

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 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 22, 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>.

Shortly before 2:15 pm

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1. Issue - Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency: Air Quality Advisories – Paul Braasch, Director, Clermont County Office of Environmental Quality, Holly Christmann, Director, and Megan Hummel, Public Relations Coordinator, Hamilton County Environmental Services...10-0303-003**

Discussion - Mr. Braasch introduced the attendees from Hamilton County. Mr. Braasch noted that today is Earth Day and what better way to celebrate than bring awareness to the new Air Quality Advisory Program.

Ms. Christmann explained that the Hamilton County Environmental Services monitor and issue permits for all four counties in our region's air quality to ensure they meet the Environmental Protection Agency's air quality standards.

Ms. Christmann indicated that the air quality in SW Ohio has improved over the last 20 years.

Commissioner Humphrey asked about the Particulate matter. Ms. Christmann stated that the particulate matter is measured in two parts but considered one standard.

Commissioner Proud asked if the recommendations such as refuel after 6 pm and do not mow your grass until after dark, were included in this programs recommendation. Ms. Christmann stated yes, those recommendations are included in this program. She was pleased that the Board was familiar with those programs.

Commissioner Uible commented that last year there was a notable drop in the particulate matter in the ozone levels. Ms. Christmann stated that last year was a much cooler summer and therefore the ozone levels are usually much better during cooler weather.

Ms. Christmann introduced Ms. Megan Hummel, Public Relations Coordinator for Hamilton County Environmental Services. Ms. Hummel stated that the old smog alert program has been in effect for 20 years and was in need of a change. There can be an air quality alert during any season. The national standard is >75 parts per billion (ppb), our area is just now meeting this standard. The US EPA is proposing a new standard range of >70 ppb or possibly even >65 ppb, this will be even more difficult to meet, not just for our area but all areas in the country. The US EPA feels the term Air Quality is more accurate than Smog Alert. Air Quality means that there is air pollution versus hazy or smoky looking air outside.

Ms. Hummel and SW Ohio Air Quality Agency is asking that each agency help in promoting this new program by doing the following:

- Share with employees
- Social Media Posts
- Create an Air Quality Business Plan
- Sign up to receive Air Quality Advisories

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed – Commissioner Humphrey thanked them and would like the County to look into the possibility of creating Air Quality Business Plans for some of the County departments.

2. **Issue - Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC) – Tom Eigel, Assistant County Administrator & Sukie Scheetz, Director, Office of Management and Budget ...15-0106-001**

Discussion – Mr. Eigel stated he wanted to update the Board on the status of the of the CASC bid, also noting since we are in the middle of the procurement process we cannot provide any details but would like to provide some budget estimates.

Ms. Scheetz provided a handout providing an overview of the Clermont County Adult Detention cost per bed per day per inmate as well as per CASC inmate.

Ms. Scheetz stated the budgeted amount planned for the CASC is \$39/per day (pd) per inmate. CASC negotiations are not meeting the planned budget number of \$39 pd. Mr. Eigel noted that Medicaid billing for both vendors have dropped the numbers down a bit to include approximately 20% in Medicaid billing, however the costs are still above the budget numbers.

Mr. Eigel indicated that the cost is estimated to be somewhere around \$70-\$75/pd to house each inmate. Commissioner Uible stated that as long as it is costing less than the cost to house an inmate in the jail and you are providing a positive effect, it will be worth it.

Commissioner Humphrey stated it is critical to compare apples to apples when comparing numbers at the cost per day for CASC as well as the jail inmates. If you are including the facility costs in one, you must include the facility costs for the other as well.

Commissioner Proud stated as long as we are seeing improving results in less recidivism then the positive effects on the community is money well spent.

Commissioner Proud asked if bringing the CASC administration in house and hiring our own counselors, housing inmates overnight in the jail pods, and then taking them to the classrooms during the day could be a consideration.

Commissioner Humphrey stated we need to look into this option since it will not include as much administrative overhead. This would allow us to oversee the program with County employees if necessary. Ms. Scheetz stated she would look into the possibility of bringing this program in-house and what those costs would be per inmate per day.

Joe Ellison stated that there have been many people spending a lot of time and effort on this project, the court appreciates all the hard work. Mr. Ellison further noted the CASC program was doing a great job for the citizens and the judges feel it has helped reduced the jail population, although there were a few bumps getting started it was very beneficial to all those involved.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed – Mr. Eigel and Ms. Scheetz will continue to work through the current bid process, and Ms. Scheetz will look into the option of bringing the CASC administration in-house as requested by the Board.

3. **Issue - Citizen Drainage Issue at 5373 Sugar Camp Road, Milford, Ohio 45150, - Mr. Charles Kapiotis...15-0506-003**

Discussion – Mr. Kapiotis asked Mr. John Spencer to provide the Board with photographs. Mr. Kapiotis presented pictures to the board. Mr. Kapiotis stated the first photograph was taken in 2001. It is a picture of the fence line along his property, and shows the natural drainage the way it existed at that time.

Mr. Kapiotis stated the second photograph was taken today of the same area which shows Mr. Brunner's now manicured yard, including a rock retaining wall.

Discussion ensued regarding the Clermont County Water Management Control Regulations and Mr. Kapiotis provided the Board with several citations stating Mr. Brunner had not adhered to those regulations.

Commissioner Humphrey stated that the Clermont County Building/Permit Department does not dispute that Mr. Brunner has indeed made some modifications. Mr. Lamping and Mr. Eigel both agree that Mr. Brunner did make modifications and without the required permits. Mr. Brunner has been instructed by the Building Department to remove the fill dirt and retaining wall and was required to apply for a permit to do so.

Mr. Brunner has applied for the permit and according to Mr. Lamping the permit was approved and issued on 4/20/15. Mr. Lamping explained that Mr. Brunner now has 90 days to make the required corrections. Mr. Lamping will follow up on with the Board after those 90 days.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed - Commissioner Humphrey stated the Board would follow up to ensure compliance with the permit and removal of the fill and the retaining wall.

Adjournment

Informal Regular Session was adjourned.

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5/13/15
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