

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

February 5, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

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

Also present on the dais were Harold Anderson, Director of Business, Contracts, Prosecutor's Office; Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President Brown called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

President Brown: In celebration of African American History Month, we are honored to welcome Dr. Mark Lomax as our guest this morning. Mr. Lomax is part of a prestigious group of African American composers in the United States with terminal degrees in classical music, awarded the Wexner Center for the Arts at the Ohio State University Artist in Residence last year. He is a critically acclaimed composer, recording artist, drummer, activist and educator. He specializes in socio-political and spiritual aspects of African-American art and music. Congratulations on last month's release of 400: An Afrikan Epic; musical compositions telling the story of Black America over the last 400 years. Welcome and thank you for being with us this morning, Dr. Lomax.

Dr. Lomax: Thank you for having me today. I am a Columbus City product. For the last three years, I have been working on a project to release twelve albums. The twelve album cycle traces the trajectory of Africans who were brought to America as a result of slavery. The first third of my albums is pre-colonial African history. The middle third is the Maafa, the Great Tragedy. The final third is projecting to the future of what the world could look like when we are all one connected human family. The reason this is important is because 2019 marks the 400th commemoration of the first Dutch ships landing in North America with enslaved Africans. We got this done with the support of the Wexner Center for the Arts and appreciate the grant that helped us record seven and a half albums in four days. The idea is to take the message of the music to engage the community in looking at our past. It is a human story. We are planning to take this message to about one hundred colleges and communities around the country, then to Europe, Asia and Africa in 2021. I appreciate the recognition this work has gotten because the story is important.

President Brown: We are all part of this story. Which schools and universities will you be sharing your work?

Dr. Lomax: We play at our first university on February 28th at Ohio University-Zanesville. We have conversations with the University of Cincinnati for fall of 2019. All others are out west and New York.

Commissioner Boyce: I would like to thank Dr. Lomax for what you represent and do. The legacy and history of Africans and African Americans is an important story to tell. I recently had my DNA done and it opens up the door of you personally understanding where you come from in a way that many African Americans do not get to experience because of how our history started in America. What you are doing to capture it in an artistic way is an important part of the story to tell.

(group picture)

Approval of the minutes of January 17, and January 31, 2019 Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 70-19, resolution authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation to support the FCJS Modernization Project (Clerk Of Courts), presented by Jason Sankey, CIO, Clerk of Courts.

Mr. Sankey: Good morning, Commissioners. We are seeking the approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$53,335 to be transferred from the Criminal Justice Information System Fund. On October 30, 2018, a resolution was approved in the amount of \$90,000 to continue providing professional services with Crow supporting contract negotiations for the new court case management system. This appropriation will cover the remaining balance of what was actually invoiced and paid in 2018 to continue professional services in 2019. We are on track to complete contract negotiations by the end of March.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 70-19, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 71-19, resolution accepting the annual bridge inspection report for 2018 (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution is the annual bridge inspection report for calendar year 2018. I would like to read the report into the record.

- 366 bridges and culverts 10 feet and over in span were inspected

- 96% of the Franklin County bridges were rated Fair or Better
- 69% of the Franklin County bridges were rated Good, Very Good or Excellent
- No Franklin County bridge is closed due to structural deficiencies
- No Franklin County bridge is posted with weight reduction limits
- No Franklin County bridge is listed as being in serious or critical condition
- No Franklin County bridge presents an immediate or potential danger to life or property
- 48 bridges are over 100 years old
- 108 bridges are over 75 years old
- 13 bridges are rated in Poor condition
- 35 bridges are rated in Fair condition

Commissioner Boyce: Now that we have this report, how do you approach the bridges in Fair and Poor condition?

Mr. Robertson: The 13 bridges that are rated in Poor condition, they are at the top of the list in rehabilitation, replacement or repair. The 35 bridges in Fair condition, they will be next. We monitor and inspect the bridges every year.

Commissioner Boyce: The 13 bridges in Poor condition, how long will it take for those to move up in rating?

