

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

January 22, 2019

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

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

Also present on the dais were Nick Soulas, 1st Assistant, Prosecutor's Office; Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President Brown called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

Approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2019 General Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 26-19, resolution authorization for the Franklin County Engineer to enter into an agreement with the City of Columbus to assist the City with snow and ice removal during the 2018/2019 winter season (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: This is our annual resolution with the City of Columbus. They have asked us to help with snow and ice removal and we have agreed to help them. They will reimburse us for the costs and there is no additional mark up.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 26-19, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 27-19, resolution authorizing the adoption of a Complete Streets Policy, by the Franklin County Engineer's Office (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, the Franklin County Engineer's Office recognizes the importance of all modes of transportation. This is our pledge that we will accommodate those users whenever possible on our roadway and bridge improvement projects.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 27-19, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 28-19, resolution authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to submit an application, sign documents and enter into project agreements on behalf of Franklin County for the 2019 Scrap Tire Grant Program offered by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This is an annual resolution where we apply for the Scrap Tire Grant through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. We have been successful in past years. This year, we will utilize the scrap tire asphalt on Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road from Broad St to Havens Corner Rd.

Commissioner Boyce: Can you tell me about how this process works? Is this a way to recycle the old tires? Does it create a better roadway material?

Mr. Robertson: It is a way to minimize the landfill from tires. The rubber is ground up and filtered so the rubber portion only gets into the asphalt mix. We make sure it has the same quality standards for the asphalt we use in other places.

President Brown: I recall it lasts just as long as the asphalt roadways.

Mr. Robertson: We have utilized it on roadways that have high traffic and holds up well.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 28-19, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 29-19, resolution establishing, altering and widening of the Havenwood improvement project, Franklin Township and Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is the first in a series of two to declare Havenwood improvement project necessary. This includes side streets, west of Georgesville Road and south of Broad Street, mostly in Franklin Township.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 29-19, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 30-19, resolution granting approval to declare equipment obsolete and no longer needed for Franklin County use, and authorizing sale of said equipment (Engineer), presented by Carla Marable, Director of Communications, Engineer's Office.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution seeks authorization to declare equipment obsolete and authorize the sale and/or disposal of the identified equipment. We allow political subdivisions a two week period to bid and purchase those items before they are offered for public auction.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 30-19, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 31-19, resolution Narrow Leaf Drive and Tara Piper Lane accepted for public maintenance and shall become part of the Jefferson Township Road System, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution seeks approval of the Narrow Leaf Drive and Tara Piper Lane in the Morrison Farms Section 3 Subdivision to be accepted as part of the streets and public road system and maintenance responsibility to be turned over to Jefferson Township. We have inspected the roads and determined that they were built to meet the specifications. This resolution represents the final legislative step before the developer can build homes.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 31-19, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 32-19, resolution Conestoga Valley Drive, Conestoga Valley Court and Cicada Street accepted for public maintenance and shall become part of the Jefferson Township Road System, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution seeks approval of Conestoga Valley Drive, Conestoga Valley Court and Cicada Street in the Villages of Jefferson Run Phase 6 Subdivision. This resolution will allow the developer to move forward.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 32-19, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 33-19, resolution to rescind Resolution 0806-18 authorizing a settlement to Kristie Turner for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution rescinds a resolution that was approved on November 27, 2018 from an auto accident that occurred on September 18, 2018. The resolution was never paid out due to the fact that the cost of the damage was higher than what the resolution approved.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 33-19, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 34-19, resolution authorizing a settlement to Kristie Turner for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (\$921.18)(Sheriff), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution replaces the just rescinded resolution. The amount is \$921.18 from an auto accident that occurred on September 18, 2018. It has been recommended by Fleet Management and the Prosecuting Attorney.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 34-19, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 35-19, resolution authorizing a settlement to Ms. Tifet Gebru for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (\$1,764.34)(Sheriff), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution is from an auto accident that occurred on May 5, 2018. Both vehicles in the accident sustained damages, but there were no injuries. It has been recommended by the County's claim adjuster, Fleet Management and the Prosecuting Attorney to approve this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 35-19, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 36-19, resolution authorizing a settlement to Jacob Moran for a disputed vehicle damage claim involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (\$800.00)(Sheriff), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution approves a settlement from a vehicle damage claim that occurred on July 3, 2018. It has been recommended by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 36-19, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 37-19, resolution approving a subaward agreement with the Franklin County Office on Aging, for Adult Protective Services (\$1,750,000.00)(Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: This resolution will approve a subaward agreement with the Franklin County Office on Aging. The Ohio Revised Code designates county Job and Family Services responsible for protective services for adults who have been abused, neglected or exploited. The Ohio Revised Code permits us to designate another agency to administer these adult protective services. We have contracted annually with the Office on Aging since 1999. In 2018, the Office on Aging served 1,286 Franklin County residents, ages 60 and older. We are seeking approval of this resolution.

