



Clermont County, Ohio
2011 Annual Citizens Report

Dear Fellow Clermont County Citizens,

As your county commissioners, we are working hard to ensure that this vibrant community is not only a great place to live and raise our families, but also an attractive place to grow businesses that create jobs. This annual report outlines many of the accomplishments of your county and related agencies in 2011, and looks ahead to some of the exciting projects planned for 2012.

We are pleased to report there are strong indicators that the overall local economy is gaining steam; in 2011, a number of local businesses announced expansion plans, including Total Quality Logistics, General Data, Auto Temp, and Global Scrap Management. We are seeing continued success in redeveloping the former Ford Transmission plant, where the University of Cincinnati East campus is growing and thriving. In addition, excitement is building as Jungle Jim's International Marketplace redevelops a major shopping plaza in Union Township; when it opens in 2012, the company expects over 100,000 visitors a week to the site, creating hundreds of jobs.



Clermont County works hard to provide citizens with the best services possible, at the lowest possible cost. In 2011, we held an open house at the new Bob McEwen Water Treatment Plant on Wards Corner Road. This high-tech facility will ensure that the infrastructure is in place to meet the demands of the growing northern part of the county.

Transparency is very important to us. We welcome you to attend commissioners meetings, but recognize that due to work and family commitments, that can be difficult. In 2011, we began making Board of Clermont County Commissioners meeting videos available, on demand, on our

website www.ClermontCountyOhio.gov, so that you can watch the meetings from the comfort of your home, whenever you have time. Both formal meetings and informal work sessions are available. We also broadcast the meetings on all Clermont County public access television channels. Commissioners meetings are generally held on Monday and Wednesday, beginning at 10 a.m.; the meetings are held on the third floor of the Clermont County Administration Building, located at 101 E. Main Street in Batavia. For specific meeting dates and times, and for an updated agenda, contact the BCC office at 732-7300 or visit the website www.bcc.ClermontCountyOhio.gov.

Your 2012 Board of Clermont County Commissioners,

Robert L. Proud

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The **Office of Economic Development** (OED) was restructured in 2011 into the **Department of Community and Economic Development** (CED). The departments of Community Planning and Development and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) were combined with OED, in an effort to streamline county planning efforts with its economic development strategies.



In 2011, Clermont County companies continued to grow stronger and began investing in their facilities and workforce again. Auto Temp, Inc. in the village of Batavia is one of those companies; Auto Temp is building an expansion at its facility and will create an additional 20 jobs, while retaining 120 employees. Another company, General Data in Union Township, purchased an existing building to accommodate its expansion plan and committed to creating approximately 40 jobs and retaining over 170 at its facilities in Clermont County. The redevelopment of the former Ford Transmission plant continues to be successful. Altimet, a division of Global Scrap Management, leased 100,000 square feet for immediate use and another 200,000 square feet for future expansion. UC East's enrollment increased to almost 1,000 students to begin its second year of operations. At the end of 2011, Total Quality Logistics announced it will create 1,000 new jobs over the next five years at a second 100,000 square foot office building at the Ivy Pointe Commerce Park.



Planning related activity also increased. A total of three new subdivisions, two revised subdivisions, and five subdivision approval extensions were reviewed by Planning Commission at their regularly scheduled monthly meetings. In addition to the increased activity in subdivisions, eleven zone changes, three zoning resolution text amendments, one dedication plat, and one subdivision variance request were presented by the department to the Clermont County Planning Commission. Under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Housing and Improvement Program (CHIP), and Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), approximately \$1.2

million in federal grant monies were invested in local communities, resulting in improvements to storm water drainage, home septic repair, home rehabilitation, home ownership, addition of a park shelter, picnic tables and benches, park repaving improvements, sidewalk and lighting improvements, and emergency alert equipment. ***The Department of Community and Economic Development is located at 2275 Bauer Road in Batavia. To learn more about the CED, call 732-7213, or visit the website www.ClermontCountyOhio.biz.***

During 2011, the **Clermont County Water Resources Department** (CCWRD) initiated the project to expand capacity at the Bob McEwen Water (BMW) Treatment Plant and add granular activated carbon (GAC) reaction basins to enhance drinking water quality and supply. By expanding the BMW Treatment Plant from 10 million gallons per day (MGD) to 20 MGD, drinking water supply capacity will be assured for the next 20 years. The addition of GAC treatment provides highly reliable removal of organics and other potential contaminants from our BMW source water, resulting in extremely high quality drinking water for citizens. Overall CCWRD produced and delivered over four billion gallons of high quality drinking water in 2011.



Capacity improvements are also underway at the Lower East Fork (LEF) Wastewater Treatment Plant in Miami Township. A fourth clarifier and ultraviolet light (UV) disinfection systems are being added to improve performance during wet weather, when extraneous water enters the sanitary system by inflow and infiltration (I&I). This project will enable treatment of this excess water until sources of I&I are identified and removed. More than 117 sources of I&I were eliminated in 2011 reducing the impact of the record rainfall received in the area last year. ***The Water Resources Department is located at 4400 Haskell Lane in Batavia. For more information, call 732-7970 or visit the website www.wrd.ClermontCountyOhio.gov.***

The **Clermont County Office of Environmental Quality** (OEQ) held four electronics recycling events in 2011, implemented an educational program for county schools, and a household hazardous waste voucher program. The County teamed with various agencies and organizations to host a Great Outdoor Weekend Canoe Event and several neighborhood clean-ups, including the East Fork River Sweep and the Ohio River Sweep. Almost 100 tons of litter were removed from over 1,900 miles of roads utilizing the Municipal Court alternative sentencing program. The Tire Amnesty Event enabled collection of 16,800 tires from Adams and Clermont Counties. With the help of the Clean and Green Program, 1,987 bags of litter were removed from public properties and 10.6 tons of computer equipment were diverted from landfills. The Office of Environmental Quality monitored water quality at 25 sites in the East Fork of the Little Miami River. *The Clermont Office of Environmental Quality is located at 4400 Haskell Lane in Batavia. For more information about OEQ, call 732-7894, or visit the website www.oeq.net.*



