

**THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MAY 22, 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 Corcoran, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

To approve the minutes of Regular Session of **05/17/2023**.

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

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

**PRESENTATION:** Jeremy Evans, Clermont County Engineer, gave a presentation regarding the Annual Report 2022. The presentation provided a brief report on all roads, bridges and culverts completed by the Engineer in 2022.

Commissioner Painter mentioned the new legislation regarding Force Accounts and asked how it would affect future projects. Mr. Evans said that if the total project cost is higher than \$100,000.00, it will go out to bid, but now that number will increase to \$230,000.00 according to the legislation change.

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

**1. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR THE ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT(S) AND TO RELEASE THE SUBSEQUENT PURCHASE ORDER(S) RELATED TO THE AGREEMENT(S)...APPROVED**

Recommendation to authorize the County Administrator and/or the Assistant County Administrator to approve the Master Service Agreement(s) as outlined below and to allow the release of the required purchase order(s) for the terms and conditions specified in the agreement(s):

| Vendor   | MSA Service | Term                           |
|--|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Fenton Rigging & Contracting, Inc.<br>2150 Langdon Farm Road<br>Cincinnati, Ohio 45237 | Maintenance | 05/22/2023<br>to<br>05/21/2026 |

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| DC# 23-0503-001   |                                |                                |
| Harrison Legacy LLC<br>DBA Fresh Coat Painters<br>4442 Boardwalk Court<br>Blue Ash, Ohio 45242<br>DC# 23-0502-002 | Interior and External Painting | 05/22/2023<br>to<br>05/21/2026 |

**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:

**CLERMONT COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

**Judge Victor Haddad** – 4 days – Canton, Ohio – Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association Summer Conference – total expenses for lodging (\$357.00), meals (\$256.00), mileage (\$311.78), registration (\$350.00) and other (\$80.00), estimated not to exceed \$1,354.78.

**Magistrate Harold Paddock** – 3 days – Cincinnati, Ohio – Ohio Association of Magistrates Spring Conference – total expenses for registration (\$325.00), estimated not to exceed \$325.00.

**CLERMONT COUNTY RECORDER**

**Marsha Collier and Deborah Clepper** – 4 days – Dayton, Ohio – Summer Continuing Education Conference – total expenses for lodging (\$930.00), meals (\$512.00) and mileage (\$81.22), estimated not to exceed \$1,523.22.

**CLERMONT COUNTY SHERIFF**

**Corporal Howard Glancy** – 5 days – Maineville, Ohio – Supervisor Leadership Institute – total expenses for registration (\$795.00), estimated not to exceed \$795.00.

**Lieutenant Mike White** – 3 days – Noblesville, Indiana – Critical Task in Jail/Correction Operations & Reducing Liability – total expenses for lodging (\$385.00), meals (\$207.00), registration (\$295.00) and other (\$125.00), estimated not to exceed \$1,012.00.

**CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

**Ainsley Knapke and Chris Rowland** – 3 days – Columbus, Ohio – Ohio Water Technical Conference & Expo – total expenses for lodging (\$651.00), meals (\$384.00), registration (\$955.00), and other (\$180.00), estimated not to exceed \$2,170.00.

**3. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (ODJFS) TITLE IV-E CHILD PLACEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE BUCKEYE RANCH FOR THE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES...23-0511-003...APPROVED**

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** by and between the County of Clermont, Ohio, and **The Buckeye Ranch**, 5665 Hoover Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123 for **residential treatment services for children** referred by the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services and/or Clermont County Juvenile Court, at the rates outlined therein, effective 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024, pursuant to the terms and conditions specified, **and contingent upon the release of the required Purchase Order.**

**4. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (ODJFS) TITLE IV-E CHILD PLACEMENT WITH THE MARSH FOUNDATION FOR GROUP HOME SERVICES...23-0512-002...APPROVED**

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** by and between the County of Clermont, Ohio, and **The Marsh Foundation** located at 1229 Lincoln Highway, Van Wert, Ohio 45891, and whose billing address is P.O. Box 150, Van Wert, Ohio 45891, for **group home services** for children referred by the Department of Job and Family Services and/or Clermont County Juvenile Court, at the rates identified, effective 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024, pursuant to the terms and conditions specified, **and contingent upon the release and receipt of a current Certificate of Liability Insurance, as well as, the required Purchase Order.**

