

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON DECEMBER 31, 2020, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVID L. PAINTER, PRESIDENT AND CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, MEMBER, EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, VICE PRESIDENT, ATTENDED THE MEETING VIRTUALLY. 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 DECEMBER 31, 2020 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>

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER PAINTER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT COMMISSIONER HUMPHREY IS JOINING US VIRTUALLY FROM A REMOTE LOCATION WHICH IS NOT 101 EAST MAIN STREET, BATAVIA, OHIO. HE ALSO NOTED THIS IS COMMISSIONER EDWIN H. HUMPHREY'S FINAL MEETING AS A CLERMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

IN RE: MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Humphrey, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran,

To approve the minutes of Regular Session of **12/28/2020**.

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

Commissioner Humphrey, Aye; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes.

THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER PAINTER STATED THAT THE BOARD HAD REACHED THE COUNTY STAFF/ELECTED OFFICIAL DISCUSSION SECTION OF THE AGENDA. HE INQUIRED IF THERE WAS ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: GREG BICKFORD, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR INTRODUCED CALEB PETERSON, DEPUTY DOG WARDEN, CALEB COMES TO US FROM THE CITY OF MEMPHIS WHERE HE WAS THE SUPERVISOR AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS WHICH IS FOUR TIMES THE SIZE OF OUR SHELTER.

MR. BICKFORD PROVIDED BACKGROUND ABOUT THE CURRENT STATE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER DURING THIS TRANSITION FROM CLERMONT ANIMAL CARE HUMANE SOCIETY. CARES WILL BE TRANSITIONING THE CARE OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER TO THE COUNTY TODAY AT 2:00 PM. MR. BICKFORD PROVIDED ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT CARES, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY STARTED BY ROBIN TACKETT, WHO HAS ALSO RECENTLY TAKEN THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. ACCORDING TO MS. TACKETT CLERMONT ANIMAL CARE HUMANE SOCIETY WILL CONTINUE TO BE A 501C3 AND WILL CONTINUE RESCUE ANIMALS HERE IN CLERMONT COUNTY. THEY HAVE OFFERED TO VOLUNTEER SOME HOURS OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AS PART OF THE TRANSITION.

COMMISSIONER PAINTER ASKED IF MR. BICKFORD WOULD PLEASE DISCUSS THE CONDITION OF THE SHELTER AND THE ANIMALS. MR. BICKFORD STATED WE CURRENTLY DO NOT HAVE ANY ANIMALS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION, THE ONLY

ANIMALS THAT ARE LEFT IN THE SHELTER ARE BEING HELD AS PART OF A CRUELTY CASE WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR HEARING IN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF ADDITIONAL ANIMALS WITH BEHAVIORAL ISSUES THAT ARE BEING CARED FOR BY OUTSIDE RESOURCES WHICH THE COUNTY HAS AGREED TO ALLOW TO STAY IN THE SHELTER, NOTING THOSE ANIMALS WILL CONTINUE TO BE CARED FOR BY THOSE OUTSIDE RESOURCES.

MR. BICKFORD STATED THE COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS THREE FULL TIME EMPLOYEES TWO DOG WARDENS AND ONE KENNEL ATTENDANT AND TWO ADDITIONAL PART TIME KENNEL STAFF ARE BEING PROPOSED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD NEXT WEEK. WE HAVE FOUR VOLUNTEERS THAT HAVE AGREED TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH CLERMONT COUNTY TO PULL ANIMALS FROM THE SHELTER FOR RESCUE AT THIS TIME AND WE ANTICIPATE MORE AS WE MOVE FORWARD. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS CALLS AND CURRENTLY WE HAVE FORTY VOLUNTEERS LINED UP WE WILL BE UTILIZING OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. WE HAVE ALSO HAD NUMEROUS DONATIONS, WHICH INCLUDES 6,000 LBS. OF DOG FOOD.

COMMISSIONER PAINTER ASKED MR. PETERSON IF HE WOULD PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT HIS BACKGROUND. MR. PETERSON STATED HE WAS THE SHELTER MANAGER AT THE CITY OF MEMPHIS ANIMAL SHELTER AND AS SUCH, IN HIS OPINION IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE A ZERO KILL RATE, HOWEVER IT IS HIS PHILOSOPHY AND GOAL TO HAVE THE HIGHEST SURVIVAL RATE POSSIBLE. THE CITY OF MEMPHIS ANIMAL SHELTER WHEN HE JOINED HAD A SAVE RATE BETWEEN 50% - 60%, WHEN HE LEFT THEY WERE UP TO 89% - 92% SURVIVAL RATE. MR. PETERSON MADE THE MOVE TO THE CINCINNATI AREA BECAUSE HIS WIFE IS CURRENTLY A MEDICAL RESIDENT AT CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CORCORAN, AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HUMPHREY, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:10 A.M. PURSUANT TO 121.22 (G) (1) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT, OR COMPENSATION OF ONE OR MORE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; AND FURTHER THAT COMMISSIONER-ELECT BONNIE BATCHLER IS PRESENT AND IS INVITED TO ATTEND EXECUTIVE SESSION; WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING THEREON AS FOLLOWS:

