

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 29, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

Present were: Kevin L. Boyce, Commissioner
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.

Commissioner Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:21 A.M.

Resolution No. 0771-19, authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for the purchase of capital equipment (Court of Common Pleas), presented by Kimberly Canada, Director of Finance and Purchasing, Common Pleas General Division.

Ms. Canada: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution approves the transfer of appropriations to address the required purchase to upgrade the existing AV [audio visual] system in the judge's conference room and jury assembly room. This purchase will allow each area to gather, more effectively, when conducting meetings, presentations, and reviewing juror information. The amount of the transfer is \$25,381.00. Pending any questions, we request your approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0771-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0772-19, authorizing a Software as a Service Agreement, Services Contract, ePayment Processing Agreement, and Iron Mountain Three-Party Escrow Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for a Court Case Management System (\$8,811,275.00) (Clerk of Courts), presented by Adam Luckhaupt, Director of Information Technology, Clerk of Courts, and William Sieloff, Legal Director and Administrative Magistrate, Court of Common Pleas.

Mr. Luckhaupt: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution is for a Software as a Service Agreement, Services Contract, ePayment Process Agreement, and Iron Mountain Three-Party Escrow Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Incorporated, to replace our

Franklin County Justice System (FCJS), a system that is over 30 years old, and becoming more and more difficult to maintain and record against. And the court's Probate System, which is also running on Legacy Technology.

Mr. Sieloff: The system is going to be a joint partnership, and involves the Clerk of Courts General Division, Domestic and Juvenile, Tenth District Court of Appeals, as well as our Probate Division. The expected benefits out of this new system are the enhanced recording capabilities, and the ability to get data out of the system, to report to the Supreme Court, and to report to the Commissioners, and other entities throughout the state. As well as real-time data transmission between this system and other state and county entities. The ability to configure this system quickly, the effort right now to make changes to the system is so difficult and onerous, a lot of those will be easy configuration changes by Clerk staff and court staff, so that we can make those changes pretty seamlessly, and pretty easily. As well as maintaining current functionality, as well as increasing efficiency, for all of the court partners. Last, to have a cloud-hosted system that gives us a really good security blanket, in terms of data recovery and any emergency issues, to have the ability to stand the system back up, and have the system continue to run.

Commissioner O'Grady: We had a very robust conversation about what all of this means in Briefing this week. One of the things that we did not talk about is that FCJS gets to go away, and we can replace it with something that is fantastic. We have been talking about this for a long time. People have been complaining about FCJS for as long as I can remember. And, it was only about ten years old when I got here twenty years ago, and people were complaining about it then. So, the idea that we are finally replacing it is just awesome. What this means for the next steps and the future, and where we head from here, and all of the things that are going to be able to be accomplished; this is the next step to where we need to go. This is a great thing and I am happy to support this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce: I would just add that this is the type of twenty-first Century nature that Franklin County is still evolving into. This is a big purchase, but also a big deal. But, a county like Franklin County needs this type of investment and the timing could not be better, considering technology changes over night for the most part. I think this is a very important step for the future of Franklin County.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0772-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0773-19, report (3rd) 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 (\$9,216.00) (Engineer), presented by William "Fritz" Crosier, Chief Deputy Engineer, and Brian Fagan, Special Projects Coordinator, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Crosier: Good morning, Commissioners. Commissioners, this first resolution seeks compensation for the property owners abutting the Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Clark State Road Improvement Project. This project is located in the northeast portion of Franklin County, in Jefferson Township, and will construct a modern roundabout, utilizing ODOT Safety and OPWC Funding. We negotiated with the property owners and compensation was based on fair market value. Pending any questions, I'd ask for your approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0773-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0774-19, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into agreements with farmers to leave cornstalks in the ground as snow fence barriers (\$30,000.00) (Engineer), presented by William "Fritz" Crosier, Chief Deputy Engineer, and Brian Fagan, Special Projects Coordinator, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Fagan: Commissioners, this resolution authorizes the cornstalks for snow fence program. This will be our twentieth year to propose this program. With this program, the Engineer's Office works with farmers to minimize snow drifting along county roadways, by utilizing cornstalks. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0774-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0775-19, authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Diversion Program Grant for the Franklin County Heroin Overdose Prevention & Education (HOPE) Task Force (\$54,450.00) (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Service, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: Good morning, Commissioners. Passage of this resolution approves the acceptance of a grant from the Ohio Attorney General to augment the duties of our HOPE Task Force, through June 30, 2020. The activities will include investigation hours, aimed at locating the source supplier on overdose cases and outreach-based activities, on overdose cases linked into support services to cover it. Pending any questions, I ask approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0775-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0776-19, extending the period for filing an application for the registration of dogs in Franklin County without penalty pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 955.01 (Auditor),

presented by Michael Stinziano, Auditor, and Bethany Sanders, Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Auditor's Office.

