

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2023, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: PRESIDENT BONNIE J. BATCHLER, 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>.

FOR THE RECORD: Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

The Board acknowledged Commissioner Corcoran's absence from today's Regular Session.

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

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

IN RE: MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION...APPROVED

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

To approve the minutes of Regular Session of **09/20/2023**.

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

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

PROCLAMATION: Commissioner Batchler presented a proclamation designating the month of October 2023 as "Disability Employment Awareness" Month in Clermont County to Jacob West.

Dan Ottke, Clermont DD Superintendent, thanked Mr. West and his family for coming to accept the Proclamation today. The Developmental Disability Board serves hundreds of individuals employed throughout Clermont County and is thankful to the employers for their support and opportunities. Mr. Ottke appreciates the County and the residents' continued support.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No one requested to address the Board.

COUNTY STAFF/ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION: Commissioner Batchler moved up County Staff/Elected Officials Discussion.

Wade Grabowski, Director, Facilities Management, introduced program manager **Jason Fleming, Garmann-Miller,** who provided an update on the Filager Campus Improvement Phase 1 Project. Mr. Fleming provided pictures of footings, foundations, rebar, and a water meter pit. Mr. Fleming advised the Board that a change order related to subpar soils for a sanitary line may be presented at the next meeting.

Commissioner Painter asked what the schedule is looking like. Mr. Fleming responded, saying the schedule was still on track per the contract. Final completion for the project is September of 2024. Commissioner Batchler said there is always progress happening.

Mr. Grabowski gave an update regarding Juvenile Court Expansion. The earthwork is about

completed. The landscaping has been approved and the trees have been ordered. The audio-visual change order was completed. There could be a future change order for ductwork problems due to condensation. The current official occupancy date is April 4, 2024. The contractor has recently submitted a lost days and time report, which is being reviewed.

Once the Juvenile Court Expansion project is completed, the Probate Court will be started as an in-house project. The last part of the build is a hallway right in front of the existing Juvenile court building to connect Domestic Court.

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

1. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION SERVICE AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH SEDGWICK CLAIMS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., FOR RECEIVING, PROCESSING, EXAMINING AND ADMINISTERING CLAIMS FILED ON BEHALF OF CLERMONT COUNTY RELATIVE TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION...23-0915-002...EXECUTED

Recommendation to authorize Bonnie J. Batchler, President of the Board of County Commissioners, to execute the Unemployment Compensation Service Agency Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, and Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc., 8125 Sedgwick Way, Memphis, TN 38125-1128, designating Sedgwick as the Exclusive Representative of the County of Clermont, Ohio, to receive, process, examine and administer claims filed on behalf of Clermont County, Ohio in and as it relates to unemployment compensation, for a two-year term with the effective periods and costs delineated below, pursuant to and in compliance with the terms and conditions set forth and contingent upon the required purchase order.

Term of Unemployment Compensation Service Agency Agreement	Annual Fee
November 1, 2023 - October 31, 2024	\$4,400.00
November 1, 2024 - October 31, 2025	\$4,400.00

2. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...WORKERS' COMPENSATION SERVICE AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH SEDGWICK CLAIMS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. FOR RECEIVING, PROCESSING, ANALYZING, AND EXAMINING CLAIMS FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY'S RISK WITH THE OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION...23-0915-003...EXECUTED

Recommendation to authorize Bonnie J. Batchler, President of the Board of County Commissioners, to execute the Workers' Compensation Service Agency Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, and Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc., 8125 Sedgwick Way, Memphis, TN 38125-1128 designating Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. as the Exclusive Agent of the County of Clermont, Ohio, to receive, process, analyze, and examine claims filed against the County's risk with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, for a two-year term with the effective periods and costs delineated below, pursuant to and in compliance with the terms and conditions set forth and contingent upon the required purchase order.

