

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET FOR A SPECIAL SESSION ON MAY 14, 2018, AT NEW RICHMOND VILLAGE SCHOOLS, 212 MARKET STREET, NEW RICHMOND, OHIO 45157, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: COMMISSIONER EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, PRESIDENT, COMMISSIONER DAVID L. PAINTER, VICE PRESIDENT AND DAVID H. UIBLE, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER SHORTLY AFTER 7:00 P.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.**

\*\*\*THIS SPECIAL SESSION WAS RECORDED AND VIDEOTAPED AND EITHER/OR ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME. A COURT REPORTER, EMPLOYED BY TRI-COUNTY REPORTING TRANSCRIPT SERVICES, WAS PRESENT TO RECORD AND PREPARE AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THIS HEARING AND THE TRANSCRIPT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW UPON RECEIPT THEREOF DURING THE AFORESTATED DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION. A SIGN-IN SHEET OF ALL THOSE IN ATTENDANCE IS HEREBY MADE A PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD. \*\*\*

**IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...SPECIAL SESSION ON THE REQUEST TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL \$5.00 ANNUAL LOCAL MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX PURSUANT TO AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 4504.24 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE...18-0320-002**

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** THAT A SPECIAL SESSION WAS SCHEDULED AT 7:00 P.M. THIS DATE AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. AT NEW RICHMOND VILLAGE SCHOOLS, 212 MARKET STREET, NEW RICHMOND, OHIO 45157 TO AFFORD PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL \$5.00 ANNUAL LOCAL MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX PURSUANT TO AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 4504.24 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

Patrick J. Manger, County Engineer, provided a presentation to those in attendance regarding the Engineer's Office request to add a \$5 Vehicle Registration Permissive Fee to motor vehicles registered in Clermont County pursuant to and in compliance with section 4504.24 of the Ohio Revised Code. He discussed the background information on H.B.26, current Engineer's Office revenues and expenditures and the benefit Clermont County residents would receive from the \$5 motor vehicle registration fee. Mr. Manger discussed the timeline for the proposed tax to be implemented. He reviewed with the Board the definition of "motor vehicles" as described in the Ohio Revised Code and clarified for those in attendance the types of vehicles that would be impacted by this legislation to include trailers previously thought to be exempt.

Commissioner Uible inquired as to Mr. Mangers current budget as it relates to payroll and road maintenance. Mr. Manger indicated that payroll and road maintenance are the majority of his budget, however the Engineer's Office is only resurfacing half the asphalt it should be. Ideally they would be resurfacing 35-40 miles a year with a 10-12 year life cycle. They are faced with unreliable revenues and subject to the ebbs and flows of state grant funding.

Commissioner Painter inquired as to the percentage of work done with Force Accounts (done by the Engineer's Office) and work contracted out. Mr. Manger indicated that it is a 2 to 1 ratio in favor of contracted work. Assessments are completed prior to the start of the project to determine if a project can be completed by the Engineer's Office or if it must be bid out.

Ramona Carr, Mayor of New Richmond, indicated that the Village Council opposes the tax since there is no benefit to people of the Village of New Richmond. The County highway road program does not affect Villages and Townships.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator, addressed the Board in opposition to the tax. He inquired of Mr. Manger as to how the determination was made to divide Bethel New Richmond Rd. He expressed concern for the maintenance of the road and who is responsible for it. Mr. Manger indicated to Mr. Roberts that the determination would have been made based upon the annexation action took place. Mr. Roberts indicated that the Village is on a 40-year road resurfacing life cycle. Mr. Manger advised Mr. Roberts that municipalities can put on a \$5 permissive fee to generate funds for the Village of New Richmond road programs.

Commissioner Uible asked if Villages are able to participate in the County's annual road resurfacing project. Mr. Manger indicated that in the past some Villages and Townships have participated.

Steve Hack spoke in opposition to the tax. He is retired and on a fixed income and does not support any additional taxes.

Commissioner Humphrey thanked all those in attendance and provided information regarding the next Public Hearing on May 15, 2018.

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

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**EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, PRESIDENT**

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**DAVID L. PAINTER, VICE PRESIDENT**

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**DAVID H. UIBLE, MEMBER**

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**JUDITH KOCICA, CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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**DATE APPROVED**