

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

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

Also present on the dais were Commissioner Jeff Benton, Delaware County; Commissioner Rick Black, Licking County; Commissioner Duane Flowers, Licking County; Commissioner Timothy E. Bubb; and Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President Brown called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Resolution No. 286-19, resolution approving the first hearing of the Cook Tri-County Ditch Watershed, Franklin County, Delaware County, and Licking County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office and Jim Ramsey, Assistant Highway Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: We have worked through the process to this point. From the Engineering staff of each of the Counties we recommend that the process continue and move into the design phase. Mr. Ramsey has a brief presentation and additional information to share.

Mr. Ramsey went through a brief PowerPoint presentation outlining the Engineer's Office findings and cost estimates of the potential construction.

Commissioner Boyce: Are there any questions for the Engineer's Office? Seeing none, I will open up the public hearing for this resolution. The first speaker slip I have is Terry Cross.

Mr. Cross: I own property on the corner of Beech Road and US 62 in Licking County. My water runs off my property and I have no reason why I should be assessed money on my taxes to provide fixing this problem. A major part of this problem is coming from the north. I do not understand why this outlet was not maintained better than it has been. If it is replaced, it needs to be replaced with a large enough tile to carry the water away from the area. Franklin County was supposed to maintain this area but has not.

Commissioner Boyce: Mr. Ramsey, can you respond to Mr. Cross's comments?

Mr. Ramsey: I want to address the definition of who benefits from a petition ditch improvement. The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 6131 defines what a benefit is. It defines it as anyone whose water drains to the improvement and that land has been improved in some way. The only way it would be in the watershed and not be considered to benefit would be if it was completely unimproved forest. Based on that definition, all of the properties in this watershed benefits from the improvement.

As far as where the watershed is, we agreed that the Licking County Engineer would go out to look at it with Mr. Cross and he has done so.

Concerning the previous maintenance, the ORC based on petition ditches changed in the 1950s to provide the maintenance assessment that is available to us now. There was a petition of this system in 1962 that did do some patching and improvements, but not a full replacement. To my knowledge there should have been a maintenance assessment and ongoing maintenance of this system. I do not know why there wasn't.

Concerning the sizing, we will size the system appropriately to today's standards. That sizing is for common size rain storm. You will still have some ponding and flooding since you cannot design to every kind of storm that might happen. We will size large enough to deal with the common storm.

Commissioner Bubb: In the 1962 process that might have allowed for some assessments of improvements. Was there a ditch fund created or a balance of funds available to do maintenance?

Mr. Ramsey: I believe there is a small balance of funds in Licking County. I am not aware of any balance in Franklin County or Delaware County.

Commissioner Flowers: If this improvement moves forward, this is not going to eliminate the flooding during heavy rainstorms, correct?

Mr. Ramsey: Correct, Commissioner. It will help with the flow more efficiently.

Commissioner Flowers: It is likely that we do this improvement and still see pictures of those roads with water as similar today?

Mr. Ramsey: It is possible, but it should be less common than what it is today.

Jared Knerr, Licking County Engineer: Licking County did collect some fees, but it is a very small fund. I have been out to the area and with the information right now, Mr. Cross's property is in the watershed.

Commissioner Benton: I noticed that there is around 800 acres in the watershed. How much of this is agricultural?

Mr. Ramsey: I would say 90% is agricultural.

Commissioner Boyce: The next speaker we have is Carl Hazelbarger. Please come forward with your comments.

Mr. Hazelbarger: I am confused about the assessments on this. I gain nothing from this improvement. My land does not flood. I have questions on how it is divided out among the residents. I do not understand why this is not between the residents of Fancher Road and whoever is in charge of that stretch of road. The ditches on Fancher Road were not installed correctly. They are too high. My definition of benefit is that I gain something.

Commissioner Bubb: I would ask the Engineer to speak to his issue. We have not gotten to the assessment process for assigning benefit, which is towards the end of the process. You have not gotten to this stage have you?

