

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

December 3, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

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

Also present on the dais were Harold Anderson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget; and, Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

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

President Brown noted that the Commissioners General Session Hearing Room is moving to the first floor, Judicial Services Building (369 S. High Street), effective Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

Approval of the minutes of the November 18, November 25, and November 26, 2019, Budget Hearings. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0860-19, establishing, altering and widening of Elliott Road and Hayden Run Road Drainage Improvement project, Brown Township and Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and Ken Cooper, Safety and Security Superintendent, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning, Commissioners. This first resolution is for drainage improvement in the northwest part of Franklin County, in Washington and Brown Townships. This is the second resolution in a series of two, to allow the project to move forward.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0860-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0861-19, awarding contract and approving contract bond to M. P. Dory Co., for the 2020 Franklin County Traffic Signal Maintenance Program (\$564,151.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and Ken Cooper, Safety and Security Superintendent, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, as stated, this resolution is for a traffic signal maintenance contract award for 2020. We had a competitive bid on October 29 [2019]; two bidders and M.P. Dory Co. had the lowest and best bid.

Commissioner Boyce: Where is M.P. Dory?

Mr. Robertson: M.P. Dory is a local company that has had this particular program for many years. I have worked with them for a very long time and they do very good work. Their address is on Integrity Drive, South, here in Columbus.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0861-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0862-19, CHA Consulting, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing preliminary engineering for the Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Havens Road Improvement project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$400,023.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and Ken Cooper, Safety and Security Superintendent, 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 and Havens Road. This is a preliminary engineering contract with CHA. We used the qualifications-based selection process. They are located on East Broad Street, and we would recommend your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0862-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0863-19, CESO, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing preliminary engineering for the Zuber Road/Plum Run South Drainage Outlet Improvement project, Pleasant Township and Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$175,467.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and Ken Cooper, Safety and Security Superintendent, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this is a similar resolution, in that it is a preliminary design for drainage improvement, in the southwest part of Franklin County, in Pleasant and Jackson Townships. We also used the qualifications-based selection process and would recommend your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0863-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0864-19, authorizing a contract with The Whitestone Group, consultant, to provide lobby security services to the Franklin County Engineer's Office (\$163,800.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and Ken Cooper, Safety and Security Superintendent, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Cooper: Commissioners, with your approval, Cornell Robertson recognized the need for armed security for our employees, our visitors, and anyone who contacts us at 970 Dublin Road, Fisher Road, or our facility at Hendon Road in Groveport. Whitestone Group will be providing the security, but not just the security, the armed security, at these three facilities.

Commissioner Boyce: Have there been any incidents or issues? And, let me just say, you can never do enough for safety. Employees should be protected at the highest level of all times, so I am not being critical. I just want to know more. Is there something that we should know?

Mr. Robertson: It's more a matter of knowing the times that we are in and some things that have happened in other parts of the country. We looked around to some of our other county agencies, the Franklin County Coroner, for example, utilizes the same company, and we didn't want to wait until we had even the first incident before we took action. And so, it is us being proactive and preventive in this notion.

Commissioner Boyce: So, will they take over the front part of the building, so you'll have to go through security before you can get to your offices, or will they be there on the side, kind of just watching?

Mr. Robertson: It would be right in our front lobbies, at each of these locations.

Mr. Cooper: They will be in direct contact, as soon as they enter the facilities. The first person someone is going to see is our armed security. Being 28 years retired Air Force security forces, it is just taking that next step; always being on alert and ready for anything that we may encounter.

Commissioner Brown: Are there cameras in the parking areas where your employees are?

Mr. Robertson: Yes.

Commissioner Brown: So, if anybody needed help in the parking lot, your security folks would be there as well?

Mr. Robertson: Yes ma'am. We've also tightened up security through other factors. We are locking all of the doors, different access points; each employee has an ID that they swipe that allows certain access points, depending on roles and responsibilities. Another level that we have taken recently.

Commissioner Boyce: Is this a one-year contract, and you're just going to reconsider it next year?

