

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

February 26, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

Present were: Marilyn Brown, President
Kevin L. Boyce, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Harold Anderson, Director of Business Contracts, 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 9:04 A.M.

President Brown: Thank you to Assistant Director, Alex Beres and the associates of TS Tech for joining us this morning to recognize their years of service to Franklin County residents. Please join us.

Alex Beres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning: I have the pleasure of introducing TS Tech USA representatives. The Economic Development and Planning Department focuses on business retention and expansion. TS Tech is our largest private sector employer in the unincorporated areas and the third largest manufacturer in the eleven county Columbus 2020 region. They have been a great corporate partner. This is TS Tech's 25th anniversary in Franklin County and they have expanded their facilities. Jeff Daniels, TS Tech Associates, will come to speak.

Mr. Daniels: We are glad to be invited here today. In 1994, the County helped us do a site search to locate to Franklin County. Today we employ 1,000 people and produce 2,000 cars a day. All of this is because of our partnership with the County.

President Brown: Can you talk about the history of TS Tech?

Mr. Daniels: Our mother company is TS Tech Japan. Our facility is the largest global facility of the company. We have a good workforce and have expanded five or six times since our inception. We want to be a good corporate citizen.

President Brown: We thank you for remaining in the County.

(group photo)

President Brown: Today concludes our month-long celebration of African American History Month, and it gives me great pleasure to introduce our local Development Director of the United Negro College Fund, Steve Miller. Founded in 1944, UNCF is celebrating its 75th Anniversary! I can only imagine how many lives the United Negro College Fund has impacted, directly and indirectly, over these past 75 years. Thank you for joining us this morning.

Mr. Miller: We appreciate the opportunity to be here today. The UNCF is a scholarship administration organization. We have provided over \$5 billion of financial services since 1944. We have touched over 500,000 students. In Ohio, we raised \$1.6 million and provided \$500,000 in scholarships in Franklin County. Of the 58 scholarships we provided last year, 23 of those students went to The Ohio State University. The money stays with the student and can attend any school in the United States. We support our 103 HBCUs and our 37 UNCF private schools. 25% of all African-Americans that hold a college degree attended an HBCU. The need is still great and the opportunities still exist. UNCF is a workforce pipeline opportunity. (Mr. Miller proceeded to go through his power point presentation.)

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you for being here today. Mr. Miller helped me early on with my son's academics. Education is a key component. Ohio has a rich history with African-Americans and education. Wilberforce University was the first HBCU in America. Central State University is one of the few state institutions that is an HBCU. One of the best things in America is that you can access a quality education. The work that you do is significant to the progress of those in Central Ohio.

(group photo)

President Brown: We have another friend of Franklin County with us this morning. It's good to see you, Doug. Doug Lumpkin and his family have a long Columbus history of community service and we've invited Doug in to remember his Father, Clarence Lumpkin, "mayor of Linden" (coined by Mayor Coleman) for his years of service to our community. Our condolences to you and your family for your loss. We are grateful for your time to honor your Father this morning; would you like to share a favorite memory and the impact your Dad had on you and the Linden neighborhood.

Mr. Lumpkin: Thank you Commissioners. Thank you for recognizing my dad today. I would say that my dad was a walking cliché. He was a man of character. He taught me how to never leave home without your integrity. My dad was authentic. I say these things because he was all about community. I am here to celebrate his life and his accomplishments. His commitment and concern for community never wavered.

Commissioner Boyce: When I first started off in politics, Mr. Lumpkin took time to invest in me. He told me that it is a unique honor to come from the community, to be given the privilege and responsibility to make that community better. We are all committed to your dad's legacy. We hope that this resolution reflects a small portion of our gratitude for your dad.

(group photo)

Approval of the minutes of the January 29, and February 5, 2019 General Session, and the minutes of February 21, 2019 Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President Brown. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 121-19, resolution authorizing a contract for attendance services with Canal Winchester Schools (\$6,694.60)(Domestic Relations), presented by Barbara Reeves, Deputy Director of Business, Domestic Relations Court and Julie Troth, Director of Program and Services, Domestic Relations Court.