During a record setting year of rainfall, the **Clermont County Storm Water Department** investigated numerous drainage complaints and provided many residents with guidance on how to best manage stormwater on their properties. Continued progress was made in the effort to map all storm sewers in Clermont County, with mapping completed in all areas of the East Fork watershed downstream of Lake Harsha. The Department also continued its work to identify and eliminate sources of storm water entering the sanitary sewer system, which helps reduce operation and maintenance costs and in turn, helps keep rates low for the County's sewer customers. *The Storm Water Department is located at 4400 Haskell Lane in Batavia. For more information, call 732-7880 or visit the website www.ClermontStorm.net.*

Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS)

In 2011, Ohio was still experiencing high unemployment rates, which has continued to have a major impact on public assistance programs for vulnerable citizens in Ohio. There has been a very high demand for assistance and Ohio has received budget cuts to provide the assistance programs. The Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS) has fewer staff but has streamlined methods to serve the citizens of the county.



Over the past year the **Office of Adult, Child and Family Stability** (ACFS) has faced many challenges. Budget cuts have caused decreased staff and the bad economy has caused an increased workload. ACFS has applied innovative techniques to caseload management and business operations with automated and efficient procedures. Caseload volume in Public Assistance, Food Assistance, and Medicaid continue to increase. In 2011, these programs served the following number of consumers in Clermont County: Food Assistance - 32,237; Medicaid - 29,462 and Cash Assistance – 3,706. This is an increase in all categories compared to 2010. There were 24,344 applications processed, directly served 36,289 consumers in the ACFS lobby and managed 370,675 phone calls. Notably, ACFS achieved 100 percent payment accuracy in the Food Assistance program (as measured by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.



The Child Care Program provides payment assistance to support eligible working and college attending parents. The Child Care team processed 1,049 applications in 2011 and the program currently provides supplemental payments for 1,055 children. This program has a new statewide computer system for caseload management, and the implementation of a swipe card system in all Child Care Centers. The swipe card system will manage the attendance of children in receipt of program benefits and streamline the payment process.

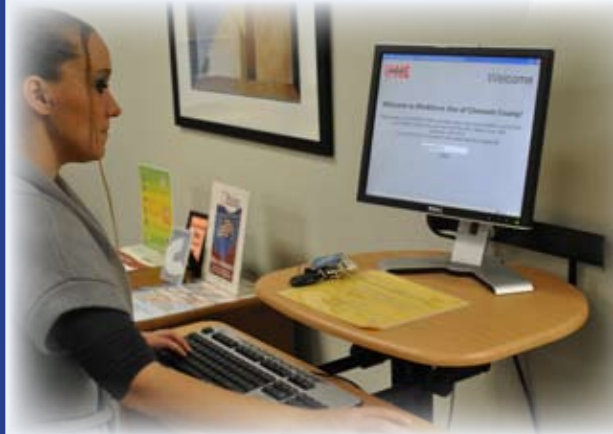
ACFS Benefit Recovery Unit 2011 was an exceptional year for collections in the Investigations and Benefit Recovery Unit. This unit collected \$416,171 in program dollars, a 21.7 percent increase in collections from 2010. *The Adult, Child and Family Stability division is located at 2400 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia. For more information, call 732-7111 or visit the website www.ACFS.ClermontCountyOhio.gov.*

Child Support Enforcement (CSE) As of 2011 year end, Child Support Enforcement was administering 14,756 open cases serving 44,151 individuals (29,512 adults and 14,639 children). During 2011, Child Support Enforcement (CSE) collected \$36,178,590 in support payments. Of that amount, the tax offset program garnered \$2,172,033 collections on criminal nonsupport cases totaled \$1,058,044 financial institution freeze-and-seize collections amounted to \$128,374 and collections on driver's license suspensions totaled \$376,490. Additionally, 490 lump sum orders resulted in \$202,767 intercepted for past due child support. *The Child Support Enforcement division is located at 2400 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia. For more information, call 732-7248 or visit the website www.ClermontSupportsKids.org.*



Children's Protective Services (CPS) ended 2011 with 325 children in their custody. Only 4 out of 10 children in care reunified with a parent or relative in their first year in care, mainly due to parental drug usage. This has increased our need for local foster/adoptive parents. CPS is proud to have found adoptive homes for 50 children this year. This means for these 50 children they are no longer "foster kids" but rather a son, daughter, sister, or brother to a loving forever family. *Children's Protective Services is located at 2400 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia. For more information, call 732-7173 or visit the website www.clermontforkids.org.*

Workforce One is comprised of numerous county partnerships with on-site agencies that provide services through Workforce One. The Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Clermont County Probation, Veteran's Services, Mature Services, LifePoint Solutions, Malachi Youth Services, Legal Aid, Adult Basic Literacy and Education, and the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services.



Workforce One of Clermont remains active in helping Clermont citizens secure employment or receive additional training that will enable them to obtain a new or better job. In 2011, Workforce One served 7,206 individuals who made 21,325 visits to the facility. Throughout the year, Workforce One arranged for and financed career training for 121 citizens and provided \$366,784 in tuition and related supplies. In order to serve the growing industries in Clermont County, training was provided for

careers in health services, transportation, advanced manufacturing, and information technology as well as other fields that show potential for growth. In addition, Workforce One assisted 1,162 local businesses in 2011. Over 3,500 jobs were posted at Workforce One and 80 hiring events were held with 422 citizens finding employment through these efforts.

