

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 10, 2025, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: PRESIDENT DAVID L. PAINTER, VICE PRESIDENT BONNIE J. BATCHLER, AND MEMBER CLAIRE B. CORCORAN. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER SHORTLY AFTER 10:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

REGULAR SESSION WAS VIDEO RECORDED 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 REGULAR SESSION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING AT <https://www.youtube.com/user/clermontcounty/playlists>.

IN RE: MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Batchler, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

To approve the Regular Session minutes of **03/05/2025**.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Citizens requested to address the Board.

Name	Township/City/Organization	Summary
Chris Hicks	Cincinnati, Ohio	Mr. Hicks said last time he was here that he presented an honor pledge that the Commissioners refused to sign. Mr. Hicks said the pledge came about because of real incidents in Clermont County, and thought maybe the Commissioners would sign it since they were aware of these incidents. Mr. Hicks read each pledge and handed each pledge to the Clerk to be passed down for the Commissioner's signatures. Mr. Hicks said the Commissioners refuse to sign this pledge, and it's pathetic. Mr. Hicks asked the Board to verbally announce the pledge. Mr. Hicks said Clermont County needs a Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), reviewed his plans to reduce funding and if he was in charge, he would save tens of millions of dollars for Clermont County. Mr. Hicks said Commissioner Painter is a coward and the Board only acts like Trump Republicans when they need you to get votes.
Julie Tolliver	Batavia Township, Ohio	Ms. Tolliver spoke regarding the uncertainties, economic pain, and the impact of DOGE. Ms. Tolliver said homelessness will increase in Clermont County, what will the Board do, and does the Board have a plan? She said Commissioner Painter and the County use Facebook as the primary way to communicate with the community and rely on a privately held platform that controls access and algorithms, to communicate with us, not with, but to, and not much, a little. Ms. Tolliver feels

		<p>it is a shame that there is no discourse in real life as a community, we don't know each other face to face. She said the Board is here to serve us, have a budget, and have your plan. The Trump administration is changing those plans, and your constituents need to know what those changes are so we can plan our lives accordingly. Ms. Tolliver said If we all know what the plan is, we can all work together, and it will eliminate a lot of the fear and indecision we feel right now. She is asking again for a series of regular town hall presentations where you can communicate revised plans, field questions and input from constituents so you can seek to understand our community's concerns, fears, and even capacity to weather the storm together. Ms. Tolliver believes the meetings might be contentious at first, but that will die down over time. She doesn't know what it might take to restore the community's trust in the Board, but lack of communication isn't going to do.</p>
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CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Painter stated that a consent agenda has been prepared for the Board of County Commissioners and requested whether any Board member wanted any items removed for further discussion and consideration, and upon hearing none:

Moved by Commissioner Corcoran, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

1. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER...RECORD PLAT FOR PARKVIEW CONDOMINIUM LOCATED IN MIAMI TOWNSHIP...25-0305-003...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute Record Plat Number **629-3551** for Parkview Condominium, Phase Eight Easement Plat, located within Miami Township, which includes Parkview Lane, a private street not for public maintenance, as well as a 23' public water and sanitary sewer easement.

2. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER...RECORD PLAT FOR TWELVE OAKS SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN UNION TOWNSHIP...25-0305-004...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute Record Plat Number **629-3552** for Twelve Oaks Subdivision, Section 5, located within Union Township, which includes Tradition Ridge, a private street not for public maintenance, as well as a 10.5' public utility easement and a 24' public utility easement.

3. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER...RECORD PLAT FOR THE REPLAT OF LOTS LOCATED IN BATAVIA TOWNSHIP...25-0305-005...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute a Record Plat for the Replat of Lots in the following subdivision within Batavia Township:

Subdivision/Location	Record Plat Number	Reason for Replat
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Billingsley Subdivision Section 7 Replat of Lot 162 Batavia Township	629-3553	To create new lot numbers 162A, 162B, and 162C.
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4. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER...RECORD PLAT, COMBINED PERFORMANCE-MAINTENANCE BOND, AND PERFORMANCE BOND FOR SIDEWALKS AS SURETY...25-0221-001...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute Record Plat, Combined Performance-Maintenance Bond, and Performance Bond for Sidewalks for the following subdivision located in Miami Township as surety relative to the construction of the below listed streets:

Subdivision	Record Plat Number	Performance/ Maintenance	Sidewalk	Street/Length (miles)
Hawley Farms Subdivision Section Two Miami Township	629-3554	\$2,856,000.00/\$106,000.00	\$57,560.00	Hunters Close (0.042) Todd Farm Lane (0.323) Todd's Ridge (0.097)

5. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER...REQUEST TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND AS SURETY FOR SIDEWALKS...23-0721-002...APPROVED

Recommendation to approve the request of the developer of the following subdivision to reduce the amount of the Performance Bond for Sidewalks previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners on 08/09/2023, for which the reduced amount reflects a seventy-five percent (75%) completion in compliance with the terms and conditions stated in the surety bonds:

Subdivision	Initial Amount of Performance Bond for Sidewalks	Revised Amount of Performance Bond for Sidewalks
Woodside Park Subdivision Section 4-C Pierce Township	\$42,320.00	\$10,580.00

6. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT... MAINTENANCE BONDS AS SURETY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER AND SANITARY SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS...25-0227-001...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute Maintenance Bonds in the amounts outlined below as surety for the installation of Water and Sanitary Sewer Main Extensions to serve the following subdivision:

Subdivision	Township	Water Bond	Sewer Bond
The Retreat at Villages of Belmont Subdivision Section 3/Phase A	Goshen	\$3,231.00	\$2,022.00

7. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT... RELEASE OF A MAINTENANCE BOND AS SURETY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WATER MAIN EXTENSION AND ACCEPTANCE INTO THE COUNTY WATERWORKS SYSTEM...24-0205-003...APPROVED

Recommendation to authorize the release of a Maintenance Bond which provided surety for the installation of a water main extension to serve the following subdivision and to accept said water main extension into the County Waterworks System, pursuant to the Clermont County Water Resources Department Rules and Regulations:

Subdivision	Township	Sewer Bond
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Billingsley Subdivision Section 5	Batavia	\$4,800.00
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8. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY JUVENILE COURT...AMENDMENT NUMBER 17 TO THE CONTRACT FOR DETENTION SERVICES WITH ADAMS COUNTY JUVENILE COURT...09-1009-002...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute Amendment Number 17 to the Multi-County Contract by and among the respective Boards of County Commissioners of Adams and Clermont and the Juvenile Divisions of the Court of Common Pleas of the participating Counties through their respective judges, previously ratified by the Board of Clermont County Commissioners on 10/12/2009 and subsequently amended, for the admissions of juveniles relative to the Contract for Detention Services with Adams County Juvenile Court, which represents the allotment of one bed to Adams County for a guaranteed total of one bed at a rate of \$125.00 per diem/per bed, and any admissions of juvenile offender(s) in excess of the guaranteed one bed, based on availability, at a rate of \$135.00 per diem/per bed, effective 03/01/2025 through 02/28/2026, with all other terms and conditions of the original Contract and Amendments to remain in full force and effect.