Mr. Robertson: Yes, Commissioner.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0864-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0865-19, report (1st) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Roberts Road Shared Use Path Improvement project, Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$19,015.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and Ken Cooper, Safety and Security Superintendent, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this is a shared-use path project, in the northwest part of Franklin County. It's along Roberts Road, east of Alton and Darby Creek Road. It completes a gap in the path along West Rock and Clover Golf Run. This was a collaborative project that included Hilliard, City of Columbus, and Franklin County. This particular resolution is the first report for right-of-way acquisition. It includes one property, and the appraisal was based off on fair market value.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0865-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0866-19, report (5th), 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 (\$1,326.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and Ken Cooper, Safety and Security Superintendent, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this is a road-widening project, along Havens Corners Road, east of Wagner Road. It is the fifth report for right-of-way acquisition. It includes one property and begins the appropriation process, but we will continue to work with the property owner to try to reach an agreement.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0866-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0867-19, authorizing a transfer of non-general fund appropriations for a loan payment to the Ohio Water Development Authority (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Stephen Renner, Director, Sanitary Engineers.

Mr. Renner: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution is asking for your authorization to transfer non-general funds from our water capital funds to our debt service fund.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0867-19, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0868-19, authorizing a transfer of appropriations and a purchase order for the return of prisoners (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff’s Office.

Mr. Masterson: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution authorizes a transfer of appropriations and the approval of a purchase order, to cover the necessary expenses incurred in the pursuit and transportation of prisoners. These appropriations cover the expenses for transporting 45 in July; 34 in August; and, 45 in September. The itemized monthly reports have been submitted and approved by the Sheriff, and we’d recommend your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0868-19, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0869-19, authorizing a contract for attendance services with Columbus City Schools (\$82,413.00) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, and Julie Troth, Supervisor, Domestic Relations.

Ms. Reeves: Good morning, Commissioners. This contract is for a seven-month contract with Columbus Public Schools to reimburse the court for one hundred percent of the cost of two truancy officers. The court currently contracts with the school district for three truancy officers.

Ms. Troth: The Truancy Intervention and Prevention program reduces formal court filings related to truancy, by addressing attendance barriers, by providing resources and services to youth and families. This partnership is an expansion of the existing program, which will provide truancy officers for an additional two Columbus City Schools. We are currently partnered with Columbus City Schools to provide services at West High School, Independence High School, and Marion Franklin High School. These [two new] schools are yet to be determined.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0869-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0870-19, authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations in order to provide the budgetary allotment for meeting December payroll (Board of Elections), presented by Ed Leonard, Director, Board of Elections.

Mr. Leonard: Good morning, Commissioners. The appropriation request is strictly for personnel and fringe benefits. Any materials or services that we need for the month of December, we would be able to pay from our existing appropriation. Again, this is strictly personnel and fringe. As I mentioned at the Budget Briefing last week, I have submitted to our Board a proposal outlining a communication plan that included a paid advertising component. It was discussed for a period at the certification meeting that we had on November 22 [2019], and then it will be discussed next Monday at the monthly Board meeting of the Board of Elections. I wanted to give you that update as well. Unless there are any questions, I would request approval of the resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0870-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner O'Grady voting nay.

Resolution No. 0871-19, to adjust the boundaries of Montgomery Township, thereby making them conform to the boundaries of the City of Columbus Case #ANX-29-19 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, and Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to consider a boundary change petition, to adjust the boundary lines of Montgomery Township to conform to the boundaries of the City of Columbus. This petition was filed by the City of Columbus, authorizing the submission of a petition to the Board of County Commissioners, requesting that the boundary lines of Montgomery Township be changed to make them conform with the corporate limits of the City of Columbus, for the Washington Township area, included in this annexation. The area to be adjusted includes a parcel of land annexed to the City of Columbus, from Washington Township, and approved by you [Board of County Commissioners] on May 21, 2019. That was an expedited type one annexation, known as ANX-09-19. The property annexed consisted of 2.633 acres, at 6488 Hayden Run Road. That was located east and north of Hayden Run, south of Hayden Run Blvd., and west of Avery Road. The City of Columbus accepted the annexation by Ordinance Number 2268-2019, on September 16, 2019. Under the terms of the annexation agreement between the City of Columbus and Washington Township, the boundaries of the site must be conformed, so that the territory annexed to the City of Columbus from Washington Township is actually transferred to Montgomery Township. The petition has been filed in accordance with Section 503.07 of the Ohio Revised Code and pending any questions, we request your approval. And, as Commissioner Brown usually asks that I mention, Montgomery Township is the "paper"

