

# GENERAL FUND

## 2022 Revenue Sources

Sales Tax	\$37,124,765	49.1%
Charges for Services	\$11,772,235	15.6%
Property Taxes	\$ 9,883,258	13.1%
Intergovernmental	\$ 8,281,399	10.9%
Licenses & Permits	\$ 1,621,706	2.1%
Investments	\$ 1,460,203	1.9%
Other Revenues	\$ 1,339,627	1.8%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 814,730	1.1%
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$72,297,923</b>	<b>95.6%</b>
Non-Operating	\$ 3,366,017	4.4%
<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$75,663,939</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 2022 Expenses by Function

Criminal Justice	\$28,293,451	36.5%
Judicial Services	\$14,941,103	19.3%
General Government	\$13,244,524	17.1%
Public Safety	\$ 4,785,800	6.2%
Health & Human Services	\$ 3,655,633	4.7%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$64,920,511</b>	<b>83.8%</b>
Non-Operating	\$12,507,886	16.2%
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$77,428,397</b>	<b>100%</b>

## General Fund Operating Revenue Growth\*

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
General Fund	\$53.16	\$55.53	\$56.61	\$57.57	\$60.71	\$61.89	\$70.86	\$73.00
Operating Revenues								

\*Shown in millions

The General Fund is the County's largest discretionary source of funds. It finances 20 of 21 elected official's offices in Clermont County.

The above data is unaudited at the time of this report.

\*\$10M of Non-Operating Expenses was cash transfer to fund capital projects

# FROM THE COMMISSIONERS



Bonnie Batchler  
President



David Painter  
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Claire Corcoran  
County Commissioner

## In 2022, Clermont County became an even greater place to live, work and raise a family!

Purina's \$550 million pet food factory in Williamsburg Township took shape right before our eyes. Hamilton Safe consolidated manufacturing capabilities in a \$17-million facility on Round Bottom Road. And numerous other businesses expanded or relocated here.

We invested nearly \$10 million that was allocated toward water and sewer improvements. Our new Land Bank obtained a \$500,000 grant to demolish abandoned buildings and restore property to useful purposes. We joined with other Appalachian counties to seek funds for projects ranging from bike trails to museums.

With the help of the County Engineer, we invested \$8.7M in road paving and repair, including \$4 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. ODOT made major progress on State Route 32, our east-west transportation artery.

The county rose to a challenge in 2022. On July 6, tornadoes damaged dozens of buildings and hundreds of trees in an area that stretched from Goshen and Miami townships into Wayne Township. Our Emergency Management Agency expertly coordinated the response, as area law enforcement joined crews from Duke Energy, the Engineer's Office and townships along with countless volunteers in the amazing effort.

Clermont County can be proud of its many accomplishments, whether it's responding to a natural disaster or taking steps to ensure our county becomes an even greater place to live, work and raise a family. The future looks bright for Clermont County.



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# 2022 MONTHLY MILESTONES

JANUARY



**Animal Shelter records 98.48% live release rate; receives \$20,000 grant from Purina**  
The Clermont County Animal Shelter came into the new year with momentum, recording a 98.48 percent live release rate in 2021. The shelter's nine-person team adopted out 204 dogs and reunited 209 with owners. The shelter received a \$20,000 donation from Nestlé Purina to support a new area at the shelter that will create socialization benefits for dogs in their care.

FEBRUARY

**County OK's expansion and renovation of Juvenile Court**

The Board of County Commissioners awarded the bid for a 29,000-square-foot expansion and renovation of Juvenile Court to Mark Spaulding Construction Company of Florence, Ky. The bid was for \$7.5 million for the base project, with a grand total of \$8 million that includes proposed alternates. The project consists of five courtrooms, administrative offices, holding cells and high density filing rooms for the Courts as well as individual offices for Juvenile Probation along with conference rooms and group activity rooms. "The expansion of the Juvenile Court facility allows the Court to combine staff and services from five buildings into one location," Judge James Shriver said. A groundbreaking took place in March.



MARCH



**County undergoes record road resurfacing and repairs in 2022**

The Clermont County Engineer's Office nearly tripled resurfacing and repair of roads in 2022 thanks to a commitment of \$4 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds by the Board of County Commissioners. This was the largest road improvement program in county history, with resurfacing of 45 county roads and repairing of 18. Estimated construction cost is \$7.6 million. If you take out costs covered by several townships and villages, the Engineer's share is \$6.2 million for county roads – well above that of previous years, thanks to the ARPA funds.

APRIL

**Opiate Task Force becomes Clermont County Addiction & Recovery Partnership**

Clermont County's 9-year-old Opiate Task Force changed its name to the Clermont County Addiction & Recovery Partnership (CARP) and expanded its focus beyond just opiates. The partnership's mission is to minimize substance misuse, distribution, addiction, overdose and deaths in Clermont County.



**Domestic Court Eases Trauma of Divorce**

The Clermont County Domestic Court received the 2022 Encourage the Heart Community Ambassador Award from Child Focus in recognition of the Court's efforts to ease trauma of the divorce process on Clermont County Families, especially children.