Mr. Stinziano: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution is to provide a pilot program, extending the deadline for dog licensing to March 31 [2020]. It is our hope, during this two-year pilot program, we'll be able to see an increase. We received feedback concerning the December/January deadline, and the impact that has on families, and our overall goal is to see an increase. I also want to thank Erik Janas and the Shelter, for their collaboration, and look forward to this pilot program.

Commissioner O'Grady: We were discussing on Thursday that folks just don't seem to understand that they need to register their dogs. I've had a lot of conversations with my friends, and people just don't understand. They think they can register their dog once and that they don't have to register their dog again.

Mr. Stinziano: They could if they get a permanent license.

Commissioner O'Grady: Exactly. But they register their dog for one year and think that's the last time they have to register their dog. Or, they think they don't ever have to register their dog, or whatever it is. But it is an annual thing that people need to do. Anything we can do to make it easier for folks to register their dogs is a good thing.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0776-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0777-19, authorizing an agreement with AMN Healthcare recruiting firm, for physician recruitment services for the Franklin County Coroner's Office (\$33,000.00) (Coroner), presented by Amanda Alvarez, Director of Operations, Coroner's Office.

Ms. Alvarez: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution will authorize an agreement with AMN Healthcare, a recruiting firm for physician recruitment services, for the Franklin County Coroner's Office. The services to recruit one forensic pathologist for a newly opened vacancy, at which point we will be fully staffed with six pathologists. We have utilized this vendor's services before, with excellent outcomes. Pending any questions, we would request your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0777-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0778-19, approving two (2) contracts with the House of Hope for Alcoholics, Inc. and Maryhaven Inc. for residential treatment services (\$205,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: This resolution will approve two contracts with House of Hope and Maryhaven, for residential treatment services. The Title XX social services programs intend to enable residents to improve self-sufficiency, support independent living, and strengthen family life. We are proposing to contract with the House of Hope for \$100,000.00, to provide treatment for an estimated 14 low-income male residents that require intensive residential treatment services for drug and alcohol abuse. Maryhaven will be funded at \$105,000.00 and will provide residential treatment for an estimated 40 low-income residents who are suffering from drug and alcohol abuse. Pending any questions, I request your approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0778-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0779-19, approving a subaward agreement with Action for Children for quality early childhood learning program services (\$125,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: This resolution will approve the subaward agreement with Action for Children. As a county, we continue to promote increasing access to quality early learning, so children enter school on track and ready to learn, while having a safe and nurturing learning environment, and parents are engaged in work or education. This agreement will continue our contractual agreement with Action for Children, our resource and referral agency for family's searching for quality early learning programming, eligible for publicly funded childcare. Under the terms of this agreement, Action for Children will continue to maintain and update its database of its early learning programs, and openings across the county. Pending any questions, I ask for your approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0779-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0780-19, approving a subaward agreement with Columbus Urban League, for a men's workforce suiting program (\$35,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: This resolution will approve a subaward agreement with the Columbus Urban League to support a workplace suiting program for low-income unemployed and underemployed men. Men referred to My Brother's Closet, are able to access career counseling, interview support, and workplace suiting. The program administered by the Urban League targets low-income men that are seeking employment. In the previous agreement, 100 low-income men were served. Under the proposed agreement, My

