

PFranklin County Board of Commissioners

Minutes of General Session

June 25, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

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

Also present on the dais were Paul Thies, Prosecutor's Office; Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget; and, Victoria Caldwell, Interim Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President Brown called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

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

The next resolution requires a Public Hearing: Resolution regarding establishing, altering and widening of Toy Road, Swisher Road and Saltzgaber Road, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed-Engineer to file plans as necessary.

President Brown: Is there anyone here that would like to speak at the public hearing?

To Whom This May Concern:

I write to you today regarding the Toy, Saltzgaber and Swisher Roads project. I live at 3590 Toy Road, Groveport, Ohio. Over the past 10 plus years, we, the residents of the above mentioned streets, have been dealing with the excessive amount of vehicle and semi-truck traffic that has been created by the massive warehouses that have been built on Toy Road and surrounding areas. This increase in traffic is from the employees of the warehouses using our country roads as a speedway. Roads that were not built for this type of traffic. We have endured property and street damage and very unsafe living conditions. We can longer safely take a walk down our roads, get our mail, or take the trash to the curb, as these drivers have no regard for human or pet life. They do not slow down nor do they move over. We also have the added problem of being located in 3 different jurisdictions: Groveport, Madison Township and Obetz. Over the years we have written letters, made phone calls, attended countless Groveport City council, Madison Township Trustee, and Obetz Trustee meetings, with no answers or solutions. It wasn't until I contacted Franklin County Engineer, Cornell Robertson. He met with me with no hesitation, and he really listened to my concerns. It was shortly after that meeting that we truly felt as if we were going to get help

with our ever growing traffic problems. Engineer Robertson, Chief Deputy Fritz Crosier and their team have put together, what we believe is a solution. They have had an open line of communication with the residents to keep us in the loop as what to expect. I have always felt they really have our best interest in mind. I am in agreement with this project and am hopeful of it going forward. Thank you, Laurie Lyles.

President Brown: I would like to close the Public Hearing and have the Clerk read the resolution into the record.

**Resolution No. 0457-19**, establishing, altering and widening of Toy Road, Swisher Road, and Saltzgaber Road, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Fritz Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, on May 28, 2019, the Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution declaring it necessary to establish, alter and widen Toy Road, Swisher Road, and Saltzgaber Road. On June 18, 2019, the Board of Commissioners viewed, plans establishing altering and widening of said roads. This resolution authorizes the Engineer to prepare plans as necessary and represents the second step in the legislative process.

Commissioner Boyce: Let me just say, one, I want to commend and recognize the Engineer's Office for working with the constituents in the area. I think it's very meaningful what that letter expressed, particularly when there are safety concerns and issues. So I just wanted to thank you for the work and please pass that on to the Engineer. I think on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, our appreciation for that kind of engagement certainly makes our job easier.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0457-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0458-19**, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with Shaffer Pomeroy, Ltd. for the Winchester Pike 0.87 over Georges Creek structure improvement project, Franklin County, Ohio, (an increase of \$51,683.00) for a revised contract amount of \$199,949.00 (\$199,949.00) (Engineer), presented by Mr. Crosier.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, as noted, this resolution seeks approval of a contract modification with Shaffer Pomeroy for the Winchester Pike 0.87 bridge over Georges Creek improvement project. This modification will allow the consultant to provide additional services to evaluate several bridge alternatives and to also provide additional environmental investigations.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0458-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

President Brown: We're going to go back to the beginning of our copy of the agenda for a ceremonial resolution. I am going to ask my colleague Commissioner O'Grady to talk a little bit about what this is.

Commissioner O'Grady: Thank you, President Brown. This morning, we have with us Naresh Vadrevu, with the Federation of Indian Associations (FIA) of Central Ohio. The FIA is here to recognize their charitable contribution to the Children's Hunger Alliance. The FIA has done fantastic work and has continued to do fantastic charitable work over the years. If you could please join us at the microphone and introduce your organization, but also if you like, to introduce others that have joined you this morning. Also attending on behalf of the Children's Hunger Alliance are Judy Mobley, the CEO, Scott Neely, the Director of Government Affairs and Kathryn Stephens, VP of Development.

