

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 22, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

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

Also present on the dais were Harold Anderson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, 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.

Commissioner O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

Approval of the minutes of the May 16, June 6, and July 25, 2019 Briefing Sessions; and, the May 28, 2019, General Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners recognized October 21, 2019, as Stormwater Awareness Week. Ms. Jennifer Fish, Director, Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation, and Franklin County Engineer Cornell Robertson, highlighted the importance of appropriate stormwater maintenance and actions that residents can take to help maintain healthy waterways.

(A ceremonial resolution was presented, and a photo was taken)

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners also recognized October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Ms. Beverly Soult, President, and CEO, and Ms. Angie Santangelo, Clinical Program Director, Cancer Support Community, and Ms. Betsy Poulus, a breast cancer survivor, addressed the need and importance of having appropriate community resources for cancer survivors.

(A ceremonial resolution was presented, and a photo was taken)

Resolution No. 0733-19, authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for the support of the Probate Court Resource Center (Probate Court), presented by Brent Chapa, Financial Manager, and Robert Morris II, Administrative Magistrate, Probate Court.

Mr. Chapa: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution is a non-general fund supplemental appropriation, from the Probate Court's special projects fund for \$18,000.00. This is to support the Probate Court Resource Center, and since April, the Resource Center has provided legal assistance to individuals with matters relating to real estate transfers, small estates, limited guardianship questions, and general legal questions. Pending any questions, I ask for approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0733-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0747-19, approving a ditch maintenance petition for the Villages at Jefferson Run Phase 1, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Drainage Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and William "Fritz" Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning, Commissioners. Commissioners, this first resolution is in the northeast part of the county. It is in Jefferson Township. It is in a subdivision known as the Villages at Jefferson Run Phase 1. This particular resolution sets up the drainage maintenance petition process. The drainage infrastructure has been built for the subdivision and is ready to be included.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0747-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding the establishment, altering, and widening of London-Groveport Road, SR317 at Lockbourne Road, County Road No 13, Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed-Engineer to file plans as necessary.

Commissioner O'Grady: We would like to open up this Public Hearing. Is there anyone in the audience who would like to speak on this Public Hearing? Seeing none, I would like to close the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 0734-19, establishing, altering and widening of London-Groveport Road, SR317 at Lockbourne Road, County Road No. 13, Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and William "Fritz" Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, on September 17, 2019, the Board adopted a resolution declaring necessary the London-Groveport Road, 317, at Lockbourne Road improvement project. And, on October 8, 2019, the Board of Commissioners viewed said improvement. This is a collaborative project between Franklin County and ODOT, and this resolution authorizes the Engineer to prepare plans, as necessary, for the construction of this project.

It represents the second step in the legislative process. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0734-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding the establishment, altering, and widening of Cassady Avenue from Plaza Properties Boulevard to Agler Road, Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed-Engineer to file plans as necessary.