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

Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Humphrey, Aye; Commissioner Painter, Yes.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: THE EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCLUDED AND REGULAR SESSION RESUMED AT 10:33 A.M. WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...ADDITION OF (2) TWO AGENDA ITEMS TO THE REGULAR SESSION OF 12/31/2020...20-0102-004...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Humphrey, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Greg Bickford, Assistant County Administrator, asked the Board to consider adding (2) two additional items to the agenda of the Regular Session of 12/31/2020 to include the, a modification to the public official bond for the County Prosecutor and a personnel action for the Board of County Commissioners; Commissioner Painter asked for a motion to approve the addition of the agenda item to today's Regular Session.

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

Commissioner Humphrey, Aye; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes.

IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...AMENDMENT TO MOTION FOR PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND FOR COUNTY PROSECUTOR...20-1221-004...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Corcoran, seconded by Commissioner Humphrey, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation to approve the Amendment to the motion for Public Official Bond Number 014221513 in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Mark Joseph Tekulve, who was duly elected County Prosecutor for the County of Clermont, Ohio, previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners on 12/28/20, for a term of four years commencing 01/04/21 and ending 01/05/25 and, subsequent thereto, to authorize payment of the premium therefore in the amount of \$325.00 to C. Edward Lovins Insurance Agency, Inc., 122 Water Street, Milford, Ohio 45150, pursuant to Section 309.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. Public Official Bond to be deposited in the Office of the County Treasurer, not the County Auditor as previously approved.

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

Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Humphrey, Aye; Commissioner Painter, Yes.

IN RE: PERSONNEL ACTIONS...APPROVED

* THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, RELATIVE TO PERSONNEL ACTIONS IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UPON REQUEST MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME.

THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER PAINTER STATED THAT THE BOARD HAD REACHED THE COUNTY STAFF/ELECTED OFFICIAL DISCUSSION 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: COMMISSIONER PAINTER OPENED THE MEETING FOR BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER HUMPHREY CONGRATULATED BONNIE BATCHLER ON TAKING OVER AS COUNTY COMMISSIONER ON 1/2/21, HE THANKED COMMISSIONERS PAINTER AND CORCORAN FOR THEIR SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF CLERMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND STATED THAT HE HAS ENJOYED WORKING WITH THEM.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER PAINTER NOTED COMMISSIONER ELECT-BATCHLER HAS BEEN ATTENDING SESSIONS FOR THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS AND AS SUCH HE ASKED IF SHE WOULD JOIN THE BOARD AT THE DIAZ. MS. BATCHLER STATED SHE WOULD BE HONORED, SHE TOOK PLACE IN COMMISSIONER HUMPHREY'S SEAT AND STATED SHE DOES SO IN HONOR OF HIM.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER CORCORAN THANKED COMMISSIONER HUMPHREY FOR EVERYTHING HE HAS DONE OVER THE YEARS FOR THE COUNTY, SHE STATED IT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL WORKING WITH HIM. COMMISSIONER CORCORAN NOTED THAT THIS BOARD WILL CONTINUE TO WORK HARD FOR THE CITIZENS OF CLERMONT COUNTY.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER PAINTER WANTED TO NOTE THE RESILIENCY OF RESIDENTS IN CLERMONT COUNTY. AS WE ENTERED 2020, COUNTY REVENUES WERE ON AN UPHILL TRACT DUE TO THE WAYFAIR DECISION ALLOWING TAX COLLECTIONS ON INTERNET SALES. IN MARCH WE EXPERIENCED THE ECONOMIC SHUTDOWN DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS. SURPRISINGLY, REVENUES STILL PERFORMED WELL DUE TO 1ST QUARTER TAX COLLECTION ACTUALS EXCEEDING BUDGET PROJECTIONS. HE ENCOURAGED CITIZENS TO CONTINUE TO STAY SAFE, WEAR A MASK AND LOOK AHEAD TO BETTER DAYS IN THE NEAR FUTURE AS MORE VACCINES BECOMES AVAILABLE.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT... APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Humphrey, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran,

That the Board of County Commissioners, noting no further business to come before the commission for legislative action, adjourned this Regular Session at 10:41 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:

Commissioner Humphrey, Aye; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes.

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

DAVID L. PAINTER, PRESIDENT

EDWIN H. HUMPHREY, VICE PRESIDENT

CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, MEMBER

HOLLY CRUEY, CLERK OF THE BOARD

1/6/21
DATE APPROVED