Mr. Robertson: We have two that are scheduled for replacement this summer. We have a few in line for replacement in 2020. We have others scheduled further out until we have funding set up. This will be a perfect reason for us to consider a Transportation Improvement District. We can utilize some of the funds through the additional \$5 permissive fee. We can use this Transportation Improvement District to help get some of these bridges rehabilitated sooner.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 71-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 72-19, resolution authorizing a contract with Mead & Hunt, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in providing traffic engineering services, Franklin County, Ohio (\$50,000.00)(Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is for a professional services contract with Mead and Hunt. We would utilize them for traffic services. We used the qualifications-based selection process.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 72-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 73-19, resolution authorizing a settlement to AT&T for a utility damage claim due to an equipment accident involving a Franklin County Engineer's Office employee (\$4,474.06)(Engineer), presented by Fritz Crosier, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, during routine maintenance, an Engineer's employee operating a tractor damaged AT&T equipment. There were no injuries reported. Our office has worked closely with the Prosecutor's Office and have approved a settlement of \$4,474.06.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 73-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 74-19, resolution authorizing two grant agreements to provide caregiver support services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$202,414.00)(Office On Aging), presented by Michelle Missler, Director, Office on Aging.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging presents this resolution authorizing two grant agreements to provide caregiver support services for Franklin County Senior Options. The Franklin County Office on Aging annually awards grant funds to non-profit organizations in order to expand community services to the elderly population of Franklin County. Proposals being presented for approval via resolution today from the Alzheimer's Association and Syntero, Inc. will provide innovative caregiver support services for those aging in Franklin County. In order to highlight the great work this funding affords, I would like to invite up Tricia Bingham, Director of Programs and Services for the Alzheimer's Association. Thank you Tricia for all you do for older adults and their caregivers in our community.

Ms. Bingham: This is a unique and innovative program from our chapter. We have an Occupational Therapist, Nurse and Counselor that will go into the homes and work out a proactive plan of care. One out of three seniors are dying from Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. It is the sixth leading cause of death. We have a world health crisis related to the level of people effected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Here in Franklin County, 10% of seniors over 65 years old are effected. Statistically, it is shown that there are two to three caregivers involved with every person that has Alzheimer's disease. The average lifespan for someone with this disease is 4-8 years. We can save billions of Medicaid dollars by helping the caregivers allow them to age in their homes.

We touched almost 900 people last year. We are only reaching 8% of the population and our goal by 2025 is to reach 80%. It is through programs like this that save government money.

Commissioner O'Grady: How does someone get in touch with you if they need to?

Ms. Bingham: You can call our 24 hour help line at 1-800-272-3900 or our website at www.alz.org/centralohio.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 74-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 75-19, resolution authorizing seven grant agreements to provide supportive services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$728,053.00)(Office On Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging presents this resolution authorizing seven grant agreements to provide supportive services for Franklin County Senior Options. The Franklin County Office on Aging annually awards grant funds to non-profit organizations in order to supplement the great services provided by the Senior Options program. These additional supportive services cover a wide range of services such as bill paying, sorting and reading mail, dealing with medical insurance claims, signing up for public benefits, finding affordable and/or safer housing, procuring needed items from the Furniture Bank, accessing the food pantry, finding affordable medications, advocating for clients with landlords/benefits offices/doctors, etc. Proposals being presented for approval via resolution today from Catholic Social Services, Clintonville-Beechwold Resources Center, Concord Counseling Services, St. Stephens's Community Services, Inc. and Syntero, Inc. will provide unique support services for those aging in Franklin County. In order to highlight the great work this funding affords, I would like to invite up Julie Erwin Rinaldi, CEO for Syntero, Inc. Thank you Julie for all you do for older adults and their caregivers in our community.

Ms. Rinaldi: Good morning. We are a nonprofit organization that has been providing services in Franklin County for over 40 years. We receive both the caregiver grant and supportive services grant. We just want to thank you for this support. What we are seeing in the homes are that people are living longer and housing issues. We are making sure seniors stay in their homes.

President Brown: We have a public speaker for this resolution, Mariellen Miller, BREAD Organization. Ms. Miller, if you can come up to the microphone and state your support for this resolution.