MAY

**Water Resources pursues many improvements**



Clermont County Water Resources' 5-year Capital Improvement Plan calls for 63 waterworks projects totaling \$42 million and 55 wastewater projects estimated at \$72.7 million. Commissioners approved the plan on May 11. Waterworks projects include 32 water main replacements (\$25 million), eight water storage tank rehabilitation/removals (\$4.3 million), eight water treatment plan renovations/upgrades (\$4.7 million) and eight new water main extensions (\$5.4 million). Funding for the waterworks portion of the plan includes \$2 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and \$813,000 in Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) money. Wastewater projects include 14 sewer replacements (\$25.1 million), 12 lift station upgrades/eliminations (\$9.8 million), nine wastewater treatment plant projects (\$19.1 million) and 13 new sanitary sewer main extensions (\$16.4 million). Funding for the wastewater part of the plan includes \$8.7 million in ARPA funds, \$3 million in U.S. Department of Agriculture funds and \$864,000 in OPWC money.

JUNE

**\$1.5 million-plus for community projects**

Clermont County will receive a record \$1.55 million for community projects throughout the county through the State of Ohio's biennial Capital Budget. This marks the third straight two-year cycle that Clermont County has received increased capital funding. The Clermont County Port Authority, in conjunction with the Clermont County Commissioners, two State Representatives and a State Senator, organizes the countywide effort to encourage local communities and nonprofits to submit projects worthy of capital funds. The committee has representatives from the Port Authority, city and township government, legislators, businesses and county government. The committee evaluated 23 applications to grade and recommended 12 applications for funding to the legislature.



JULY



**Tornadoes cause widespread damage**

Tornadoes hit Goshen and Miami townships and surrounding areas on July 6, damaging dozens of homes and businesses. Thankfully, only four injuries were reported and there were no fatalities. The Clermont County Emergency Management Agency coordinated response to the disaster – and the Clermont County Engineer's Office, Office of Environmental Quality, ODOT and townships spent countless hours hauling away debris. The community responded in a big way, volunteering to clean up, and donating food, supplies and money. Volunteers saved residents millions of dollars in cleanup costs.

AUGUST

**New Land Bank receives state funding**

Clermont County's new Land Bank was awarded \$500,000 from the Ohio Department of Development for demolition of vacant and blighted structures across the county. The Land Bank has worked with local jurisdictions to identify 28 vacant properties that are eligible for demolition. Vacant and blighted structures decrease property values and lead to a host of other problems which drain local fire and police resources. The newly created Clermont County Land Bank, officially named the Clermont County Land Reutilization Corporation, will be a critical tool to assist with underperforming properties. Members of the board are County Treasurer Jeannie Zurmehly (chair), Commissioner David Painter (vice chair), Commissioner Bonnie Batchler, Jeff Baumgarth (representing townships) and Michael Doss (representing municipalities).



SEPTEMBER



**Sewer system moves closer to reality for Newtonsville area**

Construction of the first sewer system in the former village of Newtonsville moved ahead after years of preparation. Commissioners awarded bids totaling \$12.3 million to Building Crafts Inc. of Wilder, Ky., and Tribute Contracting & Consultants of South Point, Ohio for the Newtonsville-area collection system and wastewater treatment plant projects in Wayne Township. Currently, properties have septic systems. In October 2012, residents were notified by Clermont Public Health that a significant number of homes had failing septic systems, and sewage created a health risk. At that time, Public Health recommended a public sewer system to serve the residents in the project area. Since then, the Clermont County Water Resources Department has completed extensive engineering fieldwork and project design. A number of public information meetings have been held.

OCTOBER

**Committee begins work on hike, bike, paddle plan**

A new committee formed to develop a hike, bike, and paddle plan for Clermont County. The county's Department of Community + Economic Development (CED) is serving as lead agency for the plan. CED invited stakeholders interested in transportation and recreation initiatives to an initial meeting at UC-Clermont on Sept. 30. Attendees included representatives from townships, municipalities, Clermont County Parks, Clermont County Convention and Visitors Bureau, ODOT and bicycling and trails groups. CED experts shared initial research regarding existing trails, bike, and paddling routes, possible funding sources, planning needs and the like. They gathered feedback from attendees and discussed next steps.



NOVEMBER

**State certifies Family Recovery Court**



The Family Recovery Court of the Clermont County Juvenile Court earned final certification from the Ohio Supreme Court's Commission on Specialized Dockets. Currently, 71% of Specialized Docket participants admitted to methamphetamine use while the other 29% indicated fentanyl was their substance of choice. According to Judge James A. Shriver, the Clermont County Family Recovery Court has implemented evidence-based practices and worked together with a number of partner agencies to assist families in overcoming the barriers in their lives and achieving long-term sobriety and changing their way of life.

DECEMBER

**Child Support leads Ohio large counties in collections**

Clermont County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) received the following statewide performance awards for all large counties: Federal Fiscal Year 2022, Collections on Cases with Arrears, Best Overall Performance, Most Improved Collections on Cases with Arrears.

**County takes steps to improve high-speed Internet access**

Clermont County began working with the firms Insight and CobbFendley to complete a comprehensive study of the county's Internet resources. The Board of County Commissioners want to have strong, high-speed Internet access county-wide. Based on raw census data and comparisons of other regions, thousands would benefit from available and affordable broadband. Many are not served or are under-served. Citizens were asked to complete an online survey so the county could better understand Internet access and needs. This data will help the county potentially secure ARPA funding for a broadband project.