

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON FEBRUARY 27, 2019 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID L. PAINTER, PRESIDENT, EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, VICE PRESIDENT, AND, CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, MEMBER. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER SHORTLY AFTER 10:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.**

**LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE FEBRUARY 27, 2019 REGULAR SESSION WAS VIDEO RECORDED 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 REGULAR SESSION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING THROUGH THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEBSITE AT <https://www.youtube.com/user/clermontcounty/playlists>.**

**IN RE: MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION...APPROVED**

Moved by Mrs. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Humphrey,

To approve and sign the minutes of the Regular Session of **02/25/2019**.

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

Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mr. Painter, Yes.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** Jeff Harris, Clermont County Apiarist, provided an update to the Board of County Commissioners with regard to status of the Clermont County Apiary Program. Mr. Harris stated that he has served as the Clermont County Apiarist for fifteen years and that Clermont County is currently flourishing, going from approximately 65 sustainable bee yards to 160 bee yards. There are approximately seven local sites in Clermont County that reproduce bees. Mr. Harris stated that the honey produced in Clermont County is high quality and is as good as honey produced anywhere. Mr. Harris stated that a new Bee Store is opening in Owensville, Ohio that will have 300 to 600 colonies.

A PowerPoint Presentation was provided which included pictures of bee hives, bee swarms and the Varroa Mite (attached). Mr. Harris provided a brief overview of the history and impact of pests impacting the Ohio apiaries including the Varroa Mite, the Small Hive Beetle and the Large Hive Beetle. Mr. Harris stated that ongoing effects of the Varroa Mites have been detrimental for the last ten years. He further stated that he is working with other agencies on both the local and international levels in an effort to eliminate the Varroa Mites.

The Board of County Commissioners thanked Mr. Harris for this presentation. Commissioner Painter stated that a report from the Ohio Department of Agriculture shows that Clermont County has 135 registered Apiaries, with 129 out of the 135 Apiaries included in inspections, and 616 inspected bee colonies. Mr. Painter further stated that the feedback regarding Mr. Harris is good and that he is very knowledgeable in his work. (19-0226-001)

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER PAINTER STATED THAT THE BOARD HAD REACHED THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION OF THE AGENDA. HE INQUIRED IF THERE WAS ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. NO ONE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** Judy Eschmann, Director, Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS), addressed the Board of County Commissioners regarding the first seven (7) items on the Consent Agenda for the Regular Session of 02/27/2019 relative to the transferring of DJFS funds. Ms. Eschmann stated that there are forty-eight (48) DJFS funding streams (totaling \$27 million to \$29 million dollars annually) and provided an overview of the processes followed for managing those funds. Ms. Eschmann stated that the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to make inter-county transfers of any State or Federal Allocations. The transfers can be made within DJFS (from one Division/Program Area to another Division/Program Area) or the transfers can also be made to other Counties. Ms. Eschmann further explained that the Board of County Commissioners also has the authority to appoint a designee to transfer the DJFS funds. This action has proven successful in the past by streamlining the transfer process, transferring funds in a timelier manner, and allowing for more opportunities to transfer funds.

Ms. Eschmann stated that, in 2018, Clermont County exchanged funds with eight (8) other Counties in Ohio. A total of \$172,319.60 was accepted and a total of \$160,163.48 was released from Clermont County (a gain of \$12,156.12). Ms. Eschmann further stated that exchanging funds is the best practice for the County, as any unspent allocations within a County at the end of a Fiscal Year revert back to the State for use by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Through the exchange process, the County is able to keep local funding and support Clermont County families.