township in this instance. That means it has no administrative authority; and, as it says, it exists on paper only. It just so happened to be enveloped by Columbus through annexation.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you for that explanation.

Commissioner O'Grady: What is the other "paper" township? We have another one.

Ms. Snapp: We discovered this year, after doing some research that there was another "paper" township. Upper Arlington Township, which we did not realize existed. We discovered that by doing some research with the Main Library. We only receive about two of these a year, which is why Commissioner Brown likes the public to know.

President Brown: People wouldn't know otherwise that they existed. There is no township trustee, there is nothing.

Commissioner O'Grady: Does every county have a "paper" township?

Ms. Snapp: No. We have found that it is usually larger cities through annexations.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0871-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0872-19, to repeal the Franklin County administered Enterprise Zone within the City of Whitehall (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, and Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Roth: Good morning, Commissioners. Back in the early-2000s, the County established a number of enterprise zones, with our suburban municipal partners. The City of Whitehall revised its strategy for tax abatements and their municipal authority allows them to grant tax abatements through the Community Reinvestment Area program. The enterprise zone is a quirk; there are only two authorities that can create these: counties and central cities of metropolitan statistical areas. This is a zone that we would administer, and we've never used it for the purposes of granting a tax abatement. With Whitehall having reorganized their strategy around tax abatements, and in the interest in aligning our economic development strategy with our local partners, this is an administrative step to repeal that Enterprise Zone.

Commissioner Boyce: Thanks, Josh. I think it is important to note is the cooperation with the City of Whitehall, and that's really how this should work, even though that seems like a tool or instrument to have an impact. If they've got other plans for that area or they've realigned some policy items, then this makes sense that we align ours with theirs. I like that we are cooperating with the City of Whitehall.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0872-19, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0873-19, authorizing a Novation Agreement with One Columbus (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, and Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Roth: The purpose of this resolution is to amend our annual economic development partner contract with Columbus 2020, and that it to reflect their name change to One Columbus. This resolution will allow us to authorize payment for the final invoice for their economic development services through the rest of the year.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0873-19, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0874-19, authorizing the Assignment and Assumption Agreement of the Enterprise Zone Agreement between Franklin County and PharmaForce, Inc. (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, and Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Roth: The purpose of this resolution is to amend the 2004 Enterprise Zone agreement with PharmaForce. This was in our Hilliard Enterprise Zone. This is in light of their recent corporate restructuring, and subsequent name change to American Regio, Inc. Under this amended agreement, American Region will assume all of the remaining obligations of that agreement. The interesting this about this is that the tax abatement ended in 2015, and there is a ‘clawback’ provision within the agreement that should the company relocate or cease its operations, within a five-year period after the end of the abatement, we would be able to attempt to recoup some of the taxes that had been abated. This resolution recognizes that their corporate restructuring is not a default on that obligation. I also wanted to note that the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) reviewed this in 2016, and the company was in compliance at the time, exceeding the job creation commitment by a total of 43, and a payroll commitment by a little more than half a million dollars, so they have been a good corporate citizen for us.

Commissioner Boyce: What kind of company is PharmaForce?

Mr. Roth: I don’t remember.

Director Schimmer [from the audience]: They are in the pharmaceutical industry.