**5. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (ODJFS) TITLE IV-E CHILD PLACEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TALBERT HOUSE & AFFILIATES FOR THE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES...23-0516-002...APPROVED**

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** by and between the County of Clermont, Ohio, and **Talbert House & Affiliates**, 2600 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206, for **residential treatment services** for female youth referred by the Department of Job and Family Services and/or Clermont County Juvenile Court, at the rates outlined therein, effective 04/17/2023 through 04/16/2024, pursuant to the terms and conditions specified, **and contingent upon the receipt of the required Purchase Order.**

**6. IN RE: COUNTY ENGINEER...KLINE STATION SUBDIVISION/SECTION ONE AND SECTION TWO/PIERCE TOWNSHIP...RELEASE OF A MAINTENANCE BOND AND ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS INTO THE PIERCE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC ROAD SYSTEM...22-0517-001...APPROVED**

Recommendation to authorize the release of a One Year Maintenance Bond for the following subdivision within Pierce Township, and to accept the streets in the lengths stated as public roads for placement into the Pierce Township Public Road System:

| Subdivision/Location  | Maintenance | Streets/Length (miles)  |
|---|-------------|---|
| Kline Station Subdivision<br>Section One and Section Two<br>Pierce Township | \$12,000.00 | Floral Avenue (0.038)<br>Ticket Way (0.166)<br>Platform Street (0.222)<br>Depot Court (0.032)<br>South Kline Avenue (0.084) |

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

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

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

**7. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH HOPE TREE CONSULTING LLC FOR SPECIALIZED CARE SERVICES FOR YOUTH FOR SAME...23-0510-004...EXECUTED**

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

Recommendation to execute a **Service Agreement** by and between the County of Clermont, Ohio,

and Hope Tree Consulting LLC, 9683 Clys Road, Dayton, Ohio 45458, for Specialized Care Services for youth referred by Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services, Children's Services Division, at the rate of \$135.00 per hour, billable in 15-minute increments at the rate of \$33.75, for a total amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, effective upon execution for a period of one year, pursuant to the terms and conditions specified, and contingent upon the release and receipt 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.

**8. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO (CCAO) SERVICE CORPORATION AND THE OHIO CSEA DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION, INC. (OCDA) REGARDING THE USAGE OF THE CLEAR SERVICES SUBSCRIBER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION AND WEST PUBLISHING CORPORATION, A THOMSON REUTERS BUSINESS, FOR THE PROVISION OF INTERNET-BASED LOCATION DATA AND PRISON DATA...23-0511-002...EXECUTED**

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

Recommendation to authorize Bonnie J. Batchler, President of the Board of Clermont County Commissioners to execute the Participation Agreement by and between the County of Clermont, Ohio, on behalf of the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) Service Corporation, 209 East State Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 and the Ohio CSEA Directors' Association, Inc. (OCDA), 1103 Schrock Road, Suite 309, Columbus, Ohio 43229, regarding the usage of the CLEAR Services Subscriber Agreement between the CCAO Service Corporation and West Publishing Corporation, a Thomson Reuters Business, attached as Exhibit A, for the provision of internet-based location data and prison data for individuals in Public Assistance programs, non-custodial parents and/or relatives for potential adoption placements, at the rates as outlined, effective for the period of 06/01/2023 through 05/31/2025, pursuant to the terms and conditions therein, and contingent upon the receipt of the required Purchase Orders.

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

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

**9. IN RE: BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT...AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF CENTERVILLE, OHIO, FOR SERVICES RELATIVE TO PLANS EXAMINATION AND INSPECTIONS FOR PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO SERVE AS BACK-UP AS REQUIRED BY THE OHIO BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS...23-0427-002...APPROVED**

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

Recommendation to approve the Agreement for Professional Services between the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, and the City of Centerville, 100 W. Spring Valley Pike, Centerville, Ohio 45458, to provide services for Plans Examination and Inspections for projects submitted, and to serve as back-up for plans examination and inspections, effective upon execution through 12/31/2024, as required by the Ohio Board of Building Standards, pursuant to the terms and conditions in the agreement and contingent upon the receipt 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.