The TANF Work Activity unit has dramatically increased the county's participation rate. The federal participation rate goal of 50 percent was met in each of the past six month of 2011, averaging a 60 percent rate. The rate for 2010 was at 40 percent. This improvement has pushed Clermont to be one of few counties in the state to exceed this federal requirement. *Workforce One is located at 756 Old SR 74. For more information, call 943-3000, or visit the website www.WorkforceOneClermont.com.*

The **Permit Central/Building Inspection Department** performs inspections and issues building permits for commercial and residential sites in Clermont County and commercial sites in Brown County. In 2011, the Building Inspection Department issued 4,021 permits with a declared value of \$117.5 million. *Permit Central is located at 2275 Bauer Road in Batavia, and can be reached by calling 732-7213 or by visiting the website www.permit.ClermontCountyOhio.gov.*



The **Clermont County Office of Public Information** (OPI) facilitated the successful 2011 Poster Pooch contest, to promote the importance of dog licensing in Clermont County; over 100 entries were received, and the judges had a difficult time choosing a winner! Many upgrades were made to OPI's television studio and the Board of County Commissioners session room, making it possible to produce higher quality videos and provide video-on-demand service. OPI also launched the website, www.opi.clermontcountyohio.gov, providing information for citizens, videos, news, and more. OPI wrote and distributed over 400 news releases in 2011 for various county departments and agencies, published 24 employee/citizen newsletters, and produced 20 episodes of the Clermont Today news program. OPI continued to maintain the content of the county's website, YouTube channel, Facebook page, and Twitter account. You can watch Clermont 18 television on Time Warner channel 18, become a fan of Clermont County on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ClermontCounty, and watch videos at www.Youtube.com/ClermontCounty. *The Office of Public Information is located at 177 E. Main Street in Batavia. For more information about OPI, call 732-7597, or visit the website www.opi.ClermontCountyOhio.gov.*



In 2011, the **Clermont County Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime** (TASC) program provided assessment and case management services to 196 court referred individuals for drug and alcohol related problems. TASC's role in the diversion process contributed to the reduction of approximately 47,648 days of jail or prison time that would have been served by these clients, saving thousands of tax dollars for other critical county services. *On January 1, 2012, the TASC program moved to the Clermont Recovery Center (CRC), located at 1074 Wasserman Way in Batavia. For more information about the CRC, call 735-8100 or visit the website www.RecoveryCtr.org.*

Clermont Transportation Connection (CTC) transported 115,037 passengers in 2011 (a 10.7 percent increase over 2010). 2011 was the second year in CTC's 33 year history that it transported more the 100,000 people in one year. CTC transports people to jobs, medical appointments, schools, shopping, and entertainment destinations all over Clermont County and downtown Cincinnati. CTC is open to the public and it operates from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. *CTC offices are located at 4000 Filager Road in Batavia. For CTC ride information, call 732-7433 or visit the website www.ctc.ClermontCountyOhio.gov.*

The **Clermont County Engineers Office** completed over \$3 million in construction projects in 2011. The office has been implementing recommendations from a safety study performed back in 2010; over \$500,000 in guardrail was installed in 2011 with more to come in 2012. The office annual resurfacing program included 26 miles of roads costing \$2 million, with all 14 townships having a portion of resurfacing completed. *The Clermont County Engineer is Patrick J. Manger, P.E., P.S. The Clermont County Engineer's Office is located at 2381 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia. For more information about the Engineer's Office, call 732-8857 or visit the website www.ClermontEngineer.org.*



In 2011, The **Clermont County Coroner's Office** received a software program from the state of Ohio that will help the office track cases and maintain reports. There was an increase in suicides and drug-related deaths in 2011, and is a major concern. Our final report for 2011 will be completed in March, due to cases pending due to toxicology reports. *The Clermont County Coroner is Dr. Brian Treon. The Coroner's Office is located at 333 E. Main Street in Batavia. For more information, call 732-8117 or visit the website www.ClermontCoroner.org.*

The **Clermont County Recorder's Office** processed 30,333 documents in 2011, collecting a total of \$1,579,269. The funds collected are distributed, according to the law of the state of Ohio. A total of \$772,437 was deposited into the Ohio Housing Trust Fund and the remaining \$806,832 was deposited into the county general fund.

The electronic filing of documents was implemented in June 2010 in the Clermont County Recorder's Office; this has been a successful and cost effective method for many companies to record documents, with 20 percent of the filings now done electronically. Records can be accessed on line through our records management system: *Landaccess and Archive Viewer*. **The Clermont County Recorder is Deborah Clepper. The Recorder's Office is located in the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 E. Main Street in Batavia. For more information about the Recorder's Office, call 732-7236, or visit the website www.recorder.ClermontCountyOhio.gov.**



In 2011, the **Clermont County Auditor's Office** completed the triennial update for all properties in the County. This state mandated update is required to be done every third year following a reappraisal. Value information can be viewed at www.ClermontAuditorRealEstate.org; the Auditor's Real Estate site continues to be a comprehensive source of property data, tax, and land information.