Commissioner Corcoran questioned what happens if there is an error in the transferring of funds. Ms. Eschmann explained that the State has to approve all fund transfers/exchanges in advance and there has never been any issues or errors in this process. (19-0226-001)

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** COMMISSIONER PAINTER STATED THAT A CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND REQUESTED WHETHER ANY BOARD MEMBER WANTED ANY ITEMS REMOVED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION AND UPON HEARING NONE:

Moved by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners consider the following recommendations:

- 1. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...RESOLUTION NUMBER 018-19/RESOLUTION TO ASSIGN AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE CLERMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO SERVE AS THE BOARD OF CLERMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' DESIGNEE FOR EXECUTING INTER-COUNTY AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION RELEASE AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FORM JFS 02719...19-0206-009...ADOPTED**

Recommendation of Judy Eschmann, Director, Department of Job and Family Services, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to adopt **Resolution Number 018-19** resolving to assign authority to Judy Eschmann, Director of the Department of Job and Family Services, to serve as the Board of Clermont County Commissioners' designee, thereby granting authority to sign and to execute the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services **Inter-County Agreement and Certification Release and Acceptance of Funds Form JFS 02719**, effective 01/01/2019 until 12/31/2019, pursuant to Rule 5101:9-6-82 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

**2. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...TRANSFER OF INCOME MAINTENANCE (IM) ALLOCATION FUNDING FROM THE CLERMONT COUNTY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) FUND TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT (CSE) FUND FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 FOR SAME... 19-0206-004...RATIFIED**

Recommendation of Judy Eschmann, Director, Department of Job and Family Services, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to authorize the transfer of Income Maintenance (IM) Allocation funding from the Clermont County Public Assistance (PA) Fund to the Clermont County Child Support Enforcement (CSE) Fund for Calendar Year 2019, to assist in covering Child Support State Match ceiling excess for Clermont County Child Support Enforcement, and further, to execute the Transfer Approval Form relative thereto, pursuant to and in compliance with Section 5705.14 of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 5101:9-6-05 (Section H) of the Ohio Administrative Code therefore.

**3. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...TRANSFER OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) ALLOCATION FUNDING FROM THE CLERMONT COUNTY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) FUND TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT (CSE) FUND FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 FOR SAME...19-0206-010...RATIFIED**

Recommendation of Judy Eschmann, Director, Department of Job and Family Services, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to authorize the transfer of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Allocation funding from the Clermont County Public Assistance (PA) Fund to the Clermont County Child Support Enforcement (CSE) Fund for Calendar Year 2019, for Seek Work Activities which assists low-income, non-custodial parents to obtain employment so that they may meet their child support obligations, and further, to execute the Transfer Approval Form relative thereto, pursuant to and in compliance with Section 5705.14 of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 5101:9-6-08 (Section G) of the Ohio Administrative Code therefore.

**4. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...TRANSFER OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) ALLOCATION FUNDING FROM THE CLERMONT COUNTY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) FUND TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY CHILDREN PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) FUND FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 FOR SAME...19-0206-005...RATIFIED**

Recommendation of Judy Eschmann, Director, Department of Job and Family Services, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to authorize the transfer of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Allocation funding from the Clermont County Public Assistance (PA) Fund to the Clermont County Children Protective Services (CPS) Fund for Calendar Year 2019, to provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives, and further, to execute the Transfer Approval Form relative thereto, pursuant to and in compliance with Section 5705.14 of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 5101:9-6-08 (Section G) of the Ohio Administrative Code therefore.

**5. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...TRANSFER OF TITLE XX TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) ALLOCATION FUNDING FROM THE CLERMONT COUNTY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) FUND TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY CHILDREN PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) FUND FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 FOR SAME...19-0206-008...RATIFIED**

Recommendation of Judy Eschmann, Director, Department of Job and Family Services, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to authorize the transfer of Title XX Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Transfer funding from the Public Assistance (PA) Fund to the Children Protective Services (CPS) Fund for Calendar Year 2019, to support CPS activities, and further, to execute the Transfer Approval Form relative thereto, pursuant to and in compliance with Rule 5101:9-6-12.1 (Section E) of the Ohio Administrative Code, and in concert with the Clermont County Title XX Plan for children and families whose income is less than two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level therefore.