Brother's Closet will suit approximately 140 men. Pending any questions, I ask for your approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0780-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0781-19, authorizing two grant agreements to provide housing stability outreach services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$19,697.18) (Office on Aging), presented by Michelle Missler, Director, Office on Aging.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging presents this resolution authorizing two grant agreements for services to address housing challenges for older adults within Franklin County. In 2018, the Franklin County Office on Aging embarked on a new strategic effort where we pulled together community-based organizations to learn about the trials of housing among older adults. Following this exploratory conversation, staff from FCOA conducted ten senior chats with over 149 older adults from across Franklin County. During these community conversations there were five themes that we heard from older adults and community partners, which included accessibility challenges, financial burden, home repair and maintenance challenges, challenges with gentrification, and safety. The final step of our strategic outreach process was to pull together both the community partners and the older adults back into a room to find strategies to address the challenges that were shared. The two grants being presented today via resolution will be our agency's effort to addressing these challenges. The Franklin County Office on Aging request \$14,697.18 to be awarded to Central Community House through December 31, 2019. These funds will support a Housing Navigator who will support those over the age of 60 who are facing a housing crisis. This Navigator will serve directly within the community to help individuals who are facing eviction, unable to pay their rent, or other housing costs, to help preserve their housing. During our strategic process, staff were also able to attend eviction court to learn about the process an individual goes through when experiencing an eviction. Through this experience, our office was made aware of a social work student intern program that was happening in collaboration through Legal Aid and the College of Social Work at The Ohio State University. Via this resolution today, Franklin County Office on Aging also requests that \$5,000.00 be awarded to the Legal Aid Society of Columbus, through December 31, 2019. This grant award is part of a triple funding model that the Franklin County Office on Aging, Legal Aid Society of Columbus, and the College of Social Work, to fund a full-time social worker, through Legal Aid and housed in the eviction court. The goal of this program is to support those over the age of 60 who are experiencing an eviction, as well as student interns under the full-time social worker. Additionally, it is the goal of this funding to serve as real time data collectors, to help us understand the demographics of older adults who are experiencing evictions. These projects will work harmoniously for a continuity of service delivery. The Office on Aging continues to address additional solutions for those over the age of 60, as it relates to housing challenges, and has recently embarked on a similar partnership with the Franklin County ADAMH Board focused on

mental health in older adults. Pending any questions, we request your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0781-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0782-19, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,441,428.68) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Wicker, Small and Emerging Business Coordinator.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution seeks approval of 78 purchase orders (POs), for which the County Auditor has pre-certified available funding.

Ms. Wicker: The small and emerging business (SEBEs) vendors include 15 eligible purchase orders, totaling approximately \$166,000.00. These are purchase orders for goods and services that have a higher likelihood of participation, by small and emerging business enterprises (SEBEs). Of these POs, 8 were awarded to SEBEs, totaling \$156,520.00, which is fifty-three percent of the eligible PO volume, and ninety-four percent of the eligible purchase order dollar value.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Pending any questions, I would request your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0782-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0783-19, authorizing General Fund supplemental appropriation related to the arena lease (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution would authorize a supplemental appropriation and the approval of a purchase order, in the amount of \$255,457.00, for support of the arena lease payment. The additional amount is necessary as a result of a higher than anticipated casino tax revenue in 2019. The adjustment reflects twenty-nine percent of the adjusted revenue collection, which is the percentage required to be distributed pursuant to the terms of the lease, by Resolution Number 938-11. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0783-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0784-19, reappointing Pierre Bigby to the Workforce Development Board pursuant to the requirements of the Workforce Investment and Opportunity of Act 2015 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Janas: Good morning, Commissioners. Mr. Bigby is a member in good standing and a valuable member of our finance committee. Pending any questions, I would recommend approval of this reappointment.

Commissioner O'Grady: Pierre has been a great member. He used to sit on our Budget Economic and Advisory Panel (BEAP). He's a valuable member.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0784-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0785-19, authorizing the Data Sharing and Confidentiality Agreement between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Local Area 11, for the Workforce Board of Central Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Janas: Commissioners, this is the annual agreement between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Local Area 11, which collectively comprises the local elected officials and appointing authorities of the Workforce Development Board, which is the Board of Commissioners, the mayor of the City of Columbus, and the Workforce Development Board. This agreement allows for the sharing of aggregate wage information, related to unemployment insurance. Pending any questions, I would recommend approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0785-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Commissioner Boyce: We have a Public Hearing. Can the Clerk please read the Public Hearing?

PUBLIC HEARING: *As is required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5310.35(B), a stenographic record was made of this Public Hearing and is attached for permanent recordkeeping and evidence that the hearing took place, per the statute's requirements. A full transcript of the Public Hearing can be found in the accompanying stenographic record.*

Clerk: As was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on August 27, 2019 by Resolution No. 0631-19, and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5310, Registration of Land

Titles, the County Recorder's office has made public notice of its intent to review and pursue the abolition of said registration.

