

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

March 19, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Present were: Marilyn Brown, President  
John O'Grady, Commissioner  
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 9:01 A.M.

President Brown: This morning we are honored to welcome Claire Pollard representing Columbus Local 1 Service Employees International Union; with 2 million members nation-wide, SEIU believes in the dignity and worth of employees and the services they provide in the field of Healthcare (doctors, nurses, home health care professionals, lab techs, environmental and dietary aides), Property Service (janitors, security officers, maintenance, custodial, stadium and arena workers, window cleaners) and Public Service; representing more than 1 million local and state government workers (public school employees, bus drivers and child care providers). Thank you for joining us to share your perspective on the history of women in the labor workforce and the affect women have had on organized labor and SEIU.

Ms. Pollard: It is an honor to be here today. Throughout history, women have always made critical contributions during the labor movement, but most are absent from our history books. (Ms. Pollard mentioned a number of moments that women had on the labor movement.)

Commissioner Boyce: That was some great information you provided. I would like to have a copy of your speaking points.

(group picture)

President Brown: Today demonstrates a call to action in our local workforce. The number of retiring surveyors far exceeds the number of those entering the surveying profession and it's up to us to reverse this trend, so this morning we have the privilege of recognizing National Surveyors Week, (March 17-23, 2019), designed to introduce our newest generations to the interesting field

of surveying. Here to introduce our in-house students and demonstrate how a job in surveying relates to our community is Cornell Robertson, County Engineer.

Mr. Robertson: Thank you for this opportunity. The surveying industry is very important to our community. To be a County Engineer, one has to be a professional surveyor and professional engineer. I would like to introduce David Pearson, Director of Surveying and Mapping, Engineer's Office, who has been with our office for 34 ½ years.

Mr. Pearson: The third full week of March is celebrated as National Surveyors Week since 1984. Surveying plays a vital role in our everyday lives and the profession has been dwindling. The average age of a surveyor today is 60 years old and fewer individuals are getting involved in our profession. You cannot build roads, bridges, sewer systems, or warehousing districts without surveying. Surveying is a great profession. I have been a professional surveyor for 34 years and we have 10 additional professional surveyors. The future of our profession is our youth. One way to get more youth interested in our profession is through STEM programs, outreach programs and internships. As part of our outreach, we have several students that are curious about the profession and walk them through what we do.

(group picture)

**Resolution No. 176-19**, resolution authorizing the replacement or rehabilitation of various bridges and structures in Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This is a common resolution that we have to declare various bridges necessary. It will allow us to move forward with either replacement or rehabilitation. The bridges for this resolution are:

- Chippewa Street over Tributary
- Norton Road over Hellbranch Run
- Hayden Run Road over Scioto River
- Reese Road over Big Walnut Creek

President Brown: We have a speaker for this resolution. Don Brown, BREAD Organization, please come up and make your statement.

Mr. Brown: I am a member of the BREAD Organization. It is imperative that we fix our roads and bridges because it is a pathway to affordable housing. My brother-in-law often finds himself having to choose between food and medication or medication and rent. There are not enough solutions in place to effect the affordable housing crisis. Increasing the conveyance fee can lead to additional millions of dollars each year to the Affordable Housing Fund. I challenge you to increase the conveyance fee to the \$2 maximum amount allowed by the state.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 176-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 177-19**, resolution authorizing the 2019 Resurfacing Program for Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary and hearing fixed for Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is for the annual County Resurfacing Program. This program includes 16 sections of roadways, covering 16 miles and spread out among 7 different Townships.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 177-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 178-19**, resolution authorizing a contract with DLZ Ohio, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing preliminary engineering for Cooke Road, from I-71 to Cleveland Avenue, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$90,823.00)(Engineer), presented by Carla Marable, Director of Communications, Engineer's Office.

