

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

December 17, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

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

Also present on the dais were Nick Soulas, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget; Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator; Keena M. Smith, Deputy County Administrator; and, Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President Brown called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M.

President Brown: Today, we celebrate General Aviation Month. We have with us guests whose work has made local travel easier. We first have Joe Nardone, President & Chief Executive Officer of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority, Stephanie Morgan, Executive Director of The Ohio State University's Air Transportation and Aerospace Campus, and the spokeswoman for the airport, Kristen Easterday, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, at the Columbus Regional Airport Authority.

Invited guests addressed the Board of Commissioners on the impact, significance, and financial contributions of aviation to the Central Ohio community. Additionally, guests highlighted the importance of easily accessible air travel in helping to foster Central Ohio's role in being a hub for midwestern commerce, and as a travel destination.

(A group photo was taken, and a resolution was presented)

Resolution No. 0903-19, approving a ditch maintenance petition for Morrison Farms East Section 4, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Drainage Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and William "Fritz" Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning, Commissioners. Commissioners, this first resolution is for a subdivision in the northeast part of Franklin County, in Jefferson Township. It has 48 lots, is designed and developed by Rockford Homes, and covers 17 acres. The stormwater

infrastructure has been built and is ready to be added to the county maintenance drainage system.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0903-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0904-19, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Russell Tree Experts, Ltd., for the Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Clark State Road Site Clearing Project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$83,200.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this capital improvement project is in the northeast part of Franklin County, in Jefferson Township, at the intersection of Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Clark State Road. This particular resolution is for a construction contract award for the site preparation. We had a competitive bid opening on November 26 [2019], with four bidders, and Russell had the lowest and best bid.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0904-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0905-19, plans approved for the construction of the structure on the Hayden Run Greenways Shared Use Path over Hayden Run Improvement project, Norwich Township and Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this is a shared-use path project, in the northwest part of Franklin County. It’s a cooperative project including the City of Columbus, the City of Hilliard, Franklin County, and ODOT. It is a shared-use path along the north side of Hayden Run Road, over Hayden Run Creek, and under I-270. It is a complicated location. The project has been designed and is ready for your review, approval, and signature, and I have the Title Sheet available for you after the vote.

Commissioner O’Grady: So, it is squeezed right under an overpass, right before you get to a roundabout, it is going to be a bit of a nightmare for a while in that location. There is some traffic that goes through that area too; it is tight.

Mr. Robertson: It is tight. But there is definitely a lot of pedestrian need. We see a lot of folks up there.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0905-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0906-19, Strand Associates, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing preliminary engineering for the Cassady Avenue from Plaza Properties Boulevard to Agler Road Improvement project, Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$253,793.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Robertson: This is a corridor study in the northeast part of Franklin County, in Mifflin Township. It is along Cassady Avenue, and this particular resolution is for a preliminary design. We used the qualifications-based selection process and would recommend Strand for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce: What is the study for? What are they studying in this particular area?

Mr. Robertson: This is a stretch of roadway, some of which is unincorporated, that is fairly narrow. There are no pedestrian facilities on either side of the roadway. We also want to look at drainage concerns with standing water along the roadway. As we do the corridor study, we will also look at the individual intersections along the way and see if there is a need for turn lanes to be added or signalized intersections, and possibly roundabouts. Right now, I do not feel like a roundabout would be necessary on this particular stretch. Pedestrians are a big component of this particular stretch.

Commissioner Boyce: I know the area very well and I know the request, very well. It’s been a long time coming. And, there are a lot of issues, particularly the drainage and the walkway, as you’ve identified. So, I want to be sure I understand. The study will help us understand if some pedestrian elements can be added? I say this because we had a zoning issue there a couple of years ago, and part of the issue was walkability and accessibility, and just the danger of anything along that corridor.

Mr. Robertson: This is a corridor that has been identified as one that may need these very considerations for crash reasons, for pedestrian safety reasons, and so, it is just the beginning step of us trying to zero in on what’s needed. Whether it be for that whole stretch or certain areas localized within that stretch. There are cases that once we complete a corridor study is that the result is that no additional work is warranted at the time. However, my gut reaction is that something is going to be needed.