Mr. Ramsey: That is correct, Commissioner.

Commissioner Boyce: The next speaker slip I have is from Bruce Smart.

Mr. Smart: The line of proposed ditch petition goes through my property on about a half of acre. I have never had a water problem. I only have two acres and I do not understand why I have to pay for water that is coming off my property. I do not understand why I have to pay for someone else's problem.

Commissioner Boyce: If the line picks up a portion of the property, are they assessed to that proportion?

Mr. Ramsey: Just the proportion that is in the watershed.

Commissioner Boyce: Next we have Pam Evener.

Ms. Evener: I get everyone's water at my property. I put out 48 yards of soil in my front yard last year and it did nothing. (Passed out pictures of her property to show water problems). A lot of the property owners do not have ditches.

Commissioner O'Grady: Where on the map is your property?

(Ms. Evener points to property on map)

Commissioner Boyce: The next speaker slip I have is from Patti Priest.

Ms. Priest: (hands out pictures) I get water from all directions. I have no grass when it rains. I had a contractor come out and put two sump pumps underneath the house. We have drainage, but when ditches are full and have no other place to go, it backs up into my yard.

Commissioner Bubb: When were these pictures taken?

Ms. Priest: A couple of months ago. We did not know about this issue until we closed on the house.

Commissioner Flowers: Is this something that showed up in the last few years or has always been here?

Ms. Priest: It has always been here.

Commissioner Flowers: You do understand that during normal rainfall that this may help your situation, but during heavy rain you still may have some flooding?

Ms. Priest: Yes. If the water will flow, it will help.

Commissioner Flowers: Do we need a motion to accept these pictures as exhibits?

Commissioner Boyce: Yes.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to accept the pictures submitted by Ms. Evener and Ms. Priest as exhibits, seconded by President Brown. The pictures were unanimously accepted as exhibits by roll call vote.

Commissioner Boyce: That concludes the speaker slips I have. Are there any other speakers at this time?

Clerk: I have two that were submitted to me to be read into the record.

- (Kristin Fritz (Sperling) 14075 Fancher Road Johnstown, OH 43031) I just wanted to send in my support of this project as long as the scope includes repairing the drainage culverts and open ditches that run down Fancher Road towards the corner of Fancher and County Line.
- (James Purdie 11673 Johnstown Road New Albany Ohio 43054) My concern is that the proposed solution will turn a shaded and functional creek, with overhanging trees and wildlife, into an open ditch that will provide minimal benefit upstream, but irreparably damage the creek, and cause additional flooding downstream during storms. There are at least eight (8) residential or agricultural outlets using the creek between points A and C. These are at risk for damage by work in this area. The proposal from the County Engineers needs to include an alternative that minimizes the cost and collateral damage and fixes the 'northern' problem portion without damaging the 'southern' portion of the open creek.

Commissioner Boyce: Mr. Ramsey, can you respond to those testimonies?

Mr. Ramsey: Related to the issue of whether we need to work on the open ditch or not, it is our thought that we will evaluate that during the process and if we do, it will result in cutting of trees. We can consider if a one-sided ditch clean up would be sufficient. We will also take a closer look to how the watershed is defined to make sure that we have it right before we assign assessments.

In regards to the field tiles that come into systems. What we do when we do a ditch clean up, we have to drive heavy equipment over field tiles that drain into the ditch. We always replace those field tiles back to our work limits.

Mr. Robertson: I want to reiterate that we are in the middle of this process and that there will be further opportunities as we move along to comment and decide if this process will stop. Approval today does not mean that the project will be constructed as we have designed. This will help alleviate and help minimize the amount of flooding into the roadways. There will still be water standing in the event of a heavy storm. There will be relief for the drainage as the rain subsides.

Commissioner Black: You are saying that it will still flood, but not as long?

Mr. Robertson: That is correct, Commissioner.

