

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 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 APRIL 1, 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 - Miami Trails Stormwater District – Pat Manger, Clermont County Engineer (Also in attendance were Miami Trails Subdivision Home Owners Association (MTHOA) Members, John Faulkner, Board Member, John Westerman, Treasurer and Vice President, Bruce Perlson, Assistant Treasurer as well as Mike Wolf, individual home owner...07-1030-011**

**Discussion** - Mr. Manger provided the Board with a presentation regarding the proposed Miami Trails Subdivision Stormwater District. Mr. Manger stated there were attendees in the audience representing the MTHOA. This situation is very similar to the Orchard Valley situation with the exception that the sinkhole started in the center of the road. The MTHOA attended some of the public meetings regarding Orchard Valley and approached Mr. Manger with regard to the issues they were having and asked if there was another approach to rectify the situation. Mr. Manger provided the MTHOA some preliminary numbers for correction and continued maintenance of the problem for the MTHOA to present to the MTHOA Board. The MTHOA Board agrees that this would be the best approach and each homeowner be billed on a bimonthly basis. All homeowners in the MTHOA have agreed. There are two private property owners that will be affected and those property owners are also in agreement.

Mr. Manger explained that Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 6117 is a code that he believes is better equipped to handle items like these and this is the code he is preparing to use in this case. Mr. Manger stated that all lines have been televised and rated. Mr. Manger will work with Ms. Scheetz to address the rate structure and billing for each area. The maintenance cost currently is estimated at \$4/ per month to each homeowner.

Mr. Manger stated there is only a small portion of the 8,344 feet of storm sewer pipe run that is in immediate need of repair, due to the deterioration of the corrugated steel pipe. Commissioner Uible asked if corrugated steel pipe is still being used. Mr. Manger stated that it is allowed in the subdivision regulations however, they discourage it from being used.

John Faulkner spoke on behalf of the MTHOA – He stated that they took a vote of all homeowners and they received 202 positive responses to surveys sent out to the 289 homes in the neighborhood. 70% of the homeowners attended the meeting in December and 100% agreed that they should approve this process.

Mr. Wolf, who is the main affected homeowner, stated that he feels that everyone will benefit

from the improvements that this will provide to the entire neighborhood. He believes that this will prevent the infrastructure from becoming aged and becoming more of an issue.

Mr. Perlson stated he was originally introduced as a Board member and he wanted to let the Commissioners know when the stormwater issue came to the attention of the HOA he was not a board member of the MTHOA. Mr. Perlson further stated none of the piping needing replaced affects his property, and yet he supports the creation of the Stormwater District and is agreeable to paying the estimated repair and maintenance fees to ensure the integrity of the infrastructure of the neighborhood.

Commissioner Uible asked MTHOA if the response they received was typical of the other ballots or surveys they have sent out in the past. The MTHOA members stated that they received twice the number of normal responses. Mr. Faulkner stated they sent out an initial letter to all community members, followed up with the survey and then the ballot.

All three Commissioners thanked the MTHOA Board and the County Engineer for the cooperation within their community, as well as the coordination with the Engineer's office throughout the initial process.

Mr. Faulkner did state that the MTHOA did promise all homeowners there would be at least one public hearing. Commissioner Humphrey and Commissioner Proud agreed there should be a minimum of one. Commissioner Proud commended the MTHOA for the community teamwork in their neighborhood.

**Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed** – Commissioner Humphrey instructed Mr. Rabolt to discuss the requirements with the Civil Division and the Engineer's Office and proceed as expeditiously as allowed, per those requirements.

2. **Issue - Farmland Preservation Resolution – John McManus, Administrator, Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District...07-0213-005**

**Discussion** – Mr. McManus provided the Board with a handout detailing the Ohio Department of Agriculture Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP). The LAEPP is a Clean Ohio program that provides funding to assist landowners and communities in preserving Ohio's farmland. The program purchases agricultural easements from landowners who volunteer to keep the land in agriculture production on a perpetual basis.

Mr. McManus stated that in January a meeting was held for local farmers to see if anyone would be interested in the available \$168,332 in funding available to Clermont and Brown county farmers. Attending that meeting were approximately 5 farmers, out of those attendees, one would like to submit an application for the LAEPP Program. Mr. Jarman owns a farm of approximately 100 acres and is a resident of Franklin Township. Mr. McManus explained further that for Mr. Jarman to submit his LAEPP application it requires a resolution by the Township Trustees and the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. McManus would like to ask the Board for a resolution of support for Mr. Jarman and his application for the LAEPP which will preserve his farm as farmland.

**Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed** - Mr. McManus will submit a resolution for approval by the Board.

**Adjournment**

Informal Regular Session was adjourned.

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CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO**

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**EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, PRESIDENT**

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