

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015, WITH COMMISSIONERS EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, ROBERT L. PROUD, AND DAVID H. UIBLE 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 APRIL 15, 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>.

LET THE RECORD SHOW INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION STARTED AT 11:10 A.M.

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Issue - County Capital Update 2015 - Sukie Scheetz, Director, and Mary Rains, Budget Analyst, Office of Management and Budget...15-0506-002

Discussion - Mr. Rabolt, County Administrator, provided the Board with an overview of the 5-year Capital Plan as provided in the handout attached [here](#).

Mr. Rabolt noted that there are three large construction projects currently in the budget, the new Records Center/Domestic Relations Clerk, the new Engineer's Facility and the beginning of starting the Juvenile/Domestic Relations Court expansion project. Mr. Rabolt noted that the Common Pleas Courthouse Generator project has been pushed out to 2016 to allow us to maintain the Boards' requested \$1M cash balance in the reserve.

Vehicle replacement costs were increased due to the age of the vehicles in the fleet and the cost of the replacement vehicles. Another large expense budgeted each year is \$150K the Information Systems Department to keep technology current, Mr. Rabolt noted at some point in the near future that amount will need to be increased due to the rising costs of technology.

Another notable change was to the Board of Elections (BOE) which was budgeted for \$280K to purchase electronic poll books in 2015. Ms. Scheetz stated that a significant change to the capital budget is the BOE equipment replacement, which was scheduled to be replaced over the next five years a portion at a time. However, the BOE discovered from the manufacturer, to function properly all equipment must be purchased at the same time. All equipment was budgeted, so the change simply means the full \$1.15M project budget will need to be moved to the 2015 budget allocation.

Commissioner Uible asked if there are any subsidies from the State of Ohio available for this purchase. Mr. Rabolt stated he was recently involved in a discussion at the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) recently where they disclosed that there is currently legislation for funding being introduced at the state level for this project. Mr. Rabolt specifically requested that a retro clause be included so if the legislation passes, the State of Ohio will make it retroactive and provide counties who have purchased upgrades to equipment the opportunity to request reimbursement for the early investment in the new technology. Commissioner Proud asked what the life expectancy was on the new equipment. Mr. Rabolt stated the new equipment is expected to last 8 to 10 years. Commissioner Humphrey asked how long the current equipment had been in use. Mr. Rabolt estimated 14 years and noted it has been experiencing some failures in recent years.

Mr. Rabolt stated the original quoted price for the new election equipment was initially much higher and credits the BOE with negotiating the price lower. It was also noted that the new equipment is much faster and more efficient. This increase in efficiency and speed may reduce the equipment needed as well as the number of polling locations required.

Mr. Rabolt wanted to provide the Board with a current update. Ms. Scheetz wanted to note that the handouts cover the current plan and current year-to-date spending. Ms. Scheetz stated there are line items where it shows that some line items are over budget, there are other areas where we anticipate coming in under the planned budget.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed – Commissioner Proud asked Ms. Scheetz and Mr. Rabolt to keep up the good work. Commissioners' Humphrey and Uible agreed.

Adjournment

Informal Regular Session was adjourned.

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

EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, PRESIDENT

ROBERT L. PROUD, VICE PRESIDENT

Absent
DAVID H. UIBLE, MEMBER

STEPHEN H. RABOLT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

4/29/15
DATE APPROVED