

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AN INFORMAL REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JULY 30, 2012, 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 JULY 30, 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 - CECOS Discussion

Discussion – Mr. Spinney explained that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently agreed to take action on Clermont County's petition to revise the post closure plan for the CECOS Facility. Prior to the decision by the OEPA Director CECOS, Ohio EPA and Clermont County came to an agreement that requires more than the Ohio EPA requires statutorily. The agreement that was negotiated is a compromise from the original requests that the county made, however it is over and above the compliance requirements.

There is a period until mid August during which the appeal process can be started, otherwise the settlement agreement and post closure plans will go into effect. Mr. Braasch wanted to thank the Director of the Ohio EPA for encouraging CEOCS and the County to sit down directly and negotiating a plan together that will allow all parties the ability to come to a fair compromise that protects the environment and drinking water supply. The closure plan will be updated again in fifteen years and the county will be able to sit down in about ten years and look at what has taken place and start to revise the plan accordingly.

Mr. Rabolt thanked the County Staff, CECOS Staff and the Commissioners for the tremendous amount of effort and countless number of hours that they put in to arrange the compromises that have been made to get this agreement in place. The county's counsel along with our contractual attorney's and CECOS counsel have all reviewed and approved the new agreement and the agreement will be ready for the Board's action on Wednesday.

Mr. Proud and Mr. Humphrey pointed out that there has been a significant amount of time, energy, resources spent in an effort to make sure we are doing our best to safeguard the environment and drinking water supply and the Board plans to stay actively involved once this agreement is signed. The Commissioners stated; We are trying to go beyond what is required by the OEPA to protect our citizens.

It was noted that this will be an ongoing and monitored project for years to come. The County will continue to monitor data from the wells, review statistical analysis, monitor additional data and stay involved.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed – The agreement should be on Session this Wednesday for action by the Board. (DC# 12-0731-001)

2. **Issue - Capital Plan – Sukie Scheetz present \ Wade Grabowski to assist in discussion of details**

Discussion - Mr. Rabolt stated that he and Ms. Scheetz have been over this several times as to how to address the issues of moving forward with the Capital Plan. There are numerous options such as cash funding, bond market borrowing options, inside millage changes down the road, and project restructuring. Mr. Rabolt explained that they are looking to the board today for direction as to which options they would like to go with.

Ms. Scheetz went over the reasons behind the establishment of the County Capital plan and the options the Board has at this time to establish the 10 year Capital Plan. What projects they would like to fund, flexibility in the plan, how to balance the Capital Plan, along with a number of other options.

Ms. Scheetz and Mr. Grabowski went over in detail the Capital Plan (see attachment) for new construction, building expansion, maintenance, updates, renovations and other special projects. Ms. Scheetz explained that another large part of the Capital budget is dedicated to equipment replacements, such as the 800 MHz replacement, replacement of the pager project, purchase of new equipment like electronic poll books as well as annual replacements such as vehicles, computers, and servers, etc. Also included was a necessary annual replacement plan for the Board of Election equipment.

Ms. Scheetz has added a cash advance of \$800,000 from the Budget Stabilization fund will be required for this County Capital Fund plan in order to maintain a minimum of \$500,000 on hand in case of an emergency.

Mr. Proud asked if there was a hybrid between paying cash and issuing debt. Ms. Scheetz explained that is an option we would be adding an expense of \$187,000 per year expense for every \$1M we borrow at today's rates. [Later clarification: the \$187,000 was the 10 year total interest expense estimate for each \$1M borrowed as shown earlier in the presentation, slide 4. That makes the additional annual expense for each of the 10 years to be an average of \$18,700] After taking a look at the budgets and narrowing the requests to needs these numbers will likely go down. The other option would be pushing out some of the building plans, such as moving out the Engineers building from 2014 to 2015 if needed.

Mr. Rabolt asked for comments from the treasurer / auditor who are in the audience.

Treasurer's Office stated that they have requested building offices for four offices on the second floor. There is a need for privacy due to the increased number of delinquencies and the discussions that should be conducted in private instead of a public lobby setting. The Auditor and Treasurer have also asked for a general update to the offices for items such as carpet and paint.

Ms. Fraley, Auditor would like the needs more clearly defined once they are listed as wants versus needs. She made comments about the use of the budget stabilization fund and needing maintain that fund. She asked why we are now making the Capital Plan a 10 year plan. The Board explained that this is a statutory requirement and that it is a fluid plan. Ms. Fraley noted that as an elected official, she thinks it is critical when planning for their office to see those better defined and allocated. Once a project is on the plan and approved that it should be allocated and not able to reassign them later in the year.

Mr. Uible pointed out that in the revenues we are not taking into account the growth in the county or the increase in property values etc. Ms. Scheetz mentioned that the construction and equipment cost estimates also had no escalation in their estimates.

Ms. Scheetz suggested that she and Mr. Rabolt take another look at the 10 year plan and revise it a little more before the Board takes formal action to adopt the plan.

Conclusion/Follow-Up Action Needed – Revisit the plan after Ms. Scheetz and Mr. Rabolt have revise the 10 year Capital Plan, Please have revisions ready in early September for recommendation and adoption by the Board. (DC# 12-0601-002)

Adjournment

Informal Regular Session was adjourned.

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**09/26/12
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