Commissioner Boyce: My favorite part of this process is the part where we get to hear from the public. We value your input and perspective. Your issues and concerns are part of our considerations and our challenge is to make a decision on behalf of the respective counties. We have to follow the ORC. Are there any additional comments from my colleagues at this time?

Commissioner Bubb: There are some folks more effected than others, but the pictures do not lie. There are some water problems in this area. In my view, this ditch petition has value. This was addressed fifty years ago, but not on an ongoing maintenance basis. That may be part of the problem. If we can find a reasonable solution that is affordable and fairly assessed, and put a ditch fund in place for ongoing maintenance, that would be helpful. We know while a majority of this watershed is agriculture, in the next 10-20 years it won't be. We know that we are seeing a growth in this corridor. Sooner or later, we are going to have to address the surface water problems. There are no storm sewers in these areas. I applaud this group of Commissioners and those bringing us information concerning this and I believe we can do a great job.

Commissioner Benton: In Delaware County, we probably have done more ditches than any other County in Ohio. I have been personally involved with about 30-40 of these. This is one of the examples that it is obvious that work needs to be done. Our Soil and Water and Engineer's Office does a great job of fixing it and maintaining it in perpetuity. We have

over 600 ditch petitions in place and maintaining the funds. It works very well in Delaware County.

Commissioner Boyce: I would like to close out the public hearing. Is there a motion to accept the Resolution?

President Brown moved to approve Resolution 286-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Commissioner Boyce: What are our next steps?

Mr. Ramsey: With approval, we will move into the design phase. We will design a plan, schedule the assessments and then schedule the final hearing. This will be months down the road.

Commissioner Boyce: Will the public have an opportunity to comment and work with you during this time?

Mr. Ramsey: Yes, Commissioner. As we did prior to this hearing, we will hold a public meeting that is not called for in the ORC with residents near the site. They will have an opportunity to speak again at the final hearing as well.

(The Joint Ditch Petition Board adjourned at 9:45 A.M.)

(There was a 10 minute recess to set up for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners regular General Session)

Also present on the dais were Harold Anderson, Director of Business Contracts, Prosecutor's Office; Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Toya Williams, Administrative Assistant.

President Brown: I wish to welcome our guest, Stephen White. Stephen serves as Vice President of External Affairs, Strategic Initiatives and Business Development for COSI. He is here to share with us exciting details about COSI Science Festival and the more than 100 events scheduled across Franklin County, May 1-4. Welcome Stephen.

Mr. White: Thank you so much for allowing me to say a few words on behalf of COSI. I am here today to talk about the COSI Science Festival. One week from today, we are going to be working on one of the largest science, technology events in Ohio's history. It is intended for two purposes. We want to increase science literacy in our community, and increase the STEM diversity in our workforce to position the County forward, as we look at population growth and the future jobs. We recognized that 50% of the jobs available in the State of Ohio are STEM related career paths. The COSI Science Festival is going to help us bridge that skills gap. COSI's vision and mission is the engage, inspire and transform lives and communities by being the best partner in science technology and industry learning. One of the things that we have done with the Science Festival is

that we have announced partners across the County to bring science technology to people where they live. Last year, we brought 500 community leaders together. This year's Festival is going to take place from May 1-4. The first three days are going to be in the communities. Over the span of the first three days, we are going to have over 100 events throughout the communities. On the last day, we are going to have booths with hands on experiences. It is free and open to the public. We expect to impact over 50,000 over these four days. We are trying to deliver science everywhere. We brought ten mayors together to do a science experiment. The Grand Marshall of the Science Festival is going to be ordinary individuals, doing extraordinary things around science and technology. We are going to highlight these individuals during the Festival. We have partnered with NASA to bring all 10 research centers across the country to Franklin County. We want to thank you for all your support and invite everyone to attend the Science Festival.

President Brown: Is there specific outreach to the school age children?

Mr. White: Yes, Commissioner. We have two school outreach activities. We are going to be delivering free COSI on Wheels programs. In addition to this, we will be having an interactive video conferencing. This is where students, in real time, engage with an expert in a particular field. I brought each of the Commissioners a COSI Science Festival t-shirt.

