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#### **MINUTES: Regular Session--February 11, 2003**

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the February 6, 2003, meeting.

C. Michael Kilburn - present                      Larry Crisenbery - present

Pat Arnold South - present                      Tina Davis, Clerk - present

03-196                      A resolution was adopted to establish Water and Sewer Connection Fees for Deerfield Town Center. Vote: Unanimous

03-197                      A resolution was adopted to approve a Bond Release for Village on the Green, Ltd., for completion of improvements in Village on the Green, Section 6, in Hamilton Township. Vote: Unanimous

03-198                      A resolution was adopted to approve Appropriation Adjustments from Commissioners Fund #101-1110 into Data Processing Fund #101-1400. Vote: Unanimous

03-199                      A resolution was adopted to authorize payment of Bills. Vote: Mr. Kilburn – yea; Mrs. South – yea; Mr. Crisenbery – abstain

03-200                      A resolution was adopted to authorize payment of Bills. Vote: Unanimous

#### **DISCUSSIONS**

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board entered into executive session at 9:13 a.m. to discuss homeland security and exited at 10:32 a.m.

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PUBLIC HEARING #1

PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

The public hearing to consider the proposed increase in the real property transfer tax was convened this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2003, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Commissioner Crisenbery opened the public hearing by reading aloud the resolution, which set the time and date of this public hearing.

Eugene Snavley, President of the Cincinnati Board of Realtors, gave facts and figures regarding the amount of revenue the transfer tax gives to Warren County. He then stated his opinion that the transfer tax is a "penalty tax" and is unwarranted.

Commissioner Kilburn explained that the proposed increase is a way to help the growth pay its own way. He stated that the revenue is used to provide services needed because of the new growth.

Commissioner South stated that they have tried to balance taxes fairly and have tightened their budget as much as possible and needs additional revenues to make up for the dwindling sales tax.

There were numerous residents, realtors, homebuilders and developers present and the following spoke in opposition to the increase in the transfer tax:

Bob Olson, Lebanon resident, Nancy Fields, Realtor, William Kaufman, Attorney, Bill Stallman, Turtlecreek Township resident and future developer, and Sandy Blair, realtor.

On motion, the public hearing was closed.

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David Watson, Franklin resident, was present along with Doris Bishop, Human Services Director and members of her staff to complain about the treatment he received from Human Services employees.

The Board apologized for his treatment and assured him it would not happen again.

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Jake Jones, Building Services Director, was present for a work session to discuss the Old Administration Building, financing options needed for certain capital improvement projects and various other proposed projects.

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Richard Renneker, Sanitary Engineer was present to report on his discussion with Neil Tunison, County Engineer, relative to a combined contract with Woolpert for GIS services.

Mr. Renneker stated that the County Engineer stated he has no funds available at this time for GIS services.

The Board discussed funding options and placed a conference call to Mr. Tunison.

Upon discussion, the Board directed Mr. Renneker and Mr. Tunison to meet and discuss a joint project.

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Frank Young, Emergency Services Director, presented a draft plan for security for an orange alert verses a red alert.

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Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

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Larry Crisenbery, President

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C. Michael Kilburn

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Pat Arnold South

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on February 11, 2003, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.

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Tina Davis, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners  
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