President Brown: With the partial government shutdown, are these funds being impacted at all?

Ms. Bivens: Commissioner, at this point, TANF funds are not being impacted. I would just like to reinforce the message from the Commissioners that customers that receive food assistance, also known as food stamps, should receive their food assistance payment for the month February by the end of January. We are asking for customers to make these payments last to the end of February, because it will take time for the government to reopen in order to designate a payment for March. These dollars, TANF dollars, are not being affected because it has already been authorized.

Commissioner Boyce: In March, will it be different?

Ms. Bivens: At this point, we have no direction from the government that TANF dollars will be impacted. The only impact is to the food assistance allocation.

President Brown: For those who have not signed up for benefits, what is the situation for them?

Ms. Bivens: We are encouraging people when they are applying that they submit all of their documentation and verifications. This will decrease the guidance for us to pend the application. If you do not submit all the required documentation, it will pend. We have 30 days to process those applications. We are always accepting applications and process as they come in.

Commissioner Boyce: Food assistance will be affected if things do not change with the government shutdown. Is there a contingency plan for those families affected?

Ms. Bivens: We have 144,000 customers that receive food assistance in Franklin County. When we were informed of this situation, we reached out to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank to make them aware. They are prepared to serve anyone who comes through one of their pantries. If their food assistance does not last through the end of February, we are asking them to reach out to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank to find the nearest pantry. We reached out to

the faith community to make sure they are duplicating our message to their communities. We also reached out to the radio stations.

Commissioner Boyce: Are we going to do any PSAs?

Ms. Bivens: I worked with our County Administrator to go into the radio stations and did a slot for a PSA. I also did some radio interviews because some people listen to their news on the radio. They have been running since Friday.

President Brown: It is so unfortunate. It is a tragedy that the federal workers are not getting paid, but it is impacting a lot of our residents who depend on the assistance that the federal government provides. That is a multiplier of the government shutdown.

Ms. Bivens: We need to be good neighbors during this time and checking on our neighbors. There is a misconception out there that the food assistance must be spent by February 1st. That is not true.

President Brown: We need to pull together during this time.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: We worked at the end of last week to secure a community support and outreach program through RadioOne. The game plan is to run commercials through January 31st. We are using social media and radio to get the message out. The commercials are going to run during the evening hours. There are approximately 660 spots on 107.5, another 330 on 95.5, and 352 on 107.1. We are trying to cover the different age groups and demographics. We also spoke with the Ohio JFS to make sure our message is the same. For right now, there are surplus dollars being passed down to the states that made this early payment possible.

Ms. Bivens: We also did an interview with NPR.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 37-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 38-19, resolution approving a subaward agreement with Tech Corps Ohio, for youth technology programming (\$218,767.36)(Job and Family Services), presented by Ms. Bivens.

Ms. Bivens: Computing Career Corps is a 15-week program designed for high school students to increase participants' knowledge of – and skills *in* – the computer science field. The program introduces students to a variety of technology career pathways, including programming, software engineering, robotics or app development. We have Lisa Chambers, National Executive Director, Tech Corps, in our audience to come up and share the impact their program is having on the students.

Ms. Chambers: Thank you for having me this morning. The two young women came into our program their senior year of high school. These students went through our program and sat for the IT exam and earned credentials. They are now both working in the IT field. This program is not only transformational for them, but to their families as well.

President Brown: We have been supporting you for years, and it is wonderful to hear stories like this one.