(group picture)

Approval of the minutes of the April 11, and April 18, 2019 Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The minutes were unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 287-19, resolution authorizing consulting service for the Virtual Desktop Infrastructure Assessment (\$32,025.00)(Court of Common Pleas), presented by Michael Pifher, Information Technology Director , Court of Common Pleas.

Mr. Pifher: This resolution approves a contract with Advizex to provide an assessment of the court's virtual desktop infrastructure. The contract services include, but are not limited to, development of a plan for future growth, analysis of current IT staff skills and remediation assistance of any identified issues. This contract is effective through August 31, 2019.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 287-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 288-19, resolution authorizing the replacement or rehabilitation of various bridges and structures in Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is our annual resolution to declare necessary various bridges for replacement or rehabilitation. I would like to read the list of bridges into the record.

- Schleppi Road over Tributary of Rocky Fork Creek. This bridge is 94 years old and rated a 4.
- Hoover Road over Tributary of Grant Run. This bridge is 103 years old and rated a 4.
- Borror Road over Tributary of Strader Ditch. This bridge is 77 years old and rated a 4.
- Olentangy River Road over Linworth Run. This bridge is 88 years old and rated a 5.
- Hempstead Road over Tributary of Spring Run. This bridge is 80 years old and rated a 5.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 288-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 289-19, resolution authorizing preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of Bexley (\$47,555.98)(Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This is a \$5 Fund for the City of Bexley. In 2008, Bexley utilized an OPWC loan to rebuild Cassidy Avenue from Broad Street to Delmar Drive. Since then, Bexley has utilized their \$5 funds to help pay back the OPWC loan.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 289-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 290-19, resolution authorizing a contract with Stone Environmental Engineering & Science, Inc. consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing preliminary engineering for the Kropp Road Drainage Outlet Improvement project, Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$98,010.00)(Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This is a drainage improvement in the southwest part of the County in Pleasant Township. We utilized the qualifications based selection process.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 290-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 291-19, resolution for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Franklin County Sheriff's Office for the Board's authorization to accept a Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund Grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services to enhance the battle against drug

trafficking (\$33,443.64)(Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution allows the Sheriff's Office to accept supplemental funding from the Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund Grant to enhance the battle against drug possession and trafficking. It is a one year grant through December 31, 2019. We will use the funds to purchase equipment.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 291-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 292-19, resolution authorizing a contract with Federal Resource Supply Company for the provision of the delivery and supply of Bomb Squad Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for the two (2) FBI certified Region 4 Bomb Squads (\$233,886.40)(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 and I have with me this morning Captain Jason Bendure from the Columbus Fire Division Bomb Squad and Deputy Pete Wickham of the Franklin County Sheriff's Bomb Squad.

Before you is a resolution for a contract with Federal Resource Supply for Bomb Squad Personal Protective Suits. These protective suits are the traditional suits worn by Bomb Squad personnel when assessing, handling or making safe suspected or confirmed devices of an explosive nature. The suits being supplied by Federal Resource Supply are manufactured by MED-ENG LLC and are the only current brand of suit meeting the a National Institute of Justice testing standard and as such are the only suit meeting the requirements for FBI certified bomb squads and the only brand suit purchased for and issued to Department of Defense governed bomb squads.

Under this one year contract, the initial purchase will be for a quantity of six suits and helmets to be issued equally to the Columbus Fire Division Bomb squad and the Franklin County Sheriff's Bomb Squad. These two squads serve the fifteen county area of Ohio Homeland Security Region Four which includes Franklin County. The respective squads also provide personnel and direct support to our Joint Terrorism Task Force as well as a variety of events including Ohio State Football Games, Professional sporting events (NHL, MLB and the Arnold) as well as visits to Central Ohio from national officials and dignitaries.

