

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON FEBRUARY 27, 2023, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: BONNIE J. BATCHLER, PRESIDENT CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, VICE PRESIDENT AND, DAVID L. PAINTER, 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, 2023 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 AT <https://www.youtube.com/user/clermontcounty/playlists>.

IN RE: MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendations:

To approve the minutes of Regular Session of **02/22/2023**.

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

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: Commissioner Batchler stated that the Board had reached the public participation section of the agenda. She inquired if there was anyone in the audience that would like to address the Board. No one requested to address the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

LET THE RECORD SHOW: Commissioner Batchler 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 Commissioner Corcoran, seconded by Commissioner Painter, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendations:

1. IN RE: REQUESTS FROM A DEPARTMENT TO JOIN A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ROUTINE TRAVEL EXPENSES...APPROVED

Requests from various departments to join professional organizations and to authorize payment of the annual dues in the amounts outlined below for membership, pursuant to Section 325.21 of the Ohio Revised Code and to authorize reimbursement of **routine travel expenses** associated (*excluding expenses for overnight accommodations, meals for more than one day, registration fees, tuition, and/or transportation by common carrier*) pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Board of County Commissioners and in compliance with the Annual Appropriations for Calendar Year 2023 and any amendments:

Elected Official or Department/Employee	Organization	Annual Dues	Term
Clermont County Municipal Court /Adult Probation Department Tracie Sellars Jamie Lutson(Alternate/Proxy) DC# 23-0217-002	Ohio Chief Probation Officers Association	\$350.00	01/01/2023 through 12/31/2023
Domestic Relations Court Mary Prudencio DC# 22-1115-004 * previously approved on 12/5/2022	Association of Family and Conciliatory Courts (1 @ \$480.00 Institution Membership which includes \$90.00 for Institutional Chapter Dues)	\$0.00	02/01/2023 through 12/31/2023

Domestic Relations Court Mary Prudencio DC# 23-0217-003	Clermont County Bar Association (\$125.00 Each)	\$125.00	02/01/2023 through 12/31/2023
Domestic Relations Court Mary Prudencio DC# 23-0217-003	Ohio State Bar Association (\$125.00 Each)	\$125.00	02/01/2023 through 12/31/2023
Domestic Relations Court Mary Prudencio DC# 23-0217-003	Ohio Association of Magistrates (\$125.00 Each)	\$125.00	02/01/2023 through 12/31/2023

2. IN RE: TRAINING AND TRAVEL REQUESTS...REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES...APPROVED

Recommendation to approve the following requests for reimbursement of expenses for training and travel according to the policies and procedures of the Board of County Commissioners and in compliance with the Annual Appropriations for Calendar Year 2023 and any amendments:

COUNTY AUDITOR

Enrique Martin Uria – 3 days – Columbus, Ohio – 2023 Local Government Officials Conference – total expenses for lodging (\$450.00), meals (\$192.00), mileage (\$123.14), registration (\$200.00), and other (\$150.00), estimated not to exceed \$1,115.14.

CLERMONT COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT

Adam Steigerwald, Rodney Croom, Ryan Vogel, Colleen Conlon, Jeremy Gaskins, Sean Morrow – 1 day – West Union, Ohio – 2023 Tactical Defense Training – total expenses for registration (\$600.00), estimated not to exceed \$600.00.

CLERMONT COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT

Mary K. Prudencio – 3 days – Columbus, Ohio – New Magistrate Training – total expenses for lodging (\$430.05), meals (\$192.00), mileage (\$137.55) and other (\$75.00), estimated not to exceed \$834.60.

CLERMONT COUNTY MUNICIPAL ADULT PROBATION

Kori Hickman, Kimberly Jackson, Jamie Lutson – 3 days – Columbus, Ohio – Adult Probation and Parole Association Regional Training Conference – total expenses for lodging (\$860.10), meals (\$576.00), registration (\$900.00) and other (\$98.00), estimated not to exceed \$2,434.10.