9. IN RE: TRAINING AND TRAVEL REQUESTS...REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES...APPROVED

Recommendation to approve the following requests for reimbursement of expenses for training and travel according to the policies and procedures of the Board of County Commissioners and in compliance with the Annual Appropriations for Calendar Year 2025 and any amendments:

CLERMONT COUNTY COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Desmond Maaytah and Sara Partin – 1 day – Columbus, Ohio – Ohio Conference of Community Development Environmental Review Training – total expenses for registration (\$200.00), estimated not to exceed \$200.00

CLERMONT COUNTY JAIL

B.J. Boeger, Casey Iles, Darryl Hundley, Eric Newsome – 1 day – Fairborn, Ohio – Jail Summit-Spark Training – total expenses for registration (\$340.00), estimated not to exceed \$340.00

CLERMONT COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Dorothy Meier – 3 days – Columbus, Ohio – Ohio Job and Family Services Directors Association Annual Training Conference – total expenses for lodging (\$420.65), meals (\$240.00), mileage (\$158.20), and other (\$113.00), estimated not to exceed \$931.85

CLERMONT COUNTY SHERIFF

Christopher Stratton – 2 days – Dublin, Ohio – Buckeye State Sheriff Association Conference – total expenses for meals (\$160.00), and other (\$100.00), estimated not to exceed \$260.00

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

10. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER...RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER TO EXECUTE A LOCAL PUBLIC AUTHORITY FEDERAL LOCAL-LET PROJECT AGREEMENT NUMBER 42197 WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION...25-0225-004...ADOPTED

Moved by Commissioner Batchler, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation to adopt **Resolution Number 021-25** to authorize Jeremy P. Evans, Clermont County Engineer, to execute a Local Public Authority (LPA) Federal Local-Let Project

Agreement Number 42197 between the Clermont County Engineer's Office, 2381 Clermont Center Drive, Batavia, Ohio 45103, and the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223, for Federal funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) relative to the LPA Bridge Load Rating Project (PID Number 122371), for a total estimated project cost of \$61,559.00, with the Federal Share being 80% of the eligible expenses, and in compliance with the terms and conditions in the agreement.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes.

11. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER...SERVICES ORDER FORMS WITH VERIZON CONNECT FOR VEHICLE TRACKING SUBSCRIPTION...25-0303-002...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Corcoran, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation to authorize Jeremy P. Evans, Clermont County Engineer or his designee to execute the Service Order Forms with Verizon Connect, 2002 Summit Blvd, Suite 1800, Atlanta, GA 30319, with prior consent from the Clermont County Prosecuting Attorney for each service order form, for Vehicle Tracking, PTO/Digital Input, Driver ID, Engine Connect, Driving Style, and 30 Second Plotting Subscriptions for any vehicle as determined necessary for the Clermont County Engineer operation, from Motor Vehicle Gas (MVG) Tax funds with an initial term of 12 months from the Subscription Start Dates with automatic one-month renewals until either party provides written notice of termination in compliance with the terms and conditions of the order forms.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes.

12. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...DESIGNATION OF VOTING DESIGNEE AND VOTING DESIGNEE ALTERNATE FOR THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CONSORTIUM OF OHIO (CEBCO) ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025...25-0310-001...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Batchler, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation to designate Sandra Tahat as the Voting Designee and Teresa Igo as the Voting Designee Alternate for the County Employee Benefit Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) Annual Membership Meeting for Calendar Year 2025.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: Commissioner Painter asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There are no additional agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion by Commissioner Corcoran and seconded by Commissioner Batchler to go into Executive Session at 10:22 a.m. pursuant to section 121.22 (G)(1), (G)(4) and (G)(6) of the Ohio Revised Code 1) to consider the employment or compensation of a public employee or more public employees, 2) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment and 3) to discuss details relative to the security arrangements and

emergency response protocols for a public body or public office.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board of County Commissioners returned from Executive Session and resumed Regular Session at 12:15 p.m. after having 1) considered the employment or compensation of a public employee or more public employees, 2) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment and 3) discussed details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or public office., with no action taken and no decisions made.

COUNTY STAFF/ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION: Angie Livesay, Deputy Assistant County Administrator, gave an update regarding the Clermont County Animal Shelter. The Shelter has 47 dogs in the kennel and 40 dogs in foster care, with 72 dogs adopted, and 30 have been redeemed. Five dogs have been sent to a rescue organization, and five dogs are being transferred to a rescue organization. As of March 6, 2025, the intake for the year is 122 dogs, with five dogs being euthanized.