Ms. Marable: This resolution seeks approval to enter into consulting services agreement with DLZ Ohio to provide the Engineer's Office for engineering services for the Cooke Road corridor from I-71 to Cleveland Avenue in Clinton Township. DLZ Ohio is a certified MBE and selected via the qualifications-based selection process.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 178-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 179-19**, resolution for preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of Grove City (\$667,758.00)(Engineer), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: The City of Grove City has requested to use a portion of their permissive fee to improve Southwest Boulevard from Richard Avenue to Hoover Road. The County Engineer has reviewed the proposed use of funds and has determined they meet the allowable use.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 179-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 180-19**, resolution authorizing an agreement with Vigilant Solutions, LLC for Investigative Data Platform software (\$32,750.00)(Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: This agreement will allow the Sheriff's Office to access commercially stored data collected through license plate reader technology. The 3<sup>rd</sup> party data will be utilized for investigative purposes over the next year, on a trial basis, to determine if the information gathered is beneficial to carry out the Sheriff's Office mission.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 180-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 181-19**, resolution authorizing the establishment of the Law Enforcement Trust Funds within the County Treasury (Sheriff), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution establishes the law enforcement trust fund within the county treasury for federal asset forfeitures as required by the US Department of Justice and US Department of the Treasury.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 181-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 182-19**, resolution authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations related to a State Homeland Security Program grant award (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Jeff Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Young: Good Morning Commissioners, Jeff Young representing Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security. I would like to mention that this week is Severe Winter Weather Awareness Week and in support of tomorrow's Statewide Tornado Drill we will be sounding the sirens for the full three minute cycle at 9:50 which is longer than the typical Wednesday noon test which not occur.

Before you is a resolution for a non-general fund supplemental appropriation related to our 2018 State Homeland Security Grant award. This Grant is distributed by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency to a designated fiscal agent in each of the eight Homeland Security Regions. Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security acts as the fiscal agent for planning region four. As part of this responsibility we work with the other fourteen regional County EMA directors to identify projects that have a terrorism nexus, are regional in applicability and fit within one of the federal categories that the State has approved. The notice of funding opportunity and regional awards are typically made in the fall of each year and then require an approval of the specific projects by the Ohio EMA Grants Branch. We have now received approval of our projects totaling \$681,258,

and in order to proceed, need to request this supplemental appropriation. These projects range from support to the Bomb Squad and Hazardous Material Teams, individual patient trauma treatment kits and a tabletop exercise focused upon the Mass Fatality Plan recently completed with the Franklin County and regional Coroners. Franklin County Emergency Management will be working with Franklin County Purchasing and several of the individual projects will coming back before the commissioners as part of the procurement process.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 182-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 183-19**, resolution authorizing a transfer of non-general fund appropriations related to the purchase of land for the new Franklin County Crisis Center. (Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Board), presented by Jonathan Wyly, Chief Financial Officer, ADAMH Board.

Mr. Wyly: This budget neutral resolution allows the ADAMH Board to buy property on Harmon Avenue. We hope to use the property for the new Crisis Center or for some other type of services that we support. We are moving forward with the property purchase and the planning process.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 183-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 184-19**, resolution authorizing the acceptance of a gift from Express Wash Concepts to Franklin County Dog Shelter and Adoption Center (Animal Control), presented by Kaye Dickson, Director, Animal Care and Control.

Ms. Dickson: I am here to present to you an acceptance of a gift from Express Wash Concepts dba Moo Moo Carwash in the amount of \$7,542.08.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 184-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 185-19**, resolution approving a subaward agreement with Action for Children for parenting education and coaching services for fathers (\$90,000.00)(Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: For the past four years, our agency has partnered with Child Support Enforcement Agency, Jewish Family Services and Goodwill Industries to provide parenting employment services for non-custodial parents through the Catalyst and Compass Programs. Those programs target obligors facing new orders for civil contempt charges. The Journey: A Parents Voice pilot aims to engage non-custodial parents earlier

in the process before their order is established. Under this new partnership CSEA and Action for Children propose a blend of father engagement pilot. Through this pilot, fathers will be assigned a designated case manager and provide consistent financial support training and develop strong relationships with their children to overcome life barriers. This pilot is targeted to reach 60 TANF eligible fathers.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 185-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 186-19**, resolution authorizing an Economic Development Agreement with the Greater Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau to promote Franklin County as a tourism destination (\$2,575,000.00)(Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jim Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning, and Josh Roth, Senior Programs Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Schimmer: This resolution is with a great partner. One of the amazing things that happened this year was being named in the top 52 destinations in 2019 by the New York Times. It is important to understand that the money that the Greater Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau brings into Central Ohio is new money.

Mr. Roth: This resolution would authorize our first annual Economic Development partner contract with Experience Columbus. This will support their work in promoting the Columbus Region as a tourism destination and continue to help the economic growth in the region. Their efforts have generated over \$7 billion in annual visitor spending at local businesses and hotels. This helps support 75,000 jobs.

Mr. Schimmer: We have Brian Ross, Chief Executive Officer, Experience Columbus and Linda Logan, Executive Director, Greater Columbus Sports Commission in the audience if you have any questions.