**6. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...TRANSFER OF TITLE XX FEDERAL SOCIAL SERVICES (TITLE XX BASE) ALLOCATION FUNDING FROM THE CLERMONT COUNTY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) FUND TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY CHILDREN PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) FUND FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 FOR SAME...19-0206-006...RATIFIED**

Recommendation of Judy Eschmann, Director, Department of Job and Family Services, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to authorize the transfer of Title XX Federal Social Services (Title XX Base) funding from the Public Assistance (PA) Fund to the Children Protective Services (CPS) Fund for Calendar Year 2019, to support CPS activities, and further, to execute the Transfer Approval Form relative thereto, pursuant to and in compliance with Rule 5101:9-6-12 (Section E) of the Ohio Administrative Code, and in concert with the Clermont County Title XX Plan for children and families whose income is less than two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level therefore.

**7. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...TRANSFER OF CHILD, FAMILY, AND ADULT COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES ALLOCATION (533) FUNDING FROM THE CLERMONT COUNTY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) FUND TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY CHILDREN PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) FUND FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 FOR SAME...19-0206-007...RATIFIED**

Recommendation of Judy Eschmann, Director, Department of Job and Family Services, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to authorize the transfer of Child, Family, and Adult Community and Protective Services Allocation (533) funding, in the maximum amount of \$173,923.87, from the Clermont County Public Assistance (PA) Fund to the Clermont County Children Protective Services (CPS) Fund for Calendar Year 2019, to provide funding to support CPS activities, and further, to execute the Transfer Approval Form relative thereto, pursuant to and in compliance with Rule 5101:9-6-12.4 (Sections D and D4) of the Ohio Administrative Code therefore.

**8. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT...ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTRACT WITH BUILDING CRAFTS, INC. FOR PROJECT NUMBER 6402-60114 RELATIVE TO THE NINE MILE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BLOWER UPGRADE PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN PIERCE TOWNSHIP AS COMPLETE AND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT #3, FINAL, FOR A PROGRESS PAYMENT AND THE RELEASE OF RETAINAGE RELATIVE THERETO...16-1118-003...RATIFIED**

Recommendation of Chris Rowland, Assistant Sanitary Engineer, with the concurrence of Lyle G. Bloom, P.E., Director of Utilities, Clermont County Water Resources Department, to accept the Contract by and between the County of Clermont, Ohio, and Building Crafts, Inc., 2 Rosewood Drive, Wilder, Kentucky 41076 for Project Number 6402-60114 relative to the Nine

Mile Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Upgrade Project located within Pierce Township as Complete as of 12/08/2017 and to approve the Application and Certificate for Payment #3, Final, which represents a progress payment in the amount of \$4,999.80 and the release of retainage in the principal amount of \$17,170.44, for a total amount due of \$22,170.24, and further, to authorize the Clermont County Auditor to issue the total afore stated referenced payments therefore subsequent thereto.

**9. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY ACTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019...APPROVED**

Recommendation of the Office of Management and Budget, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to resolve to approve and authorize financial/budgetary actions pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.40 as they relate to changes in the Annual Appropriation (**Resolution Number 194-18**) for Fiscal Year 2019, including legal level of control, and/or interfund transactions pursuant to Sections 5705.13 through 5705.14 of the Ohio Revised Code as outlined in the following table(s) and to authorize Linda Fraley, County Auditor, to properly record same:

**BUDGET TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>FROM: ORGANIZATION - OBJECT - ACCOUNT</b>	<b>TO: ORGANIZATION - OBJECT - ACCOUNT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>DJFS Income Maintenance BARGAINING UNIT - SALARY 2401 - 06 - 01 - 083000 - 511700 -</b>	<b>DJFS Income Maintenance OVERTIME 2401 - 06 - 01 - 083000 - 512100 -</b>	<b>\$ 40,000.00</b>