Commissioner Boyce: I just want to say that I believe very strongly in clawback provisions. If a company does not uphold their end of the bargain, we’re able to recoup what was abated in the original agreement, and so I am supportive of this.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0874-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0875-19, authorizing an Amendment to the Enterprise Zone Agreement with the City of Grove City and Grove City MOB, LLC (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, and Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Roth: Commissioners, this is a project that is in our Enterprise Zone with Grove City, and this is a project that we brought before the Board back in 2017, to enter into an Enterprise Zone Agreement with Grove City, for the construction of an \$11 million medical office building facility. Their job creation commitment was for 20 new permanent FTEs, and to maintain a payroll of at least \$1.6 million. The reason why we need to do this resolution is that they've experienced some construction delays, and so we need to adjust some deadlines within that original agreement.

President Brown: Do you think they will meet the obligations of the agreement?

Mr. Roth: Yes.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0875-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0876-19, approving a subaward agreement with Action for Children for quality early learning program services (\$300,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, and Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: Good morning, Commissioners. Under this agreement, Action for Children will provide recruitment, training, and ongoing technical assistance for individuals looking to become state-licensed childcare providers. In addition to providing mandatory, core training classes to obtain a license, Action for Children will also continue to offer training and technical assistance to providers pursuing Step Up to Quality rating. During the last contract period, Action for Children assisted 154 childcare providers to obtain a renewal, or increase their star rating, and secure Step Up to Quality commitments from 61 providers. Under the new contract, Action for Children plans to secure 60 Step Up to Quality commitments, and 50 home providers, registered for Step Up to Quality rating, and provide 45 home providers secure or increase their rating. In addition to providing individualized technical assistance, this resolution also supports goal number 11 of the Rise Together blueprint, increasing the number of children at or near the poverty level, experiencing academic success.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, I would like to make mention to the public that with your \$2.5 million investment to the Step Up to Quality mandate by the state, which we have identified potentially could have been a community crisis, and we're still working on that, with the free training with those dollars that you have allocated to date, Franklin County has provided 390 providers, separate from this contract, with free technical training assistance, and 212 of those providers have received their star rating.

President Brown: That's great. And, I know we still have work to do. Is there any information that you want to give to providers or to anyone else on how they can get trained?

Ms. Bivens: Those that are interested can go to stepup2starrating.com. We will be continuing to provide free training. We are having a free informational session this evening at 6:30 P.M.

Ms. Turner: We also have ongoing training for centers and in-home providers, by contacting us via the website, you can register for the free training. Pending any questions, we ask for your approval.

President Brown: This is really important. It is a workforce issue, as well as it is getting children into this quality childcare.

Ms. Biven: Of the 27,000 children that receive publicly funded childcare, 68 percent of those kids live in the lowest asset neighborhoods, and they are children of color. When we speak of the Poverty Blueprint plan, these are the efforts, partnering with Action for Children and others are essential. That's why we have a representative on staff now that is going door-to-door, engaging those administrators, in order to get 'stepped up.'

President Brown: As I understand it, we are the only county in the state that has expended dollars in the way that we have, to make sure that our childcare centers have received the training in the way that they have.

Ms. Bivens: Because 10,000 working mothers and fathers would not have been able to drop off their children.

President Brown: Absolutely. Thank you.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0876-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0877-19, approving subaward agreements with IMPACT Community Action and Partners Achieving Community Transformation for workforce training programs (\$800,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, and Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, this particular resolution is with IMPACT Community Action. IMPACT will continue to partner with Capital Transportation, on the Roads to Work training program. Participants complete an estimated 180-hours, over a five-week period, to earn their commercial driver license (CDL). During the last pilot program, 19 of the 20 graduates have accepted employment in the transportation industry, earning a wage of \$18.00 an hour. Under this new agreement, the partners will seek to enroll 75 low-income, under-employed, or formerly incarcerated individuals in the program. Also, under this same resolution is the Building Care Futures community health worker training program, which is offered by The Ohio State University's Nursing School, in partnership with pathways, which is a 12-week certification program, from low-income communities, including Celebrate One's high priority neighborhoods, with skills to become a certified community health worker. These programs support goal number three of the Rise Together blueprint, increasing access to relevant training for credentials that meet local demand for employer commitments to hire and promote. These are the types of programs that really do assist so that individuals do not go into debt to earn a livable wage. Commissioners, today we have with us Bo Chilton, who is the lead agency in the Roads to Work program, along with a student from the program, Ms. Kimyahta Hairston.

