

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015, WITH COMMISSIONERS EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, ROBERT L. PROUD AND DAVID H. UIBLE IN ATTENDANCE.**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WE'RE STEPHEN H. RABOLT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND HOLLY CRUEY, CLERMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE. ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES AT THE INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ARE LISTED ON THE ATTACHED ATTENDANCE SHEET.**

**LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE MARCH 18, 2015 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 – Five Year Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Plans**

**Discussion** - Lyle Bloom, P.E., Director of Utilities/Sanitary Engineer and Chris Rowland P.E., Assistant Sanitary Engineer, Clermont County Water Resources Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the proposed Five Year Waterworks and Wastewater Capital Improvement Plans (CIPs) to the Board of Commissioners (attached).

Detailed discussion was held regarding the specifics of each CIP as outlined in the documentation provided including a breakdown of the 2014 expenditures, a summary of all projects within the five year plan, project timelines, pictures/maps outlining the project locations, planned design activities, construction target dates over the next five year period, and projected costs and available funding for the programs (attached). It was noted that both the Waterworks and Wastewater CIPs would be fully funded with a rate increase and additional grant funding. Available waterworks funding would be in the amount of \$23,836,230 and available wastewater funding would be in the amount of \$38,106,002.

**Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed** - The Administration is to schedule the Five Year Waterworks and Wastewater Capital Improvement Plans for Board approval in an upcoming regular session.

**2. Issue- Clermont County Water Resources**

**Discussion** - Sukie Scheetz, Controller, Clermont County Water Resources, addressed the Board of County Commissioners in regards to amending the Clermont County Water Resources Rules and Regulations to increase Water Rate Fees due to the increase in operational costs. Ms. Scheetz reviewed the amounts currently in reserves. Ms. Scheetz stated the user rate revenues are necessary in order to support projected operations, maintenance, debt service and capital plans for the Clermont County Waterworks and Sewer Systems. She provided the escalation factors for projecting future expenses including historic indices and personnel expenses. Ms. Scheetz indicated that operating expense growth is currently exceeding revenue growth. The proposed recommendation by the Clermont County Water Resources is a 3.4% water rate increase in June 2015. Ms. Scheetz reviewed the rate structure issues specifically as it relates to residential and multi-family complexes. Mr. Proud asked for clarification on the residential minimums. Mr. Uible asked for rate comparisons to other comparative counties. Ms. Scheetz provided the information that has been made available. Mr. Uible asked Chuck Tilbury, Deputy Auditor, his opinion of the analysis used to determine the need for the rate increase. Mr. Tilbury indicated he couldn't comment as to that. Mr. Tilbury asked Ms. Scheetz if there would be operational advantages

or cost savings to the meter project. Ms. Scheetz and Mr. Bloom indicated there would be.

**Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed** - The general consensus of the Board of County Commissioners is to proceed with the rate increase as recommended and to make no changes to the rate structure as it relates to single and multi-family dwellings. This will be placed on the Regular Session Agenda on 04/01/15 for the disposition thereof.

Mr. Proud emphasized the need for water conservation among community members. Ms. Scheetz indicated that the county wide meter upgrades would help the public track their usage.

**Adjournment**

Informal Regular Session was adjourned.

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

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**EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, PRESIDENT**

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**ROBERT L. PROUD, VICE PRESIDENT**

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**DAVID H. UIBLE, MEMBER**

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**STEPHEN H. RABOLT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

04/01/15  
**DATE APPROVED**