

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

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

Also present on the dais were Ron O'Brien, Prosecuting Attorney; Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

President Boyce: I will ask that you remain standing. I would like a moment to recognize and honor the Westerville Police Officers that were killed in the line of duty this weekend. Officers Eric Joering and Anthony Morelli made the ultimate sacrifice. Their families are in our thoughts and prayers. Their brother and sisters in blue at the Westerville Police Department and all of the neighborhoods in Westerville are in our hearts today. Please join me in a moment of silence honoring Officers Joering and Morelli. (moment of silence)

Thank you. There is an opportunity to support the families. The FOP has the only official Go Fund Me page to raise funds for the families of the fallen officers. The address is gofundme.com/foplodge9helpfund.com. If you can support these families, please do.

Let's begin with a presentation of Black History Month. February is Black History Month and I am honored to have a number of guests with us today as we launch into Black History Month and what we are doing in Central Ohio. I would ask Larry James, Crabbe, Brown and James, LLP, Tom Katzenmeyer, President and CEO, Greater Columbus Art Council, Nanette Maciejunes, Executive Director of the Columbus Museum of Art, to talk about the Harlem Renaissance 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Mr. James: Thank you Commissioners. I want to thank the Board of Commissioners for supporting the refurbishing of the Lincoln Theater in 2009. That theater today is the most diverse theater in Central Ohio. It is the most highly used theater in Central Ohio. When we started out at the Lincoln Theater, CAPA, thought the way to diversify the ushers through all of the organizations was lead by the Lincoln Theater. The other programs that we have is Backstage at the Lincoln. Tickets are \$10 and we made it that way so it is affordable. The other thing we do, twice a year, we do

community conversations. This is going into its fifth year. That program is free. This year we are celebrating the Harlem Renaissance. The other thing we do is the Walk of Fame. That is an induction ceremony of our local artists. We do a leadership program for the artist to take part in this. We have now graduated seventy individuals. You will see these individuals performing around Columbus at all of our activities. Most have quit their jobs and started their own professional career. What better way to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Harlem Renaissance than have a citywide total arts participation. We have twenty-five arts organizations. You have a list of all those twenty-five organizations that will showcase the history of the Harlem Renaissance. The Renaissance is not just restricted to the art of that period. It is all of the derivatives. One of the things we are looking at this fall is that about five galleries will showcase all of our local black artists on a weekend gallery hop. We will have murals in that area. I have the good fortune to work with a good group of people and the support that you have given us. We appreciate the support. I will turn it over to Ms. Maciejunes who will tell you that Wil Haygood will be curating that exhibit. Mr. Haygood will showcase Tigerland. Tigerland is about 1968-69 East High School Basketball team that were state champions. They also won the state baseball championship. If you remember what happened in 1968, it was a turbulent time. The other thing I will suggest you see is The Dream being showcased at The Shadowbox. It will bring tears, joy and education to your eyes. The other showcase at Shadowbox is The Funk. That is another derivative that came out as a result of the Renaissance. I can tell you from a diversity and educational standpoint take it all in.

Ms. Maciejunes: Good morning. The historic center piece of the Harlem Renaissance celebration will be the exhibition curated by Wil Haygood. It is exciting, who's field is writing, and has done so much around the Harlem Renaissance, but has rarely written directly on the Renaissance. What is unique about the exhibition is that it is not an artist story about the key artists, but about a cultural writer that has such an insight in the American Story. We will be looking at the Harlem Renaissance through Mr. Haygood's eyes. The exhibition has four parts. The first is that it has a selection of about forty to fifty paintings and works on papers from the artists from the Harlem Renaissance. The second part is about the literary root of the Harlem Renaissance. It starts with the writers and moves to the artists. Because of Mr. Haygood, we have wonderful first edition books. The third part is James Van DerZee, who was the leading photographer in Harlem during this period. We have a good connection with the Van DerZee family. We are going to use some of his iconic photos and the estate has a lot of the negatives that were not printed. The fourth part will consist of a vernacular imagery from a collector in New York. It is a very diverse exhibition and rich texture to it.

Commissioner Brown: It is American history. I love everything you have talked about. It is so exciting and enriching.

Ms. Maciejunes: This would have never happened if not for Mr. James. It was Mr. James' idea to expand it from the Harlem Renaissance.

President Boyce: Ms. Maciejunes, you have one of the coolest jobs in America.

Ms. Maciejunes: It is exciting. For Columbus to take the lead on the Harlem Renaissance is amazing.

Commissioner Brown: Our children need to know this history because it is our history. Thank you for getting it into all of our venues.