Naresh Vadrevu: Thank you, Commissioner O'Grady, the Board of Commissioners, thank you very much for this opportunity for us to be here today as a guest. I'm going to read a brief statement, introducing the organization. The Asian-Indian community is grateful to the Central Ohio population for making us feel accepted, at home, and welcome to raise our families while being productive members of society. Along with actively contributing to the local economy, we feel thankful and look for opportunities to give back to society by helping out the needy in a charitable way. To that effect, a non-profit organization, Gitanjali, has been recently established to raise funds by organizing ethnic cultural events, periodically. This is a way to keep our cultural roots alive by passing it on to the next generation while helping people who deserve a better standard of living. The Gitanjali Executive Committee reviewed several local charitable organizations and having identified with its mission, decided on Children's Hunger Alliance to be the beneficiary for this year. To kick off the efforts, an Indian Cultural Charity Spectacle was organized on Saturday, March 16, 2019, to raise funds. We are very happy to report that we had a successful event, attended by more than 750 people, and raised \$10,000 in benefits to the non-profit organization. We are honored to be in the presence of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, and to have the Honorable Commissioner O'Grady present, to present the check to Children's Hunger Alliance on behalf of Gitanjali. We would like to invite Judy Mobley, the CEO for Children's Hunger Alliance to speak.

Judy Mobley: Thank you very much. As you all know, there are many, many worthy charities out there, so we are certainly grateful and humbled to be selected, as they had a lot of choices. But, it's pretty easy to get behind our mission, and that is to help the children, not only here in Franklin County, but across Ohio, that find themselves in poverty and don't know when they'll get to eat next. Thank you all so much for all the work you do. I'd be remiss if I didn't also thank our Franklin County Commissioners, who support our work and have been long time supporters of what we do.

Commissioner O'Grady: I believe there's a check to be presented. I've been working with the FIA and been associated with the FIA for a lot of years now, dating back to my trip to India in 2011. The FIA has been a very important part of the Central Ohio community and so we appreciate all that you do for Franklin County and the residents and citizens of this community. We have a resolution to present to you, and I know that you have a check to present to the Children's Hunger Alliance.

Naresh Vadrevu: I would like to invite the members of the Gitanjali team, starting with the President of FIA, Ram Kasarla and from the Gitanjali Food Committee, Bharath Jataprolu, Keerthi Jataprolu, Ganesh Vathyam, Sujatha Choppara, Kathryn Stephens, and Scott Neely to join us.

(A photo was taken)

Commissioner O'Grady: This also a fun day for me because I have most of the West side of Columbus here. (Laughter). It's like a homecoming. So when you grow up on the West side of Columbus, there's a few things you know. You know Bishop Ready High School, Wee Bonnie swimming pool, Westgate Park, and you know Josie's Pizza. You probably knew somebody in the O'Grady family or you grew up with them or went to school with them. You definitely knew somebody in the Dawson family and the McAndrew's family is here. My family, we were the largest family to graduate everybody from Bishop Ready. The Dawson family comes in, maybe third after the Bennett's with 10. There were 12 of us; I have 11 siblings. I'm the youngest of 12. There were 11 Bennett's, there were 10 Dawson's and there were 9 McAndrew's. We are here today to honor 40 years of service to Franklinton on the Westside to Margie Dawson. Most of us in Franklin County know her big brother, Bill. We worked with Bill at the Franklin Park Conservatory in the Growing and Greening Program. Margie is a West side institution that I've known almost my entire life. We met at Wee Bonnie swimming pool. My parents would drop us off in the morning and give all of us a little bit of money and pick us up for dinner, back in the days before we knew what sunscreen was. She's been a fixture at Josie's Pizza. She went there after high school and she has been a fixture on the West side of Columbus, an institution. So, today we are honoring a lifetime of service. Margie is one of the most wonderful people you could ever know, and she has retired. We are here today, and the entire Dawson family showed up, the McAndrew family showed up, and we have a whole bunch of West side folks here to celebrate Margie and all the wonderful things that she has done.