Mr. Robert "Bo" Chilton, Chief Executive Officer, IMPACT Community Action, and Ms. Kimyahta Hairston, a Roads to Work program student, discussed the impact and importance of the program. The importance of how the program can impact someone's life was discussed, and a question and answer session ensued, with the Commissioners inquiring of Ms. Hairston's personal experiences. Finally, Mr. Richard M. Crocket, President & CEO, Capital Transportation Academy, offered a reflection on how this county-led initiative is helping to transform lives and assist in meeting an increased demand for CDL drivers.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0877-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0878-19, approving a subaward agreement with Tech Corps Ohio for youth technology programming (\$180,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, and Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: Commissioners, Computing Career Force, is a 15-week course designed for high school students, to increase participants' knowledge of and skills in the computer sciences field. This program introduces students to a variety of technology career pathways, including programming, software engineering, robotics, and app development. The students earn badges for mastering different skills, equipping them with the tools to compete in the twenty-first century, and a technology-based economy, and making them more attractive to college admissions counselors, and potential employers. These are good-paying jobs, in a demanding career field that students may not otherwise be exposed to. This year, Tech Corps will target approximately 125 TANF-eligible youth, ages 14 to 18. The resolution supports youth goal number 11, of the Rise Together blueprint, increasing

the number of students at or near the poverty level, experiencing academic success. Pending any questions, I request your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0878-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0879-19, approving amendments to subaward agreements with Community Refugee and Immigration Services, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, Jewish Family Services, and US Together, Inc. for refugee employability services (\$1,373,182.85) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, and Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: As you know, we are the only county job and family services agency to receive state refugee social services funding. The funding is intended to help eligible, newly arrived refugees across the Central Ohio region address challenges and barriers to employment, such as language, education, and work skills. The ultimate goal is to help move these individuals and families that have been impacted by trauma and violence into employment, as soon as possible. Over the last three years, the Franklin County social services collaborative partners have enrolled more than 1,600 refugees in the RSS [Refugee Social Services] program, with 70 percent of the refugees obtaining employment. This is exceeding the state target of 53 percent. Most of these jobs are fulltime, with benefits, providing an average wage of \$12.96 an hour. With this second allocation, our RSS collaboration partners will be able to serve an estimated 465 refugees. Pending any questions, I request your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0879-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0880-19, authorizing receipt of Franklin County's FY 2019 Title II Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Block and Planning Grants, and the authorization of the President of the Board of Commissioners to sign all acceptance documents and waivers related to the Title II Grant Programs (\$120,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Good morning, Commissioners. As indicated in the title, this asks for your acceptance of the fiscal year 2019 Title II Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Block grant. The grant itself is in the amount of \$110,000; the administrative grant in the amount of \$10,000 that goes with it and authorizes the Board of Commissioners to sign all requisite documents. Pending any questions, we'd ask for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0880-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0881-19, authorizing a subgrant award and contract for services to Advocating Opportunity for victim services under the FY 2018 S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act Block Grant (\$35,735.73) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioners, with this resolution we're entering into a contract with Advocating Opportunities, using our 2018 VAWA funds. I am excited to see where this project goes because this is providing victim services at the intersection of domestic violence and sex trafficking. We know, in many cases, women who are being trafficked, or are in survival sex are not in a relationship with their trafficker, but in many cases, they are. This is going to address that issue, where is my trafficker, my pimp, or that person who is engaged in that sort of physical abuse with me, is also my intimate partner. So, it will be interesting to see that intersectionality and how we can help those women who have traditionally had difficulty trying to figure out which system they were supposed to be in. We're looking forward to seeing where this goes.

President Brown: We have not done anything in this arena before, have we?

Mr. Daniels: No, Commissioner.

President Brown: Has the court done anything?

