

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MARCH 1, 2023, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: BONNIE J. BATCHLER, PRESIDENT AND CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, VICE PRESIDENT. PRINCIPAL LISA COURTNEY AND THE 5TH GRADE CLASS OF SUMMERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WEST CLERMONT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, PRESENTED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER SHORTLY AFTER 10:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE MARCH 1, 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 Corcoran, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendations:

To approve the minutes of Regular Session of 02/27/2023.

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

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

LET THE RECORD SHOW: New employees to Clermont County in various departments were introduced to the Board. The Board welcomed each one of them and thanked them for choosing to work in Clermont County.

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 Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendations:

1. IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER...LEXINGTON RUN BUGLER'S SOUND SUBDIVISION/PHASE 4/BATAVIA TOWNSHIP...RELEASE OF A COMBINED PERFORMANCE-MAINTENANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS INTO THE BATAVIA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC ROAD SYSTEM...15-0924-003...APPROVED

Recommendation to authorize the release of a Combined Performance-Maintenance Bond, previously converted to the Maintenance Bond Phase, for the following subdivision/location within Batavia Township, and to accept the streets in the lengths stated situated therein as public roads for placement into the Batavia Township Public Road System:

Subdivision/Location	Maintenance	Streets/Length (miles)
Lexington Run Bugler's Sound Subdivision Phase 4 Batavia Township	\$10,000.00	Triple Crown Court (0.050) Keeneland Run (0.098)

2. IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER...RECORD PLAT NUMBER 629-3400 AND

COMBINED PERFORMANCE-MAINTENANCE BOND, AS WELL AS, PERFORMANCE BOND FOR SIDEWALKS AS SURETY...23-0223-011...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute Record Plat Number **629-3400** for the following subdivision/location within Goshen 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)
The Cove of Barclay Woods Subdivision Section 1B Goshen Township	\$38,000.00/\$11,000.00	\$41,760.00	Birkdale Circle (0.126) Sunningdale Way (0.062)

3. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT... MAINTENANCE BONDS AS SURETY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER AND SANITARY SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS FOR SAME...23-0222-001...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute Maintenance Bonds in the amounts outlined below as surety for the installation of Water and Sanitary Sewer Main Extensions to serve the following Subdivision:

Subdivision	Water Bond	Sewer Bond
Forest Grove Subdivision Section 1A Batavia Township	\$9,100.00* *Secured by Irrevocable Letter of Credit Number 798 issued by The North Side Bank and Trust Company, 4125 Hamilton Avenue., Cincinnati, OH 45223, on January 10, 2023.	\$24,100.00* *Secured by Irrevocable Letter of Credit Number 799 issued by The North Side Bank and Trust Company, 4125 Hamilton Avenue., Cincinnati, OH 45223, on January 10, 2023.

4. IN RE: PERSONNEL ACTIONS...APPROVED

Recommendation to approve the following personnel actions *contingent upon the successful completion of a background check and drug screen for new hires/rehires:*

* 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.

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

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

5. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...RESOLUTION NUMBER 029-23/PAYMENT OF BILLS...RATIFIED

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

Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners adopt **Resolution Number 029-23** resolving to approve payment to vendors **in the total amount of \$1,800,775.74** as set forth in the BCC Approval Invoice Report for Checks dated **March 1, 2023**, BCC Directed Pre-Paid Invoices Report(s) and/or the Procurement Card Transaction Report as presented by the County Auditor on **02/27/2023**, 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:

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

6. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...JOINT APPLICATION WITH THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR PUBLIC BUSINESS INVOLVING THE EXPANSION OF THE CLERMONT COUNTY AIRPORT...23-0223-001...EXECUTED

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

Recommendation of Joseph T. Mooney, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, with the concurrence of Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to authorize Bonnie J. Batchler, President of the Board, to execute a Joint Application with the Prosecuting Attorney to the Clermont County Court of Common Pleas for employment of Legal Counsel with the following law firm to serve as Special Counsel to represent the Board of County Commissioners in its official capacity and to advise it on legal matters as outlined therein pursuant to and in compliance with Section 305.14 of the Ohio Revised Code and to execute a letter of engagement with the said law firm.

Law Firm	Legal Matters	Total Amount Not to Exceed
Keating Muething & Klekamp, PLL One East Fourth Street Suite 1400 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202	Legal services regarding the expansion of the Clermont County Airport and any other services related to the same as requested by the Board.	\$20,000.00

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

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

7. IN RE: COMMON PLEAS CLERK OF COURTS...RETAIL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TOEBBEN, LTD. FOR THE LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE FOR THE MILFORD AUTO TITLE DIVISION...23-0208-001...EXECUTED

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

Recommendation to authorize Bonnie J. Batchler, President of the Board of County Commissioners, to execute a Retail Lease Agreement between the County of Clermont, Ohio, and Toebben, LTD, 541 Buttermilk Pike, Suite 104, Crescent Springs, Kentucky 41017 for the lease of office space located at the Milford Shopping Center, 1011 Lila Avenue, Store Number 1011, Milford, Ohio 45150 for the Milford Auto Title location, at the rate of \$1,276.42 per month plus an operating cost of \$316.70 per month, effective 08/01/2023 through 7/31/2025, and in compliance with the terms and conditions, and contingent upon the receipt of the required purchase order.

