

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JULY 19, 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 **07/12/2023**.

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

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

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
PICLLB Enterprises, Inc. DBA Sparkle Wash 2116 Natchez Trace Batavia, Ohio 45103 DC# 23-0630-007	Power Washing and Cleaning Services	07/19/2023 to 07/18/2025
Laserline 14557 State Route 119 East Anna, Ohio 45302 DC# 23-0608-001	Application of Rust Control on Vehicles and Equipment	07/19/2023 to 07/18/2026
Reliacor Inc. 160 Hidden Acres Drive	Facility Maintenance and Repair	07/19/2023 to

West Union, Ohio 45693 DC# 23-0615-003		07/18/2026
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2. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS... TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS FROM CLERMONT COUNTY EMPLOYEES...23-0630-005...APPROVED

Recommendation to authorize Bonnie J. Batchler, President of the Board of County Commissioners, to execute Tuition Assistance Applications submitted by the following employee for participation in the Clermont County Tuition Assistance Program, pursuant to Section 4.12 of the Clermont County Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual:

Department / Employee	Class Name
Office of Management and Budget (OMB) / Holly Isaacs	Ethical Leadership in Public Service Public Administration Capstone

3. IN RE: BLANKET TRAVEL REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ELIGIBLE ROUTINE TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS, ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR PROGRAMS DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2023...APPROVED

Recommendation to approve the following blanket travel request for reimbursement of eligible expenses for participation by the following Department and/or Staff, as it relates to reimbursement of routine travel expenses (excluding expenses for overnight accommodations, meals for more than one day, registration fees, tuition, and/or transportation by common carrier) relative to all meetings, organizations and/or programs during Calendar Year 2023, pursuant to the current policy for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses (Section 4.08) adopted by the Board of County Commissioners and in compliance with the Annual Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023 and any amendments as outlined below:

Elected Official/Department	Meetings, Organizations and/or Programs
County Sheriff Robert S. Leahy and/or Staff DC# 22-1214-002	Ohio School Safety Center

4. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER...LEBANON VILLAGE SUBDIVISION/UNION TOWNSHIP...RECORD PLAT NUMBER 629-3420 FOR THE REPLAT OF LOT 1 WITHIN SAME...23-0710-003...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute Record Plat Number 629-3420 for the Replat of Lot 1 outlined below:

Subdivision/Location	Record Plat Number	Reason for Replat
Lebanon Village Subdivision Replat of Lot 1 Union Township	629-3420	To create new lots 1A and 1B.

5. IN RE: INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT...RESOLUTION DETERMINING PERSONAL PROPERTY IS UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT AND NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR COUNTY USE AND TO APPROVE THE POSTING AND SALE OF SAME BY INTERNET AUCTION WITH GOVDEALS, INC...23-0630-008...APPROVED

Recommendation resolving to determine that certain personal property is unneeded, obsolete or unfit and no longer necessary for county use as described in Exhibit "A" and to authorize Greg Bickford to approve the posting and sale of the afore stated property by internet auction with GovDeals, Inc., 100 Capitol Commerce Blvd, Suite 110, Montgomery, Alabama 36117, in concert with the Agreement ratified by the Board of County Commissioners on 04/08/09 relative thereto,

and pursuant to and in compliance with Section 307.12(E) of the Ohio Revised Code. If no bid is received by the posted bid ending date and time for any specific item, the item will be determined to be valueless and may be discarded or salvaged pursuant to Section 307.12(I) the Ohio Revised Code.

6. IN RE: INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT/THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION...EXTENSION NO. 3 TO THE CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH COMBINED PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR THE INMATE PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE CLERMONT COUNTY JAIL...18-0302-006...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute Extension No. 3 to the Contract for Services for the Inmate Phone System for the Clermont County Jail between the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, and Combined Public Communications, Inc., P.O. Box 76573, Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076 (100 Aqua Drive, Cold Spring, Kentucky 41076), previously ratified by the Board of County Commissioners on 08/15/2018, and extended on 07/21/2021 and 08/10/2022, to exercise the third and final extension of an additional one year through 08/14/2024, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein and in compliance with the contract.

7. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (ODJFS) TITLE IV-E CHILD PLACEMENT AGREEMENT WITH LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES...23-0628-004...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 Lighthouse Youth Services, Inc., 401 East McMillian Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206, for the provision of foster care services for a specific child referred by the Department of Job and Family Services and/or Clermont County Juvenile Court, at the rates as outlined therein, effective 08/25/2023 through 08/24/2024, pursuant to the terms and conditions specified, and contingent upon the release of the required Purchase Order.

8. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (ODJFS) TITLE IV-E CHILD PLACEMENT AGREEMENT WITH LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES...23-0628-003...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 Lighthouse Youth Services, Inc., 401 East McMillian Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206, for the provision of foster care services for a specific child referred by the Department of Job and Family Services and/or Clermont County Juvenile Court, at the rates as outlined therein, effective 08/25/2023 through 08/24/2024, pursuant to the terms and conditions specified, and contingent upon the release of the required Purchase Order.

9. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER...2023 ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP AUTHORITIES...23-0616-002...APPROVED

Recommendation to approve the time and place of the 2023 Annual Meeting of County and Township Authorities directly involved with the construction and repair of roads and bridges within Clermont County, Ohio, with the meeting to be held at **6:00 P.M. Local Time on Thursday, September 21, 2023**, at the Clermont County Engineer's Shared Conference Room, 2381 Clermont Center Drive, Batavia, OH 45103, pursuant to and in compliance with Section 5543.06 of the Ohio Revised Code.

10. 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 Anthony Brock and Judge Kevin Miles – 3 days – Columbus, Ohio – 2023 Annual Meeting of the Ohio Judicial Conference – total expenses for lodging (\$768.00), meals (\$384.00), mileage (\$317.02), registration (\$750.00), and other (\$60.00), estimated not to exceed \$2,279.02.

CLERMONT COUNTY SHERIFF

Detective Jason Swallen – 3 days – London, Ohio – Sexual Assault Investigation Training at Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy – total expenses for lodging (\$302.00), meals (\$192.00), registration (\$230.00) and other (\$50.00), estimated not to exceed \$774.00.

CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES

Mike Long – 1 day – Batavia, Ohio – Technical Learning College online course Chemical Contaminants 201-16 –registration (\$200.00), estimated not to exceed \$200.00.

Randy Davis, Greg Costello, Doug Martin, Kevin Saunders, Brian Williamson and Chelsea Bates – 2 days – Batavia, Ohio – Operator Training Committee of Ohio, Inc. (OTCO) Annual Class III & IV Workshop for Water & Wastewater Operators (Webinar) – registration (\$2,040.00), estimated not to exceed \$2,040.00.

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

12. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...RESOLUTION NUMBER 099-23/PAYMENT OF BILLS...APPROVED

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

Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners adopt **Resolution Number 099-23** resolving to approve payment to vendors **in the total amount of \$1,989,404.73** as set forth in the BCC Approval Invoice Report for Checks dated **July 19, 2023**, BCC Directed Pre-Paid Invoices Report(s) and/or the Procurement Card Transaction Report as presented by the County Auditor on **07/17/2023**, 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 Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes.

13. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...RESOLUTION NUMBER 100-023 TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A .75 MILL RENEWAL TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAMS...23-0622-001...ADOPTED

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

Recommendation to adopt **Resolution Number 100-023** resolving to proceed with the submission of the question of levying a .75 mill renewal tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for county developmental disabilities programs for a period of five (5) years, to be placed on the 2023 tax list and duplicate for first collection in 2024 and through 2028, for the operation of community programs and services authorized by county boards of developmental disabilities, for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of developmental disabilities facilities, or for both of such purposes, as it relates to the submission of the question of the tax to the electorate of the entire territory of Clermont County, Ohio, at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, 11/07/2023, pursuant to and in compliance with Sections 5705.222 and 5705.03 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.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: Dan Ottke, Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities Superintendent, thanked the board for supporting the Developmental Disabilities programs. The Board thanked the Developmental Disabilities team for everything they do.

14. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...AGREEMENT WITH OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA (OKI) REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF CLERMONT, OHIO...23-0630-001...EXECUTED

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

Recommendation to authorize Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to execute an Agreement by and between the County of Clermont, Ohio and the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) Regional Council of Governments, 720 East Pete Rose Way, Suite 420, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 for comprehensive regional planning services for the County of Clermont, Ohio for a total amount not to exceed \$69,566.00 effective 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024, pursuant to and in compliance with the terms and conditions set forth therein.

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

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

15. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/FLEET MAINTENANCE DIVISION...DONATION OF A 2010 DODGE AVENGER MOTOR VEHICLE TO THE CLERMONT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT...23-0630-004...APPROVED

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

Recommendation that the Board of Clermont County Commissioners donate to the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District, 1000 Locust Street, Owensville, Ohio 45160, a 2010 Dodge Avenger motor vehicle, Vehicle Identification Number 1B3CC4FD7AN175535, pursuant to and in compliance with Section 307.12 (D) 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.

16. IN RE: INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT (ISD)/THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION (TTD)...EXECUTION OF THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE NUMBER OPP-00523128 WITH CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY LLC FOR AVAYA PROGRAMMING...23-0626-002...EXECUTED

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

Recommendation to authorize Bonnie J. Batchler, President of the Board of County Commissioners, to execute The Right to Engage Number OPP-00523128, by and between the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, and Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC, 221 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201, for the provision of programming services on Clermont County's Avaya phone system, at a rate not to exceed \$3,700.00 for 20 hours of support, 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.

17. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM SUBGRANT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (ODJFS) AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL AREA 12 IN AND AS IT RELATES TO THE USE OF SUBGRANT FUNDS ALLOCATED TO LOCAL AREA 12 BY ODJFS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 5101.20 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE FOR THE PERIOD OF 07/01/2023 THROUGH 06/30/2025...23-0627-001...EXECUTED

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

Recommendation to authorize the execution of the Local Workforce Development System Subgrant Agreement by and among the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and Local Area 12 representatives including the Butler, Clermont and Warren County Commissioners (Subgrantee), who are the Chief Elected offices of Local Area 12, the Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) for Local Area 12, and the Warren County Board of Commissioners as the Fiscal Agent for Local Area 12, by Clermont County Commissioner David L. Painter, in his capacity of Clermont County's representative on the Area 12 Chief Elected Official (CEO) Consortium, with said Subgrant Agreement to define the roles and responsibilities of said parties, as well as, to identify the terms, conditions, and requirements for the administration and use of the Subgrant funds allocated to Local Area 12 by ODJFS for the administration of workforce development activities for the period of 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2025, for a total Subgrant Agreement amount not to exceed the amount specified in the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Allocation Letters in accordance with the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA), the authorizing federal statutes and the funding agreements for each funding source authorized under the Subgrant Agreement, pursuant to the terms and conditions specified therein and in accordance with Section 5101.20 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

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

18. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER...CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 AND FINAL TO THE CONTRACT WITH JTM SMITH CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR PROJECT NUMBER WA-21-19 RELATIVE TO THE CEDARVILLE ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT C26-4.78 LOCATED IN WAYNE TOWNSHIP...22-0526-004...EXECUTED

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

Recommendation to authorize Bonnie J. Batchler, President of the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, to execute Change Order Number 1 and Final to the Contract with JTM Smith Construction, Inc., P.O. Box 223, Fayetteville, Ohio 45118, relative to the Cedarville Road Bridge Replacement, Project Number WA-21-19 located in Wayne Township, which represents an increase in the amount of \$38,948.83, for a total adjusted contract price to date of \$428,023.83 for additions, deletions and/or modifications thereto as defined therein.