Mr. Daniels: Not to my knowledge. We do know that Advocating Opportunity has done this in other cities, and we were able to find them, but it's a delicate intersection, as you can imagine. But an intersection that we simply cannot ignore. Because there are a substantial number of women who are working in survival sex who are in that trafficking situation, who do consider their traffickers their intimate partner.

President Brown: I will be curious to see what information we can glean from the assistance given and if we see some signs that we ought to continue to invest in this arena. I think it is so important.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0881-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0882-19, authorizing subgrant awards and contracts for services with YMCA and ALL THAT for juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programming under the FY 2018 Title II Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Block Grant (\$25,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioners, this uses 2018 Title II dollars for two contracts; one with the YMCA to continue their truancy intervention program; and, the other with All That, to provide mentoring, life skills, and academic coaching, specifically for young folks who are along the Livingston Avenue corridor. Pending any questions, we'd ask for your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0882-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0883-19, making the Paid Family Leave program a permanent benefit (Human Resources), presented by Rob Young, Director, Human Resources.

Mr. Young: Good morning, Commissioners. Two years ago, with Resolution 0013-18, you approved a two-year pilot program for paid family leave. The program provides two weeks, 80 hours of leave at one hundred percent for childbirth, adoption, or the care of eligible family members for a qualifying reason, and it can be used once each calendar year. The pilot program has been well received, with 43 percent of claims are parents bonding with a new child; 57 percent are individuals caring for a seriously ill family member. The resolution will make this a permanent benefit, effective January 1, 2020. Pending any question, I request approval of the resolution.

President Brown: That is great; thank you.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0883-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0884-19, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$3,823,387.58) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Wicker, Small and Emerging Business Coordinator.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Good morning, Commissioners. This morning, Purchasing is presenting to you the final PO resolution for 2019. This resolution includes 246 purchase orders (POs), for which the County Auditor has pre-certified available funding.

Ms. Wicker: This week's small and emerging business (SEBEs) vendors include 55 eligible purchase orders, totaling approximately \$277,000. These purchase orders are for goods and services that have a higher likelihood of participation by small and emerging businesses. Of these, 19 were awarded, which include four minority-owned businesses; two women-owned businesses; and, three small and disadvantaged SEBEs, totaling approximately \$160,256.00, which is 33 percent of the eligible PO volume, and 51 percent of the eligible purchase order dollar value.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Pending any questions, we request your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0884-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0885-19, authorizing appropriation adjustments for the county's wellness incentive and public transportation benefit programs, termination payouts, workers' compensation expenses, and to offset budgeted vacancy reductions (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning, Commissioners. This is our annual resolution to ensure that agencies are able to make payroll through the end of the year. The resolution includes transfers in the general fund of \$9.7 million; transfers within non-general fund agencies of \$2.1 million; and, a supplemental appropriation for non-general fund agencies, totaling \$1.7 million. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0885-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0886-19, authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Confluence Community Authority, and an Amendment to the Development Agreement among the County, the City of Columbus, Crew SC Stadium Company, LLC, the Confluence Community Authority and Crew SC Development Company, LLC, for the support of Confluence Village and a Community Sports Park (Board of Commissioners), presented by Emmett M. Kelly, Counsel, Frost Brown Todd, LLC.

Mr. Kelly: Good morning, Commissioners. The resolution before you seeks to amend the development agreement that was previously approved by the Commissioners earlier this year. This allows for the Confluence Community Authority to join the Agreement. It allows for some changes to the developer company, the operations' stadium company, and the Sports Park. There is also an intergovernmental agreement that this resolution approves between the Confluence Community Authority and the Commissioners, with respect to the commitment of the economic development payment, which has already been appropriated for this year, and for that commitment that extends for 29 years, thereafter. So, each year you will approve your budget which will have that appropriation in it.

Commissioner Boyce: I recognize that you may not be able to answer this and that's okay, but there have been some write-ups, regarding the affordable housing element of this entire project. And, while this agreement does not get at that, is there anything in this agreement that gets to what is being built around the affordable housing aspects? Based on some of the writings, it appears that the conversation may be changing. So, I am trying to get my hands around that. Is that something that this agreement addresses?

