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## Commission OKs sewer work, study

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### Growth forces spending boost

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BATAVIA - Clermont County commissioners Wednesday addressed the increasing demand on the sewer system in the Interstate-275 corridor area in Miami Township, one of the county's fastest-growing areas.

In separate actions, commissioners voted 2-0 to:

- \* Allocate \$189,000 for a study on waste-water management in the Loveland-Miamiville Basin.

- \* Ratify plans for more than 9,000 feet of replacement sewer line along Branch Hill-Loveland Road.

Voting were Commissioners Robert Proud and Richard Martin. Board President Martha Dorsey was on vacation.

The area's rapid growth has largely been residential. Clermont County Engineer Carl Hartman said Wednesday that of the 1,197 residential occupancy permits issued last year in Clermont, the majority have been within 5 miles of the I-275 corridor.

And the growth is expected to continue.

The two water-service projects are unrelated except that both are prompted by the area's growth estimates.

They are:

- Installation of 9,020 feet of 10-inch iron water main, fire hydrants and valves along Branch Hill-Loveland Road, between Branch Hill-Guinea Pike and Hanna Avenue. The project is estimated at \$651,200 and is being financed with the sewer system capital improvement funds. It is expected to be finished in about a year, officials said.

- Its completion will provide a hydraulic loop in the current water system and will improve water pressure in surrounding homes.

- A contract with Black & Veatch Ltd. of Ohio, not to exceed \$189,000, to develop a facilities plan for waste-water management in the Loveland-Miamiville area.

This is part of the county's five-year plan, and is considered a proactive approach to anticipated growth, Mr. Hartman said.