Commissioner O'Grady: One of the reasons that Mr. Katzenmeyer and Ms. Maciejunes have the coolest jobs in America is because of people like Mr. James. Mr. James steps up when you reach out to him to help showcase Central Ohio.

Ms. Maciejunes: You are only as strong as your network of friends. It is true that the public/private partnership works.

Mr. Katzenmeyer: This event has started. It runs from February 2018 to February 2019. It started last week with the launch of The Dream at the Shadowbox and the Poindexter Village exhibition at the Ohio History Connection. We are the only City/County in the United States doing this type of celebration. We have hired a marketing firm that is working with other local artists to create the logo for this celebration. We are raising \$350,000 to market this event. Each organization is doing their own event from their own budget. The Greater Columbus Arts Council is serving as the fiscal agent. Thank you for your support.

Mr. James: In 2015, when Mr. Haygood rolled out Thurgood Marshall at the Lincoln and C-SPAN came in to televise it, that is the most re-televised event in the history of C-SPAN. I got a call from CNN to talk about this celebration.

Commissioner Brown: This is going to be huge. Since we have Mr. Haygood invested in this community, we are fortunate that you have taken this on. Thank you.

President Boyce: I would like to thank you all for your leadership on this celebration. You are experts in this area and what you are doing is educating. My grandmother, when she first moved to Columbus, the Lincoln Theatre was the only place African-Americans could go to the theatre. The Lincoln Theatre was closed my entire childhood and part of my adulthood, until Mr. James began to lead the effort to reopen it and rehabilitate it into what it is today. It is a really special place for a lot of people in Central Ohio. The years 1968-69 are legendary in East High School. I Too Sing America is my favorite poem. To the public that is watching, this is a yearlong celebration. Please take time to support these events. Mr. James is the biggest champion for the arts in Central Ohio. Thank you.

(round of applause and group photo)

Approval of the minutes of the January 30, 2018 General Session, and the minutes of the February 1, and February 8, 2018 Briefing Session. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 92-18, resolution authorizing a one year contract with Court Appointed Special Advocates of Franklin County (Domestic Relations) (\$359,200), presented by Barbara Reeves, Deputy Director, Domestic Relations.

Ms. Reeves: Good morning Commissioners. I am joined at the dais with Kathy Kerr, Executive Director, Court Appointed Special Advocates. This resolution is requesting the renewal of a contract with CASA. CASA provides volunteers and attorneys to serve as guardian ad litem on cases involving abuse, neglect and dependent children that have been assigned by the court. They take our most difficult cases at the court. Ms. Kerr is here to talk more about CASA.

Ms. Kerr: Thank you for allowing me a few minutes to update you on what we are doing at CASA. You have been supportive of CASA for a long time. CASA trains volunteers that support and are the voice in court for these children. The law states that every abused and neglected child must have a guardian ad litem. We train about 100 new volunteers a year. What they do is work on behalf of the children they are assigned and our team's attorneys to represent these children. When the case comes before a magistrate or judge, the volunteer speaks on behalf of the child and makes recommendations to the court in the best interest of the child.

Last year, we were able to serve 869 children. While we are happy that every year we are increasing the number of children we serve, that is only one-third of the children in the system. Our goal is to continue reaching out to educate the public and recruit volunteers to work with these kids.

There is one new effort that we will be working on this year with the court. They have asked us to get involved with youth that have been involved in sex trafficking. We are going to expand our training and our reach to be able to train some of our volunteers to also be able to work with this specific group.

We appreciate the support from the Commissioners and the court. The rest of our funding comes from writing grants and asking for corporate donations and individuals. We have two major events this year. The first is the Arty Party. This is the second year we will be doing this event. We will be collecting art for the next month and they will be entered into a contest to be judged. This artwork will be auctioned off for funding. Our other event is the Speak Up for Children Breakfast. That will be on September 28, 2018.

Commissioner Brown: Ms. Kerr, if someone wants to volunteer, how will they get in touch with you?

Ms. Kerr: The easiest way is to go to our website at casacolumbus.org. We are particularly in need of men for our young boys.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 92-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 93-18, resolution authorizing a one year contract with Forum Ohio LLC for various psychological services (Domestic Relations) (\$100,000), presented by Ms. Reeves.

Ms. Reeves: This resolution is requesting a contract renewal with Forum Ohio that provides psychological evaluations that have been ordered by the court. The rates for these various evaluations have remained the same since last year.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 93-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 94-18, resolution authorizing a one year contract with Netcare Corporation for various psychological services (Domestic Relations) (\$100,000), presented by Ms. Reeves.

Ms. Reeves: This resolution with Netcare Corporation will also provide psychological evaluations that have been ordered by the court. Their rates have remained the same since last year.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 94-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 95-18, resolution authorizing various contracts for attendance services in local schools (Domestic Relations) (\$169,260), presented by Ms. Reeves.

