

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

September 17, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

Present were: Marilyn Brown, President
John O'Grady, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Paul Thies, Assistant Prosecutor, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget; and, Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President Brown called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

Resolution No. 0675-19, authorizing a contract for attendance services with Columbus City Schools (\$64,656.00) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, and Julie Troth, Supervisor, Common Pleas Domestic Division.

Ms. Reeves: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution is for a contract with Columbus Public Schools to reimburse the court for fifty percent of the cost of three truancy officers.

Ms. Troth: Good morning. The Truancy Intervention Prevention Program (TIPP) reduces formal court filings related to truancy, by partnering with local school districts to address attendance barriers, by providing resources and services to youth and families in Franklin County. This partnership provides truancy officers for three Columbus City Schools, which include West High School, Independence High School, and Marion-Franklin High School. Early indicators of success last year consisted of us receiving 436 youth and families referred to the Truancy Intervention Prevention Program. Out of those, only 66 were requiring formal court intervention.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0675-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0676-19, authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for appointed counsel expenditures (Municipal Court), presented by Emily Shaw, Court Administrator, and John Davenport, Assistant Administrator, Municipal Court.

Ms. Shaw: Good morning, Commissioners. We have two resolutions on the agenda for your approval. This resolution seeks approval to transfer appropriations in the amount of \$170,600.00, for appointed counsel expenditures. The request is a result of those expenses for appointed counsel, associated with an increase in state and city code cases, and the time counsel spends litigating those cases. If approved, this will ensure the continuity of operations of the court, and if you have any questions, we're here to answer them.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0676-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0677-19, authorizing an agreement with the Franklin County Municipal Court to provide Legal Counsel to Indigent Persons (\$50,000.00) (Municipal Court), presented by Emily Shaw, Court Administrator, and John Davenport, Assistant Administrator, Municipal Court.

Ms. Shaw: The court's second resolution before you is seeking the Board's approval to enter into a contract with the Franklin County Municipal Court in the amount of \$50,000.00. This is our annual contract that provides legal counsel for indigent persons that are charged with criminal violations of municipal ordinances. The contract amount will go into the county's general fund, as it is reimbursable. Pending any questions, we respectfully request your approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0677-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0678-19, authorizing a transfer of funds for the Stormwater Management Program (Drainage Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and William "Fritz" Crosier, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning, Commissioners. This first resolution is a typical resolution that we see quite often for the Drainage Engineer Program; usually twice a year for the funds needed to do the work. Just to make mention of how challenging drainage is in Franklin County, the typography is so flat. We've had a program that has been steady for many years. At the Drainage Engineer's Office, we're really trying to change the program and become more proactive, and not so reactive, and trying to take an approach that is more like our intersections and bridges, and come up with a rating system, so that we can try to get ahead of these challenges. If you have any questions we'd be happy to answer those, but we'd request your approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0678-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0679-19, declaring the official intent and reasonable expectation of Franklin

County on behalf of the State of Ohio to reimburse its Motor Vehicle License & Gas Tax Fund for the Alum Creek Drive at Rohr Road Project (CC11W) with the proceeds of tax exempt debt of the State of Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this is a capital improvement project in the southeast part of the county, in Hamilton and Madison Townships. It’s coordinated also with the City of Columbus and Groveport. This particular resolution is for an OPWC loan that was approved a year ago, and will set up the payment schedule for a ten-year period. We’re happy to have this loan as an option, as it will allow us to move forward and get the project scheduled for construction.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0679-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0680-19, establishing, altering and widening of London-Groveport Road, SR317 at Lockbourne Road, County Road No. 13, Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this capital improvement project is in the same neighborhood, down around Rickenbacker. It will be a collaborative project, and include the State of Ohio and Franklin County. This resolution is the first in a series of two, to declare the project necessary, so we can get started on the design.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0680-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0681-19, establishing, altering and widening of Cassady Avenue from Plaza Properties Boulevard to Agler Road, Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, as noted, this first resolution in a series of two, seeks to declare necessary the improvement of Cassady Avenue, from Plaza Property Boulevard to Agler Road. This project is located in northeast Franklin County, in Mifflin Township, as well as the City of Columbus, and will improve the existing roadway, as well as pedestrian connectivity along the corridor. Pending any questions, I’d request your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0681-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0682-19, MTJ Engineering, LLC, consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing on call traffic engineering services, Franklin County, Ohio (\$50,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, this resolutions seeks approval to enter into a contract with MTJ Engineering, LLC, to provide roundabout-specific engineering design services for the County Engineer’s Office. MTJ was chosen via the qualifications-based selection process. Pending any questions, I’d ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0682-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0683-19, authorizing a transfer of non-general fund appropriations for the purchase of new security cameras (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff’s Office.