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Batchler inquired if there were any additions to the agenda. No additional agenda items.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion by Commissioner Painter and seconded by Commissioner Corcoran, to go into Executive Session at 10:22 a.m. pursuant to section 121.22 (g)(1), (g)(2), (g)(4) and (g)(8) of the Ohio Revised Code 1) to consider the employment, promotion, or compensation of a public employee or more public employees; 2) to consider the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest; 3) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; 4) to consider negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, in connection with the location of the business of such entity pursuant to section 5709.40 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:** The Board of County Commissioners returned from Executive Session and resumed Regular Session at 10:57 a.m. after having 1) considered the employment, promotion, or compensation of a public employee or more public employees; 2) considered the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest; 3) prepared for, conducted, or reviewed negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; 4) considered negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, in connection with the location of the business of such entity pursuant to section 5709.40 of the Ohio Revised Code, with no action taken and no decisions made.

**COUNTY STAFF/ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Corcoran requested Mr. Bickford to give an update regarding Traverse Creek Condominiums in Milford, Ohio.

Greg Bickford, Assistant County Administrator, said that approximately 20 years ago, there was a section of the building code regarding fireplaces wherein the fireplace installer was supposed to have certified that the fireplace was completed within the manufacturer's specifications. The certifications made at that time may or may not have been accurate. The Clermont County Building Department advised the Traverse Creek Condominium Homeowners Association to have the fireplaces inspected and corrected or replaced. A permit fee is associated with this action of approximately \$122.00, plus a state surcharge fee of \$6.00. The Homeowners Association requested the Building Department waive those fees since 20-plus years have gone by since installing the fireplaces. The Board would be required to take action to have the permit fee of \$122.00 waived and would not be able to waive the state surcharge fee of \$6.00. The Building Department is working to put together a total amount for all the permits that will be needed and will present that in session for the Board's possible action to waive the fees.

**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 05/22/2023...23-0110-001...APPROVED**

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

Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, asked the Board to consider adding the Department of Public Safety Services Acceptance of the fact-finding report 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: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES...ACCEPTANCE OF THE FACT-FINDING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR CASE NUMBER 2022-MED-09-0894 IN AND AS IT RELATES TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC. REPRESENTING THE BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CLERMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES AND EXECUTION OF THE EMPLOYER CERTIFICATION OF FACT-FINDING VOTE FORM RELATIVE THERETO...23-0522-004...APPROVED**

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

Recommendation to approve the Fact-Finding Report and Recommendation dated 05/16/2023, for Case Number 2022-MED-09-0894 relative to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, by and between the County of Clermont, Ohio and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. representing the Emergency Resource Technician Bargaining Unit Employees of the Clermont County Department of Public Safety Services, previously ratified by the Board on 1/29/2020 for the period of 01/01/2020 through 12/31/2022, and further to authorize Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator to execute the Employer Certification of Fact-Finding Vote form relative thereto.

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

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

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Painter attended last week's National Association of Counties (NACO) Western Interstate Region (WIR) Conference in Utah. The discussion included topics of government-owned land and loss of revenue and how the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) make up for this loss. He said that as the Government is moving toward cleaner energy here in the Ohio Valley, we lose coal facilities and therefore lose the tax revenue for our schools. There needs to be consideration of how to replace that revenue loss as we move away from coal. We should consider the SRS program or similar programs to compensate for some of those losses.

Commissioner Corcoran congratulated Commissioner Batchler regarding her press release and thanked everyone for working on the Veterans Village Committee.

Commissioner Batchler spoke regarding the Veterans Village project and thanked Brad Moore and Desmond Maaytah for their commitment.

The Commissioners expressed gratitude to Bobby Pham, the Medal of Valor recipient. The Board

requested the County Administrator to speak with the Sheriff's office about having Mr. Pham and his family for a gathering to show the County's gratitude.

**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 11:10 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 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**

05/24/2023  
**DATE APPROVED**