

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MAY 10, 2023, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: PRESIDENT BONNIE J. BATCHLER, VICE PRESIDENT CLAIRE B. CORCORAN AND MEMBER DAVID L. PAINTER. 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.**

**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 recommendation:

To approve the minutes of Regular Session of **05/08/2023**.

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

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

**PROCLAMATION: Commissioner Batchler** presented a Proclamation Designating May 2023 as “Mental Health Month” in Clermont County to Lee Ann Watson and Marcie Keith with the Mental Health and Recovery Board. Ms. Watson introduced Ms. Keith, the new Community Engagement Manager. Ms. Keith said the Mental Health Board, West Clermont Schools, Clermont County Public Health and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital are hosting a Total Well-Being Event at 11:00 a.m. on May 20<sup>th</sup> at West Clermont High School with the event focusing on all aspects of health, including physical, mental and spiritual health.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** No one requested to address the Board.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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 recommendation:

**1. 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.

**2. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY ACTIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023...**

**APPROVED**

Recommendation 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 182-22**) for Calendar Year 2023, including the 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 L. Fraley, County Auditor, to properly record same:

**REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>FUND - OBJECT - ACCOUNT</b>	<b>FUND - OBJECT - ACCOUNT</b>	
<b>CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT</b>	<b>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>\$ 157,087.00</b>
REIMBURSEMENTS OUT SPEC REV	REIMBURSEMENTS IN FROM SP REV	
2403 - 06 - 01 - 086000 - 703200 -	2401 - 06 - 01 - 081000 - 483200 -	
<b>CHILDRENS SERVICES</b>	<b>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>\$ 547,468.89</b>
REIMBURSEMENTS OUT SPEC REV	REIMBURSEMENTS IN FROM SP REV	
2402 - 06 - 01 - 085000 - 703200 -	2401 - 06 - 01 - 081000 - 483200 -	
<b>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>CHILDRENS SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 174,843.44</b>
REIMBURSEMENTS OUT SPEC REV	REIMBURSEMENTS IN FROM SP REV	
2401 - 06 - 01 - 081000 - 703200 -	2402 - 06 - 01 - 085000 - 483200 -	
<b>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>CHILDRENS SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 19,481.93</b>
REIMBURSEMENTS OUT SPEC REV	REIMBURSEMENTS IN FROM SP REV	
2401 - 06 - 01 - 081000 - 703200 -	2402 - 06 - 01 - 085000 - 483200 -	
<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>\$ 24,967.15</b>
REIMBURSEMENTS OUT SPEC REV	REIMBURSEMENTS IN FROM SP REV	
2404 - 06 - 01 - 087000 - 703200 -	2401 - 06 - 01 - 081000 - 483200 -	

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

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

**The Commissioners thanked Joshua Closser for his commitment to this Country as he will leave for active duty soon.**

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

**3. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...RESOLUTION NUMBER 048-23/PAYMENT OF BILLS...APPROVED**

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

Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners adopt **Resolution Number 048-23** resolving to approve payment to vendors **in the total amount of \$2,488,420.24** as set forth in the BCC Approval Invoice Report for Checks dated **May 10, 2023**, BCC Directed Pre-Paid Invoices Report(s) and/or the Procurement Card Transaction Report as presented by the County Auditor on **05/08/2023**, 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 Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes.

**4. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...DESIGNATION OF**

**REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD...23-0427-001...APPROVED**

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

Recommendation to reappoint the following individual to serve on the Clermont County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board for the term outlined below, pursuant to Section 340.02 of the Ohio Revised Code:

Name/Address	Term
Patty Lawrence 6758 Little River Lane Loveland Ohio 45140	06/01/2023 through 05/31/27 (2nd Full Term)

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

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

**5. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY JAIL...AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS FOR REPLACEMENT OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEM...23-0505-003...EXECUTED**

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

Recommendation to execute an Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio and Johnson Controls, 9685 Cincinnati Dayton Road, West Chester, Ohio 45069, for a new fire alarm system for the Clermont County Jail in the amount of \$186,591.00, effective for 180 days upon company's receipt of the signed agreement, in compliance with the terms and conditions set, and contingent upon the release of the required purchase order.