Period	Annual Fee
November 1, 2023 - October 31, 2024	\$18,400.00
November 1, 2024 - October 31, 2025	\$18,400.00

3. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CHILD FOCUS, INC. RELATIVE TO THE PROVISION OF INDEPENDENT LIVING/LIFE SKILLS TRAINING SERVICES...23-0912-002...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute the Service Agreement between the County of Clermont, Ohio, and Child Focus, Inc., 4629 Aicholtz Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244, for the provision of Independent Living/Life Skills training services for youth, fourteen (14) years of age and older, who are in the custody of the Department of Job and Family Services, Children’s Protective Services Division, at the rate of \$9,425.00 per each eight (8) week training series, including pre/post individual sessions, for a total amount not to exceed \$47,125.00, effective 08/17/2023 through 8/16/2024, pursuant to the terms and conditions and contingent upon the release of the required Purchase Order.

4. 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 DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Aimee Burke, Gina Stebbins and Sandi Webster – 4 days – Columbus, Ohio – Public Children Services Association of Ohio Conference – total expenses for lodging (\$1,330.05), meals (\$768.00), mileage (\$412.39), registration (\$1,200.00) and other (\$60.00), estimated not to exceed \$3,770.44.

Sanna Gast – 3 days – Lewis Center, Ohio – Ohio Job and Family Services Directors’ Association Conference – total expenses for lodging (\$151.51), meals (\$177.00), mileage (\$170.30) and registration (\$495.00), estimated not to exceed \$993.81.

CLERMONT COUNTY MUNICIPAL ADULT PROBATION

Ashley Patton, Clarissa DeBoard and Samantha McDaniel – 1 day – Dayton, Ohio – Navigating Addiction – total expenses for registration (\$69.54) and other (\$50.00), estimated not to exceed \$119.54.

CLERMONT COUNTY SHERIFF

Detective Jason Swallen – 2 days – Lebanon, Ohio – Sexual Offenses: Mind and Motivation Training - total expenses for registration (\$325.00), estimated not to exceed \$325.00.

CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES

Kelly Barrett – 2 days – Hillsboro, Ohio – Highland County Water Company: License Renewal Workshops for Water & Wastewater Operators, total expenses for registration (\$300.00), estimated not to exceed \$300.00.

CLERMONT COUNTY BUILDING AND INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

Heather Woodall – 1 day – Newport, Kentucky – Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky Stormwater Field Day - total expenses for mileage (\$33.27) and registration (\$50.00), estimated not to exceed \$83.27.

CLERMONT COUNTY INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

Mark Hagerman and Mike Elias – 10 days – Batavia, Ohio – Microsoft 365 Exchange Online Administration Course - total expenses for registration (\$3,600.00), estimated not to exceed \$3,600.00.

5. 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.

6. 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:

APPROPRIATION CHANGES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

<u>FUND</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION - OBJECT - ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	Childrens Protective Services BARGAINING UNIT - SALARY 2401 - 06 - 01 - 082000 - 511700 -	\$ (275,000.00)
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	Childrens Protective Services OVERTIME 2401 - 06 - 01 - 082000 - 512100 -	\$ 50,000.00
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	Childrens Protective Services FRINGE BENEFITS 2401 - 06 - 01 - 082000 - 520000 -	\$ 225,000.00

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

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

7. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...RESOLUTION NUMBER 136-23/PAYMENT OF BILLS...APPROVED

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

Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners adopt **Resolution Number 136-23** resolving to approve payment to vendors **in the total amount of \$6,919,454.71** as set forth in the BCC Approval Invoice Report for Checks dated **September 27, 2023**, BCC Directed Pre-Paid Invoices Report(s) and/or the Procurement Card Transaction Report as presented by the County Auditor on **09/25/2023**, and further authorizing the County Auditor to issue warrants for same pursuant to Section 319.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Batchler noted over \$4M was for the paving program.

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

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

8. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER...REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR PROJECT NUMBER LS-08-23 RELATIVE TO THE 2022 LANDSLIDES PROJECT LOCATED IN VARIOUS TOWNSHIP...23-0915-001...APPROVED

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

Recommendation to approve the request to advertise for bids for Project Number LS-08-23 relative to the 2022 Landslides Project located in Various Township, 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 10/05/2023 with bids to be received until **2:00 P.M. Local Time on Thursday, 10/19/2023**, in the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, 101 East Main Street, Batavia, Ohio 45103-2960, where they will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly thereafter. This notice is also posted on Clermont County's website at the following URL link: www.clermontcountyohio.gov.

