

Moved by Mr. Painter, seconded by Mr. Uible

Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners adopt Resolution Number 149-18 resolving to approve payment to vendors in the total amount of **\$860,509.51** as set forth in the BCC Approval Invoice Report(s) For **Checks Dated September 19, 2018**, BCC Directed Pre-Paid Invoices Report(s), Vendor Invoice List Report(s), Items paid by Fund and Check Date Range report and/or Procurement Card Transaction Report presented by the County Auditor 09/18/2018, and further authorizing the County Auditor to issue warrants for same pursuant to Section 319.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Edwin H. Humphrey,	<u>aye</u>
David L. Painter,	<u>YES</u>
David H. Uible,	<u>YES</u>

Date Adopted: September 19, 2018

Edwin H. Humphrey
Edwin H. Humphrey, President
David L. Painter
David L. Painter, Vice-President
David H. Uible
David H. Uible, Member

OR

Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 150-18

The Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 19th day of September, 2018, with the following members present:

Edwin H. Humphrey, President

David L. Painter, Vice President

David H. Uible, Member

Mr. Uible moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO INITIATIVE FOR STRONGER COUNTIES, STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS, STRONGER OHIO

WHEREAS, State of Ohio (State) policies enacted over the last decade have placed counties in the difficult position of balancing revenue loss with escalating costs;

WHEREAS, the loss of the Medicaid managed care organization (MCO) sales tax, severe reductions in the Local Government Fund (LGF) and the phase out of the tangible personal property tax (TPP) has eliminated approximately \$351 million per year in county revenue statewide;

WHEREAS, Clermont County has realized a loss of approximately \$3.4 million this year in revenue and a loss of approximately \$17 million in revenue over the last decade from the loss of MCO sales tax, Local Government Funds and tangible personal property tax;

WHEREAS, virtually all counties in Ohio have been affected by the opioid crisis, including Clermont County, which has resulted in increased expenses for law enforcement, court and jail operations, and mental health and drug treatment services;

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Defender's Office estimates that in fiscal year 2018, indigent defense services will cost counties \$79.5 million; and in *Gideon v. Wainwright* (1963), the United States Supreme Court held that the fundamental right to counsel is made obligatory upon the states by the fourteenth amendment; and

WHEREAS, Clermont County wishes to foster a stronger relationship with the State through collaboration and cooperation in order to strengthen and improve the well-being of the residents of Clermont County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio with at least two-thirds of its members thereto concurring as follows:

SECTION I

The Board of Clermont County Commissioners (Board) does hereby support the initiative from the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) to facilitate a stronger partnership between the State of Ohio (State) and county governments.

SECTION II

The Board supports CCAO in requesting the State restore the \$166 million annual Medicaid MCO revenue loss to counties.

SECTION III

The Board supports CCAO in requesting the State restore the Local Government Fund to its previous statutory level of 3.68 percent of the General Revenue Fund (GFR) taxes, creating an additional \$145 million annually for counties.

SECTION IV

The Board supports CCAO in requesting the State establish and fund a special state line item for counties to pay for a portion of the increased costs related to the explosive growth of the opiate epidemic crisis.

SECTION V

The Board supports CCAO in requesting the State assume total responsibility for indigent defense and therefore stop requiring its counties to bear fifty percent (50%) or more of the costs.

SECTION VI

That the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with all applicable legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Painter seconded the Resolution and on roll the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Humphrey	<u>aye</u>
Mr. Painter	<u>yes</u>
Mr. Uible	<u>yes</u>

This Resolution was duly passed on the 19th day of September, 2018

ATTEST:

Judith Kodica

JUDITH KODICA, CLERK
Clermont County Board of
Commissioners

This Resolution was prepared and approved as to form by the
Office of Prosecuting Attorney of Clermont County, Ohio
By: Allan L. Edwards
Allan L. Edwards
Assistant Prosecuting
Attorney
Date: 9-14-18