**CASH TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019**

<b>FROM: FUND - OBJECT - ACCOUNT</b>	<b>TO: FUND - OBJECT - ACCOUNT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>WATER REVENUE</b>	<b>WATER &amp; SEWER COMBINED SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 180,000.00</b>
TRANSFERS OUT TO ENTERPRISE 6001 - 11 - 01 - 141000 - 700600 -	OPERATING TRF IN FROM ENTERPR. 6003 - 13 - 01 - 161000 - 480600 -	
<b>SEWER REVENUE</b>	<b>WATER &amp; SEWER COMBINED SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 180,000.00</b>
TRANSFERS OUT TO ENTERPRISE 6002 - 12 - 01 - 151000 - 700600 -	OPERATING TRF IN FROM ENTERPR. 6003 - 13 - 01 - 161000 - 480600 -	

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

Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Painter, Yes.

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

**10. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...RESOLUTION NUMBER 019-19/PAYMENT OF BILLS...ADOPTED**

Moved by Mrs. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, that the Board of County Commissioners consider the following recommendation:

Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners adopt **Resolution Number 019-19** resolving to approve payment to vendors **in the total amount of \$1,824,477.54** as set forth in the

BCC Approval Invoice Report(s) For Checks Dated **February 27, 2019**, 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 on **02/25/2019**, 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:

Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mr. Painter, Yes.

**11. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT...  
AWARD OF BID AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR THE  
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF AUXILIARY GENERATORS FOR  
SAME...18-0920-002...RATIFIED**

Moved by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners consider the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Randy Davis, Assistant Director of Operations, with the concurrence of Lyle G. Bloom, P. E., Director of Utilities, Clermont County Water Resources Department, to award the bid for the **Maintenance and Repair of Auxiliary Generators for the Clermont County Water Resources Department**, pursuant to the specifications therefore, to Daniel Crockett, dba Quad County Service and Repair, 12471 Biehn Road, Sardinia, Ohio 45171 for the lowest and best bid received on 01/17/2019, for a total estimated cost of \$153,704.02, and to execute the contract relative thereto, effective 02/27/2019 through 02/26/2022, pursuant to and in compliance with the terms and conditions set forth therein and the award of bid therefore, **and contingent upon the release of the required Purchase Order in concert with Requisition Number 00002085-00 dated 02/05/2019 relative thereto.**

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

Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Painter, Yes.

**12. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT...  
AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR MINOR PUBLIC  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITH DANIEL M. SHROYER DBA FIRE  
HYDRANT REPAIR, LLC RELATIVE TO FIRE HYDRANT REPAIR  
FOR THE CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT...19-0212-007... EXECUTED**

Moved by Mrs. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, that the Board of County Commissioners consider the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Stephen L. Knipp, Assistant Director of Operations, with the concurrence of Lyle G. Bloom, P.E., Director of Utilities, Clermont County Water Resources Department, to execute an **Amendment to the Contract for Minor Public Improvement Projects** by and between the Board of Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, and Daniel M. Shroyer dba Fire Hydrant Repair, LLC, 249 Ruskin Drive, Springdale, Ohio 45246, previously ratified by the County Administrator on 10/02/2018, **which represents an increase in the amount of \$23,500.00 for additional fire hydrant repairs therefore, for a total revised contract amount not to exceed \$48,500.00,** with all other terms and conditions of the original Contract to remain in full force and effect **and contingent upon the release of the Purchase Order required therefore in concert with Requisition Number 00001817 dated 01/18/2019 relative thereto.**

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Painter questioned how in-depth are the repairs made by Fire Hydrant Repair, LLC. Lyle G. Bloom, P.E., Director of Utilities, Clermont County Water

Resources Department, responded that they are not using the company to do complete replacement of fire hydrants, that work is being done by County staff. Fire Hydrant Repair, LLC is being utilized to rebuild the fire hydrant assemblies.

