

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015, 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 JANUARY 21, 2015 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>.**

**Let the record show Informal Regular Session started shortly before 11:30 a.m.**

**THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**1. Issue - Animal Shelter Update – Eva DeVaughn, President & Misty Hale Viscuso, Shelter Director, Clermont to the Rescue Humane Society**

**Discussion** – Ms. DeVaughn and Ms. Viscuso provided the Board with an update about the adoptions, and statistics for the Clermont to the Rescue Humane Society (CTTRHS) for the month to date, as well as the standard operating procedures as they have been established. She provided details regarding the format of the report and some discussion ensued regarding the details of the report. Ms. Viscuso stated they have been receiving support from the community and everything seems to be going well so far.

Commissioner Proud stated he heard they were planning a fundraising event, Ms. Viscuso stated that the first CTTRHS fundraiser will be January 29, 2015, Applebee's at 4440 Glen-Este Withamsville Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45245, from 11 a.m. to close.

Commissioner Proud inquired if CTTRHS was accepting or in need of volunteers. Ms. Viscuso provided the information for the first volunteer orientation, which will be held Saturday, February 8, at 9 a.m. at the animal shelter, 4025 Filager Road, Batavia, Ohio 45103. CTTRHS will provide detailed training and review the standard operating rules and regulations, then they will give an orientation and you will be an authorized volunteer. Ms. DeVaughn acknowledged they will accept volunteers for basic socialization, dog walkers, office help, kennel help, cleaning, customer service and even dog bathing.

Ms. Viscuso stated they have implemented a foster program at the shelter. Ms. Viscuso provided details stating these animals are still under the ownership of CTTRHS and it allows the animal to live in a home while waiting to be adopted. Ms. Viscuso noted they currently have 2 dogs and 1 cat in foster homes.

Commissioner Proud asked what the CTTRHS policy was on cats including feral cats. Some discussion ensued regarding the difference between feral cats and domesticated cats. Ms. Viscuso explained they are still in the works of establishing a policy on feral cats. The CTTRHS is accepting domesticated cats. There is a new cat room which is set up as a free roaming cat community versus being in individual cages. Research has found cats in free roaming conditions socialize better are less stressed, fight less and acclimate better to a new home as well as make visiting easier.

Ms. Viscuso provided the adoption costs for pets as follows:

Adult Cats classified as 11 months old and over: \$55.00 fee includes spay/neuter, microchip, RCP Vaccine, deworming for Roundworms and Hookworms.

Kittens are classified as under 11 months old: \$70.00 fee includes spay/neuter, microchip, Feline Respiratory 3 (RCP) vaccine for Rhinotracheitis, Calici, and Panleukopenia, and deworming for Roundworms and Hookworms.

Dogs & Puppies: \$100 fee includes the Distemper, Adenovirus (canine hepatitis), Parainfluenza, Parvovirus (DAPP) and Bordetella vaccinations, microchip, spay/neuter, deworming for Roundworms and Hookworms, Heartworm Test and 2015 Clermont County License.

Commissioner Uible asked if the dog warden routinely checks for microchips when picking up a dog. Ms. Viscuso provided the process the dog warden follows which does indeed include first checking for a license tag and then scanning for a microchip at the base of the neck and down the back and along both sides.

Commissioner Uible asked if they have a veterinarian implanting the microchips or someone on the staff is trained to do them. Ms. Viscuso stated that the microchips are implanted by the staff or a veterinarian when going for spay or neutering. She also noted that CTTRHS will be offering discounted micro chipping January 31, 2015, for any citizen that purchases a 2015 dog license, a last day incentive for citizens to purchase their dog licenses. Commissioner Uible expressed that the micro chipping event would be a great public awareness fundraiser.

Ms. DeVaughn stated CTTRHS has an Amazon.com wish list titled Clermont to the Rescue Wish List. Ms. Viscuso stated she keeps it updated weekly with the supplies they are in need of that week and Amazon automatically ships it directly to their building, as people order items to donate. If you wish to donate items instead of time and you are not sure what CTTRHS is in need of please feel free to look at the Clermont to the Rescue Amazon.com wish list. Ms. DeVaughn indicated that it is like Christmas every time the delivery truck shows up, and they greatly appreciate the generosity of the donations they have been receiving.

Commissioner Proud stated the most important message to get out to the community is responsible pet ownership. Ms. Viscuso and Ms. DeVaughn stated that was indeed the most important objective. Please remember to license your dog, vaccinate, spay/neuter microchip and if you see a dog in trouble or a stray dog running, please contact the shelter at 732-8854.

**Adjournment**

Informal Regular Session was adjourned.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO**

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**EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, PRESIDENT**

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**ROBERT L. PROUD, VICE PRESIDENT**

**Absent**  
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**DAVID H. UIBLE, MEMBER**

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**STEPHEN H. RABOLT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**02/04/15**  
**DATE APPROVED**