Commissioner Boyce: For my staff, if we could connect with the Northeast Area Commission, I want to make sure that they know what is going on. If you [to the County Engineer] could keep my office in the loop that would be great because this has been something that is long coming.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0906-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0907-19, Dynotec, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in preparing right-of-way and construction plans for the 50 East Mound Street Improvement project, City of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio (\$92,174.02) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, as noted, this next resolution seeks approval to enter into a consulting services agreement with Dynotec, Inc. consultants, to prepare right-of-way construction plans for 50 East Mound Street improvement project. This project is located in downtown Columbus and proposes to construct a parking lot for Franklin County employees. Dynotec is a local, certified MBE company, and selected via the qualifications-based selection process. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0907-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0908-19, approval of the Morrison Farms East Section 4 subdivision plat, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, this next resolution seeks approval of the Morrison Farms East Section 4 subdivision plat. The subdivision is located in Jefferson Township, east of Wagner Road, south of Havens Corners Road. Approval of this resolution is the last legislative step and allows the developer to begin selling lots and building homes. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0908-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0909-19, report (6th), establishing sums of compensation and damages for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Havens Corners Road, County Road No. 16, at Morrison Farms East Drive improvement, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$500.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, as noted, this final resolution seeks compensation for property owners abutting the Havens Corners Road and Morrison Farms East improvement project. The project is located in the northeast part of Franklin County in Jefferson Township and seeks to widen a portion of Havens Corners Road, east of Wagner. We negotiated with the property owners and the compensation is based on fair market value. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0909-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0910-19, approving six contract extensions for mediation services (\$175,000.00) (Auditor), presented by P.R. Casey, Deputy Chief of Staff and General Counsel, Auditor's Office.

Mr. Casey: Good morning, Commissioners. Before you this morning is a resolution to extend six competitively bid contracts for the Board of Revision, Mediation Program for one year, through the end of 2020. Since 2013, the Mediation Program has resulted in more than 12,000 property evaluation disputes, outside of the regular Board of Revision process. Freeing up Board of Revision backlog and freeing up the time it takes for taxpayers to get a final Determination of Value. Mediation usually takes place over the phone, saving taxpayers travel and time off work costs, as well as eliminating the need for expenses spent on attorneys and expert witnesses. The program has been a huge success for the county, with over 90 percent of the cases referred to mediation, resulting in a successful dispute resolution. It is the Auditor's belief that extending these contracts puts the county in the best position to effectively manage an expected uptick in Board of Revision filings, due to the 2020 triennial update for every parcel in the county. I am happy to take any questions that you may have.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0910-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0911-19, authorizing an application to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas for the appointment of the law firm of Isaac Wiles Burkholder & Teetor, and specifically Andrew Yosowitz and Aaron Glasgow as special assistants to the Prosecuting Attorney regarding pending litigation (Prosecuting Attorney), presented by Nick Soulas, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Mr. Soulas: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution authorizes the Prosecuting Attorney to apply to the Common Pleas Court for an order, pursuant to Revised Code Chapter 305.14. The first step to engaging special counsel to represent Franklin County in pending litigation; the estate of Haines versus Franklin County, et al. As the result of a conflict, the Prosecuting Attorney cannot handle this litigation, so we need to seek outside counsel.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0911-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0912-19, authorizing a supplemental appropriation and a transfer of funds from the Certificate of Title Administration Fund to the General Fund (Clerk of Courts), presented by

Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Clerk of Courts, and Kenneth Skeaton, Director of Auto Title, Clerk of Courts.

Ms. O'Shaughnessy: Good morning, Commissioners. We are transferring \$3 million from our Auto Title Fund back to you, for you to provide essential services to the people of Franklin County. It's a tremendously good story to tell, and I want to say that I am thankful for the 74 deputy clerks who work every day at our north, south, east, and west locations. Issuing auto titles, not only to the general public but to many dealers in Franklin County. It's important for you to title your car in Franklin County. We are now up to \$10 million over my ten years that we have been able to give back to you, to help you balance your budget. It's a good story to tell.

Mr. Skeaton: In our Auto Title Division, we celebrate three wins this year. First and foremost, our team. We have a dynamic team of 74 deputy clerks who process upwards of 550,000 titles this year in 2019, with a 99 percent accuracy rate. It is phenomenal work that they do each and every day. Second, our service. We continue to provide a four-hour turnaround time for our auto dealers. Customers who use one of our four Franklin County locations have an average wait time of 12 minutes, from the time they check-in on our kiosks, until they reach the front counter to be served. One of the exciting things that we're offering as an outreach incentive is, we are really reaching out to our local jurisdictions and we are talking about cross-county titling. If I were to share an opportunity, that's what that would be. The importance of our auto dealers processing titles in Franklin County so that we can continue to provide our surplus to the Clerk's General Fund. Again, revenue is \$3 million; \$10 million over the course of the last ten years is something that we are really proud of.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0912-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0913-19, authorizing a supplemental contract with MAPSYS, Inc. to provide application support services for the Franklin County Clerk of Courts and Probate Court (\$251,900.00) (Clerk of Courts), presented by Adam Luckhaupt, Director of Information Technology, Clerk of Courts, and Brian Evans, IT Director, Probate Court.

