

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

February 19, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Present were: Marilyn Brown, President  
John O'Grady, Commissioner  
Kevin L. Boyce, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Nick Soulas, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant, Prosecutor's Office; Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President Brown called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

President Brown: We have two guests recognizing African American History Month. Our first guest is Keisha Gibbs, Manager of the Martin Luther King Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. In observance of African American History Month, I am proud to introduce Keisha Gibbs with Columbus Metropolitan Library. Keisha has spent almost 15 years working within the Columbus Library, she currently manages the new Martin Luther King branch, located at 1467 E. Long Street. Please share with our audience some of the highlights you have planned at the Columbus Metropolitan Library to recognize African American History this month.

Ms. Gibbs: Thank you for the opportunity to be here today. The Columbus Metropolitan Library has been celebrating Black History Month all month long with a bunch of different performers and a variety of programming for all ages. We have some storytellers and the Black Panther Dance Class. We also have a number of materials available for people to checkout about Black History Month. I distributed a flyer with all the events we have had and will have through the remainder of the month. We have our Columbus African American historical collection as well. You can visit our website at [www.columbuslibrary.org](http://www.columbuslibrary.org) to check out all the exciting events going on this month.

I also wanted to talk about our new branch. The Martin Luther King Branch opened in 1969 and was dedicated by Martin Luther King Sr. We will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the branch. When we opened our new branch, we had the pleasure of having Martin Luther King, III for the dedication. This branch has a rich history. The location of the new branch was the former location of the old East Side Branch, which was built in 1953. We have many visitors that reminisce of the old days. We were able to bring a lot of art work to help tell the great story of the people that have come from the neighborhood.

President Brown: It is a beautiful branch. You have so many resources there and thank you for being here.

Commissioner O'Grady: I am glad former Mayor Coleman donated to the collection. He has an unbelievable collection.

Ms. Gibbs: It was his idea to have the collection in our library.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you for what you are doing and what you represent. This library is a huge resource to the families in that neighborhood. It is also a reprieve from a lot of things in that community. Growing up in the community, it was a place to go to access a variety of resources. It is befitting that we are able to celebrate 50 years and the dedication of the new institution.

President Brown: Our next guest is Jonathan Moody, President, Moody Nolan Architectural Firm. It is my privilege to introduce our next guest, Jonathan Moody. Jonathan is President of the highly regarded architectural firm, Moody Nolan. We are all very excited to hear more about the Legacy Project you and your family inspired. As you know, there is an increasing concern for affordable housing in our county, we are grateful for your innovative thinking and collaborative spirit to launch a project that will have lasting impact for many families. Please share how this project began, how you see it unfolding and are there any plans to make this a model that can be used for other firms across the country? Thank you for joining us, Jonathan.

Mr. Moody: It is an honor to be here today on behalf of our firm. This project started as a beginning of the year goal. As an architectural firm, my dad's goal was to leave a legacy. He insisted that this house would be no burden to the family. We had over 30 partners to help us with this project. We would like to do this around the country in each of our locations.

President Brown: How long will it take before a family moves into the house?

Mr. Moody: The family will be moved in this month.

Commissioner O'Grady: It is great that your dad is doing well. Many of the partners on this project have done work with us over the years. This is something your company can be proud of.

Commissioner Boyce: I want to zero in on the idea of what you have done. It is befitting in our poverty study. We are looking for innovative ideas that will help us solve problems. This is one of those things we can grow on a mass scale. All the partners you had on this project suggest that there is a willingness to do more. I am interested in doing a deeper dive on this idea.

(group photo)

Approval of the minutes of January 22, 2019 General Session and the minutes of January 7, February 7, and February 14, 2019 Briefing Session. Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

President Brown: Commissioner: We have a Public Hearing. Can the Clerk please read the Public Hearing?

**PUBLIC HEARING**—Resolution regarding the establishment, altering and widening of the Havenwood improvement project, Franklin Township and Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer’s Office: This capital improvement project is in the southwest part of the County, in Franklin Township, and will improve township roads west of Georgesville Road and south of Broad Street.

