more than \$27 million in fuel cell projects.

"We can't compete by making boots or bicycles in Ohio anymore," Taft said. "Ohio must be the place where new knowledge is used to create new products, new businesses, new companies and new jobs. And we must be a leader in the new, promising technologies of the future, like fuel cells."

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Governor Bob Taft's thermal image appears on the screen to the right during the Wright Center of Innovation project fund award ceremony in Dayton, Ohio, Thursday, June 5. The Arrayed Micro-optic Elements for Enhanced Infrared Image Detection received \$773,589.00 and was one of three recipients during the ceremony. (Photo by Chris Kasson /Office of the Governor)

LINKS TO STATE AGENCIES AND BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

[Memorial Day Commemoration 2003](#)

Governor Bob Taft will hold the state's annual wreath laying and Memorial Day commemoration at the Ohio Statehouse's Veterans Plaza **Friday, May 23, 2003 at 12:00 p.m.**

[Third Frontier Project](#)

Governor Taft's sweeping \$1.6 billion 10-year plan to expand Ohio's high-tech research capabilities and promote start-up companies to create high-paying jobs for Ohioans.

[Third Frontier Project Akron Summit](#)

Governor Taft hosted the ninth Third Frontier Project regional summit on Thursday, December 5 in Akron. The summit addressed the region's high-tech opportunities and creation of more high-paying jobs. The audience used state-of-the-art interactive technology to participate in the discussion.

[OhioReads](#)

"OhioReads is critical to our children's future; with your help, we can make Ohio the 'reading state'." Governor Taft

[AMBER Alert Taskforce Report](#)

The Ohio AMBER Alert Taskforce's Report and Recommendations of a statewide AMBER Alert System.