Commissioner Painter asked if County staff would be putting in a new curb valve (if needed) and Mr. Bloom responded yes, the County would be doing the excavating process.

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

Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mr. Painter, Yes.

**13. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT...RESOLUTION NUMBER 020-19/RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AREA OF THE EXISTING CLERMONT COUNTY RURAL ENTERPRISE ZONE TO INCLUDE IN THEIR ENTIRETY MONROE TOWNSHIP, PIERCE TOWNSHIP AND WAYNE TOWNSHIP, AND FURTHERMORE ACKNOWLEDGING TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY CERTIFIED WITHIN CLERMONT COUNTY'S RURAL ENTERPRISE ZONE FROM WILLIAMSBURG TOWNSHIP AS A RESULT OF ANNEXATION PROCEEDINGS AND DESIGNATING THE VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSBURG AS THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR SAID TRANSFERRED GEOGRAPHICAL AREA FROM WILLIAMSBURG TOWNSHIP...98-0616-002...ADOPTED**

Moved by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners consider the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Andrew T. Kuchta, Director, Department of Community and Economic Development, with the concurrence of Sukie Scheetz, Assistant County Administrator, and at the request of the Boards of Township Trustees of Monroe, Pierce, and Wayne and the Village Council of Williamsburg, Clermont County, Ohio, to adopt **Resolution Number 020-19** resolving to amend the area of the existing Clermont County Rural Enterprise Zone to include in their entirety Monroe Township, Pierce Township, Wayne Township, and Village of Williamsburg as a part of the Rural Enterprise Zone and to authorize a Petition for Rural Enterprise Zone Certification to be submitted to the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency for certification of Batavia Township, Goshen Township, Jackson Township, Miami Township, Monroe Township, Pierce Township; Stonelick Township, Tate Township, Union Township, Washington Township, Wayne Township, Williamsburg Township; Village of Batavia; Village of Neville, Village of Williamsburg; and the entire portions of the cities of Loveland and Milford that lie within Clermont County, Ohio as outlined in Exhibits A and B, as a Rural Enterprise Zone pursuant to Sections 5709.61 through 5709.66 of the Ohio Revised Code and further resolving that the Rural Enterprise Zone theretofore certified by the Ohio Development Services Agency, previously known as the Ohio Department of Development on 06/28/2000 shall remain in full force and effect until such time as this Petition for Rural Enterprise Zone certification has been duly issued by the Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Painter stated that he previously asked why a Township would not want to be included in a Rural Enterprise Zone. He further stated that it was explained to him by Adele Evans, Assistant Director, Department of Community and Economic Development, that the Townships have the choice to be a part of a Rural Enterprise Zone. If they wish to be included, they can do so through the process of submitting a request.

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

Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Painter, Yes.

**14. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT...RESOLUTION NUMBER 021-19/RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CLERMONT COUNTY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL FOR THE ACTIVE 2017 ENTERPRISE ZONE, COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA, AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENTS...19-0213-003...ADOPTED**

Moved by Mrs. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, that the Board of County Commissioners consider the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Andrew T. Kuchta, Director, Department of Community and Economic Development, with the concurrence of Sukie Scheetz, Assistant County Administrator, to adopt **Resolution Number 021-19** resolving to accept the recommendations of the Clermont County Tax Incentive Review Council, subsequent to their Annual Review of the Active 2017 Enterprise Zone, Community Reinvestment Area, and Tax Increment Financing Agreements as stated in Exhibit A, attached thereto and made a part thereof, pursuant to and in compliance with Section 5709.85 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mr. Painter, Yes.