The Auditor's office also completed the implementation of a new financial software system for the County. This software allows for streamlining processes and maintaining efficiencies for better use of tax dollars while maintaining best accounting practices. **The Clermont County Auditor is Linda L. Fraley. The Auditor's Office is located in the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 E. Main Street in Batavia. For more information about the Auditor's Office, call 732-7150, or visit the website www.ClermontAuditor.org.**

The **Clermont County Treasurer's Office** continued its aggressive efforts pertaining to the collection of taxes. In 2011 the office collected \$240 million in real estate taxes, \$760 thousand in manufactured home taxes and \$28 thousand in personal property taxes. As of December 30, 2011, a total of 101 real estate tax foreclosures were filed and the county's real estate delinquency rate was 4.20 percent. **The Clermont County Treasurer is J. Robert True. The Treasurer's Office is located in the Clermont County Administration Building, 101 E. Main Street in Batavia. For more information about the Treasurer's Office, call 732-7254, or visit the website www.ClermontTreasurer.org.**



The Clermont County Sheriff's Office In January 2011, 11 individuals were indicted by the Clermont County Grand Jury; the indictments were the result of a six month investigation by the Clermont County Narcotics Unit that concentrated on activity and suspects in and around the New Richmond area. The investigation revealed trafficking, possessing, and obtaining controlled substances, including marijuana, and various pharmaceuticals.

There was an increase in the number of arrests by the Investigative unit, from 405 in 2010 to 410 in 2011. Included in the total are an arrest and indictment for a home invasion in Batavia Township that resulted in charges of kidnapping and aggravated burglary, and a separate arrest of two men indicted for multiple counts of theft and criminal damaging occurring in Monroe Township.

Between 2010 and 2011, the Sheriff's Office has seen an increase in the number of Methamphetamine labs in the county. Burglaries, breaking and entering crimes, and thefts of salvageable metals have increased as well. The Sheriff encourages citizens to report suspicious activities around homes and businesses by calling 732-2231. Tips to avoid being a crime victim may be found on the website www.ncpc.org.



In 2011, Deputy Sean Schubert and Corrections Officer Todd Shumard were presented merit awards for dedication to duty. In October 2011, a woman collapsed at a local business in Batavia and was unresponsive and not breathing. Deputy Schubert and Officer Shumard administered life saving CPR until a life squad arrived. The woman made a full recovery. Deputy Geoff Hultgren was also recognized with a merit award for his work with Clermont County children, and Bill Williams received a merit award for his three decades of law enforcement service. ***The Clermont County Sheriff is A.J. "Tim" Rodenberg. The Sheriff's Office is located at 4470 State Route 222 in Batavia. Contact the Sheriff's Office at 732-7500 or visit the website www.ClermontSheriff.org.***

The Clermont County Jail opened another inmate housing unit that holds 32 inmates during the fall of 2011, bringing the total jail bed count to 278. The jail is consistently at capacity. Our office was also able to rehire the corrections officers that had been laid off during 2009. The Jail employs 95 officers and support staff. The Sheriff's Trustee Program had another successful year providing a significant financial savings to the county. In 2011, funds were again made available to assist in an intervention program for inmates. The program is designed to reduce recidivism through cognitive behavioral programming. ***The Clermont County Jail is located at on SR 222 in Batavia. Call 732-7540 for inmate information.***



The **Clermont County Common Pleas Court** had a new judge sworn-in on January 3, 2011. After 19 years on the bench at Municipal Court, Judge Thomas Herman was elected to fill the vacant seat left by Judge William Walker's retirement. Judge Herman took the bench in January and served as Presiding Judge for all Common Pleas Court divisions in 2011.

Judge Jerry McBride served as the Administrative Judge for the General Division. In 2011, courthouses throughout Clermont County once again hosted the district and regional Ohio State High School Mock Trial competitions under the direction of the Clermont County District and Regional Coordinator, Judge Jerry McBride. The program engages students from area high schools in developing critical thinking skills by analyzing a hypothetical legal action and developing and presenting arguments for each side of the case.

In late 2010, the staff attorneys serving the Court were converted into staff attorney/magistrates, to not only provide legal support to the Judges, but also hear civil cases such as judgment debtor proceedings, garnishments, and ex parte and final hearings for civil protection orders. Judge Ferenc was elected and took the bench in late 2010, and selected Gary Ostendarp to serve as his staff attorney/magistrate in February 2011. This addition brought the Court to full staff with the service of five staff attorney/magistrates. ***The following judges served Clermont Common Pleas Court in 2011: Judge Jerry McBride, Judge Victor Haddad, Judge Thomas Herman, and Judge Richard Ferenc. Clermont County Common Pleas Court is located at 270 E. Main Street in Batavia. For more information about the court, call 732-8188, or visit the website www.ClermontCommonPleas.com.***



The **Common Pleas Court Adult Probation Department** strives to uphold its mission to serve the Common Pleas Court Judges and the citizens of Clermont County by maintaining community safety through appropriate and meaningful supervision of felony level offenders and by facilitating victim reparation through the collection of restitution from offenders for their victims. In 2011 the Common Pleas Adult Probation Department supervised an average of 1,300 offenders each month. These offenders were assigned to various units for the most appropriate level of supervision, depending on the offender's needs and level of risk. In December 2011 the Probation Department was notified that it was awarded \$187 thousand in Probation Improvement Grant funds for 2012. The funding will allow the Probation Department to hire additional probation officers and to add programming that has been proven to be effective in helping offender's change their criminal thinking and behavior, thereby reducing recidivism. ***The Common Pleas Adult Probation Department is located at 270 E. Main Street in Batavia. For more information, call 732-7265.***



Clermont County Domestic Relations Court has hit the first year mark with Judge Kathleen M. Rodenberg presiding. While supporting initiatives to lessen the impact of divorce on families with current programs, other programs are being considered to include hard-to-reach groups, such as teenagers as well as the busy families of the 21st century. Judge Rodenberg has also been implementing new paperless policies for a greener, more efficient court including emails instead of letters, and recycling all qualifying products. During 2011, in an effort to continue

to do more with less, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts have worked together to lessen duplication of services and tasks, as well as sharing space. The two courts alternate months to make the last mail drop of the day. When Domestic Court's postage meter lease expires, the courts will share a postage machine. Juvenile Court uses Judge Rodenberg's courtroom every Monday, on Judge Rodenberg's administrative day. Looking forward, we plan to partner with Juvenile Court, as well as the Sheriff's Office, to investigate video conferencing for inmates, along with emailing/faxing critical paperwork to the Sheriff's Office, all in lieu of physical transporting. ***The Clermont County Domestic Relations Court judge is Judge Kathleen Rodenberg. Clermont Domestic Relations Court is located at 2340 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia. For more information about the court, call 732-7327, or visit the website www.DomesticCourt.org.***

In 2011, **Clermont County Municipal Court** received 32,179 new cases (19,291 traffic, 7,038 criminal and 5,850 civil). The Court collected \$138,931 in restitution for crime victims. The cumulative receipts for traffic, criminal, and civil cases in 2011 totaled \$7,125,871.

