

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

January 21, 2020

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Present were: John O'Grady, President
Marilyn Brown, 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 Long, Deputy County Administrator; Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator; and, Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

President O'Grady: This morning, I am proud to introduce everyone to a real hometown hero. We have with us this morning, Ronald "Ron" Hollins, who is with us this morning to be recognized for his service to Franklin County. Welcome and thank you for joining us, Ronald.

(Applause)

President O'Grady: If you wouldn't mind sharing with us some of your background, as I understand you are a U.S. Navy veteran. We are here this morning to recognize you for your service at the PEER Center, and for the benefit of the audience and the audience at home, can you please tell us about the PEER Center, and share with us your journey, and what makes you a successful Peer Support Specialist.

Mr. Ronald Hollins: Good morning and thank you for having me here, Commissioners. I joined the Navy in 1993, right out of high school. I grew up on the south side, after moving here from Los Angeles, California. My mother was a drug addict, prior to my birth, and losing her sister a few days before I was born from an overdose, pretty much stopped her drug use. She made me aware of the dangers of drugs and what they can do to you and the people around you. I never had any dealing with drugs, early on in my life. I never saw my mother use drugs. Fast forward and we move to Columbus, and I started high school and we lived on the south side. It was drug ridden, gang ridden, and I wasn't into any of that; I played sports. A friend of mine from school, came over to my house on a Friday, the first time he ever came over to my house. Within five minutes of being there, there was a drive-by shooting on the house next door, and he was shot in the chest.

Luckily, he lived, and that was the deciding factor in me wanting to get out of that environment. So, I joined the Navy in the eleventh grade, through the Delayed Entry Program. I went in right after graduation and I was hand selected to be on a ship, the USS Barry, DDG-52, which was the first combat ready, guided missile destroyer. I did two years on the ship, and prior to that I had gotten married and had a child. And, what I didn't know at the time, was that my wife was mentally ill. So, two years in, I got off of the ship and went to a diving unit. And, my wife ran off with my son. I wasn't able to find them until a few years later, and just in time to find out that she had been abusing him, and he was given up for adoption. So, of course that was hard to deal with. Right after that, I found out that my mother was terminally ill with cancer. So, in a two-year span, I lost my son, and I lost my best friend, in my mother. For a lot of years, I punished myself. Not through drug use or anything of that nature, but I didn't think I was worthy to have anything, or to be successful, or to do anything with my life. I felt hopeless, which a lot of people do in certain situations. So, years go by and about seven years ago, a friend of mine, a close friend who we actually joined the Navy together, he got me to come out. I was suffering from depression and PTSD at the time, and I didn't know. He made a comment about how I was a shadow of my former self. And as time went on, a few weeks, it just started eating at me. Because, I started thinking about the person that I used to be. I used to be outgoing and want to help people, and things of that nature. Instead, I was living in a friend's basement, pretty much watching Netflix; not wanting to go outside. His words just kept eating at me, and finally I decided that I have to do something. I can't keep living my life like this. So, I essentially became homeless to utilize a lot of the programs that are available to the homeless. So, I went to Volunteers of America, through their homeless veterans program. And, within six months I had housing, I had a job, and I was getting therapy for the PTSD and depression that I was diagnosed with.

Mr. Hollins (cont.): Fast forward, and I wanted to do more for the community and help those who aren't as privileged as I am. That's what led me to the PEER Center. A friend of mine told me about the PEER Center and the work they were doing in the community, with drugs, trauma, and mental illness. As soon as I got there, I knew it was the perfect fit for me. It's ground zero, the front line, of a lot of things that are plaguing our communities. Mainly drug use and addiction. I've been there almost two years now, and I can honestly say that we make a difference every day. Whether it be someone who is dealing with trauma and they need to be around someone who can understand, who has lived that similar experience, mental illness, or drug addiction. Everyone who works at the PEER Center has an experience in one of those areas, if not all. I am grateful to be able to work there, and I am grateful to be able to help those in my community that are in need. I just want to thank everyone for giving me the chance to come here and talk about that, and give me this platform. Thank you.

(Applause)

Commissioner Boyce: Let me start by just saying congratulations, on your journey. Your journey, and your story is very much like that of Ohioans, of Franklin County residents. I really like how you highlighted the Volunteers of American program. Because, really, that's where Franklin County comes in. And, that is supporting agencies that are helping people make a difference in their lives. This commission, my two colleagues and myself, have really zeroed in on supporting and helping our residents who need the most help. And, your story is very much an illustration of

why that investment is so important and how much of a difference it can make. So, I just want to say congratulations, as you're a shining example of what can be, and to me, the best part of life is the possibilities that exist in it. That's what your story is, sir. I just want to congratulate you and tell you to keep going; building chapters in your own life story book, because I have a really good feeling that they are going to be great.

(Applause)

Mr. Hollins: Thank you.

Commissioner Brown: I want to thank you, for sharing this story, because I think it's important for people in the community to hear these stories. Because, many people like you acknowledge that it's not always easy to get help. And, to be able to be brave enough to get that help is really not always so easy. So, thank you for sharing the story, today, with us. And, I know you've got lots of friends in the community, because we heard from one of them. We are so thrilled to recognize you for your journey, and as Commissioner Boyce said, this is really important. To take what you have gone through and go forward and help others. That's what we do here in Franklin County, and we're thrilled that you are here today. We're honored that you're here. Thank you for your service in the Navy, and thank you for your service now.

President O'Grady: Two things. One, it's wonderful that you are paying back; that you're involved in the PEER Center. But, as importantly, thank you for being here this morning and for sharing your story, because, when you started you apologized for being shy. It's one thing to do the work every day, it's a whole other thing to be willing to stand up, especially when it is not a comfort level for you; to stand up and share your story, when it is something that is difficult for you to do. So, thank you for being willing to be here this morning and share your story. The second things is, we would like to have a picture taken with you and recognize you for your work and for being here today.

