

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012, WITH COMMISSIONERS ROBERT L. PROUD AND DAVID H. UIBLE IN ATTENDANCE. LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT COMMISSIONER EDWIN H. HUMPHREY WAS NOT PRESENT.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE STEPHEN H. RABOLT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND CONNIE TIBBE, 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 18, 2012 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-bcc.aspx>.

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Issue - Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (TID) Update

Discussion - Pat Manger, County Engineer, provided a Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (TID) update to the Board of County Commissioners. Detailed discussion was held regarding the following TID projects and initiatives:

- **TID Regional Transportation Improvement Program** - An overview of the TID Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) was provided. An RTIP report was reviewed outlining the RTIP projects by corridor including project costs, timelines, construction years and funding status (attached). It was noted that the focus of the TID is to implement a corridor-based improvement plan.
- **2012 Construction Update** - A brief overview of the seven projects scheduled for construction in 2012 (including timelines) was provided.
- **IR-275/SR 32 Interchange Project** - An update of the IR-275/SR32 Interchange Project was provided. A map outlining the construction phasing for the project was reviewed and discussed including phasing timelines, costs and funding sources (attached).

Mr. Manger explained that the IR-275/SR32 Interchange Project is an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Project and that, due to funding constraints, the project has been delayed until 2019. To address this issue, the Clermont County TID met with ODOT and discussed project phasing/sequencing and alternatives were suggested in an effort to expedite the interchange project. Specifically, a proposal was made for the Clermont County TID to proceed with some of the local area improvements which are part of the I-275/SR 32 Interchange Project (as outlined in the map provided). ODOT was pleased with this approach and the plan is to construct the local area improvements in 2012 and 2013 in order to meet the growing transportation needs of the area due to new developments such as Jungle Jim's and the expansion of Total Quality Logistics (TQL).

Additional discussion was held regarding future work needed to complete all phases of the project including bridges, ramps and the Aicholtz Road connector/reestablishment. The TID will be submitting a plan for financing the unfunded portions of the project.

- **Eastern Corridor** - The most recent Eastern Corridor newsletter (attached) was provided for the Board's reference and review including a status update on the proposed Oasis Rail Line, as well as, the SR32 Eastgate Area Improvements (known as Eastern Corridor Segment IVa/). Mr. Manger provided a brief update on these two components of the

Eastern Corridor Project and stated that (1.) the Oasis Rail Line component is in the vehicle type and station location planning stage and (2.) Segment IVa of the project is on track and moving forward, with the goal in 2012 to proceed with the effort of identifying a preferred alternative relative to the new interchange location.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed - No follow-up action is required for this issue.

2. Issue - Sherri Carbo/Governor's Office

Discussion – Sherri Carbo, Southwest Ohio Regional Liaison for Governor John Kasich, provided the Board of Commissioners with a budget and administrative update relative to the Governor's Office. Ms. Carbo addressed the successful creation of new jobs in Ohio, Ohio's improved credit rating, tax reform for Ohio's banks, as well as, proposed capital improvements and a proposed tax decrease for Ohioans included in the Governor's Mid-Year Biennial Review (MBR). Ms. Carbo indicated that the Governor has successfully used 21st technology to streamline efforts and improve management efficiencies; primarily focusing on energy, education, workforce and improving local government (i.e., shared services, eliminating barriers and increasing flexibility).

Ms. Carbo stated that the Governor's number one priority is creating jobs, as well as, creating a workforce that meets the needs of the existing and growing businesses in Ohio. She further stated that regionalizing the state's workforce efforts is being looked at and considered. Commissioner Proud questioned how this will affect Ohio Workforce Area 12. Ms. Carbo indicated that she would have more information regarding this issue following a meeting scheduled to be held next week.

Ms. Carbo thanked Clermont County for their impressive assistance to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Ohio National Guard with the relief efforts relative to the recent tornados/storms in the area. Clermont County played an important role in the cleanup efforts. She further stated that she is continuing to participate in the long-term recovery efforts and to let her know if Clermont County is in need of any additional assistance in the disaster relief efforts.

In addition, Ms. Carbo extended an invitation to the Board of Commissioners to meet with them individually to discuss the issues outlined today in more detail if they so desire.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed - Ms. Carbo is to provide additional information regarding the regionalization of Ohio's workforce efforts to the Board as discussed.

3. Issue - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant Options

Discussion - As requested during the 04/09/12 informal regular session, a specific recommendation (attached) was provided to the Board relative to amending the Fiscal Year 2011 Ohio Department of Development Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Clermont County, Ohio. The proposed amendment is for the purpose of diverting grant funds for the 2012 tornado recovery efforts.

Andy Kuchta, Department of Community & Economic Development, outlined the details of the recommended fund reallocations totaling \$135,000, as well as, the status of the funding applications received to date as outlined on the documentation provided. The recommendation included the delay of one project (the Goshen Township Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project) to FY 2012 and the reallocation of Fair Housing funds in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Kuchta noted that additional requests for assistance are being received on a daily basis and that the potential needs from residents is fluid.

Additional factors impacting this issue were identified and discussed including the Federal Home Loan grant applications (due on May 1st), a reduction in the FY 2012 CDBG funding

allocation, and potential Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds in the amount of \$300,000 which may become available for the disaster relief efforts.

It was noted that, if the Board chooses to proceed with an amendment, action needs to be taken quickly in order to start the required public hearing process. The need to speak to the Goshen Township Trustees regarding the potential delay in the Goshen Township Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project was also addressed.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed - Steve Rabolt recommended that a motion be prepared to initiate the public hearing process for the proposed amendment to the 2011 CDBG Program. If it is later determined that the amendment is not needed, the action can be rescinded by the Board. This will allow time to speak to the Goshen Township Trustees as discussed, as well as, to contact the state to find out the status of the potential NSP funds for the recovery efforts. The Board concurred with Mr. Rabolt's recommendation and directed the Administration to proceed accordingly.

4. Issue - Economic Development Update

Discussion - Documentation entitled "Department of Community & Economic Development Update - 04/18/12" was provided for the Board's review (attached). Andy Kuchta, Department of Community & Economic Development, provided a detailed overview of the following economic development initiatives, programs and activities as outlined in the documentation provided:

- Business Attraction
- Retention & Expansion
- Major Initiatives Planned for 2012
- Planning

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed - No follow-up action is required for this issue.

Adjournment

Informal Regular Session was adjourned.

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

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EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, VICE PRESIDENT
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STEPHEN H. RABOLT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

04/30/12
DATE APPROVED