Ms. Reeves: I have Julie Troth, Deputy Director for Programs, with me this morning. This resolution is requesting the approval of five contracts with local school districts to provide attendance services to youth and families to reduce truancy filings in the court. Gahanna, Hilliard, New Albany, Plain Local, and Southwestern City Schools will each reimburse the court 50% of the salaries for the truancy officers. Groveport Madison will reimburse the court for two truancy officers that will be assigned to their school.

Ms. Troth: The truancy intervention and prevention program reduces formal court filings related to truancy by partnering with local school districts to address attendance barriers in providing services and resources to youth and families in Franklin County. The truancy officer participates on absent intervention teams to address attendance barriers, violations of attendance policies, and strategies to overcome those barriers. Additionally, the truancy officers conduct conferences, monitor youth attendance and issue warnings to youth and families who violate attendance policies and laws. Since we began this program on November 1, 2017, we have served 612 youth and families in Franklin County.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 95-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 96-18, resolution authorizing pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5543.06, setting Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boat House at Confluence Park for the Annual Meeting of the Franklin County Engineer between Township and County authorities (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is for the annual meeting of County and Township officials. We are proposing it be held on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boat House at Confluence Park.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 96-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 97-18, resolution awarding contract and approving contract bond to M. P. Dory Co., for the 2018 2019 Guardrail Repair and Upgrade Program (Engineer) (\$315,987.50), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this resolution is for the guardrail maintenance program for 2018-2019. We propose M.P. Dory as the contractor. They have done this program for many years. We had a competitive bid on January 16th and recommend your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 97-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 98-18, resolution authorizing a contract with Trans Associates Engineering Consultants, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in providing traffic engineering services, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$50,000), presented by Carla Marable, Director of Communications, Engineer's Office.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution seeks approval of a consultant service agreement with Trans Associates Engineering to assist the Franklin County Engineer in providing traffic engineering services. Trans Associates was selected using a qualifications based selection process.

President Boyce: What is a qualifications based selection process?

Ms. Marable: The qualifications based selection process is when we look at a number of consultants and they are able to submit a proposal outlining their qualifications. They review the projects that we have upcoming. We try to match their qualifications with the projects that we have.

Mr. Robertson: Also, we keep these qualifications on file. They submit them yearly. We also advertise the proposed projects in newspapers and our website to let people know, who are interested, to apply for these projects.

President Boyce: Do you do an RFQ, essentially, and keep a pool of qualified companies and select from the pool, per the project?

Mr. Robertson: The companies submit what they are interested in and our selection committee then reviews the qualifications.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 98-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 99-18, resolution authorizing a contract with DHDC Engineering Consulting Services, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in providing geotechnical engineering services, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$40,000), presented by Ms. Marable

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution seeks approval to enter into a contract with DHDC Engineering Consulting Services to provide geotechnical engineering services. DHDC is an EDGE, DBE, and MBE business.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 99-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 100-18, resolution authorizing a contract with Glaus, Pyle, Schomer, Burns & DeHaven, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing preliminary engineering study for the Harrisburg-Georgesville Road 2.83 over Big Darby Creek project, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$85,648), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this capital improvement project is in the southwest part of the county along Harrisburg-Georgesville Road over Big Darby Creek. That is in Pleasant Township south of Darbydale. This is a resolution for a preliminary engineering study and we used the qualifications based selection process for this recommendation.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 100-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 101-18, resolution authorizing a contract with ADR & Associates, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in providing engineering services, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$100,000), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is for a general engineering services contract with ADR. We have worked with ADR many times. We used the qualifications based selection process for this resolution. We are asking ADR to help with a request from Franklin Township to investigate improvements to the subdivision streets on the west side of Georgesville Road, south of Broad Street.

Commissioner O'Grady: The west side of Georgesville Road and south of Broad St., what type of improvements are you doing over there?

Mr. Robertson: That will be part of their investigation. They are old and starting to wear down. It could be resurfacing, curb and gutter, additional drainage and other improvements.

Commissioner O'Grady: I know on the east side of Georgesville Road they were doing some work for the Rails to Trails project. Has that been completed yet?

Mr. Robertson: I am not sure. That has been going on for a few years. There was a Georgesville Road improvement that the Commissioners and Engineer's Office did a few years back to help complete a portion of that link.