Mr. Luckhaupt: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution authorizes a supplemental fixed-rate contract with MAPSYS to primarily support the Probate Court Case Management System and to provide supplemental support to the Franklin County Justice System (FCJS). This is to provide service when Data Center resources are at capacity or when the Ohio Revised Code changes. This contract is for a one-year term, beginning on January 1, 2020, and is not to exceed \$251,900.00, at a fixed rate of \$109 per hour. Pending any questions, I request approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0913-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0914-19, authorizing a contract and Business Associate Agreement with Access 2 Interpreters, LLC, Asian American Community Services, and US Together, Inc. for Interpretation Services (\$100,000.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Amy Funk, Assistant Director of Administration, Office on Aging.

Ms. Funk: Good morning, Commissioners. This contract resolution for interpreters' services was accomplished through an RFP process, in conjunction with the Franklin County Purchasing Department. Office on Aging received seven proposals and based on evaluations, there were three that are recommended for award. These companies have each agreed to be cooperative contract opportunity providers. This contract will be for a two-year period beginning January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021, with an option to extend for one additional two-year period and allows for a maximum one and a half percent increase. Pending any questions, I would respectfully ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0914-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0915-19, 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 (\$306,230.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Amy Funk, Assistant Director of Administration, Office on Aging.

Ms. Funk: This resolution is for a grant contract with the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, who is authorized by the Ohio Department of Aging to administer and distribute funds under the National Family Caregiver Support Program, that's authorized by Title III-E, of the Older Americans Act. The National Family Caregiver Support Program provides caregivers with critical core support services and emergency supplemental services. The total amount awarded to the Office on Aging for 2020 is \$306,230.00. The contract is for a twelve-month period and will be in effect from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. Pending any questions, I would respectfully ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0915-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0916-19, review of a petition to annex 74.215 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City Case #ANX-28-19 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to consider an expedited type two annexation petition of 74.215 acres, from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City. The area to be annexed includes the following properties and owners: Elizabeth Morbitzer, Trustee and Capital City Mechanical, that's two parcels, one at White Road and an additional parcel at 1061 White Road; Heidi Pack, Trustee, one parcel at White Road, at 1179 White Road, and 4517 Jackson Pike; Heidi Pack, Trustee, and Morbitzer Family, LLC, 4535 Jackson Pike; and, Frank Burgstaller, 1179 White Road. All of those parcels are south of White Road, west of Jackson Pike, east of I-71, and north of Pinnacle Club Drive. The petition was filed by agent and attorney Donald Plank, of Plank Law Firm, on behalf of the named property owners, and Craig Moncrief is in attendance on behalf of the law firm. Thirty percent of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Grove City and the City passed Ordinance Number CR-55-19, on November 18, 2019, indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved and a statement regarding incompatible land uses and zoning buffer. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pending any questions, we request your approval. And, just to follow-up from the question at Briefing regarding the large size of the annexation, I did speak with Don Plank, and it is an extension of Pinnacle Golf Club, for single-family residential development.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0916-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0917-19, authorizing a contract with Rarestep Inc., dba Fleetio, for the implementation of a new Fleet Management System (FMS) (\$58,000.00) (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

Ms. Ashcraft: Good morning, Commissioners. The resolution before you is to approve a contract for a Fleet Management System with Rarestep, Inc., doing business as Fleetio. Fleet Management has operated our current system since 2010. We have outgrown its capabilities and there is no upgrade available. Technology has changed greatly since 2010, and there are many more options out there for Fleet Management software. We were encouraged and excited to see all the features that are now available, tasks that we have been doing manually for years can be done at the click of a button. This project was competitively bid on March 7, 2019, RFP-2019-04-06. We received six proposals. We selected the three highest-scoring proposals and those three companies demonstrated their systems for us. The Purchasing Department reviewed the proposals for administrative requirements and the staff at Fleet Management scored and evaluated the proposals. Based on the evaluations, Fleetio was the highest-ranked proposer. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge Kaliyah Martin Shaheen, the former Systems Administrator for the Board of Commissioners, for all of the time and assistance she provided to us at Fleet. This was our first foray into software systems, and we were in need of guidance and help during this project. She spent considerable time and lots of energy on us and I am confident we would not have completed this project without her. Pending any questions, I respectfully request the passage of this resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0917-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0918-19, authorizing a contract agreement with Granite Inliner, LLC for the Sanitary District 4 Lining and Point Repairs Project (\$2,456,845.00) (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Stephen Renner, Director, and Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineers.