CLERMONT COUNTY SHERIFF

Detective Y. Sheppard – 10 days – Colerain Township, Ohio – Homicide Investigation Training – total expenses for registration (\$1,375.00), estimated not to exceed \$1,375.00

Deputy Randal Mays, Deputy Jacob Martin – 5 days – Nashville, Tennessee – Street Cop Conference – total expenses for lodging (\$1,378.20), meals (\$790.00), registration (\$1,198.00) and other (\$200.00), estimated not to exceed \$3,566.20.

3. IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER...FISCHER SUBDIVISION/UNION TOWNSHIP ...RECORD PLAT NUMBERS 629-3393 AND 629-3394 FOR THE REPLAT OF LOTS...23-0221-004...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute the following Record Plats for the Replat of Lots in the following Subdivision/Location within Union Township:

Subdivision/Location	Record Plat Number	Reason for Replat
Fischer Subdivision Replat of Lot 17A Union Township DC# 23-0221-004	629-3393	To create new lot numbers 17B and 17C.
Meijer Drive Subdivision Replat of Lot 2 Miami Township	629-3394	To create new lot 3 as well as dedicate 0.0369 acres of

DC# 23-0221-003		additional right of way along Meijer Drive.
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4. IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER...RECORD PLAT NUMBER 629-3395 COMBINED PERFORMANCE MAINTENANCE BOND AND PERFORMANCE BOND FOR SIDEWALKS AS SURETY...23-0207-001...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute Record Plat Number **629-3395** for the following subdivision/location within Batavia Township, and further to execute the Combined Performance-Maintenance Bond, as well as Performance Bond for Sidewalks as surety for the construction of the streets listed below:

Subdivision/Location	Performance-Maintenance	Sidewalk	Street/Length (miles)
Forest Grove Subdivision Section 1A Batavia Township	\$40,000.00/\$10,000.00* *Secured by Letter of Credit no. 800, North Side Bank and Trust Company, 4125 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45223	\$39,400.00* *Secured by Letter of Credit no. 801, North Side Bank and Trust Company, 4125 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45223	Forest Grove Drive (0.067) Cedar Grove Court (0.114)

5. IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER...UNION TOWNSHIP EASEMENT PLAT/UNION TOWNSHIP...RECORD PLAT NUMBERS 629-3396 THROUGH 629-3399 ...23-0223-003...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute Record Plat Numbers **629-3396 through 629-3399** and to accept the following permanent public water, sanitary sewer, utility, and emergency access easements granted and conveyed to the County of Clermont, Ohio, located within Union Township:

Grantor	Parcel Number	Easement
Union Township Clermont County CIC, Inc. Replat No. 629-3396 DC# 23-0223-003	41-31-02A-003	Public water easement 0.552 acres Public utility easement 0.979 acres Emergency access easement 0.023 acres Public water easement 0.155 acres Public sanitary sewer easement 0.056 acres
Union Township Apartments I, LLC Replat No. 629-3397 DC# 23-0223-004	41-31-02A-108	Public sanitary sewer easement 0.091 acres Public water and sanitary sewer easement 1.653 acres
Union Township Clermont County CIC, Inc. Replat No. 629-3398 DC# 23-0223-004	41-31-02A-212	Public water and sanitary sewer easement 0.093 acres Public water and sanitary sewer easement 0.014 acres
Union Township Clermont County CIC, Inc. Record No. 629-3399 DC# 23-0223-004	41-31-02A-213	Public sanitary sewer easement 0.252 acres

6. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES/CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION...IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE CLERMONT COUNTY SHERIFF FOR THE PURCHASE OF SERVICES ...23-0221-002...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute a IV-D Service Contract between the Department of Job and Family Services/Child Support Enforcement Division and the Clermont County Sheriff, 4470 State Route 222, Batavia, Ohio 45103 for the purchase of services relative to Child Support Enforcement, including the execution of personal service of process and/or execution of arrest warrants, at the

rate of \$79.72 per unit/hour, for a total of 250 units, for a total amount not to exceed \$19,929.88 effective 04/01/23 through 03/31/24, and in compliance with the terms and conditions, **and contingent upon the release of the required Purchase Order.**

7. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL CLINIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR IN HOME-BASED SERVICES...23-0217-013...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute an **Agreement** between the County of Clermont, Ohio, and **Central Clinic Behavioral Health**, 311 Albert Sabin Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229, for **in home-based services to children and/or their families** referred by the Department of Job and Family Services who are at risk of the children being removed from the home, as well as, those who have recently returned home from an out of home placement, in a total amount not to exceed \$68,000.00, effective 01/01/2023 through 12/31/2023, and in compliance with the terms and conditions, **and contingent the issuance of a purchase order.**

8. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...AGREEMENT WITH DEAF CHOICE, INC. FOR INTERPRETER SERVICES...23-0217-012...EXECUTED

Recommendation to authorize Bonnie J. Batchler, President of the Board of County Commissioners, to execute the **Agreement and Attachment A** between the Board of Clermont County Commissioners, on behalf of the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services, and **Deaf Choice, Inc.**, 7723 Tylers Place Boulevard, Suite 279, West Chester, Ohio 45069, for **interpreter services** to customers that come into the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services and are deaf or hard-of-hearing, at the rates as defined in the Rates and Policies Sheet, attached as Attachment A, with an estimated annual cost not to exceed \$10,000.00, effective for the period of 04/01/2023 through 03/31/2024, and the terms and conditions, **and contingent upon the release of the required purchase orders.**

9. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (ODJFS) TITLE IV-E CHILD PLACEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ENA, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES FOR SAME...23-0216-002...EXECUTED

Recommendation to authorize Susan Walther, Director, Department of Job and Family Services, to execute an Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Title IV-E **Child Placement Agreement** between the County of Clermont, Ohio, and **ENA, Inc.**, doing business at 115 Private Road 977, Pedro, Ohio 45659 and whose administrative address is P. O. Box 568, South Point, Ohio 45680, for the **residential treatment services for a specific child** referred by the Department of Job and Family Services and/or Clermont County Juvenile Court, with an estimated cost not to exceed \$300,000.00, effective 03/01/2023 through 2/28/2024, pursuant to the terms and conditions, **and contingent upon the release of the required Purchase Order.**

10. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (ODJFS) TITLE IV-E CHILD PLACEMENT AGREEMENT WITH JOURNEY HOME FOSTER CARE FOR THE PROVISION OF FOSTER CARE AND INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES...23-0216-001...EXECUTED

Recommendation to authorize Susan Walther, Director, Department of Job and Family Services, to execute an Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Title IV-E **Child Placement Agreement** between the County of Clermont, Ohio, and **Journey Home Foster Care**, 4040 Stone Ridge Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701, for **fooster care services and independent living services** for children referred by the Department of Job and Family Services and/or Clermont County Juvenile Court, with an estimated cost not to exceed \$300,000.00, effective for the period of 03/01/2023 through 02/29/2024, and in compliance with the terms and conditions, **and contingent upon the**

release of the required purchase order.

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

Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

11. IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER...RESOLUTION NUMBER 028-23/REQUEST TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON BELFAST-OWENSVILLE ROAD LOCATED IN STONELICK TOWNSHIP...23-0221-001...ADOPTED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendations:

Recommendation to adopt Resolution Number **028-23** resolving to request the State of Ohio/Director of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on Belfast-Owensville Road located in Stonelick Township as outlined below:

Road	Current Speed Limit	Beginning/Ending	Length/Mileage
Belfast-Owensville Road	posted 45 MPH & un-posted 55 MPH	From Owensville Village Line to State Route 131	4.03 miles or 21,261 feet

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

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes.