Judge Anthony W. Brock served as Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Court in 2011, and will continue to do so in 2012. Judges Brock, James A. Shriver, and W. Kenneth Zuk all hosted and spoke to various civic and student groups about the justice system in Clermont County. Judge Brock presided over a mock trial performed by students who are home schooled and Judge Zuk hosted a mock trial performed by students at St. Thomas More. Judge Shriver testified before the legislature in Columbus on the impact of pending legislation on Courts in Ohio. In November, George E. Pattison was elected to replace Judge Zuk, and was sworn into office in December 2011.



In 2011, the Court continued to utilize electronically monitored house arrest as an alternative to jail time, and implemented a day treatment program in conjunction with the Clermont Recovery Center which utilizes the True Thought and Thinking for a Change programs, the latest and most effective models in corrective thinking. ***The following judges served Clermont Municipal Court in 2011: Judge Anthony Brock, Judge James Shriver, Judge W. Kenneth Zuk, and Judge George Pattison. Municipal Court is located at 4330 SR222 in Batavia. For more information about the court, call 732-7292.***



The **Clermont County Board of Elections** saw many new changes during 2011. The first was a new Ohio Secretary of State, Jon Husted, who had been elected at the November 2010 general election. Next came Ohio House Bill 194 (an elections reform bill) that was introduced in April 2011. This legislation changed numerous provisions in the election law but was subsequently put on hold by a referendum that was filed and certified in September. What this means is we will all have a chance to vote on this legislation at the general election in November 2012. We also went through a period believing that we were going to have to conduct two primary elections in 2012, but were relieved on December 14, 2011 to learn that we would only be conducting one primary election in 2012 on March 6, 2012.



Another change the Board dealt with (following the Census) was the Redistricting of the 2nd Congressional District and the Ohio House and Senate Districts. Clermont County was not affected by the changes in the 2nd Congressional District or the Ohio Senate 14th District, but in the two Ohio House Districts which are now designated as the 65th and 66th Districts.

The Optical Scan Voting Equipment that Clermont County uses was purchased in 2005 through a HAVA Grant (Help America Vote Act) for about \$1.35 million. This equipment is now over 6 years old and earlier in the year the Board negotiated its first Maintenance Agreement on this equipment for

\$64,345, considerably less than the original proposal. Due to the age of the equipment the County Commissioners are working with the Board on a replacement plan. *The Clermont County Board of Elections is located at 76 S. Riverside Drive in Batavia. For more information, call 732-7275, or visit the website www.ClermontElections.org.*

In 2011, **Clermont County Animal Control** conducted 3,901 investigations of animal complaints and made 19 arrests pertaining to animal cruelty and/or neglect. Of those arrested, there was a 100 percent conviction rate. In 2011, Clermont County Humane Society/Animal Shelter provided warm shelter, food, care, and medical attention to over 4,200 homeless and unwanted animals. *The Clermont County Animal Shelter is located at 4025 Filager Road in Batavia. For more information, call 732-8854, or visit the website www.ClermontCountyAnimalShelter.com.*



The **Clermont County Veterans' Service Office** filed 1,360 federal and state benefit applications for veterans in 2011. The office obtained benefits in the amount of \$6,572,164 (not including any that haven't been reported), provided EFA to approximately 1,127 families for a total amount of \$914,599, and assisted 1,054 veterans by providing them with transportation. *The Clermont County Veterans' Service Office is located at 76 S. Riverside Drive in Batavia. For more information, call 732-7363, or visit the website www.ClermontCountyVeterans.com.*

The **Clermont County General Health District** was one of the first counties in Ohio to take advantage of the state's new on-line birth records system that allows all local registrars to issue birth records for individuals born anywhere in Ohio. This has been a tremendous service and a much easier process for Clermont County residents who used to have to drive to the county or city of their birth to receive a copy of their birth certificate. The popularity of the program can be seen in the huge increase in the number of birth records requested in 2011 compared to 2010. In 2010 a total of 156 birth certificates were issued and in 2011 this increased by a factor of 16 for a total of 2,515 birth certificates issued. The Health District is working to make obtaining birth certificates even more accessible by now accepting on-line requests and payments. *The Clermont County General Health District is located at 2275 Bauer Road in Batavia; the Nursing Division is located at 2400 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia. To find out more about the programs offered by the Clermont General Health District or to request a birth certificate on line, call 732-7499 or visit the website www.ClermontHealthDistrict.org.*



The **Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities** (Clermont DD) was busy throughout 2011. Many individuals received desired services such as camp, respite, transportation, day services, and residential support due to the passage of the replacement levy in 2010. Fundraisers were held throughout the year, including the second annual Dancing with the Stars event, which raised \$10,000 for the Gift of Time Respite Program; Representative Joe Uecker and UC Clermont's Meredith Delaney won the 2011 Mirror Ball Trophy. Clermont DD worked actively with the Southwest Ohio Council of Governments (Hamilton, Butler, Warren, and Clermont DD programs) to produce a communication video, create a four-county awareness campaign, and employ a Family Support Services Coordinator to organize services in all four

counties. *For more information about the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities, call 732-7000, or visit the website www.ClermontDD.org.*

The **Clermont County Public Library** (CCPL) spent the majority of 2011 planning for the opening of the largest public library in Clermont County, the Union Township branch, located at 4450 Glen Este-Withamsville Road. In 2011, the library celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the Batavia Branch library and remodeled several other branches.