Commissioner O'Grady: Some of the businesses on that side of the street talked to me because the City was taking some of their property for the Rails to Trails project. I know the County owns the west side of Georgesville Road and the City of Columbus owns the east side. I do not think they have completed the Rails to Trails project on the east side of Georgesville Road.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 101-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 102-18, resolution establishing, altering and widening of Schleppi Road, County Road No. 191, the City of New Albany, Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution declares necessary the improvement of Schleppi Road. This is a collaborative project between the City of New Albany, Franklin County and a private developer. This project is within the city limits of New Albany and Plain Township.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 102-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 103-18, resolution authorizing the donation of law enforcement equipment to the Lancaster City Schools (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution authorizes the donation of a driving simulator to Lancaster City Schools as allowed by Ohio Revised Code 307.12(D). The device is no longer utilized by the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 103-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 104-18, resolution supporting the Sheriff's Office to continue as lead agency in the Countywide DUI Task Force, and the approval of contracts with twenty-three (23) member agencies participating on the Countywide DUI Task Force (Sheriff) (\$224,904.83), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, this resolution supports the Sheriff's Office to continue as the lead agency on the DUI Task Force to help reduce alcohol related traffic accidents through sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols. It also approves the contracts required by the state for other law enforcement agencies within Franklin County that will be participating on the Task Force. This will be the twelfth year that the Sheriff's Office is filling the role as grant administrator.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 104-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 105-18, resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Project Lifesaver grant from the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (Sheriff) (\$7,500), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: This grant will allow the Sheriff's Office to purchase thirty personalized wristbands that emit signals 24 hours a day on individually assigned radio frequencies that are capable of being tracked in an emergency. The technology is designed to assist those that care for people that are suffering from Alzheimer's and other related mental dysfunction disorders that may become lost. This is the second time we have been given this grant. The last time we did was in 2014.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 105-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 106-18, resolution authorizing a contract with Hagerty Consulting, Inc. for SWAT Exercise Series (Emergency Management Agency) (\$76,332), presented by Jeff Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Young: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is for a series of SWAT Exercises for a contractor to provide that for Franklin County Emergency Management

Homeland Security on behalf of the City of Columbus SWAT Team. We will be inclusive to other regional SWAT Teams to participate. This contract requires the contractor provide both a table top and full scale exercise. It will take place this year in the north part of our County and should take place this year. This has been an exceptionally challenging contract coordinating between the State of Ohio, our agency, the contractor and the City of Columbus SWAT team.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 106-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 107-18, resolution approving a contract agreement with United Way of Central Ohio for kindergarten readiness services (Job and Family Services) (\$300,000), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Good morning Commissioners. Originally launched in 2010, Columbus/Franklin County Kids provides childhood development screenings, referrals and early learning resources to ensure children are ready for kindergarten. Screenings and learning checkups begin at the age of two and are conducted every six months to monitor the child's development and identify any potential issues promptly. Once the screenings are conducted, if there are any developmental issues that are identified, the family and child are referred to an organization such as Children's Hospital to assist with those issues. In 2015, the program adopted the evidence based Pathways Community Care Coordination Model, which is designed to provide families with wrap around services including food assistance, housing, or healthcare to further reduce barriers to children developmental and academic successes. Under this contract, Columbus/Franklin County Kids will identify 1,000 youth participants, conduct baseline screenings and refer any children in monitoring range based on ASQ scores for further interventions.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 107-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 108-18, resolution approving a contract agreement with United Way of Central Ohio for the Tax Time Program (Job and Family Services) (\$84,438.54), presented by Ms. Bivens.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, Tax Time is a coalition of non-profit, businesses and government organizations formed in 2006 to provide free tax assistance, financial education and saving opportunities. The goal is to help low to moderate income households to claim available tax deductions or credits, avoid preparation fees, and advance on a path towards financial independence. It combines three volunteer programs under one umbrella: The United Way Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, AARP Tax Counseling for Elderly program and the Ohio Benefits Bank Program. Since its inception, Tax Time IRS certified volunteers have helped more than 105,000 Central Ohio households claim over \$112,000,000 in refunds. The free service has also saved Central Ohio families an

estimated \$23,000,000 in tax preparation fees, avoiding paid preparers that might engage in predatory practices, such as refund anticipation checks. This program is a well-coordinated program. There are 20 sites over Franklin County, where low to moderate income families can come get some assistance. Residents can schedule an appointment by calling on HandsOn Central Ohio's 2-1-1- hotline. They can also visit taxtimecentralohio.org.

Commissioner O'Grady: We called this program the Earned Income Tax Credit for years. This is a great program that we have been doing for a long time. Everybody needs help doing their taxes.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, they are going to target 16,854 individuals this year.

Commissioner Brown: This is money that belongs to the taxpayers. Helping them get this money back is so important.

President Boyce: Ms. Bivens, can you have someone send some talking points on this resolution? I am going to post some material on social media.