Ms. Reeves: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution is requesting the approval of a new contract with Canal Winchester that will provide attendance services.

Ms. Troth: The Truancy Intervention and Prevention Program reduces formal court filings related to truancy by partnering with school districts to address those attendance barriers by providing services to the families that we have partnered with.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 121-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 122-19, resolution authorizing an Agreement with SafeChain for developing and adapting Blockchain technology utilizing non-general funds (\$48,236.44)(Auditor), presented by Austin Chen, Chief Technology Officer, Auditor's Office.

Mr. Chen: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution is to authorize the contract agreement with SafeChain Company. Last summer, the Franklin County Auditor's office worked with SafeChain to utilize Blockchain technology in the annual Auditor's sales process. This contract engagement will allow SafeChain to maintain and enhance the system for future sales. In addition, SafeChain will create the software and data foundations for a Franklin County Blockchain registry system. They will load the registry with unique parcels in the system which will provide a simple, secure, and automatic process in annual Auditor's sales. I was advised by the senior leadership team that both current Auditor and Auditor-Elect agreed to move forward in this direction by utilizing the Real Estate fund.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 122-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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

PUBLIC HEARING—Resolution regarding the final hearing for establishing, altering and widening of Roberts Road Shared Use Path, Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office: This is a shared use path project in the northwest part of the County. It is a collaborative project including Columbus, Hilliard, and Franklin County. It will close a gap in pedestrian facilities between Westrock Drive and Mudsock Trail.

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. 123-19, resolution for final hearing for establishing, altering and widening of Roberts Road Shared Use Path, Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution will allow us to move forward with right-of-way acquisition if needed for the project.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 123-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 124-19, resolution regarding the construction of the Hayden Run Greenways Shared Use Path over Hayden Run in Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This is a project in the northwest part of the County. It is a collaborative project with Columbus, Hilliard, and Franklin County. It will close the gap in the shared use path between Hilliard and Columbus, west and east of I-270. This resolution allows us to move forward with the design of the project and will include a bridge over Hayden Run watercourse.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 124-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 125-19, resolution for establishing, altering and widening of Morse Road at Babbitt Road, Plain Township and Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This is a capital improvement project in the northeast part of the County at the intersection of Morse Road and Babbitt Road. This is the first resolution in a series of two to declare the project necessary.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 125-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 126-19, resolution authorizing a contract with Moody Engineering, LLC, consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in providing engineering services, Franklin County, Ohio (\$50,000.00)(Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is a design contract with Moody Engineering. We hope to utilize them with help on drainage improvement designs. We used the qualifications based selection process.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 126-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 127-19, resolution authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with Shelly & Sands, Inc. for the Smothers Road at Schott Road and Red Bank Road Roundabout Project, (an increase of \$90,589.66) for a revised contract amount of \$1,840,828.29 (\$1,840,828.29)(Engineer), presented by Carla Marable, Director of Communications, Engineer's Office.

Ms. Marable: This resolution seeks approval of a contract modification. This contract was awarded in May 2018. The contractor was asked to provide additional services as a result of the utility company not revoking lines in a timely fashion. The additional cost will be reimbursed by the utility company.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 127-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 128-19, resolution authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to Renew a Contract With M.P. Dory Company For the 2019 Franklin County Traffic Signal Maintenance Program (\$509,756.00)(Engineer), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: In November 2016, the contract was awarded to M.P. Dory for the 2017 Traffic Signal Maintenance Program. The contract allowed for two one year extensions based on mutual agreement. This is the second extension of that contract and the terms and conditions remain the same.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 128-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 129-19, resolution for preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of Reynoldsburg (\$450,000.00)(Engineer), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: Reynoldsburg has requested to use a portion of their County Motor Vehicle License Fees for the improvement of Palmer Road between Graham Road and Ravine Way. The Engineer has reviewed the proposed use of the funds and have determined that they meet the allowable usage.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 129-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 130-19, resolution authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations in order to provide the budgetary allotment for meeting March payroll and other obligations (Board Of Elections), presented by Ed Leonard, Director, Board of Elections.