Mr. Ross: We are appreciative of the support from the County. We believe the travel economy, that welcomes 41 million visitors annually, can play a significant role in some of the issues that you are addressing. 2018 was a record year. We booked over 525,000 rooms, which is a 9% increase. Expedia highlighted Columbus/Franklin County as one of the most exciting LGBTQ friendly destinations around the world. Food and Wine named Columbus/Franklin County one of the best food cities to visit in 2019. We hosted the National Urban League, Avon, the American Psychiatrist Nurses Association and American Trucking Association last year. These groups brought in over \$14 million in visitor spending. We have booked future events as well.

Ms. Logan: 2018 was a remarkable year for us in the sports arena including the Women's Final Four basketball event. We have a lot of returning events this year in Franklin County. We are fortunate that when we book these sporting events, their fans like it and we are in a rotation for these events.

Commissioner Boyce: This is a good return on investment for us. Keep up the good work.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 186-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 187-19**, resolution authorizing an Economic Development Agreement with Rev1 Ventures for support of the Entrepreneurial Services Provider Program (\$300,000.00)(Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Roth.

Mr. Schimmer: We have had a long standing relationship with Rev1 Ventures. This is 12 year partnership. 47% of the companies that Rev1 Ventures are working with are diverse, women, or minority businesses.

Mr. Roth: This is the second annual Economic Development Agreement of the year. This contract will allow Rev1 to leverage the state's entrepreneurial services provider program on a one-on-one basis.

Mr. Schimmer: We have Kristy Campbell, Rev1 Ventures here to talk about Rev1.

Ms. Campbell: Thank you for the support that allow us to build great companies here in Franklin County. 2018 was a milestone year. We invested \$13.1 million in 36 unique companies. About half of the funding went to companies that are growing. These companies generated more than \$123 million in revenue and attracted \$157 million capital in the region. 50% of the investments we made have either a woman or a minority founder. 38% of the money invested went to those companies. This is way above the national average. Our future focus is catalyzing entrepreneurial efforts, to grow capital investments, continue to grow corporate investments in startups and provide infrastructure for companies.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 187-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 188-19**, resolution authorizing receipt of the Franklin County FY 2018 S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Block Grant Award (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Hope Foster, Fiscal Administrator, Justice Policy and Programs.

Ms. Foster: This resolution is for authorization to accept our 2018 S.T.O.P Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Block Grant in the amount of \$607,925.16. This grant is an award from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services as a pass through from the Federal Office of Violence Against Women.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 188-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 189-19**, resolution authorizing ten sub grant awards and contracts for services to provide victim services and enhance law enforcement and prosecution under the FY 2018 S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act Block Grant (\$498,109.98)(Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ms. Foster.

Ms. Foster: This resolution gives us the opportunity to award the grant to our grantees. The grant funds will be used to enhance prosecution, law enforcement, and victim services targeted to female victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 189-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 190-19**, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Nationwide Children's Hospital to provide mental health and suicide prevention services in select Franklin County public schools and clinics (\$450,000.00)(Community Partnerships), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution supports the work that Nationwide Children's Hospital provides for ongoing mental health and suicide prevention services at select Franklin County public schools. They provide for the integration of mental health services in primary care clinics. This will provide these services at fifteen Franklin County public school districts.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 190-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 191-19**, resolution authorizing a contract with PrimaryOne Health to provide health care services to low income, underinsured, or uninsured Franklin County residents (\$475,000.00)(Community Partnerships), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution will support the continued work of PrimaryOne Health to increase low-income women's access to obstetrical care, decrease the number of low birth weights and provide screening and follow-up care who have abnormal pap smear exams.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 191-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.



**Resolution No. 192-19**, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio for access to healthcare and affordable prescriptions (\$65,000.00)(Community Partnerships), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution will support the Charitable Pharmacy in their amazing work of leveraging this support to provide additional medications to thousands of low-income residents in Franklin County. In 2019, Charitable Pharmacy expects to reach 1,600 patients with this funding. They will fill a total of 60,000 prescriptions that holds a market value of \$5,040,000.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 192-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 193-19**, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Star House to provide drop-in services to youth experiencing homelessness (\$150,000.00)(Community Partnerships), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution will continue our partnership with Star House. They do amazing work in reaching homeless youth in the County. In 2019, Star House anticipates reaching 1,250 homeless youth, ages 14-24 years old. They will provide case management, therapy, healthcare, food, clothing and other services. I have Anne Bischoff, Chief Executive Officer, Star House her to tell us more about Star House.