Mr. Stowe: Good morning, Commissioners. The resolution before you is for the authorization of a construction contract with Granite Inliner, for the performance of the sanitary district for aligning and point repair project. Sanitary sewer evaluations study that was performed by Brown and Caldwell identified portions of our SD-4 service area sewers that were in need of aligning or repair, to maintain the current level of service. The work includes open cut point repairs of 33 sewer segments and lining of 66 sewer segments, using cured-in-place pipe. The total length of the lining is approximately 18,400 feet. And, pipes range in diameter from 18 to 27 inches. A single bid was received via the ITB process and was reviewed by the Sanitary Engineer and our consultant. Granite Inliner was determined to be the lowest and best bidder, for a total contract sum of \$2,456,845.00. The county has used Granite Inliner in the past and has been highly satisfied with their quality of work. Construction will start this January and will be completed within about eight months. The project will be funded by the \$5 million provided to the Department of Sanitary Engineers, by the Board of Commissioners. Pending any comments or questions, I request the passage of this resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0918-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0919-19, authorizing the increase in the countywide rate structure for water and sewer services (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Stephen Renner, Director, and Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineers.

Mr. Renner: Good morning, Commissioners. Our water and sewer rates are driven by three main drivers. The water and sewer rates from the Columbus Public Utilities, increases in operational maintenance costs and regulatory pressures, as you know, upgrade and replace our aging infrastructure. The Columbus Public Utilities plans to increase its 2020 water and sewer rates by three percent for each type of service. These rates will, therefore, be effective on January 1, 2020. Without further questions, I respectfully request approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0919-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0920-19, approving a contract agreement with Arbor E & T, LLC dba ResCare Workforce Services for work activities services and management (\$2,400,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: Good morning, Commissioners. Since 2012, Franklin County Job and Family Services have contracted with ResCare for the coordination of the OWF customer work activities. Working with sub-contracted providers like Goodwill, Jewish Family Services, and the National Center for Urban Solutions. More than 392 OWF participants employment over the last contract period. Paying an average wage of \$10.85, and as high as \$21.00 per hour. Under this new contract, ResCare and its subcontractors will continue to serve an estimated 450 to 500 work-required OWF customers, per month. This resolution also supports goal number four of the Rise Together blueprint, to improve and increase the delivery of supportive services, for individuals who access employment. Pending any questions, I ask for your approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0920-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0921-19, approving a subaward agreement with the City of Whitehall for programming to increase family stability and barrier removal services for low-income residents (\$500,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: Restore Whitehall is a collaborative community pilot program that seeks to bring together stakeholders, to support educational systems, promotes economic empowerment, create partnerships, and foster individual and family success. It incorporates elements of workforce development, as well as intensive individualized case management, financial literacy, education, and more, to support families and those with complex needs. This pilot program will target 40 low-income families with children attending elementary, middle, and high schools in Whitehall. This resolution also supports goal number four of the Rise Together blueprint, to improve and increase the delivery of supportive services, for individuals who access employment. Pending any questions, I request your approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0921-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0922-19, approving a subaward agreement with Columbus Public Health for infant mortality interventions, education, and outreach strategies (\$705,720.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: Franklin County and our agency have played a critical role in the Celebrate One's efforts to curb infant mortality across Central Ohio, since its inception. This