Commissioner O'Grady: I would like to open the Public Hearing for this resolution. Is there anyone here in the audience who would like to speak on this Public Hearing? Seeing none, I would like to close the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 0735-19, establishing, altering and widening of Cassady Avenue from Plaza Properties Boulevard to Agler Road, Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, similar to the previous resolution, on September 17, the Board adopted a resolution declaring necessary the Cassady Avenue from Plaza Properties Boulevard to Agler Road improvement project. And, on October 8, the Board viewed said improvement. It is a collaborative project between Franklin County and the City of Columbus. This resolution authorizes the Engineer to prepare plans, as necessary, for the construction of the project. And, this represents the second step in the legislative process. Pending any questions, I’d ask for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0735-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0736-19, the Osborn Engineering Company, consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing preliminary engineering for the Trabue Road 10.77 over Scioto River project, Norwich Township, and Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$173,301.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, as stated, this capital improvement project is in the northwest part of Franklin County, on the line between Norwich Township and Franklin Township, along Trabue Road over Scioto River. This particular resolution is for a preliminary engineering design contract with Osborn. We utilized the qualifications-based selection process and recommend your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0736-19, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0737-19, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with TEC Engineering, Inc. for on-call traffic engineering services, an increase of (\$25,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, as stated, this is a contract modification with TEC Engineering. This group will help us with engineering services at traffic signals, and we’d like to add two. One at the intersection of Rome-Hilliard Road and Beacon Hill, and one at another intersection at Gantz and Dyer.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0737-19, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0738-19, construction of a Driving Pad for the Franklin County Sheriff at the Franklin County Fairgrounds located at 4951 Northwest Parkway, Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Dave McMannis, First Responder Liaison, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. McMannis: Commissioners, the next resolution seeks to declare necessary the improvement of the Franklin County Fair Grounds property, located at 4951 Northwest Parkway, in Hilliard. This resolution is the first step in the legislative process that will allow the County Engineer to further investigate the construction of a driving pad, intended for the Franklin County Sheriff’s training purposes. This is a collaborative project between multiple Franklin County agencies, as well as the Franklin County Fair Board. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0738-19, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0748-19, preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of Columbus (\$2,300,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, as stated, this is a \$5 fund resolution for the City of Columbus, to upgrade traffic signals; it is an annual resolution and I would recommend your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0748-19, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0749-19, preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of Columbus (\$1,000,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, a very similar resolution. Again, for the City of Columbus. A \$5 fund resolution and this particular resolution is for signage and pavement markings throughout the city.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0749-19, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0750-19, Arcadis U.S., Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in preparing right-of-way and construction plans for London-Groveport Road, SR317 at Lockbourne Road, County Road No. 13, Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$263,768.43) (Engineer), presented by Bradley Foster, Highway Design, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Foster: Commissioners, the next resolution seeks approval to enter into a consultant services agreement with Arcadis U.S. consultants, to prepare right-of-way plans for the London-Groveport at 317, Lockbourne Road improvement project. The project is located in the southeast part of the county in Hamilton Township and proposes to construct a modern roundabout, utilizing ODOT safety funds. Arcadis U.S. was selected via a qualifications-based selection process. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0750-19, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0751-19, report (1st) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Hayden Run Greenways Shared Use Path over Hayden Run improvement, Washington Township, and Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$5,734.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this resolution is for a shared-use path project, in the northwest part of Franklin County. This is a cooperative project with the City of Hilliard,

the City of Columbus, and Franklin County. This is the first report for right-of-way acquisition, and the appraisal was based on fair market value. It includes just one property.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0751-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0752-19, report (2nd) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation and damages for a portion of the owners on the Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Clark State Road improvement project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$1,616.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and William "Fritz" Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this capital improvement project is in the northeast part of Franklin County in Jefferson Township, at the intersection of Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Clark State Road, where we will build a modern roundabout. This is a second report for right-of-way acquisition, and this report actually starts the appropriation process, however, we will continue to negotiate with the property owner, and are hopeful to come to an agreement.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0752-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0753-19, approval of the Villages at Jefferson Run Phase 1 subdivision plat, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and William "Fritz" Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, again, this subdivision is in the northeast part of Franklin County, Jefferson Township. It's the Villages at Jefferson Run, Phase 1. It is about four acres and includes 14 lots. The final plat is ready for your review, approval, and signature. I have it here and will leave it for your consideration and recommend your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0753-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0754-19, authorizing Contracts for Canned, Dry, Frozen, and Dairy Food Products for the Franklin County Correctional Facilities (\$1,300,000.00) (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Chief of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution authorizes a six-month contract through April 23, 2020, to supply the jails with canned, dried, and frozen, and dairy food items. All items have a firm and fixed price through the contract expiration and