(A photo was taken)

**Resolution No. 0459-19**, authorizing a settlement to Danette Bailey-Garcia for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (\$500.00) (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution approves a settlement of vehicle damage claim from an accident that occurred on May 6, 2019. It's been recommended by Fleet Management and the Prosecutor's Office, and approval of this resolution will provide payment of \$500.00 to settle the claim.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0459-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0460-19**, authorizing a settlement to Richard L. Reed for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (\$1,194.84)(Sheriff), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, this resolution approves settlement from a vehicle damage claim from an accident that occurred on January 15, 2019. It's been recommended by Fleet Management and the Prosecutor's Office, and approval of this resolution will provide payment of \$1,194.84 to settle the claim.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0460-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0461-19**, authorizing a settlement to Kelly Putnam for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (\$500.00)(Sheriff), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, this resolution approves settlement from a vehicle damage claim from an accident that occurred on June 3, 2019. It's been recommended by Fleet Management and the Prosecutor's Office, and approval of this resolution will provide payment of \$500.00 to settle the claim.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0461-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0462-19**, authorizing a settlement to Joseph Hartfield for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (\$500.00)(Sheriff), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, this resolution approves a settlement from a vehicle damage claim from an accident that occurred on June 1, 2019. It's been recommended by Fleet Management and the Prosecutor's Office, and approval of this resolution will provide payment of \$500.00 to settle the claim.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0462-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0463-19**, authorizing an agreement with Falcon Correctional and Community Services, Inc. for services necessary for suicide prevention system analysis and supervisory training for the care and welfare of inmates in the Franklin County Correction Centers facilities (\$19,470.00)(Sheriff), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, Falcon Inc. will review our current suicide prevention system and offer best practice recommendations regarding necessary operational changes for intake classification and housing management. They will also offer recommendations on our mental health treatment processes, to manage risk. In addition, they will provide supervisory staff training to further mitigate the affirmation of risk.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0463-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0464-19**, authorizing a four-year contract with Woolpert, Inc. and Pictometry International Corp. for oblique aerial photography utilizing non-general funds (\$958,392.00)(Auditor), presented by Michael Stinziano, Franklin County Auditor, Auditor.

Mr. Stinziano: Thank you for the opportunity to present and ask for your support of this resolution. I do want to introduce, Adam Seeley; he is staff counsel. He worked extensively and we really appreciated Purchasing and the Prosecutor's Office on this contract. Annually, the Auditor's Office updates our aerial photography for the county and were able to save dollars by not having to go out looking at new construction and new builds. This is a resource that's needed. This resolution represents a twelve percent savings from the last contract we had, and it puts us in a well-timed position for a fall flyover, where we need about thirty percent leaf coverage, so you can actually see all the buildings. This will help our appraisal team.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0464-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

President Brown: Thank you for saving tax dollars and getting this done.

**Resolution No. 0465-19**, approving a subaward agreement with Impact Community Action for the Roads2Work Training Program Pilot (\$175,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Good morning Commissioners. Commissioners, this resolution has the scope of during the pilot phase to work with twenty low income residents that will be offered the opportunity to prepare for a career in the trucking industry. Participates will complete an estimated 180 hours of training over a 5-week period. In addition, they will receive wrap-around services, such as case management, supportive services through the training period and ongoing, in coaching and mentoring over the first twelve months of employment. The total subaward agreement is \$175,000 in GRF dollars for the time period of May 1 through September 30, 2019. Both this pilot as well as Building Futures support our third goal in our poverty blueprint plan. That third goal is increasing access to relevant training for credentials that meet local demand with employer commitments to hire and promote. It also touches on the short term action goal under the third goal, which is to expand publicly

funded apprenticeship to earn and learn programs. I do want to make mention, that we do have the partners in the room for this program, President Stephanie Hightower, President and CEO, Columbus Urban League and Mr. Richard Crockett, President, Capital Transportation.

