

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013, WITH COMMISSIONERS EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, DAVID H. UIBLE AND ROBERT L. PROUD 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 MAY 6, 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 ISSUES WERE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Issue - Water & Sewer 5 year Capital Improvement Plan

Discussion - Lyle Bloom, Director of Utilities and Chris Rowland, Assistant Sanitary Engineer were in attendance.

Mr. Bloom provided detailed overviews of the 5 Year Waterworks Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the 5 Year Wastewater Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) both plan links are attached for review.

<http://ftp.clermontcountyohio.gov/BCC/2013/TWPCIPWaterBinder2013Final.pdf>
<http://ftp.clermontcountyohio.gov/BCC/2013/TWPCIPSEwerBinder2013Final.pdf>

Mr. Bloom gave a presentation that reviewed construction projects that were started or completed in 2012 and projects that will be completed in 2013, as well as an overview of the in-progress and anticipated construction projects for 2013. A copy of the presentation is attached for your review. Mr. Bloom outlined the 2012 Capital Improvement Plan projects as well as the 2013 construction projects which include:

- Water tank painting for three storage tanks
- Water main replacements
- 13K feet of sewer collection system rehabilitation
- Force main replacement
- Water main relocations due to Engineer's projects
- McPicken Drive sewer petition
- Design Activity for 2013
 - PUB Water Treatment Plant (WTP)
 - Newtonsville
 - Ivy Pointe
 - Woodville Pike
 - Water meter upgrades
- Continued projects from 2012
 - Bethel Lift Station
 - Happy Hollow Lift Station upgrade

Mr. Bloom provided some discussion in regard to funding. The Capital Plans provide details for each project as far as funding, where the budget stands, sources of funding including grant information and the remaining balances of available funding.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed – The motion for approval of the Capital 5 year plans should be on next week's regular agenda.

2. **Issue - Communications FY2013 Community Development Program (formerly CDBG) - Review and Ranking of Community Applications Received**

Discussion – Annette Decatur, Grants Coordinator, Community Planning and Development and Andy Kuchta, Director of Community and Economic Development were in attendance.

Ms. Decatur provided an overview in regard to the fiscal year 2013 (FY13) Community Development Program (CDP) applications that have been received and reviewed. She further explained the applications have been ranked as to priority need during the review process.

Our CDP program funding has been cut by approximately \$180K from last year, due to restructuring. The cuts are a direct reflection to the program reformulation, which now consist of 60% to be applied to CDP programs, 40% to be applied to the three set aside programs or competitive grants. The program has also reduced the number eligible applicants from 130 to 105, there are now 79 non-entitlement counties and 26 direct cities participating in this program. Under the new regulations there is also a \$75K grant floor for funded programs.

Clermont County's allocated funding for programs under CDP for FY13 is \$432K. After allocating the mandatory 20% for administrative and fair housing portions of the program in the amount of \$86,400 this will leave \$345,600 to fund CDP program applications as requested. Ms. Decatur explained that the selection criteria and scoring of applications has changed considerably this year due to the restructuring.

Ms. Decatur provided a handout that explained the selection criteria and scoring for each of the applications for FY13 CDP funding. She further explained that the CDP program allows for one Critical Infrastructure (CI) set aside to be selected, the staff has selected the Bethel Spring Street bridge replacement as a candidate for the Critical Infrastructure set aside program. After close evaluation and collaboration with the Water & Sewer District and Engineer's Office, The Bethel Spring Street Bridge was determined to be the most critical need, due to deterioration. The Bethel Spring Street Bridge affects public safety and health and meets the criteria for Critical Infrastructure set aside funds and has been considered carefully since these funds are very competitive and will be selected from a statewide pool.

Ms. Decatur explained the other two competitive programs, these are the Neighborhood Revitalization set aside and the Downtown Revitalization set aside. Applicants for these set aside programs take more planning and input to be viable candidates for funding. Mr. Kuchta explained that due to the restructuring of the CDP program the application instruction meeting with the State was not held until April 11, 2013 which did provide sufficient time for project planning time for these competitive programs by the deadline for FY13. Some discussions are currently being held with communities that will undergo additional planning and apply next year for funding in these competitive set aside programs.

Ms. Decatur explained that under the CDP program, more emphasis is placed on administrative capacity and how critical it is to submit eligible projects. The State can make requests for additional information or clarification, to which the County has a 30 day response period. Ms. Decatur noted that after the 30 day response period if necessary information is not provided or project eligibility cannot be determined, the County risks losing the entire allocation.

Ms. Decatur provided handouts regarding the 5 year CDBG funding history for the community applications received, CDBG funding by jurisdiction from FY82-FY12, and CDBG Grants funded from FY2003-2012; as well as the 2013 Recommended Allocations for

FY13 as outlined in two different scenarios. Some discussion was held in regard to the needs of the communities in each of the recommended scenarios as well as historical funding of projects.

The Bethel Spring Street Bridge replacement is approximately a \$119K project. This project is eligible to apply under the Critical Infrastructure set-aside grant and staff recommends \$40K from CDP allocation be used as leveraged funds, with \$15K local match and the remaining funding be applied under the CI grant.

The Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC) is being recommended because there is large interest in funding this as a public service program. CASC has potential to impact all communities and is considered a community or public service project, which has a CDP funding cap of 15% at \$64,800. The State was very interested in hearing more about this type of program because it is new and innovative and speaks to the issue of alternative sentencing.

Ms. Decatur described the Septic Rehab Program which is being recommended as a partially funded CPD program and noted that this has been an ongoing project over the last 10 years. The Septic Rehab Program received \$100K in 2012 and has utilized a water pollution control grant fund in the past as well. Going forward the only funding that will be available will be the septic rehab program income, which currently has a balance of \$26K, and therefore staff is recommending \$142,148 in funding to improve the project.

The Moscow Drainage Program has been chosen to be funded this year in scenario 1 due to the Moscow area having street drainage issues that need to be addressed. This will lay the groundwork and set the stage for a Neighborhood Revitalization set aside program grant funding in future years.

Some discussion was held in regard to the cost formulation and local match requirements of the projects in each of the projects recommended in scenario 1 and scenario 2. After examining the history and the selection criteria, the Commissioners are in favor of scenario 1 as the primary and scenario 2 as the alternate. In the event the Critical Infrastructure grant is not funded, the Franklin Township request for Heart Monitors/AED's and the Owensville Gauche Park renovations are serving as alternate project selections.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed –

The Board would like firm selections of the projects, a date set a second public hearing, for the applications to be prepared and placed before the Board for consideration.

Adjournment

Informal Regular Session was adjourned.

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