are part of the certified menu for the Corrections Division. The contracts were competitively bid through Purchasing, and the contracts were awarded on price and delivery capabilities. Pending any questions, I ask for approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0754-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0755-19, authorizing a settlement to Mrs. Toni Huston for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (\$1,000.00) (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Chief of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, this resolution approves the settlement of a vehicle damage claim from an accident that occurred on September 13, of this year. It's been recommended by Fleet management and the Prosecutor's Office, and approval of the resolution will provide payment to settle the insurance deductible of \$1,000, to settle the claim. With no questions, I ask for approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0755-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0756-19, approving four subaward agreements with the Columbus Literacy Council, IMPACT Community Action, Lead the Way Learning Academy, and Saint Stephen Community Services, Inc. dba St. Stephen's Community House for the Franklin County Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program for In-School Youth (\$4,800,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Good morning, Commissioners. In 2019, the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio, in partnership with Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services released two RFPs, soliciting proposals in-school and out of school CCMCP services, which is a comprehensive employment program. A total of \$4,250,000 was made available in TANF, CCMCP funding, and \$550,000 in WIOA funds, for a combined total of \$4.8 million. Four local providers were selected to provide in-school youth services. Services will include a personal coach and advocate, case manager, individual assessment, opportunity plans, leadership development, tutoring, mentoring, career exploration, paid and unpaid internship work experiences, entrepreneurial training, occupational skills training, barrier removal, and supportive services, as well as follow-up for barriers. The recommended AMP providers will serve an estimated 600 in-school youth. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0756-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0757-19, approving four subaward agreements with The Academy for Urban Scholars, Columbus Literacy Council, Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., and IMPACT Community Action, for the Franklin County Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program for Out-of-School Youth (\$4,100,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, this resolution is a little different. A total of \$2,450,000, will be provided in TANF, CCMCP funding, and \$650,000 was made available in WIOA funding, for a combined \$4.1 million. Similarly, the same types of services will be provided. The recommended AMP providers will serve an estimated 700 out of school youth. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0757-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0758-19, approving a subaward agreement with Mid-Ohio Foodbank, for the purchase and distribution of food to Franklin County soup kitchens, food pantries, and emergency shelters (\$100,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, this purchase will support the purchase and distribution of an estimated 300,000 meals for low-income families, across the network of community partners. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0758-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0759-19, approving and certifying the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services' Prevention, Retention, and Contingency Plan and authorizing the Director of the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU), and any amendments to the MOU, with Franklin County Children Services to implement the Kinship Caregiver Program (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, Ohio law requires that the counties adopt and amend their plans at least on a bi-annual basis. This plan has been reviewed by the local Families Services Committee, appointed by the Board of Commissioners, and must be certified by you, the Commissioners before it can be submitted to the state of Ohio. The 20-21 PRC plan contains many of the same provisions of the current PRC plan that was approved and

includes several changes within the plan. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0759-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0739-19, review of a petition to annex 11 +/- acres from Washington Township to the City of Dublin Case #ANX-20-19 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution is to consider an expedited type two annexation petition, of 11 acres, from Washington Township to the city of Dublin. The area to be annexed includes property located at Shire Rings Road, that's south of Shire Rings, east of Cosgray, north of Rings Road, and west of Eiterman. The petition was filed by agent and attorney by Jackson B. Reynolds III, who is in attendance if you have any questions, on behalf of the property owner, M.C. Shire Rings, LLC. 64.4 percent of the site's perimeter is contiguous with Dublin, and the city of Dublin passed Resolution Number 51-19, and 52-19, on September 23, 2019, indicating that the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved, and a statement regarding incompatible land uses and the zoning buffer. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pending any questions, we request your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0739-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0740-19, review of petition to annex 0.9 +/- acres from Truro Township to the City of Reynoldsburg Case #ANX-21-19 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to consider another expedited type two annexation petition of 0.9 acres. That is from Truro Township to the city of Reynoldsburg. The area to be annexed includes property located at 1676 Lancaster Avenue; that's east of Lancaster Avenue, south of John Street, west of Graham Road, and north of East Living Avenue. The petition was filed by the owner, Richard E. Barth, on behalf of the owners, Richard E. and Dorothy L. Barth. One hundred percent of the site's perimeter is contiguous with the city of Reynoldsburg, and the city passed Resolution Number 99-19 on September 23, 2019, indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved, and a statement regarding the possible incompatible land uses and zoning buffer. The petition meets all statutory requirements as outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pending any questions, we request your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0740-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0741-19, authorizing a one-year contract with the Greater Columbus Arts Council in support of Franklin County artists, arts organizations, and cultural facilities (\$2,000,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