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

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

8. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT... CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH CLERMONT SENIOR SERVICES, INC. RELATIVE TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT 2022-06 FOR THE HOME SAFETY REPAIR PROGRAM FOR SENIORS...23-0209-001...EXECUTED

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

Recommendation to execute a Contract for Services between the Board of Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, and Clermont Senior Services, Inc., 2085 James E. Sauls Sr. Drive, Batavia, OH 45103, to administer the Home Safety Repair Program for Seniors, in concert with the Clermont County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Fiscal Year 2022, which was funded in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, effective on the execution of the contract by the Clermont County Board of County Commissioners through 05/31/2024, and in compliance with the terms and conditions, and contingent upon the receipt of a purchase order.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Batchler gave recognition to the Home Safety Repair Program for Seniors.

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

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

9. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT... SUBRECIPIENT GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FOLLOWING TOWNSHIPS FOR PROJECTS IN CONCERT WITH THE CLERMONT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM...EXECUTED

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

Recommendation to execute the following Subrecipient Grant Agreements between the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, and the following political subdivisions for funding in concert with the Clermont County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as outlined below, and in compliance with the terms and conditions and further understand that the Subrecipient Agreements will supersede all prior Administrative Agreements previously signed for these projects by the Board of County Commissioners and the political subdivisions:

Subrecipient	Address	CDBG Project Name	Funding Amount	Contract Term
Ohio Township DC# 23-0217-010	2877 Mt. Pisgah Rd. New Richmond, OH 45157	Ohio Township Fire Department Generator Project 2020-CV-09	\$58,000	Execution to 10/01/2023
Ohio Township DC# 23-0217-011	2877 Mt. Pisgah Rd. New Richmond, OH 45157	Ohio Township Playground Improvements Project 2020-CV-10	\$22,000	Execution to 10/01/2023
Ohio Township DC# 23-0217-009	2877 Mt. Pisgah Rd. New Richmond, OH 45157	Ohio Township Mt. Pisgah Park Trail Project 2020-CV-11	\$31,000	Execution to 10/01/2023
Union Township DC# 23-0216-003	4350 Aicholtz Rd. Cincinnati OH 45245	Clepper Park Playground Improvements Project 2020-CV-12	\$125,000	Execution to 10/01/2023

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

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

10. IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER...AGREEMENT FOR RESURFACING OF TOWNSHIP ROAD(S) WITH THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF WILLIAMSBURG TOWNSHIP FOR PROJECT NUMBER RS-01-23 RELATIVE TO THE 2023 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM...23-0216-004...EXECUTED

Moved by Commissioner Corcoran, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of

County Commissioners approve the following recommendations:

Recommendation to execute Agreement for Resurfacing of Township Road(s) between the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, and the Board of Township Trustees of Williamsburg Township for Project Number RS-01-23 relative to the 2023 Road Resurfacing Program, whereby the County will undertake the public bidding procedure to obtain bids for such improvement(s) and/or repair(s) and resurfacing, respectively, as described in Exhibit A, for the township roads, at an estimated not to exceed cost of the total as outlined below, and to be paid to the County Engineer by the aforesated Board of Township Trustees, in compliance with the terms and conditions:

Township/Municipality	Streets	Estimated Costs
Williamsburg Township 4025 Alexander Lane Batavia, Ohio 45103	West Fork Ridge Drive Rhodes Drive East Fork Valley Drive East Fork Hills Drive	\$550,000.00

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

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

11. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT...AWARD OF BID AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR PROJECT NUMBER 6401-60152 RELATIVE TO SR 132 WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN STONELICK TOWNSHIP AND THE VILLAGE OF OWENSVILLE...22-0906-003...EXECUTED

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

Recommendation to award the bid for Project Number 6401-60152 relative to the SR 132 Water Service Connections Project located within Stonelick Township and the Village of Owensville, pursuant to the plans and specifications, to Ford Development Corporation, 11148 Woodward Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241, for the lowest and best bid received on 01/26/2023, at the item prices as outlined therein, for a total amount not to exceed \$460,290.00, and to execute the Contract, pursuant to 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 Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Absent.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: a motion by Commissioner Corcoran and seconded by Commissioner Batchler, to go into Executive Session at 10:18 a.m. pursuant to section 121.22 (G) (1) and (G) (3) of the Ohio Revised Code to (1) consider the employment or compensation of a public employee and (2) to confer with the prosecuting attorney concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, respectively.

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

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

LET THE RECORD SHOW: the Board of County Commissioners returned from Executive Session and resumed Regular Session at 10:49 a.m. after having discussed (1) the employment or compensation of a public employee and (2) conferred with the prosecuting attorney concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, with no action taken and no decisions made.

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: Commissioner Batchler opened the meeting for Board member comments.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: Commissioner Corcoran gave recognition to the students and volunteers that attended the Loveland City Schools Morning for Speed Mentoring Program.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Corcoran, seconded by Commissioner Batchler,

The Board of County Commissioners, noting no further business to come before the commission for legislative action, adjourned this Regular Session at 10:51 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 Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Painter, Absent.

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

BONNIE J. BATCHLER, PRESIDENT

CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, VICE PRESIDENT

ABSENT
DAVID L. PAINTER, MEMBER

GAEL FAWLEY, CLERK OF THE BOARD

03/08/2023
DATE APPROVED