

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

January 28, 2020

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

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

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

President O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.

President O'Grady: Welcome to everyone, this morning. For all of our guests this morning, the Fall State Athletic Champions, we're very sorry to have postponed this day for a couple of weeks, but thank you for your patience. We had an unfortunate situation a couple of weeks ago and I want to say thank you to each of you for making accommodations for us, as it could not be helped. However, we are glad you are back with us today. We like to celebrate our young people here in Franklin County, and our surrounding counties, as I know we have some guests who are not necessarily from Franklin County. We also like to celebrate our neighbors and surrounding counties, as well. Three times a year, we like to celebrate our athletes that have made it, and celebrate their major accomplishment. We also like to celebrate our artists and scholars, as well. And so, this morning we have with us Brian Timm, who is the Director of Corporate Partnerships with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission. And, Jacki Windon with the Ohio High School Athletic Association. I also want to welcome all of the fall athletes representing Franklin County's state champions in golf, volleyball, tennis, cross country, field hockey, and football. And so, we're going to announce each team, and each school, and let the athletes introduce themselves, tell us your name, what year you are in school, and if this is your senior year, if you know and would like to share your plans for the coming fall, we'd like to know that as well. We also have certificates for each of you, and we are going to want to get some photos, and now, I'd like to turn it over to Brian and Jacki.

Mr. Brian Timm, Director of Corporate Partnerships, Greater Columbus Sports Commission: Thank you, Commissioner O'Grady. We love your new home here. It's my first time here, it's beautiful, and it's very convenient. The waiting room for our group was fantastic, and your team does a great job. The Greater Columbus Sports Commission works every day to bring sporting

events to Central Ohio, to generate economic development. I am proud to say that yesterday we were named one of the four finalists for one of the two different years of the NCAA Women's Basketball Final Four, for the years 2025 and 2026. The Franklin County Commissioners have always been a strong supporter of our organization and that event, when we had it in 2018. We're really excited about that opportunity. As you said, we have a great group of athletes here; a great group of folks who have accomplished things during the fall semester. Some of them have been here before, and some of them are new. We're excited for all of them. I'd like Jacki Windon to say a few words.

Ms. Jacki Windon, Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA): Thank you, Brian. As mentioned across the hall, thank you again for having the OHSAA here to represent and share in some of the excitement for the student athletes. We extend our appreciation to you all [Board of Commissioners] for taking the time to celebrate their achievements, not just on the court, or on the field, but for what they bring to their schools, their school communities, and also a chance to extend their gratitude to their coaches and parents that support them along the way. So, thank you for taking the time to recognize them.

Commissioner Boyce: I also want to join in the praise for the student athletes that are being recognized today. My son is still competing in college athletics, and I can remember when he was in that chair. What I know for sure is that the moments you have on the field, courts, or whatever sport you are in, are moments that last a lifetime. And, what you have achieved is on the athletic field, of course, but I think it transfers in life. What you learn in work ethic; what you learn in working with a team; all of these things transfer to the workforce, in life. And, I know your accomplishments are just one level of illustration of your future success. And, it takes a lot to be a champion. No matter what division you're in, no matter what sport you're in, to be a champion of the State of Ohio, that's a lot. Very few people get to wear that title for the rest of their lives. And, so be proud of that moment. Continue to uphold that for your school, your community, your family, because that's what you represent. And, I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors. It's good to be good, it's going to be great for you. God bless you.

President O'Grady: For you young folks, the one thing I always say when folks come down here is, number one: Do not forget to thank your families. Do not forget to thank your mothers and fathers. Do not forget to thank your siblings who had to put up with you, for the last number of years or months. Because, without all of their support you would not have made it here. So, be sure, first and foremost, and before too long, go back and say thank you. Give them the thanks that they deserve. The other thing I always say, having been in your shoes before, because I was on a state championship team 137 years ago (applause), don't let this be the biggest moment of your life. This is a fantastic accomplishment; what you've done; what you've accomplished in getting here is tremendous. But, you are young folks. You are 16, 17, and 18 years old. You have a long life ahead of you. I am 55 years old. [Commissioner] Kevin [Boyce] is not quite that old. You have an entire life ahead of you. Do not let this be the biggest moment of your life or the biggest thing that you accomplish. Let this be the thing that sets the stage for all of the fantastic things that are to come in your life. Let this championship be the springboard for other fantastic things. Don't look back 30 years from now and tell stories about the glory days about the state championship that you won when you were a kid. Make this be the springboard for all of the fantastic things that

