

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013, WITH COMMISSIONERS EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, ROBERT L. PROUD AND DAVID H. UIBLE IN ATTENDANCE.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE STEPHEN H. RABOLT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND DEBORAH BRITTON, CLERMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE. ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES AT THE INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ARE LISTED ON THE ATTACHED ATTENDANCE SHEET.

LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE FEBRUARY 27, 2013 INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION WAS VIDEOTAPED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME. IN ADDITION, THE INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING THROUGH THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEBSITE AT <http://www.clermontcountyohio.gov/videos-worksession.aspx>.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION:

1. CDBG 2013 Planning - Andy Kuchta and Annette Decatur were present

Detailed discussion was held regarding the direction of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding applications and the direction in which the Board would like to see the funds used. The Department of Community and Economic Development (CED) provided a complete list of all approved activities under the CDBG funding from the Ohio Development Services Agency for the Board to review. An overview of the CDBG current project selection criteria and a new proposed ranking methodology was introduced. This new formula provides updated scoring methods for future projects based upon national objective benefits, need and impact as well as funding, this ensures proper consideration is given to the low to moderate income (LMI) areas where funding will have the greatest impact.

CDBG applications are due to CED by April 5, 2013 and our application is due to the State by June 6, 2013. Considering the time limitations for the current year, CED will review the current year applications with the Board to establish priorities and direction for the current year funds. The Board did note that they would like to establish priorities before the first public hearing next year, so that the communities can consider those prior to submitting their applications.

Discussion was held regarding Moving Ohio Forward (MOF) Grant funding from the Ohio Attorney General's Office. We have approximately \$673K in available funds; however, these monies require a 50% local match. Some communities have inquired about additional properties they would like to have taken care of under the remaining \$257K of non-matching funds that we have available. The Board discussed the availability for communities who have not previously done so to apply for MOF funds under the \$275K non-matching at this time.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed –

CED will utilize the new ranking and scoring methodology for the community applications for FY2013 CDBG funding. After the April 5, 2013 deadline, an informal session will be requested by CED to review these documents with Board members and select priority projects for application to the State.

CED will notify inquiring communities to provide a resolution to CED with their intent to participate in the Moving Ohio Forward program, and will forward these resolutions to the Ohio Attorney General's office. CED will contact the Attorney General's office regarding the use of CDBG funds as a match for the remaining Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Funds. Since there are limited funds available from communities to provide as a match, it was recommended if CDBG funds were not available, CED would notify

the Attorney General's office that Clermont County would consider applying for \$50,000-\$100,000 of the remaining \$673,073 allotment, and release the remaining balance to be distributed to other counties. CED will inquire as to timeframes and deadlines that would need to be considered in order to apply for the matching dollars.

CED will provide Board members with the CDBG grant award information for the last 10 years.

2. Miami Valley RC&D Council, Inc. – Paul Braasch

Discussion – Discussion was held in regard to the Miami Valley Resource Conservation & Development Council (MVRCD), Mr. Braasch from the Clermont County Office of Environmental Quality explained that the MVRCD has been affected by various issues over the last several years and recently was forced to dissolve its organization. Although we have been a member for several years, Clermont County has not used their services. MVRCD at the time of the dissolution of the organization had a balance of \$69,682.06 in left over funds. These funds are to be equally distributed to a non-profit 501-C-3 organization of similar mission to the MVRCD of the eight member counties choice. Mr. Braasch provided the Board with several options within the Clermont County that would be eligible recipients for the \$8,710.26, which represents Clermont County's portion of the funds. Mr. Braasch would suggest that we keep it as local as possible – it was suggested that the Clermont County Park District would be the most well suited recipient. All Board members agreed.

Mr. Braasch provided an update to the Board on his activities with regard to the consolidation of the Solid Waste Districts (SWD) in Ohio. Mr. Braasch stated that the Director of the EPA and the Governor's Office are suggesting and would like to see the number of SWD's reduced to eight. The EPA would also like to see all fees at recycling facilities standardized across the State. Mr. Braasch will keep the Board apprised as new developments happen in the consolidation determinations.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed -

Mr. Braasch will proceed with necessary paperwork to have the remaining funds from MVRCD re-distributed to the Clermont County Park District.

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