Mr. Leonard: We continue to work on the comprehensive advertising budget. We continue to work on our outreach efforts. We have worked with County Job and Family Services, County Developmental Disabilities, and community groups and libraries. We have had a number of community events that have been well attended to introduce the new equipment to the community. We have completed all the acceptance testing on all the voting equipment. We are on target to implement the new equipment at the May Primary elections.

The funds that are appropriated are for some of the standard activities we do and some represent some new activities for the month of March.

President Brown: Do you think the issue of implementing the communication plan will be resolved soon?

Mr. Leonard: Yes, Commissioner. We have a March meeting and are hoping it will be resolved before then. We have had some productive conversations.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 130-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 131-19, resolution authorizing two grant agreements to provide intergenerational services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$124,341.00)(Office On Aging), presented by Michelle Missler, Director, Office on Aging.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging presents this resolution authorizing two grant agreements for intergenerational 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 National Church Residences Center for Senior Health and OhioHealth Gerlach Center for Senior Health. These projects are aimed at enriching the lives of seniors via interaction with the younger generation. Intergenerational programs serve to better acquaint younger persons with those that are of advancing age. Activities range from using music and movement within an intergenerational daycare center to having high school children teach older adults to use technology. In order to highlight the great work this funding affords I would like to first invite up Christa Spence, from the OhioHealth Gerlach Center for Senior Health to share a few words.

Ms. Spencer: It has been a privilege to have the opportunity to use these funds. During 2018, we reached over 1,000 senior adults in Franklin County. One of the services we do with this grant is an aging simulation for kids to help them better understand the older adults and hoping that they have more empathy for the aging population. We have extended the program to work with fifth year OSU Pharmacy students. They have to go through the aging simulation and have to do eight volunteer hours in a senior facility. We have seen success in this program. Last year, we extended it to all residents and Grant Hospital and Riverside Hospital. We also go into the community and reached over 800 students.

We worked with the Southwest School district with students who are in trouble. We served over 1,200 students last year with these funds.

Ms. Missler: Intergenerational services are critical. Thank you Christa, for all you do for older adults in our community.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 131-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 132-19, resolution authorizing nine grant agreements to provide outreach services for Franklin County Senior Options. (\$446,797.00)(Office On Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging presents this resolution authorizing nine grant agreements for outreach services on behalf of Franklin County Senior Options. 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 Asian American Community Services, Central Community House of Columbus, Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resources Center, Community Refugee and Immigration Services Inc., Gladden Community House, Jewish Family Services, Legal Aid Society of Columbus and Village Connections. These grantees target special population seniors in the community. These older adults include those that are homebound, of very low income, refugees and immigrants as well as those living in community together. The services provided through these grants are tailored to meet their unique needs, thus assisting them to live independently with an improved quality of life. Services provided are inclusive of group socialization, peer support groups, translation services, assessment and service linkage, and

advocacy. In order to highlight the great work this funding affords, I would like to first invite up Tamar Forrest, Executive Director from Central Community House to share a few words.

Ms. Forrest: I am thankful for this funding. Because of the funding we received in 2018, we served 252 unduplicated seniors. 90% were connected to resources to address a basic need. Some of the outreach methods we did, we went out to four senior centers and provided onsite services to get them connected to resources. We provide transportation at six different senior centers. Because of this funding, these seniors are being connected to services that they would not have been able to. We are able to remove isolation of seniors by providing field trips. This is just a few examples of what we do with the funding.