are to come. And, don't forget, right now, while your head is really big and swollen, having won this state championship, be humble. Treat the people around you kindly. Do wonderful things for other people. Don't walk around the halls of your school as if you are the greatest thing in the world, because there are a lot of other tremendous people in your school, with you, every day, who are accomplishing great things with you. And, I say that only because I thought those things when I was your age. I walked around the halls of my school and sometimes I forgot about the other wonderful kids in my school. It was my father who reminded me that I needed to remember the other kids in my school that were also accomplishing great things. I am just trying to pass that on to you, like he did to me. We are very proud of all of you. That's why we have you here. We don't bring you down here because it does anything for our egos. We brought you down here because we wanted to make sure you understood how proud we are, and how proud the community is of what you've accomplished. And, we want to recognize that. Enough of that. It's time for us to call each of you up; get a photo taken with all of you, and let you have the microphone to have you tell us who you are and what you're all about.

*Each individual student athlete, listed below, was recognized by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for their respective achievements. A photo was taken and a commemorative certificate was presented to each student athlete. Students were given an opportunity to introduce themselves, state their grade in school, and for the senior students, they were asked to state their planned college or university of attendance. Respective coaches or assistant coaches were invited to comment on their students' respective achievements, as well.*

<b>School</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Coach or Assistant Coach</b>
The Wellington School	Division III, Boys Golf	Aidan Schumer	Craig Mosier
Dublin Jerome High School	Division I, Boys Golf	Tyler Groomes Logan Menning Ryan Norkin Brett Podobinski Ethan Snyder Jake Yarbrough	Taylor Harle
Dublin Jerome High School	Division I, Girls Tennis (Double)	Arya Dudipala Lalasa Nagireddy	Ken Berlin
Columbus Academy	Division II, Girls Tennis (Single)	Sydni Ratliff	Marc Wurtzman
Columbus Academy	Division I, Field Hockey	Lauren Bernacki Kiersten Thomassey	Anne Horton
Columbus Academy	Division II, Boys Golf	Russell Ahmed Matthew Cammeyer Ali Khan Griffin Mitchell	Craig Yakscoe
Grandview Heights High School	Division III, Boys Cross Country	Derek Amicon	Chris Szabo

New Albany High School	Division I, Girls Golf	Anna Coccia Kary Hollenbaugh Shannan Ireland Gwynnie Lee Anna Ritter Madison Spiess	Rich Ritter
Pickerington High School, North	Division I, Boys Cross Country	Matt Duvall	Tim Starkey
Pickerington High School, Central	Division I, Football	Demeatric Crenshaw Alec Hammer Anthony Lampron Dom Marasco	Jay Sharrett

President O’Grady: Again, congratulations everybody. As we tell all of our student athletes at the end of the presentation, you are more than welcome to stay and learn all about county government, this morning. We would love nothing more than for you to stick around and learn all about the inner workings of your county and what goes on here in Franklin County. But, assuming that most of you don’t really care, although you should because this is where your tax dollars are at work, in some of the best ways that they can be put to use, but if you need to get back to school, you are more than welcome to leave. But, if you’d like to not get back to school, you are more than welcome to stay. If you need an excuse for your teachers, I would be more than happy to sign something for you, if you need it to be done so you can stay. We won’t be offended if you need to get up and go and head back to school this morning. It’s your choice. We’d love to have you, but we will move on with our agenda. So, thank you for being here and congratulations to all of you. And again, make sure this isn’t the most important thing that you ever do with your life.