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

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

9. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT... CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH PERFORMANCE PIPELINING, INC. FOR PROJECT NUMBER 6402-62009 FOR THE COLLECTION SYSTEM REHABILITATION - LOCUST LAKE, BETHEL & SR 132 AREAS PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN PIERCE AND STONELICK TOWNSHIPS AND THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL...22-0304-003...EXECUTED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, 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 County Commissioners, or in her absence, any other member of the Board of County Commissioners, to execute Change Order Number 1 to the Contract with Performance Pipelining, Inc., 1551 W. Norris Drive, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, previously ratified by the Board of County Commissioners on 06/15/2022, for Project Number 6402-62009 for the Collection System Rehabilitation - Locust Lake, Bethel & SR 132 Areas Project located within Pierce and Stonelick Townships and the Village of Bethel, which represents a decrease in the amount of \$715,032.86, for a total adjusted contract price to date of \$3,494,911.24, as well as, a non-compensable extension of time of 78 calendar days, for a revised contract completion date of 05/18/2023, for additions, deletions and/or modifications as defined.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Painter said anytime we can get a decrease, we will move on it.

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

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

10. IN RE: INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT/THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION...EXECUTION OF THE SERVICES AGREEMENT Q-0003249 FOR VOICE AND DATA TRANSPORT SERVICES WITH CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC AND TO SUPERSEDE THE PREVIOUS AGREEMENT #02450731...23-0823-003...EXECUTED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County

Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation to supersede Services Agreement Number 02450731 with a new Services Agreement Q-0003249 and to authorize Bonnie J. Batchler, President of the Board of County Commissioners, to execute Services Agreement Q-0003249, 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 Voice and Data Transport Services for Clermont County Agencies/Departments/Offices, at the rates as defined on the Service Pricing Detail Cost Sheet, attached, for an estimated total yearly rate of \$119,496.76, for an estimated total contract amount not to exceed \$1,196,980.56, plus applicable regulatory fees, effective upon execution for a term of sixty (60) months, with all other terms and conditions of the original contract to remain in full force and effect and contingent upon the release of the Purchase Orders.

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

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

11. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES... AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY AT THE LISTED TOWER SITES...EXECUTED

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

Recommendation to execute an Agreement by and between the Board of Clermont County Commissioners, 101 East Main Street, Batavia, Ohio 45103 and Motorola Solutions, Inc., utilizing the OhioBuys (fka State of Ohio State Term) Contract #573077-0-1, for the replacement of the Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) at the listed Tower Sites, in accordance with the Scope of Services as identified in Exhibit A attached and pursuant to and in compliance with the terms and conditions and contingent upon the release of the required Purchase Order.

Tower Site	Amount not to exceed
Moscow Tower Site DC #23-0726-004	\$70,000.00
Grant Tower Site DC #23-0726-005	\$70,000.00

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Painter said he understood the price when he saw it was from OhioBuys.

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

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

12. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE IN PROCESSING MEDICAID CASES...23-0608-004...EXECUTED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, 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 County Commissioners, to execute Amendment Number One to the Contract between the County of Clermont, Ohio, and Washington County Department of Job and Family Services, previously ratified by the Board of County Commissioners on 06/28/2023, for the provision of assistance in processing Clermont County Medicaid cases, to increase the total amount not to exceed from

\$45,000.00 to \$200,000.00, an increase of \$155,000.00, effective for the period of 06/28/2023 through 05/31/2024, with all other terms and conditions of the original Contract to remain in full force and effect *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 Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

13. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH BEECH ACRES FOR THE PROVISION OF "BACK ON TRACK" FATHERHOOD CLASSES FOR CLIENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION...23-0912-003...EXECUTED

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

Recommendation to *execute the Contract for Services* between the County of Clermont, Ohio, and Beech Acres, 615 Elsinore Place, Suite 500, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, *for the provision of "Back on Track" fatherhood classes for clients of the Department of Job and Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Division,* at the rates specified, for a total amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, effective 10/01/2023 through 09/30/2024, pursuant to 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 Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

14. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CLERMONT COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST (FCF) RELATIVE TO REIMBURSEMENT OF OPERATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING FUND (OCBF), MULTI-SYSTEM YOUTH (MSY) CAPACITY FUND, AND FAMILY CENTERED SERVICES AND SUPPORTS (FCSS) EXPENDITURES TO FCF FOR SFY 2024...23-0807-003...EXECUTED

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

Recommendation to execute *Amendment Number One* to the *Memorandum of Understanding* between the Department of Job and Family Services, Children Protective Services Division, and Clermont County Family and Children First (FCF), 2400 Clermont Center Drive, Batavia, Ohio 45103, whose administrative agent is the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services, previously ratified by the Board of County Commissioners on 08/30/2023, for reimbursement to FCF for Operational Capacity Building Fund (OCBF), Multi-System Youth (MSY) Capacity Fund, and Family Centered Services and Support (FCSS) expenditures for SFY 2024, *to increase the total amount not to exceed from \$70,000.00 to \$79,651.00, an increase of \$9,651.00,* effective for the period of 07/01/2023 through 05/30/2024, with all other terms and conditions of the original Memorandum of Understanding to remain in full force and effect *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 Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

15. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION FOR

CALENDAR YEAR 2023...APPROVED

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

Recommendation to resolve to approve and authorize changes in the Annual Appropriation **Resolution Number 182-22** for Calendar Year 2023 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.40 as outlined in the following table and to authorize Linda L. Fraley, County Auditor, to properly record same:

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

<u>FUND</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION - OBJECT - ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ADVOCATE PROJECT	Advocate Project REGULAR SALARY 2061 - 02 - 04 - 381000 - 511200 -	\$ 20,000.00
ADVOCATE PROJECT	Advocate Project FRINGE BENEFITS 2061 - 02 - 04 - 381000 - 520000 -	\$ 6,500.00

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

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

16. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...TERMINATION OF THE EXISTING PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND ELIXIR RX SOLUTIONS...22-0428-001...APPROVED

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

Recommendation to terminate the Pharmacy Benefit Management Services Agreement which became effective January 1, 2022, between the Board of Clermont County Commissioners and Elixir Rx Solutions, LLC, 8921 Canyon Falls Boulevard, Suite 100, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087, in accordance with the terms set forth therein, including but not limited to Section 6.2 of the Agreement, and to authorize Benefits Coordinator, Yvonne Smith, to take all necessary actions to notify vendor of the termination and satisfy any and all remaining obligations of the Board in finalizing termination; policy termination to be effective end of day, December 31, 2023.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Painter asked if this would have any bearing on the final determination of health benefits. Yvonne Smith said the two options that are being considered do not include Elixir.

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

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

17. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...DISPOSITION OF THE APPOINTMENT TO THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD FOR THE CLEAR MOUNTAIN ENERGY CENTER LLC PROJECT IN CLERMONT COUNTY...23-0921-010...TABLED

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

Recommendation for the appointment of a Clermont County Commissioner or their Designated Alternate to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for the Clear Mountain Energy Center LLC

Certificate of Environmental Capability and Public Need for a Solar Facility in Clermont County, Ohio, pursuant to and in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 4906.21(C)(1)(b).

DISCUSSION: Gael Fawley, Clerk of the Board, requested to Table item #17 until Regular Session October 4, 2023.

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

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

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

IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...ADDITION OF TWO AGENDA ITEMS TO THE REGULAR SESSION OF 09/27/2023...23-0110-001...APPROVED

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

Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, asked the Board to consider adding 1) Inmate Food Services and 2) Pressley Ridge to Regular Session.

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

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

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

IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY SHERIFF...AMENDMENT TO AND EXTENSION OF FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE ADULT AND JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES ...18-0312-002...EXECUTED

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

Recommendation to execute an Amendment to the Extension of Food Service Contract by and between the Board of Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio, and Summit Food Services, LLC, whose address is 1751 County B Road W, #300, Roseville, MN 55113, for *Inmate Food Services for the Clermont County Adult and Juvenile Detention Facilities*, previously ratified by the Board of County Commissioners on 08/29/2018, extended on 09/04/2019, amended and renewed on 09/25/2019, amended on 06/17/2020, 09/23/2020, 09/28/2021, and 09/26/2022 *to extend the current term of the contract to November 14, 2023 or upon the execution of a new Service Agreement for the management of food service operations executed by the Parties to this Agreement, whichever comes first*, with all other terms and conditions and provisions of the original Contract for Services to remain in full force and effect unless otherwise modified by the amendment.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Painter asked if there was a cost increase in meals. Jenny Nichols said we are currently in negotiations.