Mr. Tom Katzenmeyer, President and CEO, Great Columbus Arts Council, Sue Porter, Executive Director, BalletMet, Demetries Neely, Executive Director, King Arts Complex, and Jevon Collins, Performing Arts Director, The Martin Luther King Jr. Performing and Cultural Arts Complex, each offered extensive comments supporting the Commissioners' continued commitment to the arts within Franklin County.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0741-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0742-19, authorizing a Catalyst Grant to the Columbus Diaper Bank to provide assistance to low-income families in need of diapers (\$50,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. McCrary: Commissioners, this resolution will allow us to work in partnership with the Columbus Diaper Bank, to simply reach out to families in need, who are struggling to bear the financial burden of providing diapers for their infants and for their toddlers. So, it really is just a joyful program. I cannot imagine why anyone would not want a child to have access to clean diapers. Everybody who is a parent knows that it is not optional, it is essential. It is for the health and well-being of a developing child. I am so excited to have Jimmy Mehl here from Columbus Diaper Bank to tell us a little bit about how this funding will impact their organization.

Jimmy Mehl, Executive Director, Columbus Diaper Bank, outlined the essential community-based services that the organization offers, and the importance of being able to offer diapers to families in need, who would otherwise not be able to afford them.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0742-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0760-19, authorizing a Catalyst Grant to Alvis, Inc. to provide parenting education, drug prevention activities, and family counseling to Franklin County families

(\$100,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. McCrary: Commissioners, this resolution will allow us to work with Alvis, Inc. to expand their families and children's program, which will allow them to serve an additional forty women and their children. Women who are often returning to the community after a period of incarceration, in addition to working with Amethyst, to be able to include women who are in recovery. This morning, we are thrilled to have with us Bill Nunes, who is the Chief Operating Officer of Alvis, and he will tell us a little bit about that program.