Commissioner Boyce moved for the approval of the minutes of the January 21, 2020 General Session meeting; and, the January 23, 2020 Briefing Session, seconded by President O’Grady. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0046-20**, authorizing a transfer of funds for the Stormwater Management Program and an interfund loan to support the Kahler Ditch Watershed Improvement Project (Drainage Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning, Commissioners. This first resolution is for the first-half year transfer for the drainage maintenance improvement program, as well as an interfund loan for the Kahler Ditch Improvement. Pending any questions, I would request your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0046-20, seconded by President O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0047-20**, authorizing a one year agreement with Criterion Pictures USA, Inc. for the nonexclusive rights to provide viewing access of motion picture DVD's for inmates in the Franklin County Correctional Center (\$2,730.00) (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: Good morning, Commissioners. As stated, this resolution will authorize a one year agreement with Criterion Pictures USA, through January 14, 2021. The agreement will provide viewing access to motion picture DVDs for inmates within the premises of Franklin County Corrections Facility 2. Pending any questions, I ask for approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0047-20, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0048-20**, authorizing an agreement with the City of Columbus for usage of its P-25 Radio Communications System (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, this one year agreement will allow the Sheriff's Office to utilize the City of Columbus Radio System, for courthouse and correctional facility radios. We have current coverage issues with the county provided system. This is a no cost contract, and during this timeframe we will continue to work to increase signal strength on the county system, and see where we stand as we get closer to the end of the year. Pending any questions, I ask for approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0048-20, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0049-20**, authoring an agreement with AMN Healthcare, a 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 Coroner's Office. Those services is to recruit one forensic pathologist, to fill a current vacancy. At this point, we will be fully staffed with six forensic pathologists. We have utilized this vendor's services in the past, with an excellent outcome. Pending any questions, we'd ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0049-20, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0050-20**, authorizing a Novation Agreement with LJC Home Care, LLC dba Firstlight Home Care of Franklin, Fairfield, Delaware, Licking and Union Counties (Office on Aging), presented by Amy Funk, Interim Director, Office on Aging.

Ms. Funk: Good morning, Commissioners. Through an ITB [Invitation to Bid] process in 2017, the Office on Aging entered into a contract with B. Kreindler, Inc., doing business as First Light Home Care, to provide home care, personal care, and respite care services for Senior Options clients. Franklin County was notified that B. Kreindler, Inc., doing business as First Light Home Care sold its company to LJC Home Care, LLC, doing business as Firstlight Home Care of Franklin, Fairfield, Delaware, Licking and Union Counties. Effective immediately, and by signing this Novation Agreement with LJC Home Care, they will assume liability of the original contract. Pending any questions, I would respectfully ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0050-20, seconded by President O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0051-20**, authorizing a IV-D contract with the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office (\$355,326.42) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by William Peltcs, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Mr. Peltcs: Good morning, Commissioners. I ask your consideration in approving the resolution authorizing the CSEA to enter into a one-year interagency agreement with the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, beginning January 1, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$355,326.42. The purpose of this contract is to reimburse the Sheriff’s Office for expenses associated with the execution of arrest warrants in civil contempt and criminal non-support cases, including activities associated with the extradition and the execution of arrest warrants in appropriate civil cases. Each unit of service, defined as one hour or a fractional hour of deputy time used to apprehend a person based on a CSEA initiated activity, will be reimbursed at the rate of \$85.42 per hour, with a total of 4,160 hours anticipated to be devoted to this contract. Pending any questions, I ask that this resolution be approved.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0051-20, seconded by President O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0052-20**, authorizing a IV-D contract with Subpoena Service Plus, LLC. for providing process service services (\$90,750.00) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by William Peltcs, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Mr. Peltcs: Commissioners, I ask your consideration in approving this resolution authorizing the CSEA to enter into a contract with Subpoena Service Plus, who was the lowest and best bidder in the RFP process which opened in November 2019. The contract begins January 1, 2020 and continues through December 31, 2020, in the amount not to