resolution supports initiatives designed to raise awareness, as well as provide a targeted, direct approach to addressing the underlying issues. By providing crib assessments and distribution, community engagement, comprehensive health education, enhanced media, via the Safe Sleep campaign. These initiatives support goal number eight of the Rise Together blueprint, to improve maternal and child health, among high disparity groups struggling financially. Pending any questions, I request your approval.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0922-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0923-19, approving a contract agreement with the United Way of Central Ohio, Inc. for tax preparation services (\$74,999.99) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: Since its inception in 2006, tax-time, IRS-certified volunteers have helped more than 137,000 Central Ohio households claim over \$147 million in refunds. Under this new agreement, free tax-time services will be available, starting in January, running through Tax Day 2020, at 40 sites across the county. This resolution also supports the action steps of expanding neighborhood-based and work-based financial services to support individual decision-making, and overall walkability, under goal number four of the poverty blueprint. Pending any questions, I request your approval.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0923-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0924-19, approving a contract agreement with Advocacy & Communication Solutions, LLC for early learning programming and community engagement strategies (\$420,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: Since we began offering free training in the summer of 2018, more than 800 professionals, from 407 childcare providers have completed our training. This year alone, we trained 227 providers, exceeding the contracted goal of 215. To date, 54 percent of the providers that have completed our training has earned a star rating. They represent about 45 percent of all rated PFCC providers in the county. In 2020, we will work with ACS and their partners to build off of these efforts, including to implement strategies to increase the number of star-rated providers in Franklin County, to translate our curriculum into Somali and Spanish, to implement a paid media campaign that includes social media, and provide in-person and online training for PFCC providers. This resolution aligns with goal number 11 of the Rise Together blueprint, to increase the number of students at or near the poverty level, experiencing academic success. Pending any questions, I request your approval.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0924-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0925-19, authorizing the Franklin County Job and Family Services Director to authorize and execute inter-county adjustment agreements of allocated funds on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: Earlier this year, you approved a resolution that allowed the director to authorize and execute transfer agreements with other counties on your behalf, through the end of the calendar year, to adjust allocated funds. Thanks in part to this flexibility provided through these inter-county trades, we did not need to request a general fund subsidy for this year. This resolution will extend the director's authority through July 19, 2021, bringing it in line with our subgrant agreement to receive federal funds for state years 2020 and 2021, which you approved in June [2019]. We will continue to provide a summary of any proposed adjustments to the County Administrator, prior to submission to the state, and will provide a quarterly report of all approved transfers to you, Commissioners. Pending any questions, I request your approval.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0925-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0926-19, authorizing the Franklin County Job and Family Services Director to enter into a service agreement with the City of Columbus – Office of Diversity and Inclusion for the facilitation of Race/Equity Training Sessions on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: Commissioners, this is our last resolution for today. As we are working to develop the Rise Together blueprint, everyone from residents up to the steering committee members recognizes the structural and systematic racism as an underlying condition of poverty. We are grateful to you, Commissioners, for your leadership on this front and for the opportunity for many of our agency leaders to undergo the intensive two-day training led by the Racial Equity Institute. This agreement will allow us to facilitate several training cohorts for the City of Columbus staff, and other community partners to undergo training with the Racial Equity Institute, next year. The City of Columbus will cover all costs of those training cohorts. Pending any questions, I request your approval.

Commissioner Boyce: As my three years as a Board of Commissioners member, I think this training is one of the most powerful experiences that I have had. And, I am very critical of those kinds of processes, and I must say, that the model that we contracted for was outstanding and very worthwhile.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0926-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0927-19, authorizing a Catalyst Grant to Goodwill Columbus to provide employment-readiness training for youth ages 18-24 (\$189,757.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. McCrary: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution will allow us to enter into a partnership with Goodwill Columbus, supporting the work that they are doing. They have already piloted the program at a drop-out recovery high school, really reaching children who are not necessarily on a direct trajectory to college. Intervening with those students, providing intensive career coaching, job training, wraparound services, so that they would be qualified for placement in positions that pay more than the minimum wage since they will be entering the workforce directly after high school. Some of the employers that they are partnering with are Nationwide Children's Hospital, Chase Bank, Insight Global, a number of hospitality employers, as well as other healthcare employers. Additionally, Goodwill is proposing through this work to expand this program to Focus Academy, north, east, and west. So, there will be a total of four schools involved in this endeavor going forward in 2020. Pending any questions, I would request the approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0927-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0928-19, authorizing a modification to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (MetLife) contract to provide a voluntary short- and long-term disability program to members of the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (Human Resources), presented by Rob Young, Director, Human Resources.

Mr. Young: MetLife provides our voluntary short-term and long-term disability program to our Cooperative employees. This modification holds long-term disability rates and decreases short-term disability rates. As this program has no cost to the county, that will be directed right back to the employees. Pending any questions, I request approval of the resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0928-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0929-19, authorizing a renewal with Sun Life Financial (Sun Life) for specific excess risk (stop loss) insurance for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (\$1,135,000.00) (Human Resources), presented by Rob Young, Director, Human Resources.

