

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012, WITH COMMISSIONERS EDWIN H. HUMPHREY AND ROBERT L. PROUD IN ATTENDANCE. LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT COMMISSIONER ARCHIE WILSON WAS NOT PRESENT.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE STEPHEN H. RABOLT, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND CONNIE TIBBE, CLERMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE. ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES AT THE INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ARE LISTED ON THE ATTACHED ATTENDANCE SHEET.

LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE JANUARY 18, 2012 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-bcc.aspx>.

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Issue - Buxton Meadows Public Easement

Discussion - Kathy Blanton and Cindy Evans, residents of Buxton Meadows Subdivision located in Batavia Township, addressed the Board with regard to their concerns/issues with the ten foot private walkway easement located between their residences in the Buxton Meadows Subdivision located at 3922/3923 Greentree Terrace, Amelia, Ohio.

It was noted that the easement was put in by the developer of the subdivision for the provision of a five foot walkway within the ten foot easement to be utilized by students living within the Buxton Meadows Subdivision. However, due to the lack of busing services resulting from the West Clermont Schools levy failure, the amount of high school and middle school students utilizing the easement has grown to 100 to 150 students daily.

The high volume of unsupervised students using the walkway easement has resulted in numerous issues including large amounts of mud (due to the lack of a sidewalk in the easement), trespassing on private property, vandalism, trash debris, verbal harassment, and damages to vehicles, homes and fencing. Ms. Blanton and Ms. Evans indicated that they no longer have privacy in their homes and that it is necessary for the Sheriff's Office to police the area to prevent violence and abuse of private property. In addition, it was noted that parents are parking in the subdivision on a daily basis (blocking private driveways and emergency vehicle access).

A petition was provided to the Board requesting that the private walkway easement be vacated (attached). Alternatives for the students were discussed including the use of two road accesses (with some sidewalk areas) on Clough Pike that lead to the school, as well as, the use of a gravel driveway at the school which could be utilized by the students and/or parents in lieu of the easement.

The Board indicated their empathy for the subdivision residents, as well as, for the students and parents. It was noted that, if the easement was walkable, the students would be more likely to stay within the easement boundaries. The Board further indicated the need to contact the Prosecutor's Office to see if the Board has any authority to take action relative to this issue. In addition, Commissioner Proud indicated that he would contact the Amelia High School Principal regarding the issue.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed - The Administration is to contact the Prosecutor's Office regarding the Board's legal authority relative to the private walkway easement. Commissioner Proud is to contact the Amelia High School Principal regarding potential alternatives to the easement usage.

2. **Issue - Clermont County Law Library Resources Board Appointment**

Discussion - Discussion was held regarding the need to fill the unexpired term of George Pattison on the Clermont County Law Library Resources Board due to his resignation from the Board. A copy of Mr. Pattison's resignation letter was provided and reviewed (attached).

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed - The Administration is to advertise for interested parties to submit applications for the vacant position on Clermont County Law Library Resources Board for their consideration.

3. **Issue - Workforce One**

Discussion - Ted Groman, Department of Job and Family Services, provided an update to the Board regarding Clermont County taking over the Administrative and Fiscal functions for the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Southwest Ohio (as previously discussed during the 12/14/11 informal regular session). Mr. Groman reported that two meetings have been held with all three counties of the regional organization including Butler, Clermont and Warren Counties. The meetings resulted in a consensus of all three counties that Clermont County will assume the WIB Administrative and Fiscal roles as of 07/01/12. A WIB meeting is being held tomorrow (01/19/12) and it is the intent to pass a motion to this effect during the meeting.

The need to develop job descriptions for new Clermont County positions with appropriate salary ranges was discussed. It was noted that there will be no cost to Clermont County for assuming the WIB Administrative and Fiscal functions (with federal dollars funding the positions). In addition, it was noted that the WIB staff will be housed at the Workforce One facility.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed - The Administration is to keep the Board informed as this issue progresses.

Adjournment

Informal Regular Session was adjourned.

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

**ROBERT L. PROUD, PRESIDENT
EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, VICE PRESIDENT
ARCHIE WILSON, MEMBER**

01/25/12

DATE APPROVED