The library worked closely with many other county organizations in 2011. We conducted Valentines for Veterans where over 300 valentines were made at the library and given to the Veterans Commission and Yellow Ribbon Support Center to be given to current soldiers and veterans. Our Mitten Tree program brought in over 500 hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves, which were then donated to the James Sauls Homeless Shelter and the YWCA.

The library continues to be a one-stop for all of the public's job hunting and computer needs, in addition to providing a wide range of informational and recreational items. *For more information about the Clermont County Public Library, call 732-2736, or visit the website www.ClermontLibrary.org.*

The **Clermont County Park District** had another successful and busy year in 2011. The Park District's lodge, log cabin, picnic shelters, and yurts were rented 430 times and brought 35,000 people to county parks to celebrate birthday parties, family reunions, family picnics, weddings, and other special occasions. The Naturalist Department had a successful and record breaking year. In addition to the annual Pancakes in the Park program held every March, the Park District hosted two new annual special events. The Fall Festival at Chilo Lock #34 Park attracted 450 visitors to the park in October. Meanwhile, the first annual Luminary Walk at Pattison Park brought 250 people to the lodge to celebrate the holiday season in December.



The Naturalist staff also held the first ever summer day camp programs; one week sessions were held at Sycamore Park and Chilo Lock #34 Park. Overall, over 2,100 people attended public naturalist program offerings, a record number for the Park District. Additionally, over 3,100 students attended naturalist programs. Meanwhile, visitors continue to enjoy the Chilo Lock #34 Visitor Center and Museum. Over 8,200 people visited the museum in 2011. The Park District is continuing to work with the Williamsburg to Batavia Hike Bike Trail Committee. When completed, phase II of the trail will take visitors to the campground at East Fork State Park. *For more information about the Clermont County Park District, call 732-2977, or visit the website www.ClermontParks.org.*

The **Clermont County Soil and Water Conservation District** conducted over 380 school presentations in 2011, reaching approximately 10,500 students with conservation education programs targeted at soil and water conservation and litter prevention. The district also co-sponsored two Ohio Dam Safety Workshops to improve local emergency preparedness. Approximately \$200,000 in cost share funds and technical assistance were provided to landowners for installing conservation practices. The district and private/public watershed partners have developed a draft Balanced Growth Land Use Plan for the Middle East Fork Watershed to help balance growth and development with water resources protection. *The Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District is located at 1000 Locust Street in Owensville. For more information about the district, call 732-7075 or visit the website www.clermontswcd.org.*



The most recent state biennial budget brought changes and reductions in funding to the **Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board** and its contract agencies. Responsibility for Medicaid was shifted from local boards to the state, although the processing of Medicaid claims and payment remained at the board level. The Board engaged in a planning process with its agencies and partner organizations to determine how to implement \$2.7 million in cuts across two state fiscal years. Services in the final months of 2011 were reduced and will be reduced further in 2012. The Board continued implementation of Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for police officers and a mobile crisis unit to supplement the Crisis Hotline, funded by a Department of Justice grant.

A significant focus of the Board in 2011 was the growing problem of opiate addiction (prescription drugs and heroin). The Board received a prevention grant from ODADAS for preventing opiate abuse among 18-25 year olds. The Board also provided match to draw down federal funds through the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission's Recovery to Work program, which is providing resources for treatment and supported employment services for persons with opiate addictions involved with the criminal justice system. Year three of the federal System of Care grant, FAST TRAC, began in October; new and expanded services are being provided to children and families and the evaluation of the program is underway. **Contact the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board at 732-5400, or visit the website www.ccmhrb.org.**

Clermont Senior Services is a private, nonprofit agency funded primarily by the Clermont County Senior Services levy. The mission of Clermont Senior Services is to provide services that enable older adults to remain as active and independent as possible. Senior Services provided services to nearly 5,000 Clermont County seniors in 2011; services included adult day care, caregiver support, home care, home repair, lifelong learning centers, meals-on-wheels, senior connections, and transportation.



On December 31, 2011 George Brown retired after serving 20 years as Executive Director of the agency; Cindy Gramke succeeds him after serving the agency for many years in both staff and volunteer roles. The Welcome Center (adult day service) moved into its new building in November. The new facility is designed specifically to meet the needs of older adults that need socialization in a supervised setting. **For more information about Clermont Senior Services, call 724-1255, or visit the website www.ClermontSeniors.com.**

The **Ohio State University Extension Clermont** (OSU Extension) strengthens families and communities. The Family Nutrition Program (FNP) helped 1,128 Families Eat Better for Less through the presentation of 135 classes, and partnered with the Boys and Girls Club to provide nutrition education and physical activity for 100 youth at summer food service sites in the effort to fight childhood obesity. The FNP participated in the Homemade in the Heart of Clermont series providing low cost, healthy food choice resources through classes, electronic newsletters, and local cable television programming. The dollar value of the FNP grant funded by USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program was \$69,688.