This project is fully funded through a fiscal year 2017 State Homeland Security Grant program and this equipment will be replacing the current protective equipment that is outside the manufacturers listed service life. Franklin County Purchasing provided supporting throughout the complete procurement process and as part of that process, Federal Resource Supply was found to be the lowest and best bid.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 292-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 293-19, resolution approving a Contract Modification with Federal Resources Supply Company for pricing adjustment of EOD 09A helmets, olive drab (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Mr. Young.

Mr. Young: Commissioners, before you is a resolution for a contract modification with Federal Resource Supply for pricing adjustment of the EOD 09 Bomb Squad Helmets.

The previously approved contract with Federal Resource Supply for Bomb Squad personnel protective suits includes the helmet which is considered part of and certified as a complete suit. The original bid submitted by Federal Resource Supply was evaluated and stood on its own merits as the best and lowest resulting in the recommendation for approval of the contract.

As part of the final contract preparation, an apparent clerical error on the individual item pricing was noted when compared to other contracts for MED-ENG suits, specifically the list price for the EOD 09A helmet. Federal Resource Supply immediately acknowledged that there was an error and requested to modify the contract to reflect the correct helmet price.

This modification results in corrected pricing to reflect a reduction of \$5,914.70 per EOD 09A helmet. This modification results in an overall project cost reduction of \$35,488.20.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 293-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 294-19, resolution awarding a Service Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and the Community Shelter Board to provide shelter and housing services to homeless franklin County residents (\$50,100.00)(Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mark Paxson, Community Development Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Paxson: This resolution will contract with the Community Shelter Board to provide shelter, housing services and provide financial assistance for rents, security deposits on behalf of homeless individuals and families moving from homelessness to permanent housing. The program is funded with \$50,100 from the Community Development Block Grant funds. The project has been approved in the County's 2018 Action Plan.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 294-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 295-19, resolution awarding a Loan Agreement with Homeport for the Arrowleaf housing project (\$200,000.00)(Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Paxson.

Mr. Paxson: This project will result in the construction of 28 family workforce affordable housing units in Grove City. This project has been approved in the County's 2018 Action Plan. It is funded with \$200,000 of HOME Funds.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 295-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 296-19, resolution entering into a Funding Agreement with the Lifecare Alliance to implement a Home Rehabilitation Program for elderly and/or disabled Franklin County residents (\$100,000.00)(Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Paxson.

Mr. Paxson: This contract provides minor home repair services to elderly and/or disabled residents. Services will correct substandard and sanitary conditions that could potentially create an imminent danger to the health and safety of the residents. It is funded with \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. The project has been approved in the County's 2018 Action Plan.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 296-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 297-19, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners adoption of the County's 2019 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Plan towards Affirmatively furthering Fair Housing choices and availability in Franklin County (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Paxson.

Mr. Paxson: This plan was completed in conjunction with the City of Columbus. The plan identifies impediments to fair housing choice within the County and City and how the County and City will take steps to further fair housing. The purpose of these actions is to ensure housing choice for all residents of Franklin County and City of Columbus by eliminating housing discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status and national origin. This report will prompt us to meet with the City of Columbus to discuss the report and meet with the Columbus Urban League, which is the County and City's fair housing vendor, to deliver these services. We will be focusing on fair housing outreach, education and compliance issues. We want to make sure all residents in the County are aware of the role we play in promoting fair housing. Upon adoption, this plan will be submitted the HUD.

President Brown: I believe a couple of years ago, we included gender equity in our own fair housing standards and did a joint effort with the Columbus Urban League. Is that something we can do with HUD at this time?

Mr. Paxson: That is not currently a standard by HUD. Our standards exceed HUD's standards. When we make that party to our plan, HUD has noticed that in the past and made points about us going above and beyond the fair housing standards required.

President Brown: Is that a good or bad thing?