Mr. Crockett: Good morning, Commissioners. I am with Capital Transportation and Roads2Work organization. We've been working for a number of years with some of the Commissioners, as well as some of the community agencies regarding the ability to take advantage of an in-demand industry right now, which is the commercial driver training industry. Right now, after a four week training program, trucking companies are offering between fifty and sixty thousand dollars plus benefits, to start after only four weeks of training. It was just recently reported that Walmart hired over a thousand drivers, making ninety thousand dollars a year. Others like Amazon and some of the other larger trucking companies have followed suit. What I've tried to do, is try to identify opportunities where some of the underserved people in our community, both those individuals involved in re-entry as well as workforce development, either from an unemployed or underemployed, or pre-training perspective, to take advantage of this window of opportunity that provides livable wages with benefits with a short period of training. As many of you know, who've been strapped with college debt, you can go to four years of college and not make sixty or seventy thousand dollars, but be strapped with over one hundred thousand dollars' worth of student loans. Here's an opportunity for an at risk population to take advantage of a Roads2Work program. What we're trying to do with this pilot program, is to demonstrate the opportunities that are available. What we're going to do by working with IMPACT, is provide a soft skills training component. With these individuals who have not been historically engaged with a normal budgeting process, we'll have individuals that will help them with their individual personal family budgets. Let's face it, making fifty to sixty to seventy thousand dollars, that's a thousand to twelve hundred dollars a week, and you are going to need some help in terms of being able to manage those funds, and what we're trying to do is to get ahead of the curve and identify resources that can help the wraparound services that can help these individuals. Once they become gainfully employed, to really stay gainfully employed and be able to take advantage of some the wraparound services, like job coaching, transportation and child care, those kinds of things, where we will be working with IMPACT to help to identify some of those barriers that would keep them from being successful. There's this soft skills component and hard skills component and then we'll track these individuals and we'll report the results back to you from this pilot with hopes that this will be a convincing enough real opportunity. We work with the trucking industry and transportation industry to place these individuals once they've gone through our program. They are at the school being recruited as they're actually going through the training program over the four week period.

Beth Urban, COO, IMPACT Community Action: I don't have much more to add. We are excited to be part of this pilot and offer people real opportunities for self-sufficiency. I think Richard said it best, so I'm going to be short and sweet.

President Brown: So the pilot goes through September of this year and then we'll be able to see the positions people are having after the training? How long after will they get the positions? Will you still be tracking to see how long they stay in the positions?

Mr. Crockett: Yes. For the first twelve months we will be tracking those individuals and working with them. Providing some job coaching and any kind of assistance to help keep them gainfully employed.

President Brown: Perfect.

Mr. Crockett: We'll bring those results back too, with the hope that this pilot program warrants further consideration in the future.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, once this program is completed, we plan to submit the scope of work and the findings to the Innovation Center to do an assessment of the feasibility of taking it full-scale into expanding if possible provided funding is available and there's other opportunities.

Commissioner Boyce: The only thing I'd add is that, I'm excited about the long time coming, in terms of partnership and so I'm glad to see it finally really shaping up in the way we meant for it to. Also, I like the soft skills part, because often it's not the technical training, sometimes it's showing up on time, showing up in a proper way, and various things that can sometimes set folks back in their career or job hunt. I also want to point out, this is a really good add on to what we are doing with Building Futures and the partnership we have with the Urban League, and IMPACT historically. I know Dorsey Hager is in the room, and has been a big partner in this, and this is real impact work in my opinion. I'm grateful to have this partnership, and I am looking forward to the outcomes here, so thank you. Director Bivens, I like what you said about evaluating it for bigger scale.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0465-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0466-19**, approving a subaward agreement with Impact Community Action for closeout activities associated with the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program Pilot (\$175,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Ms. Bivens.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, back in November 2017, we launched the pilot under the agreement with IMPACT that covered the Building Futures program. IMPACT will complete all pilot phase activities and be reimbursed for the training and supportive services provided through the first three cohorts through May of this year. During the pilot, fifty students completed the pre-apprenticeship training, industry recognized credentials. The graduating students entered various union apprenticeships, including the laborers iron workers, insulators, sheet metal workers, and carpenter unions. Those entering apprenticeship earn hourly wages, from sixteen to twenty-seven dollars an hour. The total



agreement is one hundred seventy five thousand dollars. For the time period of January 1 through May 31, 2019, as you all remember Commissioners, this program is a closeout of IMPACT. We consider IMPACT one of our strong partners in the community and that is why we are partnering with them for the Roads2Work program, however, we are moving Building Futures out of the pilot phase and into the programmatic phase in this contract. This resolution will closeout that contract.

Commissioner O'Grady: How many cohorts have we done?