**15. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND PROCESSING OF RECORD ONLY PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND MUNIS ENTRIES FOR ALL ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES TO REFLECT WAGE/SALARY INCREASE CALCULATIONS IN CONCERT WITH THE 2018 ANNUAL EVALUATION PERIOD RELATIVE THERETO...19-0219-008...RATIFIED**

Moved by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners consider the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Terri Brandenburg, Human Resources Coordinator, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to authorize the preparation and processing of record only personnel actions for all eligible employees under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners to reflect the salary/wage increases based on merit performance evaluations and calculations as prepared for the evaluation period of 01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018 and further to direct all departments under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners to prepare the MUNIS entries accordingly in and as it relates thereto, with the respective increases as outlined in the matrices attached thereto and made a part thereof to be effective as of 12/17/2018.

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

Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Painter, Yes.

**IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...ADDITION OF TWO AGENDA ITEMS TO THE REGULAR SESSION OF 02/27/2019...19-0130-009...APPROVED**

Moved by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners consider the following recommendation:

Recommendation to add two additional items to the agenda of the Regular Session of 02/27/2019 to include (1) Resolution Number 022-19 for Clermont County Department of Community and Economic Development to endorse and support the Application for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant, and (2) Extension No. 1 to the Contract for Services with Buckeye Power Sales Co., Inc. for the Clermont County Department of Public Safety Services. Commissioner Painter noted that the Board has a copy of the proposed additional agenda items in front of them and asked for a motion to approve the addition of the two agenda items to today's Regular Session.

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

Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Painter, Yes.

**IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES...EXTENSION NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH BUCKEYE POWER SALES CO., INC. FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES FOR THE GENERATORS LOCATED AT THE CLERMONT COUNTY TOWER SITES...15-0820-001...EXECUTED**

Moved by Mrs. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, that the Board of County Commissioners consider the following recommendation:

Recommendation of John F. Kiskaden, Director, Department of Public Safety Services, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to execute Extension No. 1 to the Contract for Services for Maintenance and Repair Services for the Generators located at the Clermont County Tower Sites by and between the Board of Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, and Buckeye Power Sales Co., Inc., 6850 Commerce Court Drive, P. O. Box 489, Blacklick, Ohio 43004, previously ratified by the Board of County Commissioners on 02/29/2016, and subsequently amended on 06/13/2016, 08/10/2016 and 01/17/2018, for an additional period of one (1) year, in concert with the Cost Detail Sheet identified as Exhibit A, attached thereto and made a part thereof, at an estimated annual cost of \$15,996.00, effective 03/01/2019 through 02/29/2020, pursuant to and in compliance with Article 14 of the afore stated contract and with all other terms and conditions thereof to remain in full force and effect, and contingent upon the release and receipt of the Purchase Order required therefore in concert with Requisition Number 00000144-00 dated 12/26/2018 relative thereto.

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

Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mr. Painter, Yes.

**IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT...RESOLUTION NUMBER 022-19/RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE AND SUPPORT THE APPLICATION FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR REBUILDING AMERICA (INFRA) GRANT BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WITH CO-SPONSOR, THE CLERMONT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, TO FUND THE APPALACHIAN OPPORTUNITY CORRIDOR ...19-0226-002...ADOPTED**

**DISCUSSION:** Andy Kuchta, Director, Department of Community and Economic Development, provided a PowerPoint Presentation to the Board of County Commissioners relative to the proposed Application for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant to fund the Appalachian Opportunity Corridor Project in Southern Ohio. Mr. Kuchta stated that the INFRA Grant funding (if received) will be utilized to complete the work in the Eastgate Area within the State Route 32 Corridor. These improvements have been in the planning stages for decades now as part of the Eastern Corridor Project.

Specifics of the Project details were reviewed including infrastructure improvements to be funded by the INFRA Grant request and the funding plan for the Project as outlined in the PowerPoint Presentation provided (attached). The funding plan includes local, State and Federal funding sources and total \$95.5 million. Commissioner Painter stated that the INFRA Grant opportunity is an excellent opportunity to get past the funding restrictions and expedite the State Route 32 Corridor infrastructure improvements. Mr. Kuchta stated that, due to the lack of State and Federal funding for major transportation improvement projects in past years, the State Route 32 Corridor Project was divided into smaller projects. To date, Project Numbers 5 through 9 (outlined on the map provided and attached) are still not in receipt of funding. The INFRA Grant (if approved) will fund those projects.

