THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 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 MAY 13, 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 YOUTUBE CHANNEL **https://www.youtube.com/user/clermontcounty/playlists**

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION:

1.   **Issue - Ohiocheckbook.com – Marcie Longnecker and Spencer Gross, State Treasurer of Ohio's Office**

Discussion - Mr. Gross provided a demonstration of the State Treasurer of Ohio's Ohiocheckbook.com program. He discussed how the Treasurer, Josh Mandel wanted the program to be a Web search type program and not portable document format (pdf) based, which would give the user the ability to drill down by searching from a word search such as "arts" to the check image, providing detail such as when and why the check was issued.

Mr. Gross provided examples of searches, such as "bulldozers", showing in one click how you can see a history of spending from fiscal year (FY) 2008 to FY2014 what the State has spent on bulldozers. The information is also available in a graph or line chart. Mr. Gross demonstrated how easily the graphs can be edited.

Commissioner Humphrey asked if users could see from this site how many bulldozers that amount of spending purchased. Mr. Gross stated the contact person for these purchases is listed and they would be able to answer that question, however the actual number of bulldozers purchased is not available on this site.

Mr. Gross stated there are comparative tools built into the program as well, providing the ability to compare between agencies or departments, but cautioned it is important to remember that not all agencies have the same funds available to them.

Commissioner Humphrey asked if Mr. Gross would do a search and compare telephone wired central systems for departments across the state. Mr. Gross provided the search and charted the numbers as requested.

Mr. Gross indicated that the State Treasurer has asked OpenGov to start doing the local builds starting June 30, 2015, which will allow the local governments use of the program from their own web sites.

Commissioner Uible asked if we provided the Treasurer with our data by June 30, how soon our information would be available to view on-line. Mr. Gross stated Clermont County should anticipate the information to be available by the end of July.

Commissioner Humphrey asked how often the data would be refreshed. Mr. Gross replied it would be entirely up to the County. The County could provide updated data to OpenGov once a year, once a quarter, or once a month. Commissioner Humphrey asked if we could update the data daily. Mr. Gross stated that is absolutely a possibility and the State Treasurer

would welcome such diligence.

Commissioner Proud asked Chuck Tilbury, Clermont County Deputy Auditor, if this would interface with the Munis module. Mr. Tilbury stated it would not interface with Munis Citizen Transparency Module but could be a good compliment module.

Mr. Tilbury asked if there was a contract with OpenGov. Mr. Gross stated there is not a contract but a Terms of Service Agreement with OpenGov that will be made available to each participating municipality. Mr. Tilbury asked about the duration of the free service with OpenGov to provide this type of service if there is not a contract with a specific duration listed. Mr. Gross stated that Treasurer Mandel has stated as long as he is in office this program will be free to all levels of government in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Gross noted that salary searches do not have the ability to drill down a search to a recipients' name, however the payment dates and amounts are available. There is a State Salary Site which lists only public employees names and salary amounts, however on the Ohiocheckbook.com all names were blanket removed because of the sensitive nature of Medicare/Medicaid recipient names that could potentially be released.

Mr. Tilbury asked if there was a way to customize the Ohiocheckbook.com site to fit our needs. Mr. Gross stated that it is fully customizable and Munis should be able to export into an excel spreadsheet, which can be transferred to OpenGov and uploaded to their site as often as necessary.

Mr. Tilbury asked if the Budget and Revenue portions of the General Fund were available to be searched on-line as well. Mr. Gross stated the free version is just the checkbook registry, however, if you want to add the Budget and Revenue that is also available at an additional cost.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed – The Commissioners thanked Treasurer Mandel for providing the program at no cost to the County and Mr. Gross and Ms. Longnecker for taking the time to visit today and provide them with this very impressive and informative demonstration.

Adjournment

Informal Regular Session was adjourned.

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