Bill Nunes, Chief Operating Officer, Alvis, Inc., offered detailed information on how women and children being assisted by Alvis, Inc. are benefiting through their programming efforts.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0760-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0761-19, authorizing a Catalyst Grant to Central Community House to provide crisis mitigation services in cooperation with the Columbus Federation of Settlement Houses (\$250,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. McCrary: Commissioners, this Catalyst Grant is really an exciting opportunity to work with all of the settlement houses in Central Ohio and working on the topic of crisis mitigation. There isn't a lot of funding for crisis mitigation, but it allows the settlement houses to look outside of the box and finding solutions for clients who come through their doors every day. I shared at Briefing the story of the person who came in and what their direct request was is that they wanted food for their family. Their case manager was able to conduct an insightful interview, which revealed that the real issue was that they had a car that was in disrepair and they couldn't get to work. This Catalyst funding for crisis mitigation will allow all of the settlement houses to work together to fill in those gaps. And help people to get the services that they need, when there may not be existing programming right now. Pending any questions, I would request the approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0761-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0743-19, authorizing a contract with Restorative Financial Services LLC for the purchase of financial literacy education under the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and Justice and Mental Health Collaboration (JMHC) Grant programs (\$30,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Good morning, Commissioners. Our first resolution this morning will allow us to continue financial literacy classes, in a variety of different settings and in a variety of different partners that we have. It is not a new program, but it is using up some expiring grant funding, and we want to get that out there and be able to make sure it is stretched as far as possible. Pending any questions, we'd ask for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0743-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0762-19, authorizing a contract modification with Valerie Coleman for peer support services through the FY18 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Medically Assisted Treatment Prescription Drug and Opiate Addiction grant program (\$28,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioners, this is a contract modification for an existing contract, with Ms. Valerie Coleman. We have a \$20,000 contract with her, and we want to modify that to \$28,000 to continue providing peer support services. Pending any questions, we'd recommend your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0762-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0763-19, authorizing a contract with Stonewall Columbus for the provision of Dialectical Behavior Therapy to LGBTQIA+ residents who are experiencing personal trauma, substance abuse, eating disorders, behavioral addictions, impulsive, reckless, or risky personal behaviors, extreme uncontrollable emotions, and unstable or unhealthy relationships (\$45,375.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioners, we think the title of this is fairly descriptive. We're providing dialectical behavioral therapy through Stonewall Columbus, particularly targeting the LGBTQ+ population. This type of therapy specifically homes in on behavioral addictions, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, and abusive relationships that can prevent folks from becoming victims of crime and can also prevent folks from preventing crimes and ending up in the incarceration system. Pending any questions, we'd ask for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0763-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0764-19, authorizing a contract with Anchored to Hope LLC for the provision of a technology platform designed specifically for individuals in the criminal justice system with substance abuse disorders (\$49,500.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioners, this resolution authorizes a contract with Anchored to Hope, LLC., which is a new venture owned and operated by Melinda Swan, who you'll remember from The Collective Genius. Her provision of a technology platform that will provide searchable directories for locating and securing basic needs. Twenty-four—seven, one-button access to crisis counseling, daily interactions, and interactive problem solving designed to advance and reinforce constructive change, critical thinking, and uniquely, guided meditation, using 3D virtual reality that has been designed specifically to help folks remain in long-term recovery. Pending any questions, we'd ask for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce: I am very familiar with it and very supportive.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0764-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0765-19, authorizing two contracts with BRAVE Technology Coop for BRAVE button safety systems and the BRAVE BeSafe application through the FY2020 Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison (TCAP) grant program (\$100,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioners, this resolution authorizes two contracts with BRAVE Technology Corporation. One for \$40,000 for the button safety system, and one for \$60,000 for the BeSafe technology application. These will be used in collaboration with existing services to provide hard reduction, overdose death reduction, vulnerability reduction, and incarceration reduction technologies. We have with us this morning Oona Krieg, the Chief Operating Officer to take us through some of the technology.

Oona Krieg, Chief Operating Officer, BRAVE Technology Coop, reviewed the BeSafe technology functionality, and how it assists in helping to reduce overdose-related deaths.

Mr. Daniels: We're very excited. We're the first folks in the United States to use this technology; we're very excited about bringing it to Franklin County, where we have never been afraid to use new forms of technology and new forms of intervention to continue to save people's lives and to continue to serve families, and this is just another extension of that. Pending any questions Commissioners, we would ask for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0765-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0744-19, authorizing a contract with the American Red Cross to allow certified trainers in the Department of Human Resources Risk Management to conduct training courses for Franklin County personnel (\$15,000.00) (Human Resources), presented by Sue Hamilton, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

Ms. Hamilton: Good morning, Commissioners. Today for your consideration is a contract to allow us to do CPR and AED training for any Franklin County employee, who wants to have the training. Pending any questions, we respectfully request your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0744-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0766-19, authorizing the County Administrator to enter into contracts to provide necessary OSHA/PERRP safety equipment, training, and vaccinations to protect county employees from workplace hazards (Human Resources), presented by Sue Hamilton, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