Mr. Masterson: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution transfers funds within the commissary, to purchase additional security cameras, in and around FCC2 Visitation. The \$16,560.00 transfer, along with the existing appropriations in capital outlays, will allow for the necessary purchase. Pending any questions, I ask for approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0683-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0684-19, authorizing a transfer of appropriations for the system recorder upgrade (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff’s Office.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, approval of this resolution authorizes an appropriation transfer within our Call for Service Budget program, to allow for the necessary upgrade to the recording system, utilized to document 911 calls and radio traffic. Pending any questions, I ask for approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0684-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0685-19, authorizing an agreement with the Penny Rudy, a registered dietitian, for dietetic services in the County Correctional facilities (\$2,000.00) (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff’s Office.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution authorizes a one year contract for periodic review of the menu served in both correctional facilities. The contract will run through September 2020. And, with no questions, I ask for approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0685-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0686-19, authorizing a settlement to Mr. William Gibson for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (\$2,516.21) (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: Approval of this resolution authorizes the settlement of a vehicle damage claim from an accident that occurred on June 4 of this year. Per the recommendation of the county's claims adjuster, Fleet Management, and the Prosecutor's Office, approval will provide payment in the amount of \$2,516.21, to settle the claim.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0686-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0687-19, authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for the procurement of Microsoft 365 (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Adam Frumkin, Chief Information Officer, Franklin County Data Center, and Juan Torres, Chief Information Officer, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Frumkin: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution authorizes a transfer of funds, in the amount of \$1,116,885.00, for a purchase order in the amount of \$2,053,351.00, for a 14-month subscription of Microsoft 365, for all 3,977 users within the county. And, authorizes the County Administrator to sign any documents associated with Microsoft 365. As previously stated, Microsoft 365 will provide a secure platform for productivity and collaboration, including cloud-based email and personal drive storage. Pending any questions, I request your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0687-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0688-19, a authorizing disposition of personal property, including motor vehicles and equipment, that are no longer needed for public use, are obsolete, or are unfit for the use it was acquired, and authorizing the Director of Fleet Management to dispose of said items by transferring title to other governmental agencies in Ohio, by internet auction, or selling as salvage (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

Ms. Ashcraft: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution is requesting authorization to dispose of 26 retired vehicles. Retired cruisers that can still be operational will be transferred to other law enforcement agencies; those agencies that are smaller and have very limited funds for replacement. We have a growing list of agencies asking for vehicle assistance. This transfer program began in 2009. The cruisers have extensive mileage and

if we kept them in service, they would have over 200,000 miles in no time, because of our 24/7 operation. Transferring to a smaller agency, the mileage accumulation will be greatly reduced, and they can typically last them for two to three years. By transferring to another law enforcement agency, we also do not incur the cost of removing the equipment and the decals. Those that are wrecked will be disposed of through salvage due to the damage, and others will be sold through GovDeals.com. Pending any questions, I respectfully request passage of this resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady: I am sure you are always going to get thanks for assisting other counties and other agencies because of this program.