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

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

IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...AMENDMENT TO AND RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PRESSLEY RIDGE FOR THE LEASE OF SPACE AT 2400 CLERMONT CENTER DRIVE,

BATAVIA, OHIO...23-0206-004...APPROVED

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

Recommendation to amend the Lease Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners, Clermont County, Ohio, and Pressley Ridge, 7162 Reading Road, Suite 900, Batavia, Ohio 45103, previously ratified by the Board of County Commissioners on 02/25/2023, for the lease of 898 sq. ft. of office space located in the Clermont County Family Support Center Building, 2400 Clermont Center Drive, Batavia, Ohio 45103, to revise Article III (d) as it relates to the "base level" for the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the Midwest East North Central Region index at the beginning of each renewal from the second half of 2020 to the second half of 2021; and further to renew the lease agreement for an additional one year period commencing on 10/01/2023 through 09/30/2024, at the rate of \$15.15 per square foot, for the annual amount \$13,604.70 which reflects the change in the CPI-U at the amended "base level", and is the first of three subsequent one year renewal terms available pursuant to Article III of said Agreement; with all other terms and conditions of the referenced Lease Agreement to remain in full force and effect.

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

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

IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...ADDITION OF ONE AGENDA ITEM TO THE REGULAR SESSION OF 09/27/2023...23-0110-001...APPROVED

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

Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, asked the Board to consider adding an Executive Session 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 Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion by Commissioner Painter and seconded by Commissioner Batchler, to go into Executive Session at 9:39 a.m. pursuant to section 121.22 (G)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code to consider the employment or discipline of a public employee or more public employees, respectively.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board of County Commissioners returned from Executive Session and resumed Regular Session at 10:29 a.m. after having considered the employment or discipline of a public employee or more public employees, with no action taken and no decisions made.

IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...ADDITION OF ONE AGENDA ITEM TO THE REGULAR SESSION OF 09/27/2023...23-0110-001...APPROVED

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

Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, asked the Board to consider adding a Personnel Action 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 Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

IN RE: PERSONNEL ACTIONS...APPROVED

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

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 Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

FOR THE RECORD: The Board wishes Susan Walther the best.

MEMBER COMMENTS: Commissioner Painter spoke regarding electric bills increasing their costs, in particular, the RER or Retail Energy Rider, and he did some research. Any energy riders are approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the PUCO. An electric company comes to the PUCO and submits a written request for why they need that cost. There is a tsunami of taxation and inflation. We should be aware of anything we can do to help seniors and those living on fixed incomes, including looking at CDBG and other programs to help people get some relief.

Commissioner Batchler commented that her electric bill has doubled. She spoke of a gentleman she met once when she was campaigning, and he was talking about how if a school levy went through, he would not be able to stay in his home. After the school levy passed, his house went on the market a year later.

Commissioner Painter requested that the County Administrator find out what options are available as Clermont County Commissioners to help provide relief to people due to triennial evaluations and if it is possible to provide a reduction on inside millage or a rebate on residential taxes.

Commissioner Batchler noted that the real estate tax increase did not come from County Auditor Linda Fraley. This came from the state tax commissioner, and Auditor Fraley did have meetings to do something about the increase. The postcards that were mailed out explaining the recourse for the triennial evaluation, for whatever reason, didn't get mailed immediately, and that's why they were late coming to the residences.

Commissioner Batchler mentioned that former Clermont County Commissioner Timothy Hogan passed away on September 22, 2023. He served from 1975 to 1979 and was the youngest person to be a commissioner in the State of Ohio then.

Commissioner Painter said that Judge Michael Voris passed away on September 24, 2023, and he

was a long-standing judge in Clermont County for years. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners, noting no further business to come before the commission for legislative action, adjourned this Regular Session at 10:39 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 Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

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10/04/2023
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