Ms. Bivens: We've done three. We are going to do four and then five. The fourth will start in the second week of late to mid-July, and the fifth one will start in August. The Urban League has begun screening individuals working with our friends in the union.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0466-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0467-19**, approving a subaward agreement with Columbus Urban League for the Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program (\$434,942.67) (Job and Family Services), presented by Ms. Bivens.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, this will mark the formal launch of the Building Futures Program. The Columbus Urban League will partner with the Columbus/Central Ohio Construction and Building Trades Council to oversee a twelve week apprenticeship program, which will blend soft skills and trades-specific training. The partners will build upon lessons learned over the course of the pilot phase to support two training cohorts, approximately fifteen to twenty individuals per cohort, for a total of forty through the end of the federal fiscal year. The cohorts will be staggered, and participants will receive approximately two hundred forty hours of training, in addition to case management and supportive services through the twelve week period. Following the completion of the training, they will continue to receive coaching and supportive services as they are placed into their apprenticeship program. Commissioners, this is one of the programs that supports the poverty blueprint under the Innovation Center, goal number three, increasing relevant training for credentials that meet local demand with employer commitments to hire and promote short-term action step, expand publicly funded apprenticeships, Earn to Learn Programs. The tentative start date is the end of July. Today, we have with us our leaders from the Building Futures Program, Stephanie Hightower and our Union Trades, Dorsey Hager, and Julie and Andy Maciejewski.

Stephanie Hightower, President & CEO, Columbus Urban League: Good Morning. I'm going to be very brief and say thank you. Thank you for changing the narrative in this community around poverty. Thank you for believing in how we move people to the middle class, and that's what apprenticeship programs do. This is about wealth creation in our community, this is about really changing that narrative, so I want to say thank you to your visionary work, to the work of Director Bivens and her team for creating these kinds of

opportunities for those under-resourced individuals. We are going to put those supportive services around them, we already know that the model works and so what we're going to do is take it to the next level so you can continue to go around the country and talk about the wonderful work that this county is doing to really help people move to the middle class. So thank you very much. I went into the program yesterday, we had about twenty-seven people show up yesterday for class. People were excited. This is just the initial screening, so again, we know this program works and we're really excited about being a part of the unions and finally just being able to work with them. I might even go back to see if I can get one of those apprenticeship jobs too (Laughter).

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, before Mr. Hager speaks, I really want to make sure that we acknowledge my colleague, Director Schimmer. He is a partner in this as well, not with just dollars, but with efforts and with all the work and conversations we had about this program. I just want to let you know, we appreciate you, Director Schimmer, as well as everyone else who has worked on this program.

Dorsey Hager, Columbus Building Trades: Before I forget, I want to thank Stephanie Hightower and Arthur Hurst. I really look forward to working with the Urban League and their partnership. I want to thank Andy and Julie Maciejewski, and also Leland Bass, Program Director. He's doing a great job with the screening and intake, but Julie, Andy and Leland are really the ones who carry the water and move the ball down the field. I'm just the one who gets to come up here and talk to you. I want to thank you all for funding this, because I think it's important in the community. I was driving in today and I was thinking about some of the things I was going to talk about and I'm going to start with numbers. For the year 2018, the Columbus Building Trades are eighteen unions, fourteen trades, eighteen thousand members, and over two thousands contractors had one of the best years we've ever had. We worked a little over 5.8 million hours. That translates into over forty-five millions dollars in health and welfare benefits; translates into over fifty-six million dollars in pension and annuities; and, equally if not more important, it translates into 4.1 million training dollars. These are all contributions that our members, the employees of these contractors agree to take off their check to supplement, to reimburse back into the training. For one, to help apprentices, so that way they're on that workforce development model so that they can move up and become journey people, estimators, superintendents, project coordinators, even owners someday. The pension and welfare benefits are just as important, as well. Because it guarantees that somebody, if they get hurt, they can go to the hospital, they can go to the doctor, they can take care of their families. The pension and annuities benefits come into play, so that they can retire with dignity and respect. No burden on the taxpayer, no burden on the community in which we live in so that they can continue to take care of their family. This is very important. I think this is what the county is trying to do and we're glad to be a partner with you on this. I really appreciate you, including from a personal standpoint, myself and the Franklin County Community Inclusion, which we talk a lot about the Franklin County Jail, the Forensics Science Center. We are having a lot of conversations and like I said in here a couple of years ago, when we talked about the MOU on the Corrections Center. This is just one spoke in the wheel. A lot of our members are looking at thirty-five and forty year