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

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

19. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT... RESOLUTION NUMBER 101-23 LEVYING FINAL REVISED ASSESSMENTS FOR PROJECT NUMBER 6401-60132 RELATIVE TO THE PLUM STREET WATER PETITION PROJECT LOCATED IN GOSHEN TOWNSHIP...16-0912-001...ADOPTED

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

Recommendation to adopt **Resolution Number 101-23** resolving to levy the final revised assessments for Project Number 6401-60132 relative to the Plum Street Water Petition Project located in Goshen Township, as set forth in Exhibits A & B, for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs attributable thereto; to allow for at least a minimum thirty (30) day principal payment period to expire 08/18/23; and subsequent thereto, to authorize the certification to the Clermont County Auditor for collection of any unpaid assessments for the same period of time and at the same interest rate for which the assessment bonds are to be issued in anticipation of the collection thereof, pursuant to and in compliance with Chapter 6103 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

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

20. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT... RESOLUTION NUMBER 102-23 LEVYING FINAL REVISED ASSESSMENTS FOR PROJECT NUMBER 6401-60091 RELATIVE TO THE RANCHO LANE WATER PETITION PROJECT LOCATED IN UNION TOWNSHIP...17-0829-003...ADOPTED

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

Recommendation to adopt **Resolution Number 102-23** resolving to levy the final revised assessments for Project Number 6401-60091 relative to the Rancho Lane Water Petition Project

located in Union Township, as set forth in Exhibits A & B, for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs attributable thereto; to allow for at least a minimum thirty (30) day principal payment period to expire 08/18/23; and subsequent thereto, to authorize the certification to the Clermont County Auditor for collection of any unpaid assessments for the same period of time and at the same interest rate for which the assessment bonds are to be issued in anticipation of the collection thereof, pursuant to and in compliance with Chapter 6103 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.

**21. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT...
RESOLUTION NUMBER 103-23 LEVYING FINAL REVISED
ASSESSMENTS FOR PROJECT NUMBER 6401-60149 RELATIVE TO
THE TAYLOR AVENUE WATER PETITION PROJECT LOCATED IN
STONELICK TOWNSHIP...18-1114-002...ADOPTED**

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

Recommendation to adopt **Resolution Number 103-23** resolving to levy the final revised assessments for Project Number 6401-60149 relative to the Taylor Avenue Water Petition Project located in Stonelick Township, as set forth in Exhibits A & B, for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs attributable thereto; to allow for at least a minimum thirty (30) day principal payment period to expire 08/18/23; and subsequent thereto, to authorize the certification to the Clermont County Auditor for collection of any unpaid assessments for the same period of time and at the same interest rate for which the assessment bonds are to be issued in anticipation of the collection thereof, pursuant to and in compliance with Chapter 6103 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

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

**22. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT...
CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH OHIO VALLEY
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, INC., DBA ENVIRONMENTAL
ENGINEERING SERVICE, FOR PROJECT NUMBER 6402-60228 FOR
THE LEGENDARY TRAILS SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION
SYSTEM PROJECT...22-1027-004...EXECUTED**

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

Recommendation to execute a Contract for Professional Services by and between the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, and Ohio Valley Environmental Engineering, Inc., dba Environmental Engineering Service, 13 Cherokee Trail, New Richmond, Ohio 45157, for Project Number 6402-60228 for design services for the Legendary Trails Sanitary Sewer Collection System Project located in Pierce Township, as outlined in Exhibit A from their proposal dated June 9, 2023, for a total amount not to exceed \$172,452.50, with said services to be completed within 180 consecutive calendar days upon issuance of a written Notice to Proceed from the Clermont County Water Resources Department, exclusive of County review time, and contingent upon the release of the required Purchase Order.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Painter said there were some questions from the Legendary Trails community residents and asked if their concerns had been addressed. The primary concern was the time lapse between the meeting in March and when the project would move forward. Mr. Bloom said yes, all questions have been answered, and letters will be sent out once the project starts.