Notice was published in newspapers of general circulation on Tuesday, September 17, Thursday, September 19, Tuesday, September 24, and Thursday, September 26, 2019 in the Columbus Dispatch. Additionally, notice was published in the Columbus Communicator on September 19, 2019.

As is required in O.R.C., the County Recorder's office is now seeking evidence regarding deregistration of all registered lands with the intent of dealing with said lands as nonregistered land, if abolished.

The County Recorder's office is seeking evidence with regard to matters of land abolition, as is outlined in section 5310.34 of the Revised Code. Upon review of evidence and material facts, the Board of County Commissioners will make a final decision regarding the abolishment of the Registration of Land Titles.

Commissioner Boyce: We will open up the meeting to the Public Hearing. If there is anyone in the audience that would like to speak for the Public Hearing, please present yourself. Anyone? Since there is no one here that would like to speak for the Public Hearing, we will proceed with reading the resolution into the record.

Commissioner Boyce: Seeing that there are none, I will now close the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 0786-19, Resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session to confer with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office concerning pending or imminent litigation (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0786-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 9:53 A.M.


At 11:24 A.M., Commissioner O'Grady moved to come out of Executive Session, with Commissioner Boyce seconding, which was approved by roll call vote. It was noted that no action was taken upon exiting Executive Session, and with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 A.M.

(Signature Page Follows)

These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of October 29, 2019.


MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT


JOHN O'GRADY


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

Submitted by:


**Dean M. Hindenlang,
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners**

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Tuesday, October 29, 2019
9:45 a.m.
Franklin County Commissioners
373 South High Street
26th Floor Hearing Room
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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1 COMMISSIONERS:

2 Kevin L. Boyce
3 John O'Grady

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5 ALSO PRESENT:

6 Dean M. Hindenlang, Deputy County Clerk
7 Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator
8 Melissa Messina-Lanthorn, County Recorder's Office
9 Zak Talarek, Office of Management and Budget
10 Paul Thies, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
11 Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator

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1 TUESDAY MORNING SESSION
2 October 29, 2019
3 9:45 a.m.

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5 P R O C E E D I N G S

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7 BE IT REMEMBERED THAT, on the 29th day of
8 October, 2019, this cause came on for public hearing
9 before the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.
10 And, the parties appearing in person and/or by
11 counsel, as hereinafter set forth, the following
12 proceedings were had:

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14 COMMISSIONER BOYCE: We have a public
15 hearing. The clerk will please read the public
16 hearing notice.

17 MR. HINDENLANG: As was adopted by the
18 Board of Commissioners on August 27, 2019, by
19 Resolution No. 631-19, and pursuant to Ohio Revised
20 Code Section 5310, Registration of Land Titles, the
21 County Recorder's Office has made public notice of
22 its intent to review and pursue the abolition of
23 said registration.

24 Notice was published in newspapers of
general circulation on Tuesday, September 17th;

1 Thursday, September 19th; Tuesday, September 24th;
2 and Thursday, September 26, 2019, in the Columbus
3 Dispatch.

4 Additionally, notice was published in the
5 Columbus Communicator on September 19, 2019.

6 As is required in ORC, the County
7 Recorder's Office is now seeking evidence regarding
8 deregistration of all registered lands, with the
9 intent of dealing with said lands as nonregistered
10 land if abolished.

11 The County Recorder's Office is seeking
12 evidence with regard to matters of land abolition as
13 is outlined in Section 5310.34 of the Revised Code.

14 Upon review of evidence and material
15 facts, the Board of County Commissioners will make a
16 final decision regarding the abolishment of the
17 registration of land titles.

18 COMMISSIONER BOYCE: Thank you.

19 Okay. At this time, I would like to open
20 up the public hearing for this resolution. Is there
21 anyone here today in the audience who would like to
22 speak at this public hearing?

23 (No audible response.)

24 COMMISSIONER BOYCE: Okay. Seeing that

1 there are none, I would like to now close the public
2 hearing.

3 MS. MESSINA-LANTHORN: Would you like me
4 to say something?

5 MS. LONG: Commissioners, I believe that
6 someone from the Recorder's Office has comments to
7 share.

8 MS. MESSINA-LANTHORN: I can share
9 anything additional.

10 MS. LONG: I think that would be helpful.

11 MS. MESSINA-LANTHORN: Okay.

12 MS. LONG: Since this is a public
13 hearing, we would still like to hear from you to
14 make it part of the public record.