Ms. Bivens: I can do that, Commissioners.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 108-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 109-18, resolution authorizing two grant agreements to provide caregiver support services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$197,670), presented by Nancy Male, Grant Administrator, Office on Aging.

Ms. Male: Good morning Commissioners. The Care Giver Support Program recognizes the important role that is played by individuals who take care of seniors, thereby preventing and delaying the institutionalization of the charges for as long as possible. The project funded under this resolution provides the caregivers with resources and support that will help towards reducing caregivers' stress.

Commissioner Brown: I think caring for someone else is so stressful. Anything we can do to help reduce that stress is good.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 109-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 110-18, resolution authorizing a partnership agreement with Age Friendly Columbus and fourteen additional grant agreements to provide health promotion/wellness services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$1,387,313), presented by Ms. Male.

Ms. Male: Projects in this category focus on helping seniors improve or maintain their health status. They include support for senior nursing clinics, cardiovascular improvement equipment for senior centers, assistance with obtaining needed prescription medications, and providing hearing evaluations and hearing aids. Speaking to our partnership agreement with Age Friendly Columbus, the Age Friendly initiative looks at what is needed in the physical and social environments to make a place where people can remain healthy and independent well into their old age. We have two speakers in support of this resolution. We have Karen Mitchell, Vice President and Director of Audiology and Hearing Aid Services at Columbus Speech and Hearing Center and Katie White, Age-Friendly Columbus Director with the OSU College of Social Work.

Ms. Mitchell: Good morning Commissioners. We offer these services to seniors in our community who are at risk for hearing loss. These individuals are often under served and have limited access to hearing healthcare services. Hearing loss is the third most chronic health condition of older adults. It is more prevalent in this age group than cancer or diabetes. Thirty percent of seniors who are age 65-74 experience some amount of hearing loss. Fifty percent of those who are 75 years old and older have a disabling hearing loss. Hearing is vital for communication and it plays a role of well-being and sense of security. Untreated hearing loss impacts a person's ability to fully participate in daily activities, and a significant impact on income.

Not being able to speak to your family and friends creates a safety and health issue that we need to address. Elderly hearing impaired individuals frequently ask for repetitions or they misunderstand what was spoken to them and most people think they are being nonresponsive or confused. Our program's primary goal is to diagnose and treat hearing loss. We are there to find if an individual has a hearing loss, how much of a hearing loss and what we need to be doing about it. We want to provide them a treatment plan. If they are living on a limited income, they are eligible for the hearing aids that are provided through this program.

Many of our seniors in our community want to hear better, but they do not have the financial resources to address the hearing loss and the need for hearing aids. Our program provides treatment options to ensure a senior has adequate hearing, so that they may communicate successfully with family, friends and others in the community so they can live independently and safely. The number of people age 65 and older are expected to double in Columbus over the next thirty-five years. Many of these individuals are expected to remain in the workforce for a longer period of time than previous generations. As life expectancy continues to expand rapidly, so will the number of services and seniors who will need hearing healthcare services.

Commissioner O'Grady: I have lunch with a group of my late father's friends that are in their mid to late eighties. Recently they were all talking about the length of battery life of their hearing aids. Most of them said that they began losing their hearing in their seventies.

Ms. Mitchell: The onset of hearing loss depends sometimes on hereditary factors and previous noise exposure. If you have a good family history and have not been working in a noisy environment, or served in the military, most of the time we start seeing that hearing loss kicks in in the mid-sixties.

Commissioner O'Grady: The oldest person in the group, he is 89 years old, lost his hearing in his fifties. We thought he began to lose it because of his military experience.

Ms. Mitchell: You had the perfect example on how difficult it could be in a restaurant environment for individuals to follow the conversation, even when they have proper amplification. Thank you for your support.

President Boyce: When I was caring for my grandmother, it was difficult to find a hearing aid that fit appropriately, and they were very expensive.

Ms. Mitchell: They are. This is why this program is important. We are reaching the people that are not served by Medicaid and do not have the resources to purchase a hearing aid on their own.

Ms. White: Good morning Commissioners. Age Friendly Columbus began in 2016 when we entered the World Health Organization and AARP network of age friendly communities. Over the course of two years, we heard from over one thousand older residents in our community, we held focus groups in six languages, and were joined by over 125 leaders from the community. We took our time to understand what the challenges are in our community, and the successes in our community for older adults as well. This work has been an inclusive planning process. We pride ourselves in planning with our older adults and not for our older adults. It was always our hope and vision to take two years to learn about what was happening in Columbus and expand this work across the County. Over the last two years we have heard from many cities that are doing great work in Franklin County, that are interested in joining the network. I am excited and honored to take what we have learned to strengthen our process and be committed to research and measuring our impact as we grow this program. In two weeks, the national advisor for Age Friendly Cities will be joining us. I am working with your leadership staff to draft a letter of commitment from Franklin County stating that they are ready to take this on and grow this program. Thank you for the opportunity to making our vision come to fruition.

