

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015, WITH COMMISSIONERS EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, ROBERT L. PROUD, AND DAVID H. UIBLE IN ATTENDANCE.**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE ANDREW KUCHTA, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 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 SEPTEMBER 23, 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 <https://www.youtube.com/user/clermontcounty/playlists>**

**THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**1. Issue - Miami Trails Stormwater Utility Update – Pat Manger, Clermont County Engineer (15-0819-004)**

**Discussion** – Mr. Manger began by thanking John McManus, Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Prosecutor's Office for their participation and hard work during this process. Mr. Manger also acknowledged that several members of the effected HOA were present.

Mr. Manger gave a brief history of this project that has been ongoing since last Fall when sink holes began appearing. Meetings ensued, the district assessment was accomplished and the Engineers Office provided a preliminary report in April 2015.

Mr. Manger reviewed the service area, extent of service to be provided, level of service and cost of service.

Mr. Manger referenced the Powerpoint presentation to demonstrate the service area. He referred the Commissioners to the second tab in their binder referencing individual property listings.

The extent of services to be provided includes taking care of the pipes, catch basins, head walls, and all the inlets that are located outside of the right-of-way. Mr. Manger reviewed the pipe inventory and condition summary. This data was used to determine what the current and future needs would be.

Mr. Manger indicated that the level of service would be focused on maintaining, replacing and repairing the system to keep it in proper operating condition.

Two rate structures were considered in determining the cost of services; Impervious Area Method and the Intensity of Development Method. Mr. Manger recommended using the Impervious Area Method to determine the cost of services; this is the most widely used method.

Commissioner Proud asked if credits would be given for residents that had a rain barrel. Mr. Manger indicated that credits and exemptions are not being considered under this particular case due to the difficulties determining credits and ensuring that the participants are doing what they indicated they would.

The legal requirements were reviewed with the Board including the Resolution required to establish the District and the Resolution required to establish the fee schedule.

Mr. Manger indicated that there is an immediate capital need of over \$100,000. He estimated \$33,000 will be needed annually over the next 5 years.

Commissioner Uible asked how these fees would be collected.

Mr. Manger stated that these fees would be added to existing water and sewer bills. It is a cost effective way for the county to collect the funds.

Commissioner Proud asked about the bond requested.

Mr. Manger indicated that the bond would be for the County to initiate the work.

Ms. Scheetz indicated that this would be a revenue bond.

Mr. Manger stated that Milford has storm water utilities in place; our numbers are in line with what the City of Milford charges.

Mr. Manger reviewed the policy papers that would provide explanations, definitions and exemptions.

Commissioner Proud asked what needs to be done next.

Mr. Manger stated that he would be ready to submit a resolution to the Board for their consideration within the next week.

Commissioner Proud asked if public hearings were required.

Mr. Manger does not believe that is necessary, however he assures the Board that the HOA has made the residents aware.

Commissioner Uible said he is impressed with the nature of this approach.

John Faulkner, HOA member, thanked the Commissioners, Mr. Manger and his office. Mr. Faulkner indicated that residents are aware of this process and he urged the Commissioners to act soon. Resident, Michael Wolf spoke in support of the Miami Township Stormwater Utility project.

Joe Braun, private attorney for Dr. Ellis and the O'Connell's, urge Commissioners to act quickly. Mr. Braun indicated that this is a very creative solution. He stated that Dr. Ellis and his neighbor spent \$21,000 to repair their properties that couldn't wait. Mr. Braun asked that they be compensated up front or given a credit by not assessing those fees up to the amount they expended. Mr. Braun indicated that they are unaware of anyone else making such repairs to their property. Commissioner Humphrey stated that they would look to the Prosecutor's Office for guidance.

Commissioner Humphrey asked for discussion regarding a public hearing. Mr. Manger indicated that according to Prosecutor's Office the ORC does not mandate one.

Commissioner Proud asked if the fees have been advertised.

Mr. Manger indicated that they were given a range back in April 2015.

Clerk of the Board, Judie Kocica, advised that public notice is usually required to let them know that a resolution is taking place and what is being considered.

Commissioners agreed to consult the Prosecutor's Office to determine the need for a public hearing.

The President of the HOA indicated that the information has been distributed to the residents.

**Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed** – Administrator, Stephen Rabolt, suggested that we have a resolution prepared and obtain a definitive answer from the Prosecutor's Office.

Commissioners agreed that if they do not need to have a public hearing they are ready to move forward.

**2. Issue - Healthcare Update – Steve Ashe, HORAN Associates, Account Manager and Robert Sander, Clermont County Human Resources Consultant (06-1103-011)**

**Discussion** – Mr. Sander introduced Mr. Steve Ashe, Account Manager, HORAN, Associates. Mr. Ashe distributed a presentation to the Board for 2016 Renewal Programs. Mr. Ashe provided updates on the medical claims, Humana Administration and Stop Loss renewals, Health Care Reform and cost projections.

Clermont County is currently running at 85% of expected costs and there have been no large

claimants or use of Stop Loss so far this year.

In 2014, Humana was selected, through an Request for Proposals (RFP), as our Administrative and Stop Loss provider. This year they are offering a rate hold for Administrative Services and a 5.9% increase for Stop Loss. HORAN will be conducting a full market bid to ensure Clermont County is receiving competitive Stop Loss pricing. Humana offered a 3.2% increase to Aggregate Stop Loss.

Clermont County will continue to pay Health Care Reform taxes and fees including Transitional Reinsurance Plan (TPR) and Patient Centered Outcome Research Institute (PCORI).

Commissioner Proud asked which of these will be expiring.

Mr. Ashe indicated Transition Reinsurance Plan is to expire in 2018. TRP fees were implemented to offset the cost of other insurance plans during the implementation of Health Care Reform.

Mr. Ashe reviewed the 2016 total expected cost projections. Total medical costs are expected to increase 3.2%. This does include the addition of coverage for cochlear implants.

Mr. Ashe stated that the Dental plan is currently under a rate guarantee until 01/01/2017. Total dental claims projections, as of July, indicate a 2.5% decrease. Consideration is being given to changing from a 2-tier to a 4-Tier rate plan similar to what has been done with the medical.

Mr. Ashe indicated that the Vision plan with EyeMed is currently under a rate guarantee through 01/01/2019. Consideration is being given to changing the eye plan to a 4 tier plan as well.

Mr. Ashe reviewed the Ancillary renewals including Basic Life and AD&D, Voluntary Life and AD&D and Long Term Disability. HORAN conducted a full market bid for all lines of coverage and Symetra has provided the most competitive quotes for all lines of coverage with rates guaranteed for 3 years.

Mr. Ashe noted that they are exploring two new voluntary benefits to offer in 2016. Critical illness and Accident coverage are being considered to enhance the current benefits package, compliment the current wellness program and compliment the Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP). Three finalist meetings were conducted and the preferred vendor is Trustmark based on rates, benefits and service capabilities.

Mr. Ashe provided an update on the Primary Care Physician wellness initiative. Thus far, we have reached 33% participation.

Commissioner Humphrey confirmed that both employee and spouse have to complete the form.

**Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed – None at this time**

## **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**

09/23/2015  
**DATE APPROVED**