President Brown: I would like to open up the Public Hearing for this resolution. Is there anyone here in the audience who would like to speak on this Public Hearing? Seeing none, I would like to close the Public Hearing and have the clerk read the resolution into record.

**Resolution No. 103-19**, resolution establishing, altering and widening of the Havenwood improvement project, Franklin Township and Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is the second resolution in a series of two to declare the project necessary and will allow us to move forward with design and subsequent construction of the improvement.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 103-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 104-19**, resolution authorizing a contract with Dalene Pride, consultant, to provide expert consulting services to identify erroneous motor vehicle registrations (\$20,000.00)(Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This is a professional services contract with Dalene Pride. This will be the fourth year that we have utilized her services. She helps us find errors in the distribution of the motor vehicle registration fees.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 104-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 105-19**, resolution authorizing a settlement for a disputed property damage claim involving a Franklin County Engineer's Office employee (\$816.16)(Engineer), presented by James Jewell, Chief Deputy of Operations, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Jewell: Commissioners, during a routine maintenance of our right of way, one of our employees was operating a boom mower and damaged a vehicle. There were no injuries reported. The Prosecutor's Office has approved this settlement.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 105-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 106-19**, resolution to accept Report (2nd) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Havens Corners Road, County Road No. 16, at Morrison Farms East Drive improvement, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$37,000.00)(Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is for a right of way acquisition for a road widening project in the northeast part of the County. The resolution includes three properties and the appraisals were based on fair market value.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 106-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 107-19**, resolution to accept Report (3rd) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Norton Road at Johnson Road improvement, Prairie Township and Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$36,847.00)(Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is for right of way acquisition for a capital improvement project in the southwest part of the County. We plan to build a single lane roundabout. This resolution includes three properties and the appraisals were based on fair market value.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 107-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 108-19**, resolution accepting Joint County Ditch Petition and fix an hour and date for the view and first hearing on the Cook Tri-County Ditch Watershed, Franklin County, Delaware County, and Licking County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Jim Ramsey, Assistant Highway Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Ramsey: Commissioners, a petition was filed and request has been submitted by a Licking County resident to improve drainage in the Cook-Tri-County Watershed. Franklin County is taking the lead in establishing this ditch petition because a majority of work will take place in Franklin County. This is the first step in the ditch petition process. The first viewing is 2.21.19 and the first public hearing will be April 23, 2019.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 108-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 109-19**, resolution approving a subaward agreement with Columbus Public Health for a marketing and promotion strategy to combat infant mortality (\$1,057,735.33)(Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Franklin County and JFS have played a critical role in CelebrateOne's efforts to curb infant mortality across Central Ohio since its inception. The resolution will pull from TANF and General Fund dollars to support an initiative designed to raise awareness and provide targeted direct approach to address the underlying issues. Some of the highlights of the initiatives of this resolution are:

- Provide crib assessments and distribution in targeted neighborhoods
- Enhance the safe sleep campaign
- CelebrateOne's YMCA initiative
- Building Healthcare Futures
- South Side Thrive Community Engagement
- Digital service integration
- Evidence-based comprehensive health education curriculum

Today we have Priyam Chokshi, Director of Community and Legislative Strategies, CelebrateOne to say a few words.

Ms. Chokshi: Thank you for all your support. We would not be able to make the impact in the community without your support. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

President Brown: What I have found is that the holistic approach we take in working with you is the only way we are going to make an impact that we need to make. I love that we have added the Community Health Worker piece. Trusted Community Health Workers are going to be critically important to get real, truthful information from parents.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you for your work. This is our fifth year of CelebrateOne, are we seeing an improvement in our infant mortality rates? How close are we to the goal?

Ms. Chokshi: We are seeing a downward trend in the overall infant mortality rate. We still have work to do when it comes to the disparity. That is where we are going to hone in on for the next couple of years. A lot of our data reflects the disparity in regards to sleep related deaths, preterm births and infant mortality rates.