Commissioner Brown: Ms. White, can you talk about what you have seen with all the meetings you have conducted? What are some of the specific things we are seeing in our community?

Ms. White: We have a strategic plan that outlines fifty-four action steps that we will be implementing over the next three years. Some of the steps will be led by Age Friendly Columbus, but many of them will be led by colleagues that you will hear from today. We heard loud and clear that we need to work on mobility transportation. Getting individuals to and from where they want to go. Making sure if they want to go out to eat or the movies,

that they are able to do so with equitable and accessibility options. We are also looking into housing. Overwhelmingly so, our older adults want to remain in their homes as they age and in their neighborhood. We are looking at the resources that are required to do that and looking at advocacy and policy that we can do to support this effort. Transportation, housing, employment, social inclusion and respect are the things we are looking at to make sure we are empowering the entire aging process, so we can all thrive as we age.

Commissioner Brown: We are making sure people can stay in their homes and stay social as much as they would like to be.

Ms. White: This is what the program is about. It is about listening to what our residents are saying. It is about making them feel like they are a valuable part of society and able to age in the way you want. These are the rights we are protecting and empowering.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 110-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 111-18, resolution authorizing two grant agreements to provide intergenerational services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$121,470), presented by Ms. Male.

Ms. Male: The intergenerational programming aims at enriching the lives of seniors via interaction with the younger generation. Intergenerational programs also serve to better acquaint younger persons on issues related to aging. Activities range from using music and movement within an intergenerational day care center to having high school children teach their senior "buddies" to use the computer, the internet and other social media.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 111-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 112-18, resolution authorizing nine grant agreements to provide outreach services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$436,485), presented by Ms. Male.

Ms. Male: The grantees in this category target special population seniors in the community. These include the homebound, hard-to-reach, very low income seniors, refugees and immigrants, among others. The services are tailored to meet the specific needs of these particular populations, thereby assisting them to live as independently with an improved quality of life. These services are diverse and can include group socialization activities, peer support groups, and translation service.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 112-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 113-18, resolution authorizing five grant agreements to provide small group transportation services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$303,734), presented by Ms. Male.

Ms. Male: The provision of small group transportation enables older adults to live an active, involved lifestyle, without compromising their dignity, pride and self-worth. While medical appointments take priority, trips for personal errands are accommodated whenever possible. Group outings provide valuable social interaction with peers, and help open a world outside the client's own home.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 113-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 114-18, resolution authorizing seven grant agreements to provide supportive services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$711,018), presented by Ms. Male.

Ms. Male: Under this grant category, grantees provide services previously known under the Older Americans Act as community outreach. Specific services can include client finding, bill paying and money management assistance, accessing public benefits such as Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income, help with acquiring material assistance and locating safe and affordable housing. Supportive services workers go to a client's home to provide these services, and is a valuable tool that enables seniors to continue living independently. I am going to have Rachel Lustig, President and CEO of Catholic Social Services say a few words. Her agency receives supportive services funding as well as volunteer programming.

Ms. Lustig: Good morning Commissioners. We have the honor of working together with you and the County in providing support and care for our seniors in our community. We believe our work helps and makes it possible for seniors to age with grace, purpose and independence. We serve twenty-three counties in Central and Southern Ohio, so I can say with a lot of pride that being in Franklin County is a benefit and an advantage to many of the seniors in our area. The network of providers that these combination of resolutions provides support and funding makes it possible for us to come together to provide care that some of our other counties do not have the opportunity to do. Our role helps us to respond to significant challenges and goals by going into the homes of our seniors. We are able to meet the needs of 97% of those goals. This means when a senior's daughter was struggling with addiction scammed her that we were able to help her overcome that challenge and get back to a place of stability and be able to pay her bills. For another senior couple, when they were living on a fixed income and their rent went up by \$100, we were able to provide them with a new home that they could afford. That is the kind of thing that makes it possible for these seniors to stay independent in their homes with the grace that they need. Our other role is to provide the volunteer work through the foster grandparent and senior

companionship. We are able to provide purposeful and dignified volunteer opportunities which provides them with a supplemental income through a stipend. For these seniors that go into schools and helping kids do better in school or going into homes of isolated individuals and helping them feel less lonely and socially isolated. One-hundred percent of our seniors say they feel less isolated because that means there are lower rates of depression, chronic illnesses and a longer lifespan. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these services. As we see this growth in the senior community, Catholic Social Services adopted a strategic plan three years ago to go wider to serve more seniors. We have been able to do this. We are now serving 45% more seniors that we were in 2014 and a lot of that has come because of the partnership with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you for putting a face on the issues and the contracts that we pass. It is all about helping our residents get more of what they need successfully.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 114-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 115-18, resolution authorizing four grant agreements to provide volunteer services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$230,703), presented by Ms. Male.