Mr. Paxson: It is a good thing.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 297-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 298-19, resolution authorizing an Economic Development Agreement with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission to encourage economic development and tourism through the attraction, retention, and promotion of sporting events on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (\$200,000.00)(Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jim Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Schimmer: This resolution is designed to encourage economic development and tourism through attraction, retention and promotion of sporting events on behalf of the Franklin County Commissioners. The Greater Columbus Sports Commission's website says "Columbus has no off season." This contract is not to exceed \$200,000. They will focus on the marketing, bidding and sales activity associated to bringing sports and competitive events to the County, and the marketing, bidding and sales activity that attracts visitors and participants to the region. Linda Logan, Executive Director, Sports Commission, is here if you have any questions.

Commissioner O'Grady: When is the first game of the second round for the Columbus Blue Jackets?

Ms. Logan: It will be around April 29th.

Commissioner O'Grady: What else are you working on outside of the Clippers, Blue Jackets and Crew?

Ms. Logan: We are looking at events for 2023 and beyond. This year, we had some NCAA events. USA Volleyball is bringing their open championships here in mid-May. USA Fencing will have their championships here on July 4th. The NCAA will have their bidding cycle for years 2022 and beyond.

Commissioner Boyce: You all do a fabulous job. Is this the only funding we give to the Sports Commission?

Mr. Schimmer: This is in addition to Experience Columbus.

Commissioner Boyce: This is definitely worth the return on the investment.

Commissioner O'Grady: I like having you come in and talk about what you do because it is not only about professional sports. You work to bring in youth sports as well. All these events fill our restaurants and hotel rooms.

Mr. Schimmer: The key thing with these events is that they are bringing in outside dollars into our economy.

Ms. Logan: We are doing a live broadcast of the sixth round of the NFL Draft because we were one of the original cities to have a team.

Commissioner Boyce: Where will this event take place?

Ms. Logan: At the Ohio History Connection.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 298-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 299-19, resolution authorizing an agreement with Greater Columbus Sister Cities International for services that foster economic opportunity and cultural partnerships between Franklin County and international communities (\$75,000.00)(Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Schimmer.

Mr. Schimmer: Columbus Sister Cities has been a nonprofit in the community sense 1996. I am proud that this organization is sound in its economic activities. They have a committed board that has started this process. They are having a large event soon with having a very rare violin in our community. Our financing is critical for them. They are working to expand their funding without public financing. They provide cultural enrichment through exchanges in the business environment and educational environment. We have Tim Sword, Sister Cities if you have any questions.

Commissioner O'Grady: I had a meeting with Mr. Sword to rekindle our relationships with some cities that have been long time sister cities that has lapsed.

Mr. Sword: Part of Sister Cities is to make sure it is not just a trip. The real value is the exchanges we try to create. Ohio State University now has 16 students in Seville, Spain. It is challenging if we only link to an elective official, if that changes. We are seeking

opportunities with businesses and other cultural institutions. The City of Columbus and others in the arts community came together to get this violin to Columbus.

I see our organization that is weaving together the County's efforts internationally.

Commissioner O'Grady: We want Sister Cities to be more than an arts and cultural organization. To help be more business oriented. They have done a fantastic job in doing this. This community has grown so much since then. Sister Cities' role is more important than ever. They should be a leader is connecting the community to the rest of the world.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 299-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 300-19, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Franklin Park Conservatory to provide programs that foster environmental understanding and increase tourism (\$500,000.00)(Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution is to continue the work we have done with the Conservatory. They are growing. With this agreement, they will have more than 255,000 visitors, including 33,000 school children. Of those visitors, 25,000 will attend for free and 1,000 of the school children will be served at no cost to the student or school. We have Jenny Pope, Franklin Park Conservatory, to say a few words about what they are doing.

Ms. Pope: Thank you for your support. I invite you to come to Columbus Blooms. We will have a sea of tulips. We will have thousands of school age children coming through playing and learning.

We do a lot with community garden programs. We just started a program called Growing to Green Volunteer Connection. We are bringing in community organizations to volunteer at gardens. We have already served over 5 gardens with hundreds of volunteers. One group was so inspired by their volunteering that they did a donation drive for the community garden.