President Brown: I agree. This has been so helpful to our smaller communities that really need the vehicles, and cannot afford to always buy new.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0688-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0689-19, authorizing a subgrant award and contract to the city of Columbus for batterers intervention services through the FY 2017 Justice Assistance Grant (\$30,800.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Good morning, Commissioners. Using our Justice Assistance Grant funds for fiscal year 2017, we’re pleased to be able to continue the program with the Municipal Court for batterer’s intervention, specifically in the LGBTQ community. The program launched last year as a pilot and served 26 individuals, which is far more than we thought it would in its first year. So, we are proud to be able to continue this program. Additionally, because of some space that we found for Equitas Health to bill some of those services through Medicaid, this contract will also allow for Equitas to teach a weekly, 90-minute class to everyone who is accused of domestic violence, on the batterers side, to talk about domestic violence, the different types of domestic violence, abuse, the cycle of violence, and how individuals can create healthy relationships. So, we are greatly expanding the reach of the program. Pending any questions, we’d ask for your approval.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: President Brown, there is a technical correction, that I would request to have made for the record. This resolution is listed under Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs, and I would like to have that clerical issue within CRMS resolved. I just spoke with Zak Talarek, the OMB Director, and we should be able to correct this issue, after passage, as it does not have a material effect on the resolution itself.

President Brown: Where do you see it listed like that?

Mr. Wilson: It is reflected like that within CRMS.

President Brown: That's fine. Thank you.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0689-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0690-19, authorizing a contract modification and extension between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Corporation for Supportive Housing to provide a Frequent User System Engagement program (\$750,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioners, as you know, last year we launched the Frequent User System Engagement program, using Targeted Alternatives to Prison (TCAP) money, from fiscal year 2019. Now that we know that the TCAP dollars for 2020 and 2021 have been secured, this contract modification and extension will extend the program from December 31 of this year, through June 30, 2021. We are taking the total dollar amount up by a few dollars, to make it an even \$750,000.00. We're bringing this to you a little bit early, as the current contract doesn't expire until December, but because of the nature of this, and as the Corporation for Supportive Housing identifies clients, we can place them into housing, and landlords often want a minimum of a 6-month lease. So, we're extending this to give ourselves the ability to sign those leases, and actually place people in permanent housing. Pending any questions, we'd ask for your approval.

President Brown: Michael, this program is working well and I am glad that we are able to get this done now, and give people stability.

Mr. Daniels: Thank you very much, Commissioner. We're very proud of it.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0690-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0691-19, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,050,395.54) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing and Marleise Wicker, Small and Emerging Business Coordinator.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Good morning, Commissioners. Our resolution this morning seeks approval of 108 purchase orders (POs), for which the County Auditor has pre-certified available funding.

Ms. Wicker: The resolution includes 22 eligible POs, totaling approximately \$118,000.00. These POs are for goods and services that have a higher likelihood of participation by small and emerging businesses (SEBEs). Of these POs, six were awarded to small and emerging businesses, totaling \$27,314.25, which is 27 percent of the eligible PO volume, and 23 percent of the eligible PO dollar value.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Pending any questions, we do recommend approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0691-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0692-19, authorizing a contract with MAPSYS Inc. to provide Support Services for the Commissioners' Resolution Management System (\$47,524.00) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Juan Torres, Chief Information Officer, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Torres: Good morning, Commissioners. The Commissioners Resolution Management System is an essential application in the management of the Board of Commissioners legislative process, for Franklin County agencies, offices of elected officials, and court-submitted resolutions and supporting documentation, for the consideration of the Board of Commissioners. This resolution authorizes a two-year agreement with MAPSYS to provide maintenance and support for the Commissioners Resolution Management System's stability and performance. Pending any questions, I would request your approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0692-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

President Brown: Are there any journalizations?

Clerk: Yes, Commissioner. There are two.

Case #ANX-20-19, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-20-19, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on September 11, 2019. The petition is requesting to annex 11 +/- acres from Washington Township to the City of Dublin. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on October 15, 2019. Site: Shier Rings Road, PID number 272-000166.

Case #ANX-21-19, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-21-19, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on September 11, 2019. The petition is requesting to annex 0.9 +/- acres from Truro Township to the City of Reynoldsburg. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on October 15, 2019. Site: 1676 Lancaster Avenue, PID number 263-000832.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of September 17, 2019.


MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT


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