

GENERAL FUND

2021 Revenue Sources

Sales Tax	\$35,522,013	46.9%
Charges for Services	\$12,723,599	16.8%
Property Taxes	\$ 9,700,602	12.8%
Intergovernmental	\$ 7,786,421	10.3%
Investment Income	\$ 1,043,954	1.4%
Licenses & Permits	\$ 1,768,110	2.3%
Other Revenues	\$ 1,331,752	1.8%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 985,322	1.3%
Total Operating Revenues	\$70,861,772	93.5%
Non-Operating	\$ 4,898,636	6.5%
Total General Fund Revenues	\$75,760,408	100%

2021 Expenses by Function

Criminal Justice	\$26,728,912	42.1%
Judicial Services	\$14,271,487	22.5%
General Government	\$12,683,438	20.0%
Public Safety	\$ 4,773,606	7.5%
Health & Human Services	\$ 2,692,055	4.2%
Total Operating Expenses	\$61,149,498	96.3%
Non-Operating	\$ 2,350,657	3.7%
Total General Fund Expenses	\$63,500,155	100%

General Fund Operating Revenue Growth*

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
General Fund	\$50.49	\$53.16	\$55.53	\$56.61	\$57.57	\$60.71	\$61.89	\$70.86
Operating Revenues								

*Shown in millions

The General Fund is the largest discretionary source of funds in the county, and finances 20 of 21 elected offices in Clermont County.

COMMISSIONERS MESSAGE



Claire Corcoran
President



David Painter
Vice President



Bonnie Batchler
County Commissioner

Thanks to the efforts of many, Clermont County continued to move ahead in many areas in 2023. The county experienced continued economic growth, while maintaining the rural charm that makes it special.

We were especially pleased to break ground on a \$9.5-million facility for the County Engineer's Office Highway Operations and Clermont County Fleet Maintenance. This will greatly improve the appearance of the Filager Road area and provide workers with an updated campus that will help them more efficiently and cost effectively deliver essential services to the citizens of Clermont County.

We kept positive momentum going with plans for a Veteran's Village to help those who have fought so hard to protect our freedom as well as the securing of state and federal grants to plan for improvements that will help residents and visitors enjoy our area even more.

We continued to invest in resources such as technology that allows people to text for 911 services.

And, most importantly, we joined with you to keep Clermont County thriving well into the future.

Clermont County is headed in the right direction, due to the support and effort of many of you. We look forward to the days ahead.



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JANUARY

Commissioners elect Batchler as president

Commissioner Bonnie Batchler was elected president, and Commissioner Claire Corcoran, vice president, of the Clermont County Board of Commissioners for 2023. "This past year, and the past two years, have been two of the most rewarding years of my life, serving the county in a different capacity, working with Commissioner Painter, Commissioner Corcoran and the whole staff here at the county," Commissioner Batchler said. "It's been a pleasure getting to know people that I didn't know before that work for this county. What dedicated people we have. I look forward to this coming year and business that is going to take place to move this county forward."



FEBRUARY

No harmful chemicals detectable from East Palestine spill

No harmful chemicals were detectable when the plume from the East Palestine, Ohio, hazardous waste spill passed Clermont County on the Ohio River, according to the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO). Clermont County Water Resources Director Lyle Bloom said in an update to the Board of County Commissioners that four wells were shut down due to rising river levels from Feb. 18-21, out of extreme caution. The county continued to monitor for harmful chemicals as an added measure of caution.

MARCH

New Land Bank moves ahead with projects

Clermont County's Land Bank got off to a strong start, with the demolition of vacant or blighted structures across the county. The Land Bank worked with local jurisdictions to identify vacant properties that are eligible for demolition. The Clermont County Land Bank, officially named the Clermont County Land Reutilization Corp., is a critical tool to assist with underperforming properties. Vacant and blighted structures decrease property values and lead to a host of other problems which drain local fire and police resources. Last year, the newly created Land Bank was awarded \$500,000 from the Ohio Department of Development. To see an interactive map of the projects, [click here](#).

APRIL

County pursues next step toward transformational projects

Clermont County received \$250,000 plus the assistance of state-procured planners to help apply for transformational projects. At the request of the Ohio Department of Development, the Ohio Controlling Board approved \$981,975 to Clermont, Brown, Adams and Scioto counties. Clermont County Community and Economic Development, through the Clermont County Port Authority, helped the four-county partnership win the competitive grant available through the Appalachian Community Grant Program. The Technical Assistance Grant was the third-largest awarded out of 22.

MAY

Veteran's Village planned for Clermont County

The Board Clermont County Board of Commissioners and Clermont Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) announced plans for a Veteran's Village in Clermont County to address gaps in housing and services for veterans. "We know of no other facility like this in the area," said Bonnie Batchler, President, Board of County Commissioners. The facility is to include 28 cottages/houses and a community center offering wrap-around services from the Veteran's Administration (VA) for county veterans who are homeless or living in substandard housing. Commissioners gave their support to a proposed Veteran's Village in Felicly or Franklin Township, reserving \$1 million in federal HUD HOME funds for the \$4-million project. Commissioners also expressed the board's support for a Clermont Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) request for \$400,000 from the 2024-2025 State of Ohio Budget for the project. In Clermont County alone, there are 12,000 veterans, with more than 900 facing significant housing instability.