exceed \$90,750.00. The purpose of this contract is to reimburse the process server for expenses associated with providing personal service of process on CSEA clients for administrative and judicial hearings, when certified or regular mail service will or has failed. Each unit of service is defined by the contract in Appendix E, at \$45.00 for routine service (3 days); \$80.00 for routine service outside of Franklin County, and \$80.00 for rush service inside and outside Franklin County. The process servers will make at least 3 attempts to serve the parties. Pending any questions, I ask that this resolution be approved.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0052-20, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0053-20**, authorizing an employee training and recognition event on February 21, 2020 (\$1,500.00) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by William Peltcs, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Mr. Peltcs: Commissioners, I ask your consideration in approving this resolution which authorizes the CSEA to expend public agency funds, not to exceed \$1,500.00, to conduct a staff training and recognition event to be held on February 21, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., at Kennedy Hall at St. Agatha's on Northam Road in Columbus. The purpose of this event is to recognize staff for their 2019 performance including: the recognition of their day to day case management work and incentive performance; progress on our grant projects and internal projects, such as the Performance Center; the staff driven strategic planning work, and Experience Management. For 2020, the agency will give its annual State of the Agency address including all the agency's 2020 initiatives and expected milestones. Last, the event will serve to recognize staff for outstanding performance and years of service. Over half of the funding to sponsor this event was raised by our own staff through agency fundraising activities. Pending any questions, I ask that this resolution be approved.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0053-20, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0054-20**, authorizing County Administrator, Kenneth Wilson, to sign a letter of intent to be presented to Action for Children and for the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency to engage with its innovative initiative, The Art of Positive Parenting (TAPP): Father Factor (Child Support Enforcement), presented by William Peltcs, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Mr. Peltcs: Commissioners, I ask your consideration in approving this resolution which authorizes County Administrator Ken Wilson, to sign a Letter of Intent for Action for Children. Action for Children's program, The Art of Positive Parenting (TAPP): Father Factor program, was selected as a 2019-2020 funded program by the ODJFS, and the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood. The Commission is a state-wide commission whose mission

is to enhance the well-being of Ohio's children by providing opportunities for fathers to become better parents, partners, and providers. The Commission is authorized by statute to fund five Fatherhood programs statewide. These fatherhood programs help fathers and families to improve their economic stability, foster responsible parenting, and promote healthy relationships. This Letter of Intent creates an understanding between the CSEA and Action for Children that the CSEA will refer non-custodial parents to the program. Action for Children will assist these non-custodial parents to become more self-sufficient and responsible by increasing their parenting, communication, and life skills, focusing on effective co-parenting and strengthening employment potential. The CSEA will ensure that these parent's support orders reflect their financial situation and fathers can take advantage of arrears management programs and other enhanced child support services. Pending any questions, I ask that this resolution be approved.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0054-20, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0055-20**, authorizing the County Administrator to enter into Community Partnership Contracts during calendar year 2020 (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. McCrary: Good morning, Commissioners. This year, we are taking an entirely new approach to our Community Partnerships program. This whole initiative of change got started back in the fall, when we opened this process to any nonprofit organization that had been in operation in Franklin County, for more than three years. We received 110 applications for funding. So, there was some very stiff competition. The result was that we narrowed it down to a class of 26 community partners, six of whom we had not had in our program before. So, it really is a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with some new community partners who are doing great things in Franklin County, and to be able to enter into this new partnership. This resolution really is an omnibus resolution that streamlines the resolution process, ultimately serving the purpose of allowing us to get funding to our community partners in a faster way. So, if there are no questions, I would respectfully request the approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce: Do you have guests with you? Would you like to bring them up now?

Ms. McCrary: I do have guests, thank you. This is something that we will be doing throughout the year. We have 26 community partners, six that are bringing new work forward, so it's my pleasure this morning to welcome Sue Darby [Senior Vice President, Housing, YMCA of Central Ohio], Sandy Stephenson [Chief Health Officer, Southeast, Inc.], and Peggy Anderson [Chief Operating Officer, Equitas Health]. We invited these phenomenal women to tell us about the scope of the work of their projects, and how Franklin County funding is going to impact their organizations. So, I welcome the three of you to come forward and tell us a little bit about your work.

Ms. Sandy Stephenson, Chief Health Officer, Southeast, Inc.: Thank you so very much, Commissioners. I want to commend you for your Blueprint, to reduce poverty in Franklin County. It's been a long time since any group, such as Commissioners and others, have openly and aggressively taken on poverty. And, used the words 'we're taking on poverty.' So, that makes a difference for all of us who are working for people who are struggling, every day, just to get ahead. Southeast is very grateful for the opportunity to have our project funded. We have attempted to get this thing going for three whole years. [To Sue Darby] Isn't that right? You're all familiar with the Van Buren Shelter, and I think you've all been in the Van Buren Shelter. We know that people who are chronically homeless lose approximately 25 years of life, due to health conditions that haven't been treated. And, had they been treated, people could get a foot-hold. We expect people who are chronically homeless to get back on their feet. We expect them to be able to go to work. I am here to tell you, if you are sick, if you are ill, if you are living with an untreated, chronic health condition, you cannot get back to work. It's hard to get out of a shelter when you're in that shape. So, the grant that you have funded places Southeast Health Care into the Van Buren Shelter, 22 hour per week, in the evenings, when people are coming into the shelter. We will be delivering primary health care, with a team of three people. A physician or family nurse practitioner; an LPN or an RN; and, also a care manager who will be assisting people with benefits, and assisting people in gaining access to Medicaid, through presumptive Medicaid, which our agency can do. Our aim in this project, of course, is to get primary health care to people who have difficulty with access to health care, and at the same time being able to assess the behavioral health care issues, addiction, and mental illness, to assure those linkages take place. We will also be working to get people their entitlements, and will be working to reduce the number of runs that Columbus Fire makes to the shelter, on a daily and weekly basis. Often, unnecessary runs. If health care were in there, people would be able to get their health care needs met, like most of us do. We go into a primary care physician. So, again, we're very grateful to be able to work with you in the coming year on this project.

