

RESOLUTION NO. 008-19

The Board of County Commissioners, Clermont County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019, with the following members present:

David L. Painter, President

Edwin H. Humphrey, Vice President

Claire B. Corcoran, Member

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

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PROGRAMS FOR WHICH COUNTY FUNDS  
MAY BE EXPENDED TO PURCHASE LIMITED REFRESHMENTS AND  
DECLARING A PUBLIC PURPOSE**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Attorney General has previously determined in Opinion 82-006 that the expenditure of public funds for coffee, meals, refreshments and other related amenities may be undertaken but only pursuant to a legislative decision memorialized by an enacted resolution finding that the expenditure satisfies an appropriate public purpose and is prospective in nature; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Auditor issued a bulletin indicating that future audits will determine whether or not the above-described procedure has been followed with respect to expenditures for these purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has consulted with the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney with respect to the appropriate legislative action in order to preserve the legitimacy of such expenditures;

**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**

That the Board has reviewed the policies and procedures of the agencies and programs under its direct supervision and control to determine which programs, if any, justify the expenditure of public funds for light refreshments in connection with activities related to that agency or department.

**SECTION II**

That the attached list of activities broken down by agency or department designated Exhibit A is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION III**

That the Board hereby finds after specific review of the activities specified in Exhibit A, that the special activities as set forth in many cases require meetings that overlap with normal mealtimes or that require public employees and private citizens to give of their time for sessions that are in many cases scheduled in conflict with normal mealtimes and that the provision of light refreshments for these activities which further the public interest and the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Clermont County is an appropriate and necessary public purpose and therefore the activities as set forth in Exhibit A are specifically found to be a legitimate and necessary public purpose and that the provision of light refreshments during these activities is likewise found by the Board to be a legitimate public purpose and the funds specified are hereby appropriated for such use.

**SECTION IV**

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 meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meeting open to the public, in full compliance with all applicable legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

*Mrs. Corcoran*  
Mr. Corcoran seconded the motion and on roll call, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Painter yes  
Mr. Humphrey aye  
Ms. Corcoran yes

This Resolution was duly passed on the 20th day of January, 2019.

ATTEST:

*Judith Kocica*  
Judith Kocica, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners

This Resolution was approved as to form  
by the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of  
Clermont County, Ohio

By: *Allen J. Edmund*

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Date: 1-23-19

## 2019 Refreshment Expenses

### Exhibit A

Department	Meeting/Training	Totals
Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District	Board of Directors Meetings	
	Policy Committee Meetings	\$900.00
Buildings Department	Building Safety Week Luncheon	\$250.00
Department of Community and Economic Development	Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)	
	Business Attraction, Retention, and Expansion Meetings	
	Community Development Block Grant Meetings/Trainings	
	Housing Advisory Committee	
	Miscellaneous Meetings	
	Ohio Public Works Commission Meeting/Training	
	Planning Commission Meetings/Trainings	
	Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation	
	Subdivision Regulation Committee	\$1,225.00
Department of Job and Family Services	Children's Protective Services - Foster Parent Events	
	Children's Protective Services - Adoption Meeting/Events	
	Child Support Enforcement	
	Family & Children First	
	OhioMeansJobs-Clermont County Events	
	SouthWestern Ohio Regional Training Center (SWORTC)	\$17,300.00
Department of Public Safety Services	Public Outreach	
	Dispatcher Recognition Day	\$225.00
Emergency Management Agency/ Local Emergency Planning Committee	EMA Trainings	
	EOC Activations (\$1,400.00 reserved)	
	LEPC Exercise	
	LEPC Trainings	
	LEPC Meetings	\$2,400.00
Clermont County Water Resources Department/ Office of Environmental Quality	Watershed Collaborative Meetings	
	Stakeholder Involvement Meetings	\$250.00
<b>All Departments</b>	<b>Total expenses estimated not to exceed</b>	<b>\$22,550.00</b>