JUNE

Clermont County breaks ground on Phase 1 Filager Campus Improvements

Clermont County broke ground on the \$18.5-million Phase 1 Filager Campus Improvements project. Monarch Construction Co. of Cincinnati was awarded the construction contract on May 31. The project will replace outdated buildings and outdoor storage for County Engineer's Office Highway Operations and Clermont County Fleet Maintenance. The new facilities will take the place of the existing facilities, many of which were constructed in the 1950s and 60s. The 7-acre campus across State Route 222 from existing facilities will have total building square footage of 74,550. "I'm grateful to the commissioners for seeing the need for this project," County Engineer Jeremy Evans said. "This will provide our dedicated and hard-working employees with a setting that will allow them to better maintain the equipment they use to maintain the county's many roads and bridges."



JULY

Clermont County adds texting for emergency help

People in Clermont County can now text 911 for emergency help. This could be especially helpful for people with a language barrier, or hearing or speech impairment. It also could help when a caller feels unsafe making a voice call due to a domestic situation, burglary in progress or prowler. The Clermont County Department of Public Safety Services asked people with emergencies to call 911 if they can, but text 911 if they can't. "We always prefer voice calls, but text-to-911 offers a helpful alternative when that may not be possible or work very well," said Jessica Wiederhold, Director, Clermont County Department of Public Safety and Services.



AUGUST

Animal Shelter recognized for maintaining no-kill status

Clermont County Animal Shelter maintained no-kill operations in 2022, according to Best Friends Animal Society's annual data report. This means the shelter saved more than 90 percent of the dogs and cats that entered the shelter last year. Best Friends Animal Society, a leading national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters by 2025, recognizes this achievement as a positive step forward and one that can be replicated by other shelters in Ohio. A 90 percent save rate is the nationally recognized benchmark to be considered "no-kill," factoring that about 10 percent of pets who enter shelters have medical or behavioral circumstances that warrant humane euthanasia rather than killing for lack of space.



SEPTEMBER

Workers help to address county's homeless situation

As caseworker for a program that helps the homeless in Clermont County, Alex Boltz regularly encounters heartbreaking situations, sometimes involving seniors. "I think it's just going to get worse," said Boltz, a Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health employee with the PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) program. "Their checks are not enough to cover their living expenses and rent continues to rise. Some end up living in cars." PATH provides intensive outreach services to Clermont County adults who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. The program links people with mental health or substance use treatment services and provides other supports such as assistance with the Social Security application process and housing referrals. The program is funded through Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services via federal funds and the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board. Boltz and co-worker Abby Rau, a PATH SUD (substance use disorder) outreach worker from Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health, say they are working with more senior citizens who receive Social Security checks, get evicted because rent costs went up, and need help getting connected to housing.



OCTOBER

4-H holds life-changing event for DD

For Amber Averwater, the 2023 Clermont County Fair Queen, helping organize an event where individuals from the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD) got to show animals and enjoy a day at the fair was just one of many pluses of her 4-H experience. "The joy and excitement was infectious," said Averwater, 19, a 2022 Clermont Northeastern graduate. "Their smiles were ear to ear. I'm very grateful we were able to bring that joy to them." The project involving individuals from the Clermont County DD was called A Day in the Ring. About 15 people, ages 10 to 40 with a spectrum of disabilities, selected and named an animal, learned about the breed, and proudly came into the ring to show it to a panel of judges. Judges asked what the animal's name was, the shower's name, their favorite fair food, and what they learned about the animal such as what the animal is used for.



NOVEMBER

Family Recovery Court helps reunify family

Adam Hurst started the Clermont County Family Recovery Court program on Dec. 8, 2022, after losing his children due to substance use. Hurst was tired of blaming others for his problems and needed a change. "Adam entered treatment and worked very hard to overcome his barriers," said Judge James A. Shriver at the Family Recovery Court's 15th Commencement Ceremony on Nov. 9. "He got a job, found stable housing, got his license, then a car, and reunified with his children in April. Today we celebrate over 337 days of sobriety and all of Adam's accomplishments." The specialized docket under Judge Shriver was one of the first of its kind in southwestern Ohio when it started on Nov. 13, 2014. Clermont County Family Recovery Court was based on the drug court model, which emphasizes treatment over punishment. On average, the program takes more than a year to complete.



DECEMBER

McClintick joins Clermont County as Director of Community and Economic Development

Experienced township administrator and economic development professional Kris McClintick joined Clermont County today as Director of Community and Economic Development. McClintick served as administrator for Harrison Township in Montgomery County the last nine years. He had been with the township since 2000, starting as assistant director of community and economic development. After three years, he was appointed to director of community and economic development, a position he held for eight years. He was promoted to assistant township administrator in 2011 and township administrator in 2014. "Clermont County is clearly positioned for dynamic growth," McClintick said. "I look forward to working to facilitate that growth for the businesses and residents of Clermont County." Prior to working for Harrison Township, McClintick held positions with the cities of Xenia and Sidney. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