Commissioner Boyce: The disparities still exist and we need to zero in on that issue. In our poverty work, we are pulling out these data points where we need to rethink how we are investing, what we are doing and the like. Stay with us in this conversation.

Ms. Bivens: One of the things that we find in the data, in regards to infant mortality, when we look at mothers who are connected to WIC, the infant mortality rate for those babies go down because of the resources available. We are having ongoing conversations to do a pilot for the WIC program and how to connect mothers to WIC.

Commissioner O'Grady: Keep up the good work.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 109-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 110-19**, resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donated art piece from Artist Janet D. George to publically display at the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services (Job and Family Services), presented by Ms. Bivens.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, Janet D. George was gracious to donate a piece of art to our agency. The art piece is entitled Stuff and Such: Remnants of Life, is a story of her life. It has been on display at the Ohio State University Urban Art Center and Northside Neighborhood Pride Center. This will be displayed in our Northland's atrium area.

President Brown: It would be nice if we could send her a note of appreciation from the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to Resolution 110-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 111-19**, resolution approving a Second Contract Extension and Modification with Byers Ford, LLC for the supply and delivery of Fleet Automobiles for the Franklin County Fleet Management Department (\$1,800,000.00)(Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

Ms. Ashcraft: The resolution before you is requesting your approval of the second contract extension for the purchase of new vehicles. The original contract was awarded on March 1, 2016. The second extension includes one contract modification that requires all auto title services to be provided by the Franklin County Clerk of Courts office. Byers has been obtaining all of our vehicle titles from our title division, however this modification is being made to all of our vehicle contracts moving forward.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 111-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 112-19**, resolution authorizing fifteen grant agreements to provide health promotion/wellness services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$1,420,500.00)(Office On Aging), presented by Michelle Missler, Director, Office on Aging.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging presents this resolution authorizing fifteen grant agreements for health promotion and wellness services. The Franklin County Office on Aging annually awards grant funds to non-profit organizations in order to expand community services to the elderly population of Franklin County. Proposals being presented for approval via resolution today are from the Breathing Association, Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, COAAA, Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, Columbus Speech and Hearing Center, Gladden Community House, Join Organization for Inner-city Needs, LifeCare Alliance, Mid-Ohio Foodbank, Age Friendly Columbus and Franklin County, The Ohio State University and the Upper Arlington Commission on Aging. These organizations will focus on helping seniors improve their health status and access to health services. In order to highlight the great work this funding affords I would like to first invite up Jennifer Seifert, Executive Director from Charitable Pharmacy to share a few words.

Ms. Siefert: Good morning, Commissioners. I am honored to speak in favor of this resolution. We conduct a prescription access program through the Senior Options grant. This allows us to provide medications, pharmacy services, and medication counseling. The cost of prescriptions has risen to a crisis in our nation. We are a local solution to that crisis. In 2018, our seniors received \$2.7 million worth of medications that they desperately needed. Medications none of them would have been able to afford. The same year, we conducted 5,844 one-on-one clinical consultations with patients to make sure they took their medications correctly and consistently. One patient was supposed to take nine medications, but only requested a portion of her medications each month. Because of Senior Options, I can do what a pharmacist practitioner should do. We came up with a plan for this patient. We plan to hold 6,000 one-on-one interactions this year. Thank you for your time.

Commissioner O'Grady: I take many medications each day. You can't miss your medications. People do so all the time. I just want to encourage everyone to take their medication.

President Brown: People do not understand the impact of not taking their medication and often cannot afford their medication. I thank you for the counseling and education you provide. We know some people are making choices on whether to eat or take medication.

Commissioner O'Grady: Some think they cannot afford their medications and do not realize there are resources to help them afford their medications.

Ms. Siefert: We have received national recognition for the work we are doing to solve this crisis.

Ms. Missler: Thank you Jennifer, for all you do for older adults in our community. Additionally, I would like to ask Katie White, Director of the Age Friendly Columbus and Franklin County to provide a brief update on the progress the Age Friendly initiative has made in 2018 and what we are working on for 2019.