Ms. Male: I forgot to invite Joy Chivers, President and CEO, Gladden Community House. She was supposed to speak on the outreach grant. These projects enhance quality of life by utilizing seniors or non-seniors as volunteers to help seniors in need. Projects range from using retired seniors as volunteers to help other seniors find employment, to become foster grandparents, help struggling students in school, to recruiting adults who become volunteer guardians of mentally incapacitated, indigent seniors, and to using Senior Companions to provide peer support to home-bound frail seniors.

Ms. Chivers: Good morning Commissioners. Thank you for having me here this morning to speak on behalf of our clients in Franklinton, the Hilltop and southwest communities. We offer outreach programs through the Senior Options grant to our near west side seniors. Our goal is to maintain independent living in their homes, and help them address the housing, health and safety issues that negatively impact their quality of life. We also offer through our food pantry a senior services program that attempts to meet the emergency food assistance for them. We supply a three day emergency food supply for them. We are checking on them more when we are delivering them food to see if there are no additional needs of them. In our service area, it is three times the rate of the County's poverty rate. We are seeing a high incident of poverty in our areas. Our services are definitely needed to address the issues of poverty to make sure they have home security. Many of our residents are living in rental properties and we are seeing the rents go up. Seventy percent of the 35,000 residents of Franklinton, southwest and Hilltop are 60 years old and older. We are going to see that number climb in Franklin County. The need is going to be greater to service our seniors. Many are on fixed incomes. Our goal is to wrap our services around the seniors and making sure they are living independently, staying in their home and not

isolated and making sure they are not becoming homeless. We are seeing an increase in our incidents to our seniors to become homeless. We work with the Community Shelter Board, on prevention of homelessness, to make sure they are able to stay in their homes. Last year, we served about 94 seniors and many referrals to other services. Thank you on behalf of our senior clients for the funding over the years.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 115-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 116-18, resolution authorizing an agreement with the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging for case management services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$4,779,647), presented by Amy Funk, Director of Finance, Office on Aging.

Ms. Funk: Good morning Commissioners. This contract is with the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging for case management services. The COAAA provides face-to-face visits for our Senior Options clients. They also provide the initial in-home assessments for all Senior Options participants, which is required prior to enrolling into our program. In addition, this contract covers some shared-service provider quality improvement activities, mainly consisting of home care provider annual audits. This contract is for one year.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 116-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 117-18, resolution authorizing a Novation Agreement with Phoenix Home Care Passport Program (Office On Aging), presented by Ms. Funk.

Ms. Funk: This is a novation agreement of a name change of Phoenix Home Health Care Services to Phoenix Home Care Passport Program. Phoenix provides homecare, personal care assistance and respite to our Senior Options clients. Phoenix was awarded a homecare contract on October 10, 2017.

Commissioner Brown: Was it only the name that changed?

Ms. Funk: That is correct.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 117-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 118-18, resolution authorizing a grant contract between the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging and Office on Aging for services under the National Family Caregiver Support Program (Office On Aging) (\$239,777), presented by Ms. Male.

Ms. Male: The grant will allow Franklin County to receive federal funds under the NFCSP. Established in 2000, the NFCSP provides fund a range of supports that assist family and informal caregivers to care for their loved ones at home for as long as possible.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 118-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 119-18, resolution for the review of petition to annex 41.79 +/- acres from Perry Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-01-18 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to consider an expedited type 2 annexation petition of 41.79 acres from Perry Township to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property located on West Case Road, which is north of West Case Road, west of Godown Road and southeast of Ohio State University Don Scott Airport. The petition was filed by Agent/Attorney Jack B. Reynolds, III, who is in attendance should you have any questions, on behalf of the property owner, the State of Ohio.

73.5% of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Columbus, and the City passed resolution no. 0217-2018 on January 22, 2018, indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved and a statement regarding possible incompatible land uses and zoning buffer. The petition meets all statutory requirement outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 119-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 120-18, resolution authorizing a modification to the Contract Agreement with McKinney Drilling Company, LLC to perform additional Caissons activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center at an increase in the amount of the Contract not to exceed \$654,610.00 (Public Facilities Management) (\$1,577,566), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Long: Good morning Commissioners. The next two resolutions are in regard to the Corrections Center. The first resolution is for a contract modification to provide for additional caissons work. This work is a result of some of the inconsistencies in the bedrock. Additional caissons need to be drilled. The costs include the mobilization of drilling equipment, additional drill shafts, and additional rebar and concrete.