careers and in the Building Trades, we don't hire for specific jobs. I think finally, members of the community are starting to realize that we have people come through Building Futures that are graduating, that are getting life skills that are getting these great wraparound services from our community partners. They are able to walk right into our apprenticeship programs and be placed on a job. It's not always the jail, it's not always the Forensic Science Center. It may be Google, it may be Facebook, but they're walking onto these projects where they're on that path to the middle class and they have that opportunity in front of them. Some of them are taking advantage of that opportunity, and are absolutely incredible. Just a couple of updates. We had a young man that was homeless, no vehicle, started the program and completed it twelve weeks with the rest of his class. He was fortunate to place with the Laborers Union. He went out on a very large project and two weeks after that, had a nice serviceable car to get back and forth to work and a lease on a two bedroom apartment. So he went from homeless to middle class in fourteen weeks. (Applause). This is the way our community partners are so important, and why the mentoring at the Building Partners Trades Local Union and apprenticeships and also the wraparound services are important. We had another person who came through our program, and had never made more than \$8.00 an hour. He went onto a project, were fortunate that project was working seven days a week, and he took full advantage it. The first paycheck this person got a week later, came down, spoke to Leland, basically said that I have this check for \$1,550, one week pay, what am I going to do with this? Leland gave him better ideas what to do with it than I would have given him. But, he took care of it and he did very well. I just want to reiterate, these things that we talk about, prevailing wage, project laborers agreements, community benefits agreements, the Memorandum of Understanding, the fair contracting language that you all use here, that really put an emphasis on apprenticeship and workforce development, health and welfare, pension and annuity, and is helping us to continue to diversify the Building Trades programs and continue these pre-apprenticeship programs. Thank you so much for letting us be a solution in helping with poverty here in Franklin County.

Ms. Bivens: And diversity. Commissioners, when you started this program, Commissioner Boyce sat down with a group of community leaders, with our County Administrator and there was a concern in the community regarding diversity in that field. I believe as you look across the landscape who is graduating from this program, those myths are being broken down, it is very diverse. We appreciate the fact that as we continue on with the poverty blueprint and talking about racism and implicit bias, sometimes some things that we assume are not true. Some things are, but we can work on those things, but I appreciate your efforts in this, thank you.

President Brown: When we talked about ways to really do meaningful and impactful work to get people out of poverty situations into middle class jobs that are sustainable, union jobs are certainly the way to a middle class career, with good benefits, living wage jobs, with pathways that can take you to many places. I think people just don't in this community fully appreciate what that means. They are beginning to, and I think it's wonderful and I'm so honored and proud that we have this program, as we do with some of our other programs to get pathways for people that are not the ones that people would necessarily think we do.

But they're workable, they're good jobs and good pathways for careers and that's what it is and that's what we do here.

Commissioner Boyce: I'll just add that the best social services are good paying jobs. I can remember growing up for most of my childhood in a tough environment. In the eleventh grade my mom got a job at the post office. We got healthcare benefits, dental benefits, and it seemed like we hit the lottery, and it changed our lives. I really understand when you speak of the young man who had gotten his first paycheck and wasn't quite sure what to do with it. But, at the end of the day, the moral of that story is, its life changing and that's what we're doing and that's what this investment means. I join Commissioner Brown and O'Grady, and saying this is the work that really makes you smile and feel like you're making a difference as an elected official, and so I thank you for being on the ground with it and being the clinicians as a part of implementation. Great work.