Ms. White: We have continued to be out in the community and reaching about 5,000 individuals last year. We held a Franklin County convening last year to learn more about us. One of the messages was the interest in community based approaches. We will be looking at mobility this year. We will be piloting a senior circulator in the Hilltop and a pilot with ODOT. We are making sure the next generation of leaders are learning about aging at a younger age.

Ms. Missler: Thank you, Katie, for your tireless effort to make Franklin County an Age Friendly County.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 112-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 113-19**, resolution authorizing an agreement with the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging for case management services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$4,894,359.00)(Office On Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging presents this resolution authorizing an agreement with the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging for case management services for Franklin County Senior Options. The Franklin County Office on Aging will utilize the COAAA for the provision of needed face to face case management services. Additionally, the COAAA also provides the initial in-home assessments for all Senior Options participants, which are required prior to enrollment. This contract also covers some shared service provider quality improvement activities and will run from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 113-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 114-19**, resolution authorizing recycling of information technology equipment declared obsolete by the Franklin County Automatic Data Processing Board (Public Facilities Management), presented by Lauren Stull, Assistant Director/Chief Financial Officer, Public Facilities Management.



Ms. Stull: Good morning, Commissioners. Lauren Stull, Assistant Director/Chief Financial Officer, Public Facilities Management. Periodically this agency is asked by the Data Processing Board to assist with the disposal of obsolete, surplus IT equipment. We do so in a manner consistent with this Board's commitment to promote sustainable principles in our policy decisions and programs.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 114-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 115-19**, resolution declaring personal property as unneeded, obsolete or unfit and not needed for public use and authorizing the sale of said items via Internet auction (Public Facilities Management), presented by Ms. Stull.

Ms. Stull: This Resolution will declare personal property—specifically High Density Shelving from the Child Support Enforcement Agency—as obsolete and authorizes the sale via Internet auction at GovDeals.com. In the event no bid is received, the item will be made available for recycling and disposed of in a sustainable manner.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 115-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 116-19**, resolution authorizing a subgrant award increase of \$9,412.75 to Ohio Hispanic Coalition to provide victim advocacy under the FY 2017 S.T.O.P Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant program (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: In our typical audit of looking at our grant money to make sure we spend everything, we noticed that we were going to have a slight surplus of funds for our FY 2017 VAWA. We contacted the Ohio Hispanic Coalition and would like to augment their services. We are asking for your authorization to add this additional money to their contract.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 116-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 117-19**, resolution authorizing a collaboration agreement with Community Mediation Services to support tenant education and landlord-tenant mediation (\$100,000.00)(Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution will allow Community Mediation Services to provide mediation services for landlord-tenant disputes so one does not have an eviction on their

record. Franklin County has led the country with one of the highest eviction rates in the last ten years. In 2018, we had 17,697 evictions in Franklin County. This service is needed in our community.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 117-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 118-19**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$3,641,672.02)(Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Assistant Director, Purchasing.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Good morning Commissioners, Megan Perry-Balonier, Assistant Director of Purchasing. The resolution before you requests your approval of 128 purchase orders. Included in this resolution are 25 eligible purchase orders. Eligible POs are those in which Small & Emerging Business Enterprises are likely to participate. 17 of these eligible POs were awarded to SEBEs which is 68% of the eligible PO volume. The sum of these 17 POs is \$293,653 which is 84.8% of the eligible PO dollar value. These purchase orders have been precertified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 118-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 119-19**, resolution appointing members to the Franklin County Reentry Advisory Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator.

Mr. Janas: Commissioners, Resolution 757-18 established the Franklin County Reentry Advisory Board and designated that there will be 27 board members. This resolution makes the original appointments staggered over three year terms and identifies the leadership of the board for the first year.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 119-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 A.M.

**(Signature Page Follows)**

These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of February 19, 2019.


  
**MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT**

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**JOHN O'GRADY**

  
**KEVIN L. BOYCE**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:

  
**Antwan Booker, Clerk**