Sue Darby, Senior Vice President, Housing, YMCA of Central Ohio: We're very thankful to the Community Shelter Board to have the foresight, when they built that building, to put four exam rooms in the building. So, this is something that we're really going to be able to utilize. In case you don't know, we have around 700 to 800 individuals experiencing homelessness under one roof. And, there is a lot of crisis that goes on with that many people, with that much vulnerability. And so, having Southeast come onsite, in the evening, for 22 hours per week, to be able to build those relationships and build that trust, which we're finding after six years of doing this project that being a part of Van Buren is really hard, for individuals that have been victimized for most of their lives, just to have that trust. We're really excited about having Southeast be a part of the YMCA family at Van Buren for 22 hours per week, and to have them help our guests.

Peggy Anderson, Chief Operating Officer, Equitas Health: Thank you, Commissioners, and the residents of Franklin County, for entrusting us with this program. If you don't know Equitas Health, we're historically an HIV, and now an LGBT organization. In Columbus, we have two health centers and two pharmacies. And, in our community here in Franklin

County, we serve about 1,500 transgender individuals with primary health care. We're also the organization that provides the sterile syringe exchange program, and we thank you for your support of that program as well. This grant, the opportunity that you are allowing us to start this year, will be a recovery program, specifically for the individuals that we serve. Obviously the LGBTQ community, we serve a lot of people of color, and obviously, a lot of folks who are low income. We have been accredited for our mental health services for quite a few years, but this grant will allow us the capacity to become accredited and certified to do a substance use program, with a long term goal of being reimbursable enough to support our services and grow them as we move forward. We've already posted some positions, to get that started, and hope to see our first patient on July 1. And then our goal for year one is to see sixty individuals through this program. As we know, there are never enough, or I've never seen enough recovery slots in our community, or any community. I also want to thank you for all of the projects that you're supporting, because none of us do this alone. We each have our niche; we each have our things that we're really good at and focused on, and we just want to be part of the system in Franklin County that helps its community members. So, thank you again for giving us this opportunity and allowing us to expand our service following.

Commissioner Boyce: I want to thank you all for the hard work that you do, day in and day out. You're truly on the front line. And, I definitely think that this is a worthwhile investment strategy. But, I also want to point out too, that these are the type of funds that don't last forever. And so, I want to make sure that there is a strategy, long term, and it sounded like you were saying that there was when you were talking about presumptive Medicaid elements, that there is a long term strategy. But, I just want you to talk about that for a second, because there are a lot of agencies like yours, who are doing great work in Central Ohio, and we try our best to support them, particularly when they're having new initiatives to spur that effort. But, I want to make sure that there is a sustainability plan, long term, to be able to continue the work, beyond the grant that we can provide, over the course of how long it will last.

President O'Grady: I appreciate you bringing up the Blueprint, because it's the work that we've been trying to do for the last few years. At least in terms of the effort when we began the study. And now, as we try to flush this out and move toward hiring staff, it's important as we head into the future. We need partners like you. We certainly aren't able to do this work ourselves. We knew when we began the effort that it was more about the partnerships than it was about us. We're the entity, as the county, that has all of these programs, and in some ways leads the effort. That's why we got into this, to stand up and lead in this effort. But, it was about our partners and organizations like yours, that we thought we could make a major difference here. And so, the work that you're doing is part of the entire effort, so, thank you for what you're doing. Thank you for your organizations and the efforts that you're making every day.