Commissioner O'Grady: I'm glad to know that we're starting cohorts four and five soon. I'll feel so much better as time goes by and we're starting cohorts fifteen and sixteen, twenty-four and twenty-five, as times goes by because I feel we're making an impact now, but I'll really feel like we're making an impact then.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0467-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0468-19**, review of petition to annex 0.664 +/- acres from Pleasant Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-10-19 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to consider an Expedited Type 2 annexation petition of 0.664 acres, more or less, from Pleasant Township to the City of Columbus. This area to be annexed includes property located at 2900 Norton Road (Parcel ID# 230-000460), which is east of Norton Road, south of Johnson Road, west of Big Run South Rod and north of Grove City Road. The petition was filed by Agent/Attorney Jackson B. Reynolds, III, of Smith & Hale, who is in attendance should you have any questions, on behalf of the property owners George M. and Ann M. Shaner, Fifteen percent of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Columbus and the City passed Ordinance Number 1452-2019 on June 3, 2019, indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved and a statement regarding possible incompatible land uses and zoning buffer. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0468-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0469-19**, authorizing a contract with Virtual Case Manager for web-based case management software licensure through the FY 2018 SAMHSA Medication Assisted Treatment

grant program (\$2,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson, Deputy Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Ms. Pierson: Good morning, Commissioners. As you are aware, our office is the recipient of several federal grant programs intended to reduce opioid related overdose deaths, decrease recidivism and improve individual level outcomes for justice involved individuals. By purchasing a web-based digital case management system, it's going to allow our staff to better collect, track, monitor and manage case management services, in a uniform standardized and confidential platform. The term of the contract is twelve months and funding will be supported through our SAMHSA Medication Assisted Treatment grant.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0469-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0470-19**, authorizing Gordon Flesch Company, Inc. to perform consulting services to support the moving of the Data Center print jobs to the Purchasing Department's Print Shop. (\$96,131.00)(Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Interim Director, Purchasing.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution requests approval of a contract with Gordon Flesch as stated, to provide services and support of the Print Shop transition. The work will be performed in three phases, with phase one being a proof of concept, which will include the programming of templates and workflow for three documents. Phase two is the heavy lift in the scope, where all documents will be programmed into the eighty-eight identified templates and placed into print productions. Phase three will provide training to county staff. The contract cost is firm and fixed and will be billed upon the completion and acceptance of each of the four milestones. The scope is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2019, followed by additional coordination and transition activities performed by the county in quarter 1 of 2020.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0470-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0471-19**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,388,356.99) (Purchasing), presented by Ms. Perry-Balonier.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Commissioners, this resolution seeks approval of eighty-three purchase orders, for which the County Auditor has pre-certified available funding. The resolution includes fifteen eligible purchase orders, totaling approximately seventy-five thousand dollars. These are purchase orders for goods and services that have a higher likelihood of participation by Small and Emerging Business Enterprises (SEBE's). Of these purchase orders, nine were awarded to SEBE's totaling \$68,010.00, which is sixty percent

of the eligible purchase order volume and ninety percent of the eligible purchase order dollar.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0471-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

This next resolution requires a Public Hearing: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Budget for Franklin County.

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

President Brown: We are going to open up Public Hearing on this resolution. If there's anyone in the audience that would like to speak, please raise your hand. Seeing no one, we will close the Public Hearing.

**Resolution No. 0472-19**, authorizing the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Budget for Franklin County. (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office Management & Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution will authorize the Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Budget for Franklin County, pursuant to Section 5705.28 of the revised code. The tax budget for the next succeeding fiscal year must be approved by July 15<sup>th</sup>. The tax budget is the finance plan for the operations of the next fiscal year. It identifies how much money is expected from local, state and federal sources. The anticipated carryover fund balances and how much is needed to carryout government functions in the next fiscal year. The budget is submitted to the County Budget Commission, and is required for receipt of allocations from the local government fund and the various property tax levies in the upcoming year. This year's 2020 tax budget does include an allocation for a twenty-seventh pay period. This occurs usually every eleven to twelve years as well as transfers from twenty-seventh pay reserves back from to the General Fund to cover the cost of that.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0472-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0473-19**, a resolution to consent to the issuance of parking garage improvement revenue bonds by The Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority. (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, previously the Board had approved the Memorandum of Understanding on May 21st, regarding the issuance of six million dollars in bonds by the Convention Facilities Authority for the Ohio Center parking garage. This resolution will authorize the issuance of that, and this authorization for consent is required by the lease, sublease from previous debt that had been issued by the Convention Facilities Authority.

Commissioner Boyce: Director, I just want to be clear. These bonds, the County has no obligation on these. These are the obligation of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, we're just given the resolution authorizing them to issue the debt instruments.

Mr. Talarek: Correct.