Ms. Bischoff: Our goal is to work with our community to bring young people out of homelessness and onto a path of stability. We do outreach and connect them with the basic needs of food, hygiene and clothing. Then we connect them to therapy, connection to jobs, and healthcare. We served 1,199 individual youths last year. That does not include their small children. 20% of our guests have children. We are seeing results for those who are with us 3 months or longer. 86% of those obtain employment, 74% are obtaining housing. There is more work to do. We are seeing a greater demand for our services all around the County. We are grateful for your continued support.

Commissioner O'Grady: You guys do great work. It is sad that the numbers are increasing.

Commissioner Boyce: I appreciate the extra data as well. This shows that we are moving the needle.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 193-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 194-19**, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with the Center for Family Safety and Healing to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence (\$230,000.00)(Community Partnerships), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution will assist men and women who are victims of domestic violence in obtaining civil protection orders. It will also help them secure support services such as assistance with housing, employment, filing divorce proceedings, representation in child custody matters and the like.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 194-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 195-19**, resolution authorizing a contract with OhioHealth Corporation to provide wellness services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (\$3,649,457.00)(Human Resources), presented by Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

Ms. Leis: I have Ryan Sledge, OhioHealth in the audience to make comments later on this resolution. The resolution before you today authorizes a contract with OhioHealth Corporation for employer health and wellness services. The services are provided through OhioHealth's Employer Services Division. The contract continues many of the aspects of our award winning ThriveOn Program. It also expands the list of available onsite classes and we are able to tailor the classes for our needs. OhioHealth is offering the services of a Wellness Coordinator to assist us. This person will work with each agency to develop a roadmap for that agency to develop programming that would support their needs. I would call Mr. Sledge up to say a few words.

Mr. Sledge: Good morning, Commissioners. We are really looking forward to partner with the County. We support wellness for a lot of organizations and employers and we know that Franklin County is passionate around health improvement. We appreciate the support and opportunity.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 195-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Ms. Leis presented the Board of Commissioners an award for the ThriveOn program.

**Resolution No. 196-19**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,776,532.42)(Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Assistant Director, Purchasing.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Good morning Commissioners, Megan Perry-Balonier representing the Purchasing Department. The resolution before you requests your approval of 90 purchase orders. Included in this resolution are 31 eligible POs. These are POs in which Small & Emerging Business Enterprises are likely to participate. Of these POs, 16 were awarded to SEBEs which is 52% of the eligible PO volume. These 16 POs total

\$301,772.23 which is 87% of the eligible PO dollar value. The purchase orders included in this resolution have been pre-certified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 196-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 197-19**, resolution authorizing the County Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with MJ Martin, Inc., to provide transition and activation services in conjunction with the new corrections center (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Long: As part of the new Corrections Center, there is a new model of supervision. With this change, there comes the need for appropriate training for the deputies, new policies and procedures for the facilities and making sure we have someone who has done this before and help us transition and plan for the move to the new facility. This authorizes the County Administrator to enter into a contract with Mark Martin, Inc. We have worked with Mr. Martin before and he is respected nationally.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 197-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 198-19**, resolution authorizing an application to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas for employment of Bricker & Eckler to perform services associated with arbitrage, rebate, and yield restriction compliance, and to serve as bond counsel and provide advice in public finance matters as needed during 2019. (Board of Commissioners), presented by Ms. Long.

Ms. Long: The next three resolutions are in regard to the process for legal counsel and all involve a two-step process. These resolutions are the initial resolution to authorize the Prosecutor to make application to the court. We will be back for the resolutions authorizing the actual contracts.

This resolution is with Bricker & Eckler to perform services associated with arbitrage, rebate, and yield restriction and also as bond counsel and to provide advice in public finance matters.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 198-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

**Resolution No. 199-19**, resolution authorizing an application to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas for employment of Frost Brown Todd to serve as bond counsel and provide advice in public finance matters during 2019. (Board of Commissioners), presented by Ms. Long.

Ms. Long: Pending any questions, I would recommend passage of this resolution for Frost Brown Todd as bond counsel for public finance matters.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 199-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 200-19**, resolution authorizing an application to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas for employment of Ice Miller to serve as legal counsel regarding labor relations matters during calendar year 2019. (Board of Commissioners), presented by Ms. Long.

Ms. Long: Pending any questions, I would recommend passage of this resolution with Ice Miller to provide representation in regards to labor matters including collective bargaining agreements, negotiations and worker's compensation matters.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 200-19, 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 10:18 A.M.

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

  
**MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT**

  
**JOHN O'GRADY**

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

Submitted by:

  
**Antwan Booker, Clerk**