Ms. Hamilton: Commissioners, the risk management area for Human Resources is responsible to provide and make sure that we are following all of the OSHA and PERRP safety requirements. This resolution will allow the County Administrator to sign agreements for us so that we can get the proper training and safety equipment that we need for our employees. Pending any questions, we respectfully request your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0766-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0745-19, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,395,863.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Good morning, Commissioners. Our first resolution seeks approval of 116 purchase orders (POs), for which the County Auditor has pre-certified available funding. The resolution includes 27 eligible POs, totaling approximately \$229,000. These are POs for goods and services that have a higher likelihood of participating by small and emerging business enterprises (SEBEs). Of these POs, 15 were awarded to SEBEs, totaling \$134,207.05; which is 55 percent of the eligible PO volume, and 58 percent of the eligible PO dollar value. Pending any questions, I recommend your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0745-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0767-19, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,719,640.74) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: This next resolution seeks approval of 114 purchase orders (POs), for which the County Auditor has pre-certified available funding. This resolution includes 40 eligible POs, totaling approximately \$249,000. Of these POs, 12 were awarded to SEBEs, totaling \$58,190.41; which is 30 percent of the eligible PO volume, and 23 percent of the eligible PO dollar value. Pending any questions, I request your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0767-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0746-19, authorizing the purchase of additional new voting equipment from Election Systems and Software (\$2,364,360.00) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Ed Leonard, Director, Board of Elections.

Mr. Leonard: This resolution authorizes the second phase of 694 machines to be purchased. This purchase was contemplated when the county purchased the original batch of voting equipment in January 2019, with the \$10.3 million that we received from the State of Ohio. The funds that are contemplated to cover the funds for this purchase come from the funds that the county recoups each year; in each of the odd-year elections that we recoup from the jurisdictions to cover the costs of administering the elections, in these odd years. The equipment cost in this agreement is just shy of \$2 million that we had contemplated, and then the balance of the contract is for firmware, licensing for the cost for the 'out years.' These 694 voting machines being purchased will bring the total number of touch screen marking devices to 3,272 machines. And again, they are similar to the old equipment that they are touch screen, but they generate a paper ballot that the voter then takes, has an opportunity to review for accuracy, and then insert them into the ballot counting scanner. These 694 machines will be delivered in December 2019, just after the certification of this year's General Election, and then the acceptance testing of the equipment will take place during December. Then, we anticipate paying for the devices once acceptance testing is completed, and that would likely be paid in January 2020. Then, these machines would be used for the first time in the 2020 Primary Election. I would like to extend my thanks to Director Perry-Balonier of the Purchasing Department and to Harold Anderson with the Prosecutor's Office, for their assistance in helping to move this contract modification through the process. With that, pending any questions, I would respectfully request approval of the resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0746-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0768-19, to approve the issuance of Hotel Project Revenue Bonds and Hotel Lease Appropriation Bonds by the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority, and authorize the execution and delivery of a lease agreement and sublease agreement with such authority and the City of Columbus, Ohio, to secure such Hotel Lease Appropriation Bonds, and other matters, relating to, the issuance of such bonds and the improvements to be financed thereby (Board of Commissioners), presented by Don Brown, Executive Director, Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority, and Mark Miller, Counsel, Baker Tilly.

Mr. Brown, Executive Director, Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority: Good morning, Commissioners. First, I would like to thank Mr. Wilson and Mr. Talarek for their fine collaboration, over the last several months on this project. Commissioners, we want to thank you for your steady support for this project. We've organized; we've built a project team; we've planned, and we've completed the design work over the last three years, and now we're ready to build. Excavation will begin this week, and then we expect the foundation-to-grade construction, and then begin the above-grade construction next spring. This project will employ over 800 construction workers over the next 30-months. We expect to open the second tower, the addition to the hotel in January 2022. At that time, we expect to employ or create over 450 permanent new jobs, working in the tower addition. The purpose of the expansion is to create a 1,000-room hotel. That will be the largest hotel in the State of Ohio. And, it will allow us to continue to grow the \$7 billion in visitor spending business that is drawn to our community. With that, I would ask Mr. Miller to share with you the schedule for the bond sale. This resolution would authorize the Convention Facilities Authority (CFA) to issue bonds. We've kept that pledge for the last 35 years. Any time the Convention Authority issues bonds we seek the county's consent to do that, and the city's consent to do that, because of the back-stop support that you provide to our projects. The resolution also authorizes a lease-sub-lease arrangement, which is the same sort of agreement we've used to secure the lease appropriation bonds, which were backed in equal amounts, by the city and county. We're set to go with the financing, we couldn't have gotten here without the county's steady support, and Commissioners, we appreciate that.