Ms. Bivens: Programs like this has a tremendous impact as it relates to the poverty work we are doing. This is preparing people for 21st century jobs that will allow them to walk into jobs without spending money on a four year college. These are the opportunities we want to see.

Commissioner O'Grady: This is how we planned it.

Ms. Chambers: I wanted to share with you also that we are engaging our private sector supporters.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 38-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 39-19, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Michael Crisp at 1365 Greenleaf Columbus Ohio, 43223 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jamie Edwards, Business Service Officer, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Edwards: Michael Crisp received \$2,260.00 in October 2004. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 39-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 40-19, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Debra Ross at 1093 Columbus Street, Harrisburg Ohio, 43216 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Debra Ross received \$7,590.00 in November 2011. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 40-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 41-19, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Ralph Jordan at 5672 Joy Drive Grove City, Ohio 43123 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Ralph Jordan received \$2,940.00 in July 2006. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 41-19, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 42-19, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Shane Nitzsche at 3759 Emmons Ave Columbus, Ohio 43219 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Shane Nitzsche received \$5,407.50 in September 2005. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 42-19, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 43-19, resolution authorizing a IV-D contract with Subpoena Service Plus, LLC. for providing process service services (\$93,000.00)(Child Support Enforcement), presented by Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Ms. Torriero: This resolution complies with our purchasing procedures. It was competitively bid and Subpoena Service Plus was the lowest and best bidder this year. We have worked with this company before with great success and change of services will be seamless.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 43-19, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 44-19, resolution authorizing a IV-D contract with the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office (\$339,021.14)(Child Support Enforcement), presented by Ms. Torriero.

Ms. Torriero: This is an annual contract with the Sheriff’s Office. They serve criminal warrants and other criminal documentations. This amount is in the range we are used to.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 44-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 45-19, resolution Authorizing an Employee Training and Recognition Event on February 22, 2019 (\$1,000.00)(Child Support Enforcement), presented by Ms. Torriero.

Ms. Torriero: This has become an annual event for our staff. It is a day when we close the agency for the afternoon and take all of the staff offsite and provide training and some fun for the employees. The Federal purchasing guidelines permit this expenditure.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 45-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 46-19, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$105,523,789.14)(Purchasing), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert, Director of Purchasing. I would like to request to amend this resolution to add on PO for the amount of \$30,000.00. This PO is for the Sheriff's Office to replace 3 dryers for FCC2 that were damaged last Friday. Approval of this purchase order will allow the Sheriff's Office to immediately purchase the dryers in order to restore this needed service. This will change the number of total POs to 592 and the total PO dollar amount to \$105,553,789.14.

This resolution follows the trend of the last few weeks, where agencies are opening new POs for existing contracts and to encumber funds to pay for their goods and services needed for this fiscal year. 28 of these POs totaling over \$6.4M were awarded to SEBES. Of the full PO total that represents 4.7% of the PO volume and 6% of the total PO cost. These purchase orders have been precertified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Boyce: I move to **amend** Resolution No. 0046-19 to add one purchase order for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$30,000 for the replacement of three laundry dryers.

Commissioner O'Grady: Second.

Commissioner Boyce moved to amend Resolution No. 46-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. Resolution No. 46-19 was unanimously amended.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Amended Resolution 46-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Amended Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 47-19, resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters to consider the purchase and/or sale of property and to confer with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office concerning pending or imminent litigation (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Boyce: Move to convene in Executive Session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code and 121.22(G)(3), and to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Commissioner O'Grady: Second

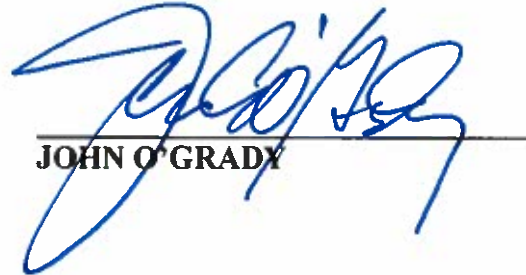
Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 47-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.


The Board of Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 9:42 A.M. Commissioner O'Grady moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Board of Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 12:00 P.M. With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of January 22, 2019.


MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT


JOHN O'GRADY


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

Submitted by:


Antwan Booker, Clerk