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

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

**6. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT... GRANT OF PERMANENT SEWER EASEMENT WITH RIGHTS OF RE-ENTRY FOR REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT GRANTED AND CONVEYED TO THE COUNTY OF CLERMONT, OHIO, FOR PROJECT NUMBER 6402-60194 FOR THE WHITE OAK LIFT STATION RELOCATION & UPGRADE PROJECT LOCATED IN PIERCE TOWNSHIP...23-0406-001...APPROVED**

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

Recommendation to accept the following Grant of Permanent Sewer Easement with Rights of Re-Entry for Repair and Replacement granted and conveyed to the County of Clermont, Ohio, by the Grantor as outlined below for utility purposes for Project Number 6402-60194 for the White Oak Lift Station Relocation & Upgrade Project located in Pierce Township and to authorize the County Auditor to remit payment as compensation for the Permanent Easement and Right-of-Way granted:

Grantors	Parcel Number	Compensation
Todd Hamm 1501 Appomatox Drive Amelia, Ohio 45102 Property Location: El Rego Drive	28-28-07D-172.	Perm \$12,500.00

Amelia, Ohio 45102		
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Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

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

**7. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT...AWARD OF BID AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR PROJECT NUMBER 6401-60176 RELATIVE TO THE SUMMIT ELEVATED TANK EVALUATION, REHABILITATION AND COATINGS APPLICATION PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN BATAVIA TOWNSHIP...22-1024-002...EXECUTED**

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

Recommendation to award the bid and execute the Contract for Project Number 6401-60176 relative to the Summit Elevated Tank Evaluation, Rehabilitation and Coatings Application Project located within Batavia Township, pursuant to the specifications, to D & M Painting Corporation, 1500 Amity Ridge Road, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301, for the lowest and best bid received on 03/16/2023, at the item prices as outlined therein, for a total amount not to exceed \$893,640.00, in compliance with the terms and conditions set forth therein and contingent upon the release of the required Purchase Order.

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:** Greg Bickford requested that item #8 on the agenda be moved to the end of Regular Session.

**9. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...ADOPTION OF THE CLERMONT COUNTY COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE PROGRAM POLICY...23-0505-001...ADOPTED**

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

Recommendation to adopt the Commercial Driver's License Program Policy, setting forth a policy for eligible County employees to receive CDL training, with initial one-time costs being paid by the Board with a repayment obligation established to include a release of any obligation of repayment after four years of employment with the Board of County Commissioners following completion of the CDL training, attached thereto and made a part thereof, effective upon approval, and further to authorize the Human Resources Department to update the appropriate internet links and appendices accordingly.

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

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

**10. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...PUBLICATION OF REQUIRED NOTICE FOR PUBLIC MEETING RELATIVE TO OHIO REVISED CODE 303.58 FOR RESTRICTED AREAS FOR WIND AND SOLAR FARMS IN CLERMONT COUNTY...23-0505-004...APPROVED**

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

Recommendation to authorize the Clerk of the Board to place a ***Public Notice*** in the Clermont Sun on Thursday, 05/18/23, to publish the date, time, and location, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 303.58 for a public meeting to consider requests submitted by resolution from the various townships to declare the totality of the unincorporated portion of these townships as a restricted area for construction of economically significant wind farms, large wind farms and large solar facilities. ***The Public Meeting will be held during Regular Session on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. local time*** in the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, 101 East Main Street, Batavia, Ohio 45103.

**DISCUSSION:** There are currently six townships included.

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

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

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Batchler inquired if there were any additions to the agenda.

**IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...ADDITION OF ONE AGENDA ITEM TO THE REGULAR SESSION OF 05/10/2023...23-0110-001...APPROVED**

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

Greg Bickford, Assistant County Administrator, asked the Board to consider adding an acknowledgment of receipt of the proposal to reserve funds from the recording fees and to establish the utilization of funds to Regular Session.

Commissioner Batchler requested a motion to approve the addition to today's Regular Session agenda.

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

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

**IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...ADDITION OF ONE AGENDA ITEM TO THE REGULAR SESSION OF 05/10/2023...23-0110-001...APPROVED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, 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 Executive Session pursuant to sections 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee or more public employees to Regular Session.

Commissioner Batchler requested a motion to approve the addition to today's Regular Session agenda.

