

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014, WITH COMMISSIONERS DAVID H. UIBLE, ROBERT L. PROUD, AND EDWIN H. HUMPHREY 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 NOVEMBER 12, 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>.

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION:

Let the record show informal session began shortly after 11:20 a.m.

1. Issue - 2015 Budget Appropriations – Sukie Scheetz, Director, and Mary Rains, Budget Analyst, Office of Management and Budget...14-1113-002

Discussion – Ms. Scheetz, Director of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provided a PowerPoint presentation located at http://2015_Presentation_Admin_Recommended_Appropriation.pdf

Ms. Scheetz explained all of the items covered in the presentation will be under the Board's direction which is 116 funds with appropriated expenses for 2015. The priorities given to OMB as determined by the Board when considering the department requests for budget funding were as follows:

- Approving a 2015 Balanced Budget
- Opening additional beds in Adult Detention Center
- Staff Salary Action
- Funding the Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC)
- Continuation of the currently approved Capital Plan
- Continuation of the Economic Development Plans
- Covering a portion of the increased cost of Health Care
- Restoration of some of the previously unfunded Sheriff Deputy positions

Commissioner Uible would like to see a small surplus in the 2015 budget appropriation if possible. Commissioner Proud would like to see more than a small surplus. Commissioner Humphrey stated he would be happy with a small surplus.

Ms. Scheetz noted there are some funds listed in the General Fund that are dedicated to Economic Development that are non-operating funds and are restricted due to the increase conveyance fees in 2005 which restricts these funds to Economic Development. Additionally, there are funds dedicated to Workforce Investment Board, South Western Ohio Regional Training Center (SWORTC), Storm Water Program, grants and some other one time funding programs that all have restricted funds which are explained in detail further in the presentation.

Ms. Scheetz stated that Operating revenues are estimated to be \$50.893M and she has recommended a balanced operating budget appropriation of \$50.893M.

General Fund Revenues

Ms. Scheetz noted that the County has seen positive change in the General Fund Revenue since the last update to the Board. Revenues are up about \$1.3M over the 2014 estimates the majority of the increase has been seen in sales tax, local government funds and casino revenues. Ms. Scheetz also stated she is starting to see some small but steady growth in 2014 of about 4% and plan for about 3.2% in 2015.

2015 General Fund Appropriation

Ms. Scheetz explained the 2015 appropriation provides for additional beds and staff at the adult detention center, as well as a 2.35% overall salary increase for all Board of County Commissioners staff, funding for the Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC) program with coverage for up to 48 inmates, covering 100% of the cost of the health care increase which is going up 5%, two replacement deputy positions are also being funded in 2015.

Ms. Scheetz provided an overview and discussed the specifics as requested for each department and office. See slide 14 and the video for department/office specific increase information.

Ms. Scheetz further detailed that the average increase is approximately 4% to the general government. Communications Center is up due to adding the max number of ERT's and funding all 18 positions. Ms. Scheetz also noted that in 2015 Health & Human Services has asked that due to the increased need, we appropriate the maximum allowed for children with medical handicaps, which we have not done in the past.

Let the record show that Commissioner Proud left informal session at 11:55 a.m.

Ms. Scheetz noted there have been a few changes to a couple of Capital Projects to keep the budget balanced, the largest of which was a jump in Engineers funds, we pushed out the new records center project from 2014 to 2015, and the addition of \$400K for initial startup for new Title Office for Clerk of Court. Ms. Scheetz stated the 2014 original appropriations were at \$181.2M and 2015 appropriations are \$179.7M.

Commissioner Humphrey stated he has no concerns and noted that OMB has done a very well and thanked them.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed – Ms. Scheetz will present the 2015 Budget Appropriation Resolution to the Board in session on 11/19/14 for adoption.

Adjournment

Informal Regular Session was adjourned.

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CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO**

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11/18/15
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