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

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

23. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT... RESOLUTION NUMBER 104-23 DETERMINING TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PROJECT NUMBER 6402-60202 FOR THE BRANCH HILL GUINEA ROAD SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT LOCATED IN MIAMI TOWNSHIP AND REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS...22-0812-005...ADOPTED

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

Recommendation to adopt **Resolution Number 104-23** *to determine to make improvements* for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the ***Branch Hill Guinea Road Sewer Extension Project*** located in Miami Township, as set forth in Exhibit A, and designated as ***Project Number 6402-60202***, in conformance with the detailed plans, specifications, and estimates of cost and financing, and ***to approve the request to advertise for bids*** for Project Number 6402-60202, pursuant to the plans and specifications, and to authorize the Clerk of the Board to place a Legal Notice in a newspaper of general circulation on Thursday, 07/27/23, scheduling a non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on Thursday, 08/17/23, at 10:00 A.M., with bids to be received until **2:00 P.M. Local Time on Thursday, 08/24/23** in the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, 101 East Main Street, Batavia, Ohio 45103, where they will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly thereafter. This notice will also be posted on Clermont County's website at the following URL link: www.clermontcountyohio.gov <<http://www.clermontcountyohio.gov>>.

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

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

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

COUNTY STAFF/ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION: **Jessica Wiederhold, Director, Clermont County Department of Public Safety Services**, provided an overview of Text to 911. The Text to 911 was approved for Clermont County in March of this year, with testing and training completed in April. Dispatchers began responding to any text messages sent to 911 and can send a link to receive an exact location for the emergency. Texting 911 can be beneficial if there is a language barrier, the caller feels unsafe speaking, and for the hearing/speech impaired. The text messages come in through a rapid SOS portal with a GPS location of the phone.

Commissioner Corcoran asked if there is an additional charge. Ms. Wiederhold said there is no additional charge besides the fees already included with your phone company.

Commissioner Painter asked if voice-to-text works also. Ms. Wiederhold responded that it does work. Commissioner Painter asked if it worked with the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Ms. Wiederhold replied that 988 integration needs work, and currently, there is no integration.

MEMBER COMMENTS: Commissioner Painter commented on the lack of communication between New Richmond Development Corporation (NRDC), the current owner of the former Beckjord Power Plant site, Clermont County citizens, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on the remediation plan at the site. His concern is that the ash pit residues are still in unlined ponds in contact with the drinking water well. Commissioner Painter noted that the drinking water well was shut down, and interceptor wells were installed. The hazardous material is still sitting next to our waterway, and it isn't going to go away; the plume will continue to develop, and eventually, it could affect our water wells. We would then have to use our Clermont County Water Resources Department to remove contaminants from the water if the owners convert to direct injection. NRDC had an

environmental company write a plan to directly inject or treat aquifer water with chemicals with no notice to Clermont County citizens. Our only notice about the treatments by NRDC was that a Cincinnati news outlet did a story on the plan. Commissioner Painter asked Lyle Bloom, Director Clermont County Water Resources, about what he knows regarding this situation, the upcoming meetings with OEPA, and the path forward.

Mr. Bloom said there is a regularly scheduled meeting with the OEPA about this project. He has forwarded the invite for the meetings to the USEPA as he would like both agencies to be involved. The USEPA is not attending the scheduled meetings currently. The OEPA did contact NRDC asking them to suspend their plan for the injection wells until they have an opportunity to meet with the county. The representative from NRDC was copied on or included in the email chain regarding a meeting with the OEPA. He hopes that the meeting will take place sometime next week.