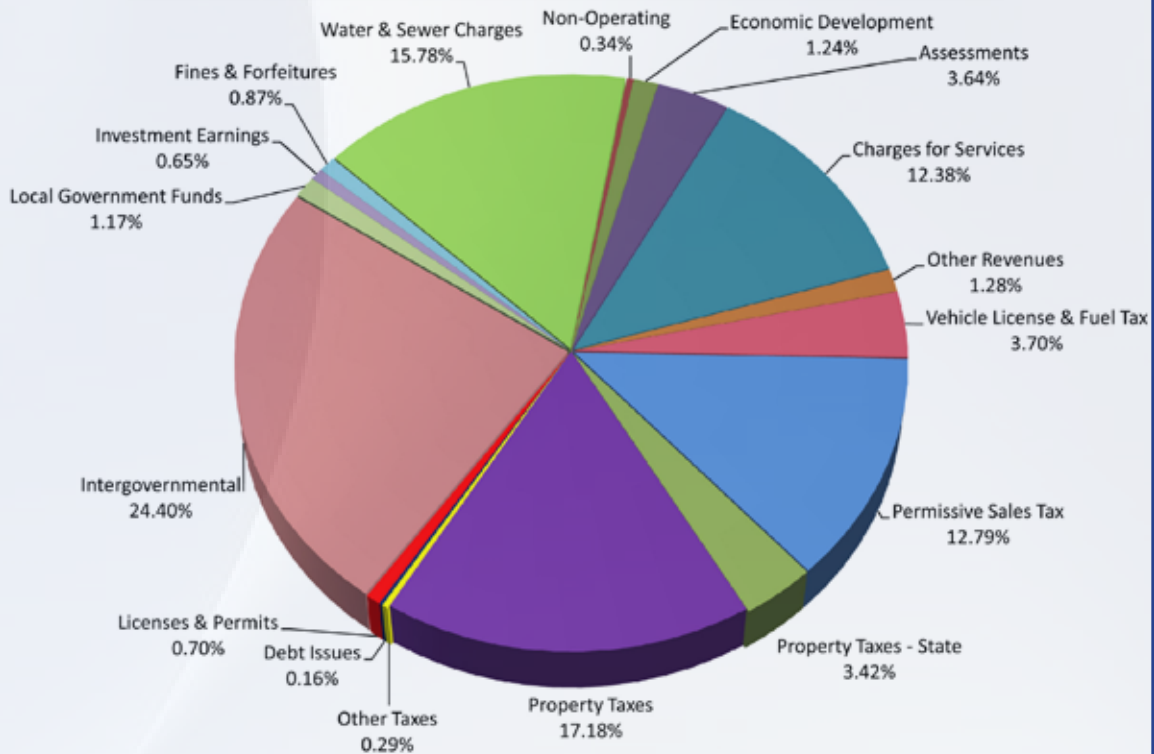


The 4-H Youth Development program prepared 1,496 youth for success through Real Money Real World, CARTEENS, and individual projects. 4-H volunteers provided over 27,600 hours of service, a benefit worth over \$589,536. Enhancing agriculture and the environment, OSU Extension partnered with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, certifying 23 pesticide applicators. The Master Gardener program grew by 24 members and provided training for 91 gardeners at the 17th annual Perennial School and facilitated an Annual Plant Sale; volunteers contributed over 347 hours, with a local benefit worth \$7,411.

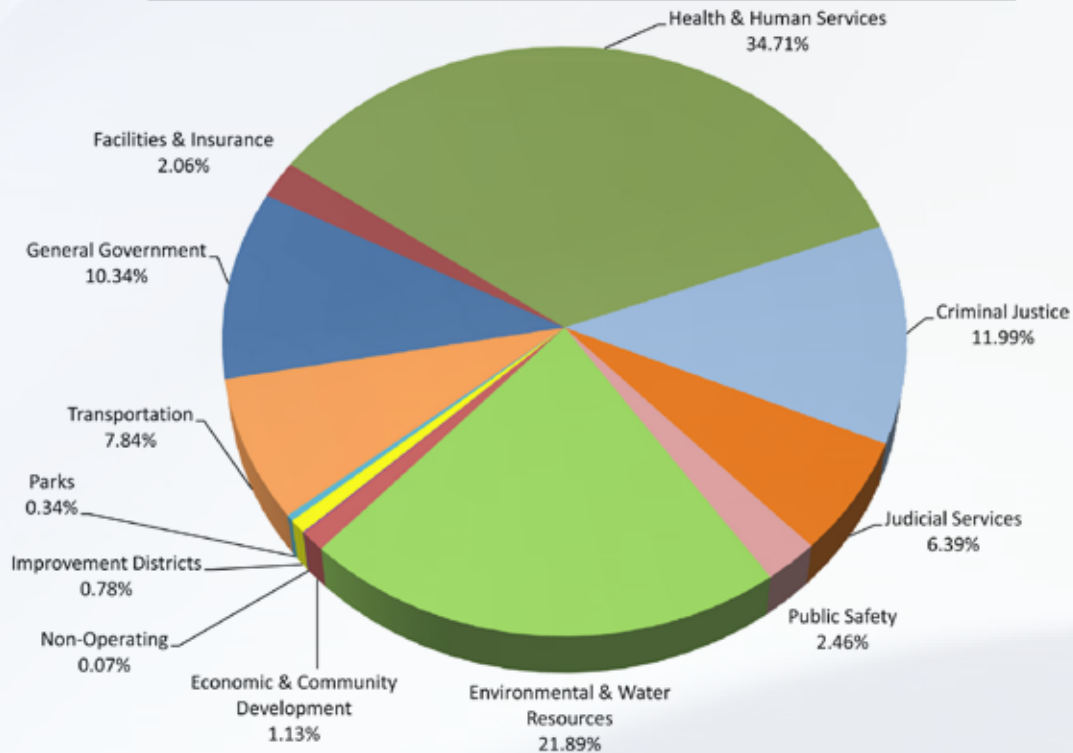
OSU Extension advanced employment and income opportunities for 37 participants of a Hay/Horse Pasture Quality Assurance Training, and offered HUD-Approved Housing Counseling to an average of four families weekly during 2011. **OSU Extension Clermont is located at 1000 Locust Street in Owensville. For more information about OSU Extension, call 732-7070, or visit the website www.clermont.osu.edu.**

