

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 12 2017, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID H. UIBLE, EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, AND DAVID L. PAINTER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER SHORTLY AFTER 7:00 P.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2017 SPECIAL 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 SPECIAL SESSION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING THROUGH THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEBSITE AT <https://www.youtube.com/user/clermontcounty/playlists>

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER UIBLE READ INTO THE RECORD A STATEMENT REGARDING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' RULES OF PROCEDURE AND THE PROTOCOL THAT IS TO BE FOLLOWED FOR THIS EVENING'S SPECIAL SESSION.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: JIM COMODECA, INTERIM PRESIDENT, CLERMONT COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, PROVIDED A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING HOUSE BILL 49 ADOPTED BY THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SIGNED BY GOVERNOR JOHN KASICH. MR. COMODECA REVIEWED THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE CLERMONT COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU. HE DISCUSSED OHIO TOURISM; SPECIFICALLY VISITOR SPENDING AND HOW CLERMONT COUNTY CAN CREATE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES. MR. COMODECA HIGHLIGHTED THE ROWING COMPETITIONS, KINGS HAMMER SOCCER FACILITY AND THE 2018 GEOWOODSTOCK XVI. HE DISCUSSED CLERMONT COUNTY TOURISM AND ITS IMPACT ON SALES, EMPLOYMENT, WAGES AND TAX REVENUE. MR. COMODECA STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF VISITING SIMILAR EVENTS AND FACILITIES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY IN AN EFFORT TO NOT "REINVENT THE WHEEL". HE REVIEWED THE LOCAL COMPETITION THAT HAVE ALSO INCREASED THEIR LODGING TAX IN AN EFFORT TO BUILD AND SUSTAIN LOCAL TOURISM. MR. COMODECA REVIEWED THE PROCESS THAT WAS/IS USED TO IMPLEMENT THE LODGING TAX AND ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU.

COMMISSIONER PAINTER INQUIRED AS TO WHAT THE CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU COULD HAVE DONE DIFFERENTLY IN OBTAINING THIS LODGING TAX. MR. COMODECA INDICATED THAT THE CVB COULD HAVE COME TO THE COMMISSIONERS SOONER AND EXPLAINED, TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY, MORE OF WHAT THEY WERE PLANNING. COMMISSIONER PAINTER OFFERED THE COUNTY'S ASSISTANCE IN BRINGING FUTURE PROJECTS TO ANY COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY.

AT THIS TIME, COMMISSIONER UIBLE INVITED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN TONIGHTS SPECIAL SESSION.

JOHN MCGRAW, UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION AS TO THE BUSINESS STATUS OF THE CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU. MR. COMODECA INDICATED THAT THE CVB IS A PRIVATE ENTITY THAT RECEIVES IT'S FUNDING THROUGH THE HOTEL TAX AND IS REGISTERED AS A 501(C)(6).

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT...APPROVED

Moved by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Painter, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

That the Board of County Commissioners, noting no further business to come before the commission for legislative action, adjourned this Special Session at 7:29 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:

Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mr. Painter, Yes; Mr. Uible, Yes.

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

DAVID H. UIBLE, PRESIDENT

EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, VICE PRESIDENT

DAVID L. PAINTER, MEMBER

JUDITH KOCICA, CLERK OF THE BOARD

09/13/17
DATE APPROVED