Mr. Kuchta stated that currently, at the Federal level, there is a lot of focus on bringing economic opportunity to all parts of the Appalachian Region. He stated that the State Route 32 Corridor runs through Appalachia Ohio and the INFRA Grant Application is in line with the legislators' goal of enhancing economic opportunity to this area. He further stated that he believes that this unified goal will resonate well and assist in obtaining the requested INFRA Grant.

Maps relative to the Project were provided and reviewed (attached) including a map of the Economic Opportunity for Appalachia outlining the unemployment rates along State Route 32, as well as, a map of Ohio's Opportunity Zone Corridor, with the largest opportunity zone being adjacent or contiguous to the State Route 32 Corridor (over 447,000 acres). Commissioner Painter stated that the State Route 32 Corridor is about bringing Cincinnati, Ohio all the way to Bridgeport, Virginia. Mr. Kuchta responded yes and also tying the Cincinnati economy more to the southeastern parts of Ohio, as well as, improving the potential connection with the Shale economy on the eastern side of Ohio.

Mr. Kuchta stated that another positive local feature in support of the INFRA Grant is the South Afton Industrial Park located on State Route 32, as well as, other potential developments. Workforce access is vital for future economic growth in this area and the proposed Project will improve daily commute for business and encourage future developments.

A map of the existing Major Employers & Business Parks along the State Route 32 Corridor which will benefit from the proposed Project was reviewed, with 7,000 employees benefiting from the Project (attached). Mr. Kuchta stated that the South Afton Industrial Park is the only Ohio Certified Site in Southwest Ohio, with the Mt. Orab Mega Site (1,000 acres) only seven miles away which is the only Mega Site on the market in Southwest Ohio.

Mr. Kuchta stated that the County is excited about the Project and that numerous Letters of Support (approximately 20) for the Grant Application have been received. He further stated that he feels the Grant Application is strong and that there has been discussion about the Project at both the State and Federal levels.

Mr. Kuchta stated that the Notice of Funding was released on 12/31/2018 and the State of Ohio can only submit three applications statewide to be considered for funding. The projects were chosen by the Ohio Department of Transportation in late January and County staff have been working on the Grant Application the last three weeks. He further stated that the INFRA Grant Application is a joint Application with the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (TID) and is due to be completed by 2/28/2019 (in order to submit to the State for review on 03/01/2019). If awarded the INFRA Grant, the County will be notified by November or December 2019. Construction will begin for the Project by mid-2021 and be completed by 2026.

The Board of County Commissioners thanked Mr. Kuchta for his leadership and stated that they are excited and hopeful for the proposed Project. The Board of County Commissioners further stated that they recognize and appreciate all of the work that he and the County staff have put into the INFRA Grant Application.

Moved by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners consider the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Andrew T. Kuchta, Director, Department of Community and Economic Development, with the concurrence of Sukie Scheetz, Assistant County Administrator, to adopt **Resolution Number 022-19** resolving to express support by the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County for an Application being submitted by the Ohio Department of Transportation for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant to fund the Appalachian Opportunity Corridor Project in Southern Ohio, which application is being co-sponsored by the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District; and hereby authorizes the members of the Board of County Commissioners to draft and execute any letter or otherwise advise appropriate federal, state and local officials, including Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, of such support, to provide such officials with copies of this resolution and to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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

Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Painter, Yes.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HUMPHREY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CORCORAN, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:55 A.M. PURSUANT TO SECTION 121.22 (G) (1) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT, DISMISSAL, DISCIPLINE, DEMOTION OR COMPENSATION OF ONE OR MORE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING THEREON AS FOLLOWS:

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

Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Painter, Yes.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW: THE EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCLUDED AND REGULAR SESSION RESUMED AT 11:41 .A.M. WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

**IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...ADDITION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO THE REGULAR SESSION OF 02/27/2019...19-0130-009...APPROVED**

Moved by Mrs. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, that the Board of County Commissioners consider the following recommendation:

Recommendation to add additional items to the agenda of the Regular Session of 02/27/2019 to include (1) a Record Plat for Bridlewood Subdivision, (2) a Record Plat for Mamie Clepper Subdivision, and (3) multiple personnel actions.