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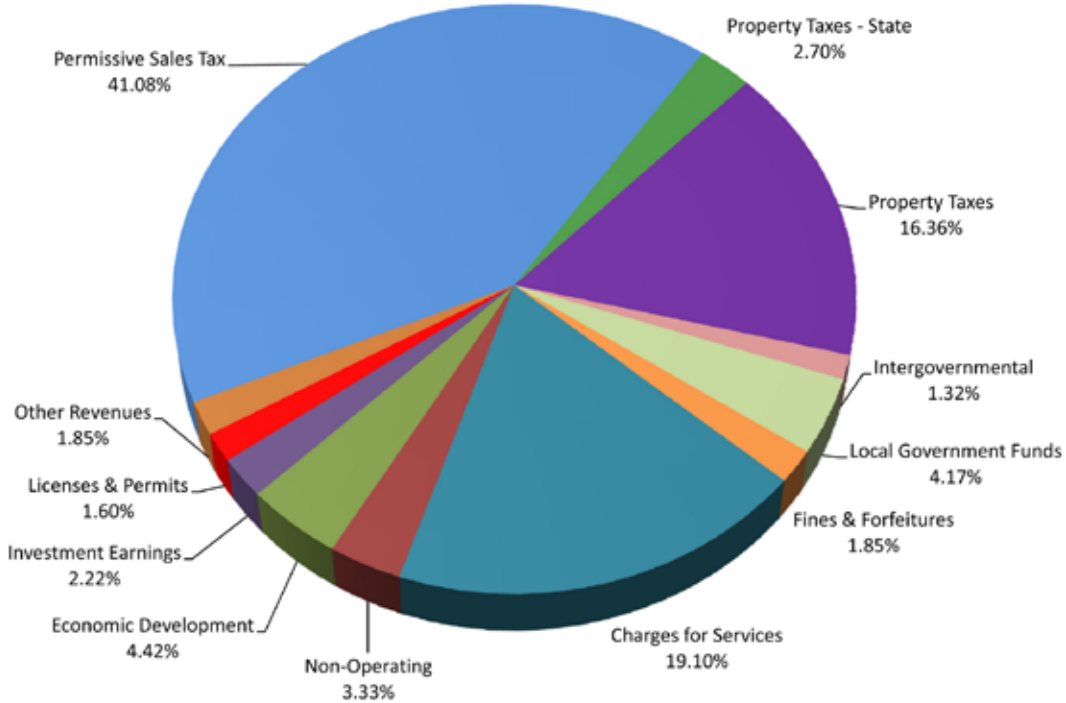
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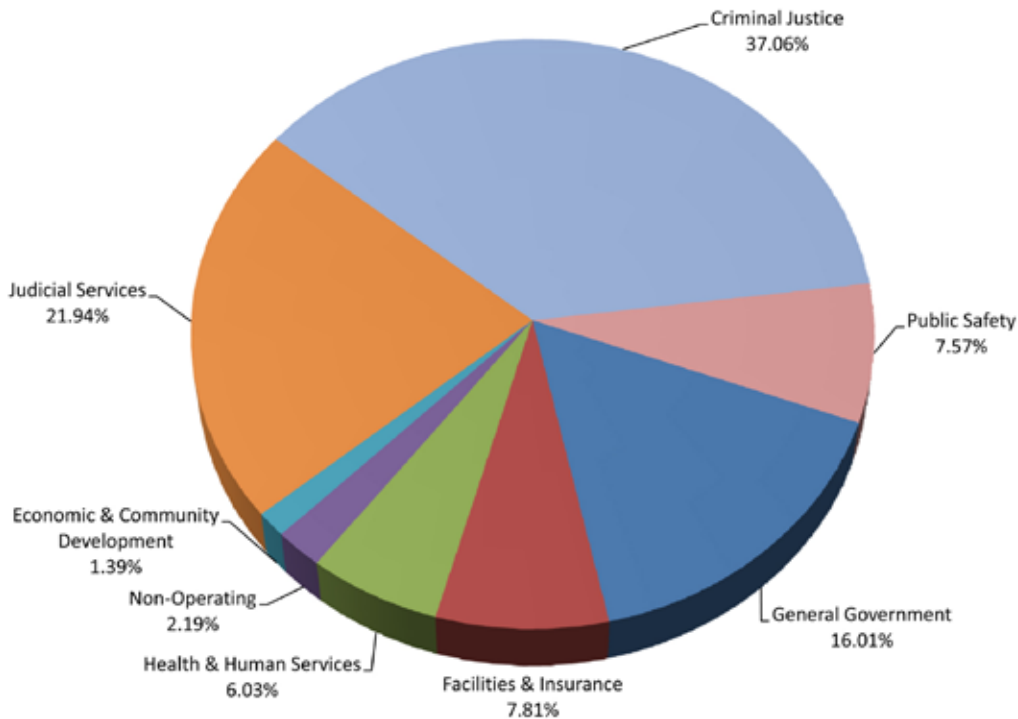
2011 Expenses - Board of County Commissioners Budgeted Funds
\$185,434,459



2011 Revenues - General Fund
\$51,055,812



2011 Expenses - General Fund
\$49,044,226



All charts exclude Internal Service Funds, Special Assessment Funds, and Interfund Transfers.

The numbers presented in this report represent actual commissioners' budgeted funds, and include allocation of certain costs to the major service groups and departments. As such, these numbers will differ from those presented in the Clermont County Audited Financial Statements, which may be viewed on the website www.ClermontAuditor.org.