Mr. Mark Miller, Counsel, Baker Tilly: As Don [Brown] mentioned, we are ready for construction. The last part before construction is getting the money in. So, that's where we are at this point. Over the last couple of months, we have spent a lot of time with the rating agencies, trying to identify what is the minimum amount of coverage that would be required in order to minimize the debt-side of the financing that would be supported by the least appropriation bonds. You recall from our prior meetings that there were two sides to this. One would be debt-side that would be self-supported by the hotel revenues; and, the other side that is supported by the lease appropriation by the city and the county. The methodology as we priced the bonds will be to maximize that portion of the debt that can be supported by the hotel revenues, thereby minimizing that portion that would require city and county lease appropriations. Now we're at the point where we have identified that structure. We had rating agency presentations on the lease appropriations bonds with both Moody and S&P, scheduled for this Thursday [Thursday, October 24, 2019], of which the county and city will also participate in those presentations. Our schedule is to price the

bonds on November 14 [2019], and then close the transaction on December 4 [2019]. We feel as though this is still a good market. Rates have gone up just a little bit, but they are still at historically low levels, so we're excited about this opportunity and appreciative of the support. We'd be glad to answer any questions that anyone may have.

Commissioner Boyce: Thanks for your presentation, both Don and Mark. I think that you have done a very good job of putting this transaction together. But I want to make sure that the public understands because this is a complex transaction. And, I want to make sure that the public understands the county's obligation in it and how that works. If you could, explain in very simple terms how the lease appropriation versus the revenue will be generated by the hotel project itself. How that works and our obligation is based on how the hotel performs and the long-term projections for that. Because I want to make sure that the public understands the secondary role that we play in how the debt on the hotel will be serviced over the course of the debt schedule.

Mr. Brown: Commissioner, both the revenue bonds and the lease appropriation bonds will be paid by the hotel, from hotel revenues. The first 500-room hotel, the existing hotel, has outperformed expectations over the last eight years of operation. It pays for itself. It pays for its operation and it has paid for all of the debt services, entirely. The expansion, with the second tower addition, will operate in the same way. The debt service, as well as the cost of operating and maintaining the hotel, will be paid from hotel revenues. The purpose of the back-stop guarantee from both the county and city on part of the debt issue is to enhance, or to enhance or raise the quality, above investment-grade to perhaps a Double-A rating, or better. By obtaining as high of a rating as possible, on a portion of the issue, it allows us to obtain the lowest possible rate of interest on the financing itself. So, it makes the project more affordable to the community. It in no way will require a pay-out of county taxpayer dollars, because the hotel will pay for itself, using hotel revenues.

Commissioner Boyce: So, the simple way to say that is the county is kind of like a co-signer. As parents do who co-sign on things, it enhances the interest rate or the credit standing of whatever is being signed. I just wanted to state that, because I think it is very important for the public to understand. I want to make sure that this particular hotel transaction has performed very well historically; you are projecting it to perform very well in the future; and, thus, we don't have any expectation that it will be any burden on Franklin County itself if all goes as planned.

Mr. Brown: That's exactly right. And, we appreciate the county and city's support by co-signing on our project loans and financing, not only for the hotel, but also for the convention center renovations, expansions, and improvements. And, those projects, too, have paid for themselves with convention center revenues.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: That's an excellent analogy of a parental co-signer relationship. But I would like to say that this particular transaction is even safer than that car loan that we may sign off on for one of our children. There are several layers that would come into play before the county tax dollars would be at risk.

Commissioner Boyce: Thanks for adding that, Administrator Wilson, because I really just want to make sure the public, and I know that the [Columbus] Dispatch is here, I just really want to make sure the public understands the secondary role that we play. This has been structured in a very professional way, and I think that as you described, our chances are as limited as they can be to have some additional obligation from the county.