Commissioner Boyce: President O'Grady, I'd like to go back because that was a question that I was hoping someone could answer.

Ms. Stephenson: I will respond to that to the best of my ability. In order to pay our staff, we have to have revenue, correct? And, presumptive Medicaid was such a gift, truly, across the country, for people who otherwise have no ability to have health care. I mean literally, across the country in states that adopted Medicaid under expansion, people flooded in for recovery services, for mental health services, and for primary health care services, and once you have that Medicaid card, you can go to specialists and have chronic conditions treated better than you could before. You can get in more quickly for vision exams, so it makes a difference in the person's life. But, for the provider, it's a payment mechanism. And, we have staff that are specialized now in figuring out the whole Medicaid situation, and also, SSI and their income. When you're at the shelter, you're not thinking about how you're going to pay for something, you just need it. And so, having staff at the shelter, and we don't just do the presumptive application, we do the full application, so they don't lose their Medicaid quickly. The other thing we do, that's really important, is troubleshoot. If somebody doesn't have Medicaid, we can go right into the system and figure out what happened. If they said they had it, but lost it, there's issues with Medicaid at the state level with backlog and getting things processed. And so, we can troubleshoot that. And so, once we have a Payer, we can make our budget work. So, this year, we're getting in there over half time, to see how this works with everything else we do. And, we aren't shy, either, about approaching our friends at the federal level, to say to them that this is an excellent project, and if you have expansion dollars, we want more money to do more within the shelter.

Commissioner Boyce: I think that's an excellent strategy. And, I think oftentimes with nonprofits that do great work, and we're providing grants, we never like to be on the end of wanting to support other programs or organizations, like we're doing today with yours, and there's another nonprofit out there that doesn't get the money. Or, that won't get the grant that you're getting, and so, I just want to make sure that whatever you do is sustainable on your own, beyond the grant. Whether it's this year, or this year and the next couple of years, altogether. This is really excellent work, and I think you are all very thoughtful about how to think about this long term and sustain it. And, as practitioners, I am sure that's an important part to you. And, I just like to have that conversation when there is something new being funded. There may come a time when the county has to shift its resources to other opportunities for improvement within our community. And so, it's good that you're thinking about the long term part of that. So, thank you.

Commissioner Boyce (cont.): I do have a question for the Administrator. The only thing I would say here is that we've had this conversation, going back to our Briefing, and subsequent meetings in my office, but I am not a fan of the omnibus approach to these contracts. And, I think these organizations that we fund for community partnerships are amazing. They do great work. I know just about all of them. And, I understand expedience, but whenever you bunch them together, there has to be a great deal of scrutiny. Because, for somebody like me, I look for conflicts of interest. I look for small things in the contracts. I actually like getting the detail and I like seeing that, and getting the opportunity to red flag something; it's happened. Through reading the contract, I see a conflict. And so, I am not a fan of this process. What I will commit to President O'Grady is to support this, this

time. And we will see how it goes for this year. But, I do not want this to be the process going forward. I think that we should revisit this and look at, if expedience is the issue, I don't think it's on the Commissioners' side, and there's the challenge. Our time it takes for us to approve something is nothing. It's what happens before it gets there [to voting], and that's what I want to talk about. That being said, these are wonderful organizations and they're doing great work. And, I will support this, for this year only. We can revisit going forward. I just don't like the process of bunching a bunch of contracts together, particularly such a large, voluminous amount. That gives me pause. It is not a reflection on the work that you do [to Ms. McCrary], or to the Administrator, it's just my own comfort level with those contracts being bunched in there. I am fine with the money that is being spent, I like them, individually. We'll see how it goes this year, and we can evaluate it.

