

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2014, WITH COMMISSIONERS DAVID H. UIBLE AND EDWIN H. HUMPHREY IN ATTENDANCE. ROBERT L. PROUD WAS ABSENT.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE STEPHEN H. RABOLT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND GAEL FAWLEY, CLERMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES AT THE INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ARE LISTED ON THE ATTACHED ATTENDANCE SHEET.

LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE AUGUST 20, 2014 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 SESSION BEGAN SHORTLY BEFORE 10:30 A.M.

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION:

1. **Issue - Revenue 2014 and Tax Budget 2015 – Sukie Scheetz, Director, and Mary Rains, Budget Analyst, Office of Management & Budget...13-1120-001**

**Discussion** - Sukie Scheetz, Director, Office of Management and Budget, addressed the Board regarding the 2014 appropriations and the annual estimate of general fund operating revenue for 2015.

Ms. Scheetz provided a presentation and reviewed all revenue sources and the trend for each item, she noted revenues as a whole are stable with some funds such as recorder fees and conveyance fees moving in a downward trend and this was adjusted in 2015 projections. Ms. Scheetz also noted that the change in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) Deputy Registrar in May of 2014 that the \$294,000 will no longer be included in the general fund operating revenue so that is also accounted for in the 2014 revisions as well as the 2015 projections.

Ms. Scheetz explained with regard to intergovernmental funds, grant income is up slightly and investment income earnings are steadily decreasing with this estimate for 2014 of \$619,812 reflecting the bottom has been reached and earnings should start climbing again in 2015 with the estimate being \$649,812.

Ms. Scheetz reviewed the total 2015 appropriation target numbers are as follows:

2014 estimated operating revenue	\$50,159,239.00
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2015 operating expense target	\$50,159,239.00

Ms. Scheetz also explained the general fund operating expense for 2014, the changes to date and the current operating appropriation. She discussed that there may be some funds that could be added to the current appropriation in the amount of \$575,542.00.

Ms. Scheetz explained that healthcare is the largest unknown factor in 2015, detailing the potential changes in expense or savings. Originally, two to three weeks ago, we were anticipating a \$1M increase, during the last month with the current trend in actual claims, the healthcare percentage increase in contributions by department should decrease. There will be some increased cost for part-time employees that meet the 30+ hourly average/week making them full-time for healthcare purposes, which due to the new requirements could increase to \$62,000 in

additional premiums if they choose to elect coverage.

Ms. Scheetz also stated there will be changes in legislation taking effect in September that will allow for up to a 90 day sentence as opposed to a maximum of 30 days to the Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC) program, which will open up the CASC to additional clients. Increasing the daily average number of clients in 2015 to 100 versus the 28 daily average number of clients in 2014 would lead to an increase in income of \$132,860 to \$767,960.

Ms. Scheetz noted the savings with the new Inmate Food Services contract executed in 2014 will save the County approximately \$350,000 in 2015.

Juvenile Court will be funding the requested additional position partially by grant money, for an additional savings in the amount of \$60,266.

Ms. Scheetz explained the potential of these changes could mean a savings between \$157,000 to \$540,000. The actual expense needs will need to be identified between now and November after meeting with departments and elected officials before the final appropriation budgets are submitted.

Ms. Scheetz noted some departments have requested and included salary increases for the 2015 budget, other departments have only asked for and included staff increases. However she noted none of the departments had allowed for healthcare cost increases.

**Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed** – Ms. Scheetz and Ms. Rains will re-evaluate target numbers and email each of the departments and Elected Officials offices with those target amounts for 2015. Mr. Rabolt's office will set up meetings to review and discuss budget needs over and above the target numbers if requested. Ms. Scheetz will be prepared to present the final appropriations budget to the Board in November.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW THE BOARD TOOK A SHORT RECESS FROM INFORMAL SESSION AT 11:07 A.M.**

**LET THE RECORD SHOW THE BOARD RESUMED INFORMAL SESSION AT 11:13 A.M.**

**Issue - Regarding the Ohio Valley Antique Machinery Show in Brown County. Carl Lamping, Chief Building Inspector, Building Department...08-0428-004**

**Discussion** – Mr. Humphrey stated he would like to discuss the Ohio Valley Antique Machinery (OVAM) Show, stating there was a complaint filed regarding a penalty fee of \$1,000.00 assessed by Clermont County Permit Central for an electrical installation by the OVAM Show Board that was not approved prior to installation by Permit Central. Mr. Humphrey stated that the way he understands the issue is that there were four installations without permits which would have accumulated \$2,200.00 in penalty fees and fines and Mr. Lamping has considered it one installation in an effort to resolve the matter as quickly and amicably as possible for everyone.

Mr. Lamping addressed the Board regarding the penalty fee assessed in this matter and what actions were taken to minimize the fee, as a result from the electrical installation work being done prior to the issuance of a full permit. Mr. Lamping explained that once the OVAM Board contacted Permit Central and delivered the final construction documentation, an inspector was dispatched and did the inspection the same day to ensure the safety and expedite the issuance of a full permit so the electric could be turned on in time for the OVAM Show.

Mr. Uible stated this OVAM Show was being held in Brown County, and Mr. Lamping confirmed that yes it was, further explaining that Clermont County has a contract with Brown County to enforce the Ohio Building Code in Brown County and that they followed the Clermont County fee schedule in this case. The OVAM Board President was happy with the result of the inspections and was simply asking Mr. Lamping for a recommendation and the Board for a way

to reduce the penalty fees further.

**Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed** - The Board directed Mr. Lamping to contact the OVAM Board and notify them that the fee will stand at \$1000.00.

**Adjournment**

Informal Regular Session was adjourned.

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

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**DAVID H. UIBLE, PRESIDENT**

ABSENT  

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**ROBERT L. PROUD, VICE PRESIDENT**

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**EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, MEMBER**

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**STEPHEN H. RABOLT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

10/27/14  
**DATE APPROVED**