15 MS. MESSINA-LANTHORN: Absolutely. No
16 problem.

17 MS. LONG: I promise --

18 COMMISSIONER BOYCE: So we are not
19 closing the public hearing?

20 MS. LONG: -- I will not come up again.

21 COMMISSIONER BOYCE: From a procedural
22 standpoint, I just want to make sure. So we are not
23 closing the public hearing this morning until we let
24 her --

1 MS. MESSINA-LANTHORN: I will say a few
2 things, yes. Sorry.

3 COMMISSIONER BOYCE: -- speak her
4 comments, and then we'll close.

5 MS. LONG: That would be better. Thank
6 you.

7 MS. MESSINA-LANTHORN: I have spoken so
8 many times on this, I'm totally unclear as to what
9 else I could say.

10 But I will reiterate that this is an
11 antiquated system that is no longer used in Franklin
12 County. It's literally one book that we have on our
13 floor that has -- we've researched and navigated
14 through to see who in the book is -- or who would
15 still qualify as technically a registered land.
16 There is only a handful. It's simply just not a
17 system that is used in Franklin County.

18 And it's -- as we have folks who retire
19 and we have natural attrition in our office, we have
20 less and less people who understand how this system
21 works. And we also -- As we see the folks who use
22 our office, the title searchers and the attorneys,
23 as they age and quit practicing in this area, we are
24 seeing less and less folks actually out in the

1 community who understand how this works as well.

2 So all of these lands -- All of these
3 titles will be put into the regular system. We're
4 not losing anything. It's just something that is
5 not worth keeping going or having. It's just
6 something we can just adopt into our regular title
7 registration -- not registration -- our title system
8 that we have that we use that navigates over 400,000
9 parcels in Franklin County.

10 So, again, we're here. This is just the
11 next step in this long process that the ORC has
12 outlined for us. And we're hoping that this goes
13 smoothly, as I'm assuming it will, and we will be
14 soon done with this, and you will not be seeing me
15 on this topic any longer.

16 COMMISSIONER O'GRADY: Is this common in
17 other counties as well?

18 MS. MESSINA-LANTHORN: Yes. So one of
19 the largest -- This idea took off in the
20 western/southwestern part of the state, in Hamilton
21 County and Butler County, to where their recorder's
22 offices had whole departments of folks who just
23 dealt with registered land.

24 Hamilton County, within the last -- I

1 don't remember the actual year they abolished
2 theirs. But they had the largest one, by far. And
3 they abolished theirs within the last 10 years.

4 And Butler County then abolished theirs
5 as well; again, just because it was an extra step.

6 And it just was more red tape than what
7 needed to be with the way that we actually record
8 documents now and people -- and title searchers can
9 search for documents. With technology, it's very
10 transparent; it's very obvious. You can find almost
11 anything on any property if it's filed with our
12 office fairly easily.

13 So this idea of registered land, while
14 it, in practice -- a number of years ago, when it
15 was a -- I mean, a number of years ago, early 1900s,
16 when it was established, it was -- I can kind of
17 understand why they did it, to ensure that there was
18 always kind of a check-back. It's not really
19 necessary any longer, because of technology.

20 So, yes, so those large counties who had
21 whole departments have abolished it in their
22 counties. And, you know, so our little tiny book
23 seems, you know, miniscule compared to what they had
24 to abolish. But it would help and kind of clean up

1 and make sure that we're doing everything
2 appropriately to move forward so we don't ever get
3 into a bind down the road.

4 COMMISSIONER O'GRADY: Sure. Okay.

5 MS. MESSINA-LANTHORN: I have no other
6 comments.

7 COMMISSIONER BOYCE: All right. Are
8 there any further questions?

9 (No audible response.)

10 COMMISSIONER BOYCE: Is there anyone else
11 that would like to speak for this public hearing?

12 (No audible response.)

13 COMMISSIONER BOYCE: Okay. Seeing that
14 there are none, at this time I would like to close
15 the public hearing.

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17 And, thereupon, the hearing was
18 concluded at approximately 9:51 a.m.

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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete written transcript of the proceedings in this matter, taken by me on the 29th day of October, 2019, and transcribed from my stenographic notes.

Traci E. Peoples

TRACI E. PEOPLES
Professional Reporter and Notary Public
in and for the State of Ohio.

My Commission Expires July 15, 2024.



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