President Boyce: I wanted to clarify one thing. Is it an increase, or it is money we budgeted for the project?

Ms. Long: This is an additional contract modification. The overall project has been budgeted for, but this is additional funds provided to this contract. The contract modification increases the original contract amount to provide for the additional drilling of the caissons.

President Boyce: Does the overall project amount increase?

Ms. Long: No.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 120-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 121-18, resolution authorizing a modification to the Contract Agreement with George J. Igel & Company, Inc. to perform additional Site Work and Underground Utilities activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center at an increase in the amount of the Contract not to exceed \$133,478.00 (Public Facilities Management) (\$3,063,721), presented by Ms. Long.

Ms. Long: Commissioners, this is a modification in regard to the site work and underground utilities package. This is for additional heavy duty clean outs, storms structures, water line modifications for the sanitary line and storm head, and revisions to the retaining wall.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 121-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 122-18, resolution authorizing a contract with Security Solutions International for the purchase of law enforcement and security training under the State Homeland Security Program (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$12,000), presented by Jessica Yuzwa, Homeland Security.

Ms. Yuzwa: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is a request for training for our regional quarterly liaison officers. We have requested a contract with Security Solutions International to conduct a two day event speaking on protective and behavioral analysis. Security Solutions International is an internationally recognized industry leader in homeland security, terrorism prevention and response, and emergency management. This program is a result of lessons learned in the field, which is beneficial to our region and upcoming events.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 122-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 123-18, resolution authorizing a subgrant award and contract to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for child identification equipment through the FY 2015 Justice Assistance Grant (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$31,288), presented by Michael Daniels, Justice Policy Coordinator, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Good morning Commissioners. This is a subgrant award with Franklin County Sheriff's Office through the fiscal year 2015 Justice Assistance Grant. They will be purchasing new equipment to create the child identification kits. The Sheriff goes out and parents can bring their kids to get a photo, a fingerprint and create an ID card so the parents can have that in the event that their child goes missing. The current equipment was purchased in 2013. It has run its natural lifespan and we are replacing it with more modern equipment.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 123-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 124-18, resolution authorizing a collaboration agreement with the Community Mediation Services to support tenant education and landlord-tenant mediation (Community Partnerships) (\$100,000), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Office of Management and Budget.

Ms. McCrary: This contract resolution would provide funding to the Community Mediation group who see about the important work that we have heard about. There are a lot of different sectors of our community who are facing evictions and want to remain living in their home environments. We are contracting with Community Mediation Services to do the work that they do best, which is helping persons who are facing evictions work out an agreement with their landlord to stay and pay or arranging for a move out date. Both of these strategies will help the tenant not to have an eviction on their record, which stays on your record for a long time and can prevent you from securing additional housing. Also, this contract will provide for tenant education, so that tenants can know their rights. The tenants do not realize that they do not have 30-45 days to vacate the premises, but actually have 22 days from the day of notice. Franklin County's eviction court is busy. We see an average of 18,000 evictions filed every year.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 124-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 125-18, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$1,031,390.30), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing the Purchasing Department. The resolution before you requests approval of 141 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 125-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 126-18, resolution authorizing a supplemental appropriation and an interfund loan from the General Fund to the Stadium Debt Service Fund to purchase new video boards for Huntington Park (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution would provide an interfund loan in the amount of \$1,000,000 to Franklin County Stadium, Inc. for the purchase of new video boards for Huntington Park. The interfund loan will be repaid in installments over five years from the proceeds of operating the baseball stadium. The interfund loan will accrue interest at 1.65%, which is equal to the rate of return for the County's core portfolio for January. The rate will reset annually beginning in April of 2019 based on the most recent rate of return for the County's core portfolio.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 126-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 127-18, resolution authorizing appropriations for the purchase of Uninterruptible Power Supplies to support the network redundancy and reliability initiative (Board of Commissioners), presented by Adam Luckhaupt, CIO, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Luckhaupt: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution authorizes appropriations and an Auditor's Certificate for the purchase of Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) for the County's networking server and storage equipment. A UPS does two things. One it allows the equipment to keep running when power is lost and provides protection from power surges. In the past, county organizations have purchased UPS on an as needed basis, and unfortunately, not considering the maintenance of these devices. It has been decentralized and not reliable. As a result, we have experiences throughout the County. These new UPS will have remote monitoring capability and will allow for centralized monitoring and maintenance. Public Facilities Management will be assuming this responsibility going forward.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 127-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of February 13, 2018.



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