Mr. Brown: Mr. Wilson is exactly right. The Convention Facilities Authority will maintain several layers of cash reserves to buffer the city and county's protection of co-signing, in the event that current year revenues ebb and flow, because of economic cycles.

Commissioner O'Grady: I have a question as it relates to construction. We have been doing a lot of construction around here the last number of years. But recently with construction projects that we are undertaking, are you concerned, Don, about the cost of commodities, namely steel, because I know the tariffs have been killing us, as well as the cost of labor, with everything that has been going on.

Mr. Brown: It is a concern. Until the construction manager awards all of these contracts, we won't be sure that we've adequately provided a large enough contingency to cover the cost of development, but we think we have. We expect to have a guaranteed, maximum price, delivered to us shortly after the first of November, by the construction management team, Turner and Smoot. It is a white-hot market right now for labor; there is a lot of construction in Central Ohio, so we're fighting the headwinds there. We're also fighting the increased cost of steel, glass, aluminum, and other commodities. All of which go into a high rise building like this. But we think that we have this project priced properly. We have aspirational goals of 18 percent or better, in terms of inclusion for disadvantaged businesses. We've successfully had diversity inclusion participation rates of anywhere between 18 percent and 30 percent, in the last seven years for various projects.

Mr. Miller: Just to add, that's why we scheduled the pricing when we did so that we'd have that G&P in-hand, and then know how many bonds to issue, and how much proceeds to generate.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0768-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0769-19, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$8,510,000 of bonds for the purpose of providing funds to refund the outstanding Various Purpose Limited Tax Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (Federal Taxable – Direct Payment), Series 2010B of the County; and authorizing related documents and agreements (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution, as well as the following one, would authorize the refunding of two sets of bonds that were issued in 2010, that were recovery zone, economic development recovery bonds. The total principal amount of the

two issuances is about \$10 million. Based on the current interest rate environment, we're looking at savings of almost 20 percent on an average net present value basis of almost \$2 million, for the refunding. We're also looking at partial cash defeasing a portion of the bonds related to our Sanitary Engineering department. Pending any questions, I would request your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce: Who is the underwriter?

Mr. Talarek: Based on the size of the deal, there would not be an underwriter. We would be looking at doing a quote for direct placement.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0769-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0770-19, authorizing the redemption of outstanding bonds; and authorizing related documents and agreements, if any (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Talarek: It is similar to the last resolution. If there are no comments or questions, I'd ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0770-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Commissioner O'Grady: [To the Clerk] Do you have any journalizations?

Dean Hindenlang, Clerk, Board of Commissioners: Yes, Commissioner; two.

Mr. Hindenlang: On October 4, 2019, notice was sent to Franklin County Recorder Daniel J. O'Connor Jr. updating the named appointments to the Franklin County Microfilming Board. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 307.80, Commissioner O'Grady named Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, to serve as his designee on the Franklin County Microfilming Board; Victoria Caldwell was named to serve as the alternate designee.

Mr. Hindenlang: Case #ANX-23-19. An expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-23-19, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on October 15, 2019. The petition is requesting to annex 13.8 +/- acres from Hamilton Township to the Village of Obetz. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on November 19, 2019. Site: 2611 Bixby Road (PID #150-000798); 5200 Alum Creek Drive (PID #150-000808); 5222 Alum Creek Drive (PID #150-000068); 5240 Alum Creek Drive (PID #150-000371); 3150 Toy Road (PID #150-000816); 3160 Toy Road (PID #150-002417); and, 3180 Toy Road (PID #150-000797).

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 A.M.

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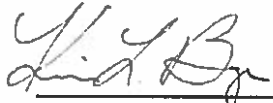
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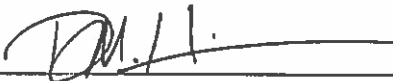


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