12. IN RE: COUNTY SHERIFF...CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH THE WEST CLERMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE WEST CLERMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER...23-0214-002...EXECUTED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendations:

Recommendation to execute a Contract for Law Enforcement Services between the Clermont County Board of Commissioners, the Clermont County Sheriff, and the West Clermont School District for the provision of one (1) contract deputy for the West Clermont Middle School, 1341 Clough Pike, Batavia, Ohio 45103, West Clermont School District shall be responsible for \$100.36 annually for bullet-resistant vest and all costs and expenses as outlined below, effective for a period of three years commencing 01/01/2023 through 12/31/2025, and to the terms and conditions and in compliance with Section 311.29 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Year	Personnel Cost	Vehicle Cost	Uniform/Equipment
2023	\$42,761.88	\$2,509.00	\$284.84
2024	\$44,466.99	\$2,516.77	\$293.39
2025	\$46,247.88	\$2,524.77	\$302.19

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

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes.

13. IN RE: COUNTY SHERIFF.....CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH THE NEW RICHMOND SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE NEW RICHMOND SCHOOLS RESOURCE OFFICER...23-0214-003...EXECUTED

Moved by Commissioner Corcoran, seconded by Commissioner Painter, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendations:

Recommendation to execute a Contract for Law Enforcement Services between the Clermont County Board of Commissioners, the Clermont County Sheriff, and the New Richmond Schools Board of Education for the provision of one (1) contract deputy for the New Richmond Schools, 1135 Bethel-New Richmond Road, New Richmond, Ohio 45157, New Richmond School District shall be responsible for \$100.36 annually for bullet-resistant vest and all costs and expenses as outlined below, effective for a period of three years commencing 01/01/2023 through 12/31/2025, and to the terms and conditions and in compliance with Section 311.29 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Year	Personnel Cost	Vehicle Cost	Uniform/Equipment
2023	\$54,162.40	\$2,509.00	\$284.84
2024	\$57,022.30	\$2,516.77	\$293.39
2025	\$60,074.02	\$2,524.77	\$302.19

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

Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes.

14. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...AMENDMENT #4 TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO R.C. § 305.14 TO REPRESENT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS IT RELATES TO CHRISTOPHER HICKS VS. CLERMONT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FILED IN THE CLERMONT COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS AND DESIGNATED AS CASE NO. 2018CVH00058...19-1212-006...EXECUTED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendations:

Recommendation to execute Amendment #4 to the contract for the employment of Mark Landes with the firm of Isaac, Wiles, Burkholder & Teetor, LLC., Two Miranova Place Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio 43215, as outside legal counsel to represent the Board of County Commissioners in its official capacity and to advise it on legal matters in and as it relates to Christopher Hicks vs. Clermont County Board of County Commissioners, filed in the Clermont County Court of Common Pleas and designated as case No. 2018CVH00058, pursuant to and in compliance with Revised Code §305.14, and further to authorize Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to execute Amendment #4 to the Professional Services Contract by and between the Board of County Commissioners and the Law Firm of Isaac, Wiles, Burkholder & Teetor, LLC., for representation as described herein, previously approved by the Board on 12/11/2019, and amended on 10/21/2020, 04/28/2021 and 10/20/2021, which represents an increase in the Outside Legal Counsel Compensation Costs of \$15,500.00, for a total revised contract amount not to exceed \$100,500.00.

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

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: Commissioner Batchler stated that the Board had reached the county staff/elected official discussion section of the agenda. She inquired if there was anyone that would like to address the Board. No one requested to address the Board.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: Gael Fawley, Clerk of the Board, addressed changing the time for Regular Session for March 8th, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Board approved the change of time to Regular Session March 8th, 2023 to 2:00 p.m.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: Commissioner Batchler opened the meeting for Board member comments.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: Commissioner Painter requested a presentation from the County Auditor Linda Fraley regarding House Bill 1, which will change how taxes are collected throughout the state.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran,

The Board of County Commissioners, noting no further business to come before the commission for legislative action, adjourned this Regular Session at 10:13 A.M. until the next regularly scheduled session to be held later.

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

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes.

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

BONNIE J. BATCHLER, PRESIDENT

CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, VICE PRESIDENT

DAVID L. PAINTER, MEMBER

GAEL FAWLEY, CLERK OF THE BOARD

03/01/2023
DATE APPROVED