Ms. Miller: Good morning, Commissioners. I am in favor of the resolution. BREAD is working on elder care and is part of the affordable housing crisis. It is good to see that the poverty study is moving forward. You know there are not enough solutions in place for the 54,000 low-income households that are targeted by the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio. This is not just a Franklin County problem, but a Columbus problem as well. Increasing the conveyance fee could lead to millions of additional dollars per year to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This would help thousands of families. As the Commissioners finish the poverty study, we challenge you to be sure to increase the

conveyance fee to the maximum of \$4 allowed by state law. I understand that this issue is complicated. It cannot be fixed by only increasing the conveyance fee, but it will help making a big step forward.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you for coming. I want to reiterate that in order for us to tackle affordable housing, the conveyance fee alone will not solve the problem. We need everyone to come to the table with resources and take this on in a comprehensive way. I want to ask Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, a question. When a property transfers from one owner to the next, imbedded in those costs is a conveyance fee?

Mr. Talarek: That is correct, Commissioner.

Commissioner Boyce: When the new owner purchases the place, and we raise the conveyance fee, they essentially will take that cost and put it back on the residents that are occupying that place. I raise this point because it will generate additional resources for us to put towards affordable housing, but someone is paying for that and it could be at the cost of the residents who rent that place. We have to be thoughtful in our approach. We have to think about how we can minimize that kind of impact to the people who need it most. Raising the conveyance fee could have an adverse effect, so we are being very thoughtful about this issue.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 75-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 76-19, resolution authorizing a grant contract between the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging and Franklin County Office on Aging for services under the National Family Caregiver Support Program (\$291,918.00)(Office On Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: This resolution authorizes a grant contract between the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging and the Franklin County Office on Aging for services under the National Family Caregiver Support Program. Franklin County Office on Aging has been selected as the recipient of the funds allocated for Franklin County and awarded a grant contract by the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging under the National Family Caregiver Support Program totaling \$291,918.00 for the period of January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 76-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 77-19, resolution authorizing a Novation Agreement with Gentle Hands Non-Medical Home Care Agency (Office On Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging respectfully requests that this resolution be tabled for one week as we are still waiting on the contract to be returned from the vendor.

Commissioner Boyce moved to Table Resolution 77-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously Tabled by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 78-19, resolution Review of petition to annex 1.084 +/- acres from Franklin Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-32-18 (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 1.084 acres from Franklin Township to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property at Eureka Ave, which is west of N. Eureka Avenue, south of Valleyview Drive and the Camp Chase Rail Line, east of Eldon Avenue and north of Westwood Drive. The petition was filed by Jeffrey Lewis, Attorney at Law on behalf of the property owner, 370 N. Eureka, LLC. 44% of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Columbus and the City passed Ordinance Number 3416-2018 on December 10, 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 requirements outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 78-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 79-19, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,844,839.38)(Purchasing), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert, Director of Purchasing. The resolution before you requests your approval of 101 purchase orders. 7 of these POs totaling over \$115,000 were awarded to SEBEs. Of the full PO total, that represents 7 % of the PO volume and 6.3% of the total PO cost. These purchase orders have been precertified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 79-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 80-19, resolution to designate the Official Representative and Alternate for the purpose of voting at the Annual Meeting of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio in 2019 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: This resolution would authorize Commissioner Boyce as the official representative of Franklin County and Commissioner O'Grady as the designated alternate. This is the same set up we had last year.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 80-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 81-19, resolution authorizing a consulting services contract with Franklin Hirsch to support the County Hospital Commission of Franklin County, Ohio (\$16,000.00)(Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: This is the same amount as last year for Mr. Hirsch to provide administrative counsel services to the Hospital Commission.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 81-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 82-19, resolution reappointing Dr. Joseph A. Alutto and Frank J. Capella to the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator.

Mr. Janas: Pending any questions, I request passage of this resolution.

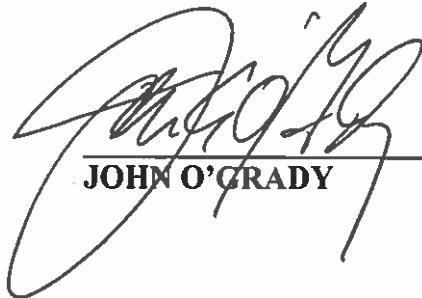
Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 82-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.


With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of February 5, 2019.


MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT


JOHN O'GRADY


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

Submitted by:


Antwan Booker, Clerk