The March adoption rate discount will help with the kennel population. Volunteer Orientations will begin in April, and the website has a user-friendly option to register for them at the following link: <https://clermontcountyohio.gov/clermont-county-animal-shelter/>.

Commissioner Painter asked about the adoption book being out-of-date. Ms. Livesay said the Clermont County Animal Shelter is working on updating the book. Ursula Miller, Communications Coordinator, Office of Public Information, said Adoption Finder has had glitches recently but is being worked on.

Commissioner Painter asked about the Kennel staff. Ms. Livesay said the Kennel Supervisor is off to a great start, and they are still seeking a Kennel Director.

MEMBER COMMENTS: No member comments.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Batchler, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners, noting no further business to come before the commission for legislative action, adjourned this Regular Session at 12:23 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled session to be held at a later date.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes.

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

DAVID L. PAINTER, PRESIDENT

BONNIE J. BATCHLER, VICE PRESIDENT

CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, MEMBER

GAEL FAWLEY, CLERK OF THE BOARD

03/12/2025
DATE APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 021-25

The Board of County Commissioners, Clermont County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 10th day of March 2025, with the following members present:

David L. Painter, President

Claire B. Corcoran, Member

Bonnie J. Batchler, Vice-President

Mr. (s). Batchler moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER TO ENTER INTO LOCAL PUBLIC AUTHORITY (LPA) FEDERAL PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

**LPA BRIDGE LOAD RATING
PID #122371**

WHEREAS, the National Transportation Act has made available certain federal funding for use by local public authorities which funding is administered by the FHWA's Federal Funding Program through the Ohio Department of Transportation as the agency in Ohio to administer the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation has approved the Bridge and Culvert Load Rating project, as set forth above, qualifying for said funds and requires that the Clermont County Engineer ("Engineer") enter into the LPA Federal Local-Let Project Agreement for the project on the terms and conditions as set forth in such agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to proceed with the work anticipated by such contract and to authorize the Engineer to execute the LPA Federal Project Agreement for the said project in accordance with the terms and conditions and to provide for the process for completing the contract and meeting the terms and conditions of said agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio with at least two-thirds of its members thereto concurring as follows:

SECTION I

That the County Engineer, Jeremy P. Evans (the "Engineer") is hereby authorized, to enter into the LPA Federal Project Agreement No. 42197, PID No. 122371, LPA Bridge Load Rating Project, an agreement for the services of consultants to perform load ratings of Clermont County Bridges and Culverts, which is a transportation activity eligible to receive Federal funding. The total cost for the PROJECT is estimated to be \$61,559.00.

ODOT shall provide to the LPA 80 percent of the eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$51,647.00. This maximum amount reflects the funding limit for the PROJECT set by the applicable Program Manager. Unless otherwise provided, funds through ODOT shall be applied only to the eligible costs associated with the actual design and construction of the transportation project improvements activities.

SECTION II

That the County Engineer, in consultation with the Office of the Clermont County Prosecutor, is authorized to execute any necessary documents in order to complete the required submission of the LPA Federal Local-Let Project Agreement and to obtain the federal funds as set forth above; and,

SECTION III

That the County Engineer is hereby directed to proceed upon verification of the funding and related authorizations to undertake all applicable requirements under the LPA Federal Local-Let Project Agreement in conformity with the Agreement.

SECTION IV

That the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with all applicable legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr.(s). Corcoran seconded the motion and on roll call, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Painter	<u>yes</u>
Mrs. Batchler	<u>yes</u>
Mrs. Corcoran	<u>yes</u>

This Resolution was duly passed on the 10th day of March 2025

ATTEST:

Gael Fawley
Gael Fawley, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners

This Resolution was prepared and approved as to form by the Office of the Clermont County Prosecuting Attorney

By: M. J. G. F.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Date: 2/28/2025