Commissioner Boyce: Have the underwriters in the syndicate been put together for this issuance or is it just extending on the previous bonds that were issued?

Mr. Talarek: This would be extending and these would be the ones purchased by the County Treasurer and added to the County's portfolio.

Commissioner Boyce: Ok. What percentage of the portfolio are invested in local bonds like these? Does that change that equation? Because if you caught our last Advisory Investment Board minutes, I keep raising that as an issue, that we need to continue to watch. We don't want to be over leveraged in local bonds, and I know we have a ratio we're working at and so what does that do to that ratio?

Mr. Talarek: I believe it would be near five percent, but I can confirm that. Once this is placed, I can confirm with the Treasurer's Office to get the exact percentage of the portfolio.

Commissioner Boyce: It's not a critical issue, but it's something that I think we should be observant and very deliberate about.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0473-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0474-19**, Resolution authorizing the transfer of the operation and duties of the Department of Homeland Security and Regional Communications to Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, this resolution will authorize the County Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as well as the appropriation adjustments and reallocations of funds necessary to effectuate the transfer. The Executive Committee for Emergency Management had approved this at their meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> for Director Young to sign. The MOU is worked in conjunction with Nick Soulas in the Prosecuting Attorney's office, as well as Director Young.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0474-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0475-19**, appointing Jae Denson and Raphael Anthony Malbrue, to the Community Advisory Committee for the Franklin County Department of Animal Care and Control (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Janas: Good morning, Commissioners. As you know, we have two vacancies on the Advisory Committee for the Department of Animal Care and Control. These will fill these vacancies. Mr. Denson is the Director of Admissions for Recruitment and Diversity at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Ohio State. Dr. Malbrue is a Veterinarian and also a Professor.

Commissioner Boyce: Just an update, how is the Advisory Board Committee meetings going? Has there been any positive progress in terms of the overall meetings, considering why it was created?

Mr. Janas: I appreciate the question. The most recent meeting was about a month and half, two months ago. They have been in the process of finalizing their comments that they post out publicly in response to that meeting. I'm actually scheduled to meet with the Chair of Committee next week. I look forward of getting briefing on with her on how things are going. It's my understanding, it's going well and the engagement between the committee and the staff of the department is going well.

Commissioner Boyce: Great, keep us posted.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0475-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0476-19**, appointing Rob Gartner to the Workforce Development Board pursuant to the requirements of the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act 2015 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Janas.

Mr. Janas: Commissioners, this is a vacancy to be filled from the resignation of Steve Lipster, who was a tremendous board member over many years. This is a required appointment to the board that must be a labor/apprenticeship slot, and Mr. Gartner represents the sheet metal workers Local 24, and is on the Joint Apprenticeship training committee.

Commissioner O'Grady: Is this a county appointee or a city-county appointee?

Mr. Janas: This one is a county appointee Commissioner.

Commissioner O'Grady: Thank you.



Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0476-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0477-19**, appointing Desiree Polk-Bland to the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Janas.

Mr. Janas: Commissioners, Ms. Polk-Bland is Executive Dean of Student Affairs at Columbus State Community College. She oversees their various food security activities for the college.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0477-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0478-19**, appointing Reza Reyazi to the Franklin County Planning Commission (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Janas

Mr. Janas: Commissioners, this appointment is traditionally a City of Columbus seat on the County Planning Commission. This appointment was recommended by the Mayor of the City of Columbus. Ms. Reyazi is an Administrator in the Department of Development and Land Redevelopment Division.

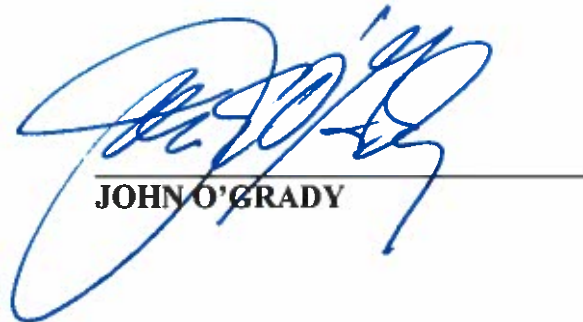
Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0478-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of June 25, 2019.

  
**MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT**

  
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Submitted by:

  
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