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

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

**IN RE: COUNTY RECORDER...ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL TO RESERVE FUNDS FROM THE RECORDING FEES AND TO ESTABLISH THE UTILIZATION OF FUNDS FROM THOSE FEES COLLECTED FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2028**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 317.321 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE FOR SAME...23-0504-006...APPROVED**

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

Recommendation to acknowledge the receipt of the Proposal of Deborah Clepper, County Recorder, dated May 1, 2023, and officially received by the Board of County Commissioners on May 4, 2023, relative to the request reserve funds for the acquisition and maintenance of imaging or other technical equipment and contract services for Calendar Years 2024 through 2028, and further to establish the date of Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. during Regular Session of the Clermont County Board of Commissioners to meet with the County Recorder for this review, pursuant to Section 317.321 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion by Commissioner Corcoran and seconded by Commissioner Painter to go into Executive Session at 10:22 a.m. pursuant to section 121.22 (G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee or more public employees, respectively.

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

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board of County Commissioners returned from Executive Session and resumed Regular Session at 10:46 a.m. after having considered the employment and compensation of a public employee or more public employees, with no action taken and no decisions made.

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** Gael Fawley, Clerk of the Board, requested a change of time for Regular Session on May 24, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. due to a scheduling conflict.

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

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

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** Commissioner Batchler requested a brief recess at 10:48 a.m.

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Corcoran, the Board of County Commissioners entered into a brief recess until 11:05 a.m.

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:** Regular Session resumed shortly after 11:05 a.m.

**COUNTY STAFF/ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION:**

Susan Walther, Director, Department of Job and Family Services, will provide an update at a later date.

Greg Bickford, Assistant County Administrator, briefly mentioned the Application for the Power Grant that has already been submitted. The letter in support will not be needed at this time.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Painter discussed the Ohio legislative item Senate Joint Resolution 2, which would change the percentage to 60% of the vote needed for a constitutional amendment change. There is a discussion of holding an August 2nd Special Election to vote on this. A Special Election could cost the county approximately \$300,000.00. Mr. Painter wanted our Office of Management and Budget to know about the added cost.

Commissioner Corcoran requested developing a Facilities Master Plan with outside professionals for future and current needs for the County buildings and facilities. Commissioner Batchler and Painter agree that it is a great idea to develop a master plan for the future and find ways to facilitate the cost of creating that plan which could include funds from the Tribal and Energy Efficiency grants.

**IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...ADDITION OF ONE AGENDA ITEM TO THE REGULAR SESSION OF 05/10/2023...23-0110-001...APPROVED**

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

Commissioner Corcoran asked the Board to consider adding a Master Plan for County Buildings and Facilities to Regular Session.

Commissioner Batchler requested a motion to approve the addition to today's Regular Session agenda.

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

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

**IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...AUTHORIZE CLERMONT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN FOR CLERMONT COUNTY...23-0510-003...APPROVED**

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

Recommendation to authorize the Clermont County Administration to move forward in developing a Master Plan for Clermont County Buildings and Facilities for current and future needs.

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

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

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** Commissioner Batchler requested a brief recess at 11:22 a.m.

Moved by Commissioner Corcoran, seconded by Commissioner Painter, the Board of County Commissioners entered into a brief recess until noon.

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

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

**LET THE RECORD SHOW:** Regular Session resumed shortly after noon.

**8. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR OFFICE MACHINE MAINTENANCE FOR CLERMONT COUNTY...23-0504-001...EXECUTED**

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

Recommendation to accept the Proposal for Office Machines Maintenance for Clermont County, submitted on April 20, 2023, by Millennium Business Systems, a Flex Technology Group company, 1320 Kemper Meadow Drive, Suite 500, Cincinnati, Ohio 45240, and to authorize the execution of the Contract for the maintenance, repair and replacement of office machines for Clermont County Departments/Offices, by Millennium Business Systems, a Flex Technology Group company, in accordance with the terms, conditions, goals, criteria and specifications as set forth in the Request for Proposals, at the cost per copy rate of \$0.0125 for black and white and \$0.0477 for color, effective for the period of 05/15/23 through 05/14/26, with the option of two (2) twelve month renewal periods.

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

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

**IN RE: ADJOURNMENT...APPROVED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, 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 12:02 p.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 Painter, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes.



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

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**BONNIE J. BATCHLER, PRESIDENT**

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**CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, VICE PRESIDENT**

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**DAVID L. PAINTER, MEMBER**

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**Gael Fawley, Clerk of the Board**

05/17/2023  
**DATE APPROVED**