Ms. Missler: Thank you Tammy, for all you do for older adults in our community.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 132-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 133-19, resolution authorizing a Career Oriented Continuing Education and Placement Training Grant agreement with Per Scholas to provide workforce training and job placement as part of their commitment to expand their operations within Franklin County (\$200,000.00)(Economic Development and Planning), presented by Michael Salvador, Workforce Navigator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Salvadore: This is our first renewal under the People Works Program. When we were charged with creating additional programs, especially targeting low-income residents with training and job opportunities, we created a suite of grant programs to identify businesses and vocational training organizations that demonstrated they could provide these services. We identified PerScholas as one with the potential to accomplish that mission. When we awarded PerScholas in 2016, to expand their program, they have achieved their target. Since our funding, they have expanded their program to offer two certifications and have doubled the number of students trained in a given year. This resolution authorizes two additional years of funding because they have bigger and bolder plans for the next two years. I would like to invite Toni Cunningham, Managing Director, PerScholas Columbus to detail the plans for the future.

Ms. Cunningham: I want to thank you for your support. With your support, we have been able to grow our capacity by 57% since 2016. We are on track to serve 140 students this year. We partner with local employers to look at customized training opportunities in a new credential. We have more than an 80% placement rate. Some of our students were making \$10,000/annually and after our training have jumped up to \$35,000/annually. We target those who are unemployed or underemployed to go through our training.

President Brown: If someone is interested in pursuing a career in technology, how can they get in touch with you at PerScholas?

Ms. Cunningham: All students start the process online at our website at www.perscholas.org and applying. Our training is from 9am to 4pm for 10-15 weeks.

Commissioner Boyce: This is one of those catalyst strategies for us. The census projects Franklin County will have an additional 1 million people in the next 30 years. We have to have a workforce to accommodate the jobs of the future. Thank you for what you are doing.

President Brown: This is one facet of training we are doing here.

Mr. Salvadore: This is a pay for performance grant. They do not get reimbursed until they place a student in a job.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 133-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 134-19, resolution authorizing a IV-D contract with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch (\$1,274,101.84)(Child Support Enforcement), presented by Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Ms. Torriero: This resolution authorizes our contract with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch. It allows us to reimburse the courts for the cost of three magistrates who are solely dedicated in providing services for child support issues.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 134-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 135-19, resolution authorizing a subgrant award with the Franklin County Municipal Court Clerk's Office for updates to the court notification program through the FY 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (\$25,002.00)(Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson Deputy Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Ms. Pierson: This resolution is about failure to appear rates. Unfortunately, in our Municipal Court, the failure to appear rate averages between 19-33%. We know improving appearance rates will not only save us costs in the issuance of serving warrants, it will reduce our average daily jail population and limit the systemic damage done to an individual and family after an arrest happens. Elevating our current notification system to include text notification will significantly reduce the average failure to appear rate. We are requesting your approval to purchase an upgraded system. This is a non-general fund request.

President Brown: Is Common Pleas doing this service?

Ms. Pierson: I am not sure, Commissioner. We will be studying the impact and report back to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 135-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 136-19, resolution authorizing a collaboration agreement with the Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Franklin County to support the production of affordable housing units (\$3,400,000.00)(Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution will promote the production of affordable homes and rental units around employment centers.

President Brown: We have one speaker for this resolution, Mark Fluharty, Executive Director, Central Ohio Labor Council.

Mr. Fluharty: Good morning, Commissioners. We all know that affordable housing is an issue in our community. I started my advocacy for affordable housing many years ago with a volunteer opportunity at the YWCA Homeless Family Shelter. That drove a passion in me to be a part of the community and address this issue. My ask is simple. We have a conveyance fee and it is allowed to be increased by \$2. I ask that you increase that to the maximum amount and put that money towards affordable housing. That can bring in an additional \$6,000,000. Thank you.

Commissioner Boyce: Where does these dollars come from? I believe these funds are unique than the rest of the Community Partnership funds.

Ms. McCrary: The funding for the Affordable Housing Trust is tied to the conveyance fees. We split that conveyance fee by investing in the Community Shelter Board and the Affordable Housing Trust. We are not just looking at providing the housing, but also emergency shelter.