Ms. McCrary: Commissioner Boyce, thank you for sharing those concerns again. I would say, absolutely, I would like to revisit the process. Because, if it doesn't work, I have no interest in doing it for an additional year. So, I appreciate the Board's flexibility in allowing us to explore a different avenue for addressing the resolution piece. I will say, the contracts with each individual nonprofit organization will come through, and I know the County Administrator and I are committed to making sure that as soon as we get the contracts back from the Prosecuting Attorney, that we make sure that each Commissioner has ample opportunity to review that contract, before the County Administrator were to sign it. And so, we're going to try to be as flexible and responsive in this process. And, absolutely, when we come to the end of the year, I think it make perfectly good sense to look back at the process, and say, where did we save time. Ultimately, did this new process achieve the goal of allowing us to execute these contracts more quickly? And, if it doesn't work, I am certainly not wedded to this particular process. I am excited about the opportunity to work with our nonprofit organizations, and at the end of the day, truly that is the only skin I have in the game. I want to do whatever makes the most sense.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: Thank you, Dayna. I just want to echo that we will evaluate and review this process, as we go through the course of the year. One thing that we benefit from in county government is an annual budget process. It makes it seem as if we don't have as much downtime, as other ways of looking at budgeting, such as a biennial process. But, because we have an annual budget process, we will review this and evaluate how successful it's been, during the 2021 budget development process. As a standard practice of ours, we get so many quality requests, that we will go through an extensive vetting process of the ones that will come through, regardless of the method of presenting those contracts. I plan to work with our Community Partnerships Administrator, to have a process upon which when we receive those contracts back from the Prosecutor's Office, we have an organized approach of presenting those to the Board for review. And, if there is a conflict identified, we will, in fact, have the flexibility built in to not use the authority exercised under this resolution, and present the contract as an individual resolution, to allow an abstention, if appropriate. We will have a few sets of eyes during this process, because we've heard you as a Board. We take this delegation extremely seriously. So, we will make sure that we vet these contracts after they come through to us,

for me to sign them. We're always looking for ways to become more efficient, and deliver funding to the community, on behalf of the Board. Thank you.

Ms. McCrary: If there are no further questions, I would respectfully request the approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0055-20, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0056-20**, authorizing receipt of FY 2016 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration (JMHC) pass through grant funds from the Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Board of Franklin County to support behavioral health interventions and wellness training for first responders (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Good morning, Commissioners. We're partnering with the ADAMH Board, here in town, to help them distribute 2016 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant. ADAMH is passing all of the dollars through to us, and we will be the entity to distribute those. In the resolution summary, you'll see the details of how they'll be distributed. They will cover mental health services for justice-involved individuals, and equally and sometimes perhaps more important, wellness training for first responders. Pending any questions, we would ask for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0056-20, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0057-20**, authorizing recycling of information technology equipment declared obsolete by the Franklin County Automatic Data Processing Board (Public Facilities Management), presented by Lauren Stull, Assistant Director & Chief Financial Officer, Public Facilities Management.

Ms. Stull: Good morning, Commissioners. Monthly, this agency is asked by the Data Processing Board to assist with the disposal of obsolete, surplus IT equipment. We do so in a manner consistent with the Board's commitment to promote sustainable principles, and our policies decisions and programs. Pending any questions, we request your approval to dispose of this e-waste.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0057-20, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0058-20**, authorizing execution of a Parking Rental Agreement with OSERS Broad St. LLC for leased parking spaces in support of the operation of county agencies located at

Memorial Hall (\$4,550.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Lauren Stull, Assistant Director & Chief Financial Officer, Public Facilities Management.

Ms. Stull: This resolution is for a parking rental agreement with OSERS, for ten additional spaces, adjacent to Memorial Hall. This brings the space count to 70. These additional spaces will ensure we have adequate parking for residents and visitors, utilizing the services of county agencies in Memorial Hall, located at 280 East Broad Street. Pending any questions, we request your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0058-20, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0059-20**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$8,313,677.87) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution requests your approval of 170 purchase orders (POs), which the County Auditor has pre-certified available funding. Included in this resolution are 19 POs, awarded to small and emerging business enterprises (SEBEs), totaling \$1,225,460.21. Pending any questions, I request your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0059-20, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0060-20**, approving, ratifying and confirming a Franklin County Suburban Mayors appointee to serve on the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Janas: Good morning, Commissioners. As you are aware, by state statute and the authorizing resolution, there are two suburban appointments to the Convention Facilities Authority. The Board passed Resolution 0679-17, amending the process by which those two suburban appointments would be chosen. In taking the recommendation of the newly formed Central Ohio's Mayors and Managers Association (COMMA), they have made a recommendation to fill one of their expired appointments, of former Mayor Ray DeGraw. Pending any questions, we'd recommend approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0060-20, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

President O'Grady: Are there any journalizations?

Clerk: No, Commissioner.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of January 28, 2020.



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**JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT**



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