We are excited to taking the lead on the County's Community Garden Grants.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 300-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 301-19, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Franklin Park Conservatory in support of the Green Corp, Teen Corps, and Community Garden programs. (\$35,000.00)(Community Partnerships), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution will expand the work of the Conservatory to take the lead of the Community Garden Grants. There are a ton of people that showed up to get garden equipment and tools last week.

Commissioner O'Grady: We should recognize Scots for donating products and equipment.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 301-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 302-19, resolution authorizing an amendment to the one-year agreement with the Ohio State University Extension, Franklin County to provide educational activities and other programming (\$15,000.00)(Community Partnerships), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This is an expansion of the contract we already have with OSU Extension. They have been wonderful partners. This is an official recognition of work they have already been doing. They have graciously agreed to enter into contract to officially manage the Mound Street Community Garden and the International Harvest Garden. We have Mike Hogan, Agricultural and Natural Resources Educator, OSU Extension and Laquore Meadows, County Extension Director, OSU Extension to talk about what this means.

Ms. Meadows: Thank you for your continued support. With your support, we are able to serve thousands of youth, help people how to grow, cook and consume healthy foods, help establish home ownership and other things as well. We are beginning some additional programming to help individuals with other financial concerns. Including renter education and student debt and wealth creation.

Mr. Hogan: We are excited to expand our focus with two community gardens. One of the most exciting things with the International Harvest Garden is that we have a group of new Americans, in the Morse Road Corridor, if we can solve some transportation barriers, they are going to begin gardening at this garden.

We started doing educational programming last year and was well received by the gardeners. We would like to do the same thing at the Mound Street garden. We have the largest master gardening program in the state with 247 master gardener volunteers. We have 72 ongoing projects throughout the County.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 302-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 303-19, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$729,857.07)(Purchasing), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert, Director of the Purchasing Department. The resolution before you requests your approval of 103 purchase orders.

Included in this resolution are 28 eligible purchase orders. These are defined as POs in which Small & Emerging Business Enterprises are likely to participate. Of these POs, 10 were awarded to SEBEs which is 35.7% of the eligible PO volume. The sum of these 10 POs total \$86,624.00 which is 63.3% of the eligible PO dollar value.

These purchase orders have been precertified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.

(round of applause for Mr. Kuespert for his last General Session)

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 303-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 304-19, resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into agreements with Baker Tilly and PFM Financial Advisors LLC (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: This resolution would authorize the County Administrator to enter into contracts with Baker Tilly, the successor of Umbaugh and Associates, to provide financial advisory services to the County on our debt and with PFM Financial Advisors on various special projects. We have worked with the boards of the selected firms as we look to update our debt management policy to ensure that the requirements of diversity and inclusion for investment banking and underwriting services are included as part of any future debt.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 304-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 305-19, resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with DiPerna & Company LLC (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: DiPerna and Company has worked with the Economic Development and Planning on various economic development projects including the County's Infrastructure Bank. This resolution will authorize the County Administrator to sign extensions of those agreements.

President Brown moved to approve Resolution 305-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Toya Williams, Administrative Assistant, read one (1) Journalization into the record:

Case #ANX-06-19 - An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition ANX-06-19 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on April 17, 2019. The petition is requesting to annex 4.2 +/- acres from Franklin Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on May 21, 2019.

Site: 4407 Trabue Road (PID# 140-004845)

4415 Trabue Road (PID# 140-002756)

4455 Trabue Road (PID# 140-006364)

Resolution No. 306-19, resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session to confer with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office concerning pending or imminent litigation and to consider personnel matters (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Boyce: Move to convene into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, promotion, or compensation of a public employee and to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Commissioner O'Grady: Second.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 306-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

The Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 10:50 A.M. Commissioner O'Grady moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 1:32 P.M. with no deliberative action taken. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 P.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of April 23, 2019.


MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT


JOHN O'GRADY


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

Submitted by:


Antwan Booker, Clerk