Commissioner Boyce: This is an annual amount of the conveyance fee. Are there additional funds we put towards affordable housing? It could be more dollars if there are more transfers.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, the amount of this resolution represents one-half of the permissive fee for Affordable Housing Trust. In regards to the Community Shelter Board, there have been additional General Fund dollars provided on top of the one-half permissive fee.

Commissioner Boyce: There are so many conversations taking place right now about fees, taxes, etc. being raised. There is an alternate side to raising fees and taxes. As we consider these, we have to be thoughtful about the ultimate impact on families who need these resources the most. This is a deep conversation we are having. There has to be a collective effort to address this issue. If you raise the conveyance fee, the owner of the complex will transfer the costs to the tenants. We need to make sure our efforts do not have a counter effect.

President Brown: Our Economic Development and Planning department is taking a comprehensive approach.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 136-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 137-19, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with the Cancer Support Community of Central Ohio to provide support and education for individuals battling cancer and their families (\$75,000.00)(Community Partnerships), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution would support the important work of the Cancer Support Community of Central Ohio as they strive to stand with cancer patients and their caregivers to provide education and support in determining the best route for treatment. They educate them on healthy food choices for cancer patients. This is the only organization in Columbus that offers hands on support and education for cancer patients.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 137-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 138-19, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with the Columbus Public Health Department to provide tuberculosis education, prevention, and treatment for Franklin County residents (\$2,332,852.00)(Community Partnerships), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution will support the Columbus Public Health Department, and the work they are doing on the County's behalf to provide tuberculosis treatment for active cases and latent cases. They are not just relying on the chest x-ray, but using a blood test that is much more accurate and cost-saving. They are also using video observation technology to see patients take their required medication. Franklin County has the largest rates of tuberculosis because we are an open and welcoming community.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 138-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 139-19, resolution authorizing a contract with Physicians CareConnection to provide comprehensive health care services to under and uninsured Franklin County residents (\$300,000.00)(Community Partnerships), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution supports the work that Physicians CareConnection is doing. They are the only specialty care clinic in Columbus. You can go there and see a cardiologist, gynecologist, dentists, etc. They are doing amazing work. They are not providing revolving door emergency type care. They see patients and connect them with a primary care physician. I would encourage everyone to ask their physicians to volunteer at the clinic.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 139-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 140-19, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$6,898,685.58)(Purchasing), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert, Director of Purchasing. The resolution before you requests your approval of 130 purchase orders. For Small Emerging Business Enterprises, included in this resolution are 18 eligible purchase orders. Eligible purchase orders are those in which Small & Emerging Business Enterprises are likely to participate. 10 of these eligible purchase orders were awarded to SEBEs which is 55.5% of the eligible purchase order volume. The sum of these 10 purchase orders is \$35,012.75 which is 65.9% of the eligible purchase order dollar value. These purchase orders have been precertified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 140-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 141-19, resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute agreement regarding the Ohio Opioid Education Alliance Agreement (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: This agreement would authorize the use of the County logo in the public service materials for the Denial, Ohio Opioid Education Campaign. The 2019 Budget included a contribution of \$250,000 that was transferred to ADAMH for this effort.

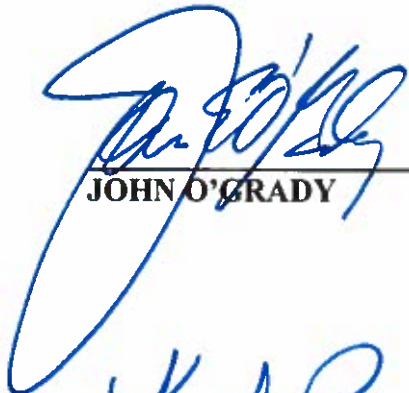
Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 141-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.


With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of February 26, 2019.


MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT


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Submitted by:


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