Mr. Kelly: Not specifically addressed in this amendment. The major thing in this amendment is allowing the Confluence Authority to join the development agreement and the inter-governmental agreement between both the county and that Authority.

Commissioner Boyce: Will the Authority be able to issue debt just for the stadium work, or not?

Mr. Kelly: That is correct. Once the Authority has the ability with revenues on the project, which will be that private, mixed-use development that you are talking about, they'll be able to issue debt further.

President Brown: So, that is a question more for the Authority.

Commissioner Boyce: It is. And, I was just going to say, going forward, our representatives on the Board, which I believe are Ken Wilson and Erik Janas, neither of which are here, we need to push this conversation with our role on the Authority Board to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to be a part of this community, this neighborhood, and I want to plant that seed because it is very important that as this develops there are opportunities for everybody to live there. And, I want that to be on the record as part of our principle perspective as we are going forward with that. So, if we're issuing bonds for this development, that should be part of the conversation. And, that's really directed at our representatives, Ms. Long, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Janas.

President Brown: I think you are right. I do think that you are absolutely right, and I think that is a conversation that we need to have and keep in mind, for the Authority. My question, for us and for the public to keep in mind, is our investment. Zak, can you reiterate what our investment is again? It has not changed.

Mr. Talarek: Correct. The commitment that was initially made of \$2.5 million in cash contributions is part of the annual economic development contribution for the thirty-year period stays the same.

President Brown: I just want to make it clear that it does not change. No matter what else is going on, that contribution does not increase.

Commissioner Boyce [To Deputy Kris Long]: I would like to follow-up with Mr. Wilson and Mr. Janas about this idea of affordable housing being incorporated into their broader development conversations, as they represent Franklin County.

Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator: Commissioner, absolutely. I am secretary to the Board, a non-voting member, but in addition to Ken, Erik, and myself, I will ensure that this gets brought up at the very next meeting, and I will follow-up with Ken and Erik to have the conversations with each of you on this topic.

President Brown: I think we all have that commitment that we've made with Economic Development's Affordable Housing lens that we have supported, and that we know we need in this community, for affordable housing that any development like this needs to have that component included. So, I am glad you brought it up [To Commissioner Boyce].

Commissioner Boyce: Because they are public dollars. I just think that is a logical and important request that it is just going to have to make a continued push for that conversation. And, development is complicated. I understand that the numbers make it complicated, but it is something that we need to make sure is happening.

Commissioner O'Grady: Does anyone know how much of this planned development is housing?

Mr. Kelly: That number is still in flux. As the plan develops, we will be able to answer that better.

President Brown: So, we will just have to keep on top of it.

Mr. Kelly: I think that Commissioner Boyce's direction to the Authority Board makes good sense and is a good direction.

President Brown: It is a lot of public money going into the project. It would make sense for both the city and county to have some say in what goes on.

Mr. Kelly: Absolute, and you do.

Commissioner Boyce: I also want to thank your firm [to Mr. Kelly]. Your firm has done a very good job representing Franklin County. Thanks to everyone.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0886-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

President Brown: [To the Clerk] Do we have any journalizations?

Dean Hindenlang, Clerk, Board of Commissioners: We have two, Commissioner.

Mr. Hindenlang: Case #ANX-30-19. An expedited type two annexation petition, ANX-30-19 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on November 26, 2019. The petition is requesting to annex 0.972 +/- acres from Prairie Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on January 7, 2020. Site: 975 Hilliard-Rome Road, PID #240-000003.

Mr. Hindenlang (cont.): Case #ANX-31-19. An expedited type two annexation petition, ANX-31-19 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on November 26, 2019. The petition is requesting to annex 0.388 +/- acres from Perry Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on January 7, 2020. Site: Riverside Drive, PID #212-001273.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 A.M.

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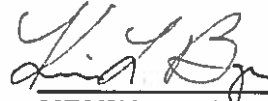
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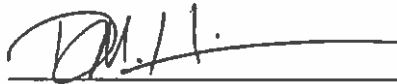


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