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

Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mr. Painter, Yes.

**IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER...BRIDLEWOOD SUBDIVISION/SECTION IV/UNION TOWNSHIP...RECORD PLAT NUMBER 629-3123 FOR THE REPLAT OF LOT NUMBER 105 WITHIN SAME...19-0128-004...EXECUTED**

Moved by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners consider the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Patrick J. Manger, County Engineer, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to execute **Record Plat Number 629-3123** for the Replat of a Lot in the following Subdivision located within Union Township:

Subdivision	Record Plat Number	Reason for Replat
Bridlewood Subdivision Section IV Replat of Lot Number 105 Union Township	629-3123	To Create a Permanent Highway Easement and a Temporary Construction Easement

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Painter asked for clarification on what the proposed easements were for and Craig Risner, Deputy Surveyor, Clermont County Engineer's Office, stated that one is a permanent highway easement and one is a temporary construction easement. He further stated that the easements will be granted to the Board of County Commissioners.

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

Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Painter, Yes.

**IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER...MAMIE CLEPPER SUBDIVISION/UNION TOWNSHIP...RECORD PLAT NUMBER 629-3124 FOR THE REPLAT OF LOT NUMBER 2 WITHIN SAME...19-0128-005...EXECUTED**

Moved by Mrs. Corcoran, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, that the Board of County Commissioners consider the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Patrick J. Manger, County Engineer, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to execute **Record Plat Number 629-3124** for the Replat of a lot in the following Subdivision located within Union Township:

Subdivision	Record Plat Number	Reason for Replat
Mamie Clepper Subdivision Replat of Lot Number 2 Union Township	629-3124	To Create a Temporary Construction Easement and a Permanent Highway Easement

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Humphrey asked why the Record Plats are being presented as add-ons to the agenda. Craig Risner, Deputy Surveyor, Clermont County Engineer's Office, explained that the Record Plats are time sensitive, with a March 5, 2019 deadline for the right-of-way to be cleared for the projects. Mr. Risner further stated that this is the last easement for the Clepper Lane Subdivision. Commissioner Painter questioned if the Record Plats have any impact on the Clepper Lane Extension Project, in particularly, the property located at Kennedy's Landing (as discussed in the 12/12/2018 Regular Session). Mr. Risner responded no, the Record Plats do not impact those areas. Commissioner Painter questioned if the issues raised by Drena Francis in the 12/12/2018 Regular Session have been taken care of and Mr. Risner stated that he does not know if the issues have been addressed or not. Commissioner Painter further stated that he believes that the easement for the Kennedy's Landing property has not yet been obtained. Mr. Risner stated that is quite possible, but he does not know if the easement has been obtained or not.

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

Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mr. Painter, Yes.

**IN RE: PERSONNEL ACTION...APPROVED\***

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**IN RE: ADJOURNMENT...RATIFIED**

Moved by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mrs. Corcoran,

That the Board of County Commissioners, noting no further business to come before the commission for legislative action, adjourned this Regular Session at 11:49 A.M. until the next regularly scheduled session to be held at a later date.

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

Mr. Humphrey, Aye; Mrs. Corcoran, Yes; Mr. Painter, Yes.

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

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**DAVID L. PAINTER, PRESIDENT**

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**EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, VICE PRESIDENT**

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**CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, MEMBER**

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**JUDITH KOCICA, CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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**DATE APPROVED**