Mr. Young: Stop loss provides self-funded health plans protection against catastrophic and unpredictable claims. The Cooperative's stop-loss transfers the risk from the medical and pharmacy claims that exceed \$1 million for any one individual in the plan year, to the stop-loss carrier. This contract renewal is effective January 1 [2020] and expires December 31, 2020. The total cost of the 12-month contract with Sun Life is \$1,135,000.00. This represents a zero percent increase to the monthly premium charged per employee. Pending any questions, I request approval of the resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0929-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0930-19, authorizing a contract with Abacus Corporation; Brenda J. Davidorf dba TRC Staffing Services; DevCare Solutions, Ltd.; Diskriter, Inc.; GA Administrative Support Services, LLC; Premier Employee Solutions, LLC; Safe Staffing of Ohio; Softsages Technology and Sudhi Infomatics, Inc. for Temporary Staffing Services (\$4,700,000.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Good morning, Commissioners. The resolution before seeks approval of contracts with nine providers of temporary staffing services. Purchasing conducted this procurement in accordance with the competitive bid process outlined in Ohio Revised Code 307.86. A total of 19 bids were received and the referenced providers were deemed to be the lowest and best. The initial term is three years with an option to extend for two additional one-year terms. These are cooperative contracts that are open to all Franklin County agencies, with many also available for all state agencies and other political subdivisions in the State of Ohio. I'd like to thank Marleise Wicker, Franklin County Small and Emerging Business Coordinator. With her partnership we've recognized this service space includes many local small and emerging businesses. With this resolution, we are seeking to expand opportunity by increasing our resource pool, by increasing our temporary staffing providers, from three vendors to nine vendors, which includes seven minority-owned, women-owned, or small and emerging business enterprises. Pending any questions, I respectfully request your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce: When we utilize staffing services, we have to pay them a mark-up, if you will. Are we still adhering to the \$15.00 [per hour] minimum?

Ms. Perry-Balonier: That is not necessarily the case.

Commissioner Boyce: I just want to be thoughtful to someone who is serving in a long-term position, even if it is temporary.

President Brown: I would hope that we don't do long-term assignments.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: I do believe that many of our agencies are using these positions for relatively short periods of time.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0930-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0931-19, authorizing a Contract Modification and Extension to support moving the Data Center's print operations to the Purchasing Department's Print Shop (\$121,030.00) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Juan Torres, Chief Information Officer, Board of Commissioners, and Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Torres: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution seeks approval for a contract modification and extension, with Sophisticated Services for consulting services to assist with moving Data Center print operations to the County Print Shop. Under the terms of the contract modification and extension, the vendor will provide project management and business analysis services to complete the transition of all identified jobs. This is a six-month contract modification extension. Pending any questions, we request your approval.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0931-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0932-19, reconciling 2019 appropriations to align with projected ending revenues in the amended certificate of estimated resources (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution authorizes reconciling adjustments within 18 funds that are required to align with appropriations within the estimated resources of each fund at year-end. These reductions, totaling at just over \$14 million are primarily due to projected revenues within the respective funds falling below the amounts that were originally anticipated for 2019. Pending any questions, I'd ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0932-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0933-19, authorizing a General Fund supplemental appropriation to record the administrative fee charged by the State Tax Commissioner for the collection of the County’s sales tax (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Talarek: This resolution authorizes the supplemental appropriation in order to record the expense, the one percent administrative fee, charged by the state for the collection of the county’s sales tax. The Auditor of State requires that the sales tax be recorded at the gross amount, with the one percent administrative fee recorded as an expense. An appropriation of \$3,133,609.00, is required to cover these expenses for the one percent

administrative fee. In addition to the off-setting revenue adjustment, additionally, there is a revenue adjustment of \$4.1 million, or just over 1.4 percent, bringing total sales tax collections, net of the administrative fee, \$306.1 million into \$310.2 million, due to higher than anticipated collections throughout 2019. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval of this resolution.

A conversation regarding the assessment of the one percent fee, legality of its imposition, its overall use, and how to amend Ohio Revised Code to more favorably benefit the county and the residents of Franklin County ensued.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0933-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0934-19, authorizing transfers to various operating, reserve, and capital funds (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, this resolution authorizes various transfers at the end of the year. Included in the transfers is \$5 million to Public Facilities' permanent improvement fund, the \$3 million that was declared from the auto title will be transferred to the county's justice information systems fund, for the case management system project, as well as other transfers including a minimum of \$5 million to the county's rainy-day fund. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0934-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0935-19, authorizing the annual appropriation measure for Fiscal Year 2020 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget, Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0935-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of December 17, 2019.



MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT

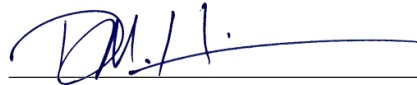


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