Commissioner Corcoran asked how many years this has been going on. Mr. Bloom said the early 1990s is when it all began, and in the mid-1990s, the interceptor well was installed. The interceptor well has been working. The interceptor pumps water out of the ground, and it has been effective at mitigating and keeping that sulfate from migrating further into our wellfields. A couple of years ago, we supported a plan to install a second interceptor well for redundancy if the first interceptor well, which has been in operation for close to 30 years, might fail. Now, they can alternate use, and it provides better protection for our water supply for our customers.

Commissioner Painter thanked Mr. Bloom, but he stressed that these meetings need to be public because people need to know what's being injected into their groundwater and understand and be able to ask questions in these processes. Commissioner Painter further stated that we might need to seek legal counsel for more answers. It has gone on way too long and could be a multi-million-dollar clean-up just to remove the material and put it into a lined pond or in another location in dry storage.

Commissioner Painter relayed information about the Fernald Plant and the stored uranium, which was mitigated by installing a water treatment facility that extracted that contaminated material from the aquifer, cleaned it, and re-injected it into the sole source aquifer. He does not think Clermont County can wait much longer and should make a legal standing on this issue.

Commissioner Batchler thanked Mr. Bloom and said she never understood why or how they were allowed to do the ash pits because you must know that it will seep into the groundwater. Mr. Bloom replied that the Beckjord Power Plant was built before the Clean Water Act was passed in 1972. The Beckjord plant dates to the mid-1950s, and the well fields were installed about the same time.

Commissioner Painter said the USEPA has suggested that inactive fly ash pits should be treated the same as active fly ash; however, they keep giving leeway to Legacy Impoundments because of the cost of excavating this material. We have an opportunity this week to address that with a resolution to EPA. He said we will do that and see if they won't provide regulations that give a stronger bite in situations like this. The fact that it is in contact with the groundwater changes everything and our legislation here in the state needs to address this because if this becomes a 30-million-dollar cleanup, the company is going to say we will pass it onto the ratepayers. He further noted that other states have regulated this by legislation, saying you can't pass that cost on; you reap the benefits of the profits from generating this electricity or mining this coal, therefore, you have to provide the cleanup. Commissioner Painter asked Mr. Bloom what he thought clean-up would cost. Mr. Bloom said if all you had to do were scrub the sulfates out of the water, just the capital investment at the treatment plant would be around 30 million dollars. This is very significant as we do not have that in our budget.

Commissioner Painter said if the energy company were required to clean it up, they would pass the cost right onto the ratepayers. He thanked Mr. Bloom.

Commissioner Batchler reminded everyone that the Clermont County Fair Parade is this coming Sunday and the start of the Clermont County Fair. She hopes for good weather.

Commissioner Painter wanted to share that an employee in the Clermont County Treasurer's Office was baptized in the River Jordan this past week.

Commissioner Painter stated that Mr. Eigel, County Administrator spoke to him about Clermont County Community Services (CCCS) requesting support for a grant to help shelter the homeless here in the county. He noted they live in a motel in Union Township and there is pushback on the location of one of the motels with emergency services to the facility. Commissioner Batchler asked about the calls to 911 and if it was the homeless calling or other people staying at the hotel/motel.

Commissioner Painter said if we don't have the funding, we can't address the homeless situation in the County. What is the alternative? If the money is provided to CCCS and someone is homeless, they say you can stay at this facility and the stay will be paid for, but it is still up to the business owner to take that person or not; it is the business owner's decision. Commissioner Batchler stated that we need to find a place for them to stay, or they will end up on the streets like the veterans.

Commissioner Painter mentioned having a meeting about the homeless issue. Commissioner Corcoran responded that a meeting is being planned, and the background information and location are known. A statement at this time regarding how it will be handled is premature. She said we need to meet with everyone first, address the problems, and decide how to move forward. This will be worked out as always, as united.

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 10:45 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.

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