(A resolution was presented to Mr. Hollins and a group photo was taken)

President O'Grady: We are honored to welcome Sarah Pariser, Director of Grants and Programs, and Urvi Patel, Director of Strategic Communications, from The Women's Fund [of Central Ohio]. They are here to brief us on the gender and racial wealth gap report that they completed last year. It's no secret that my colleagues and I have made mitigating poverty in Franklin County one of our top priorities. Thanks to partners like The Women's Fund, we understand it takes a conscious and focused effort to first shine a light on the problem, and more importantly, solve them with innovative, creative ways to support every resident, every day. I know this study dovetails nicely with our county Rise Together Blueprint for Reducing Poverty. Thanks for being here this morning.

Ms. Sarah Pariser and Ms. Urvi Patel detailed the findings from their recent study, entitled "Assets for Equity: Building Wealth for Women in Central Ohio." The report details local and national statistics of wages versus the wealth gap. Further, information on the barriers, accelerators, and

what gender and racial wealth gaps are, and how it impacts the lives of women in Central Ohio, was discussed and reviewed. A PowerPoint Presentation was utilized during the review of this briefing, and is on file with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Brown moved for the approval of the minutes of the August 13, 2019, and January 16, 2020 General Session meetings; and, the January 16, 2020 Briefing Session, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0024-20, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5543.06, setting Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Boat House at Confluence Park for the Annual Meeting of the Franklin County Engineer between Township and County authorities (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and John Maynard, Real Estate Manager, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning, Commissioners. This first resolution is for the annual meeting of county and township officials. This is required by Ohio Revised Code. We collaborate with Joe Mazzola [Health Commissioner, Franklin County Public Health], as he is also required to have an annual meeting, so this year we proposed to have the meeting on March 26, at 6:00 p.m., at The Boathouse, at Confluence Park.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0024-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0025-20, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to submit an application, sign documents and enter into project agreements on behalf of Franklin County for the 2020 Scrap Tire Grant Program offered by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and John Maynard, Real Estate Manager, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, as the resolution states, this resolution allows us to apply for the Scrap Tire Grant Program, administered by Ohio EPA. More specifically, we propose that ground scrap tires be incorporated into the hot mix asphalt, for Wagner Road, from Kennedy north, to Clark State Road in Jefferson Township.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0025-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0026-20, requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on a portion of Cosgray Road, County Road No. 39, Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and John Maynard, Real Estate Manager, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is for a speed limit reduction in the northwest part of Franklin County in Washington Township, in the area of Hilliard, along Cosgray from Baldwin Road north, to Hayden Run Road. We conducted a speed limit study and would propose that the speed limit be reduced from 55 miles per hour, to 45 miles per hour. If this resolution is approved, we will forward the study to the Ohio Department of Transportation. If they agree, we will change the signs in the field.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0026-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0027-20, report (5th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation and damages for a portion of the owners on the Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Clark State Road improvement project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$453,418.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and John Maynard, Real Estate Manager, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Maynard: Commissioners, this resolution seeks compensation for a property owner in the Reynoldsburg-New Albany, Clark State improvement project, for a modern day roundabout, funded with ODOT Safety Funds and OPWC funding. This compensation is negotiated with the property owner, based off of the appraisal of fair market value pricing. This particular parcel is in the northwest corner.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0027-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0028-20, report (6th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation and damages for a portion of the owners on the Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Clark State Road improvement project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$81,177.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and John Maynard, Real Estate Manager, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Maynard: This resolution is for the same project at Reynoldsburg-New Albany. This parcel of property is located on the southeast corner. The offer was based on fair market value pricing.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0028-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0029-20, report (7th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Clark State Road improvement, Franklin County, Ohio (\$30,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and John Maynard, Real Estate Manager, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Maynard: This resolution seeks compensation for the property owner at the same project; the Reynoldsburg-New Albany at Clark State Road roundabout. This offer was tendered on fair market value appraisal. This parcel is located on the west side of the project.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0029-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0030-20, report (8th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation and damages for a portion of the owners on the Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Clark State Road improvement project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$70,042.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and John Maynard, Real Estate Manager, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Maynard: This resolution seeks compensation for the property owners of the Reynoldsburg-New Albany at Clark State Road roundabout project. This parcel is located on the northeast part of the project.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0030-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0031-20, authorizing an extension with Point & Pay, LLC for the Franklin County Treasurer's Online Payment System (\$5,000.00) (Treasurer), presented by James Holmes, Chief Technology Officer, Treasurer's Office.

Mr. Holmes: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution is requesting authorization to extend the contract with Point & Pay. Point & Pay is the vendor that allows for online payment of taxes, by the taxpayers.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0031-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0032-20, authorizing an agreement with the law firm of Isaac Wiles, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for legal services (\$100,000.00) (Prosecuting Attorney), Nick Soulas, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Mr. Soulas: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution before you is a resolution to authorize the Prosecutor and Commissioners, together, to engage the law firm of Isaac Wiles, to represent the interests of the county in regard to the estate of Joseph Haynes versus Franklin County, in federal district court. The Prosecutor's Office has a conflict, as

a result of having some of the assistant prosecutors being witnesses to the underlying matter.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0032-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0033-20, authorizing a contract for consulting services with TMH Solutions, Inc. to support the implementation of the new Court Case Management System (\$2,007,720.00) (Clerk of Courts), presented by Adam Luckhaupt, Director of Information Technology, and Torrey Taylor, Director of Legal Operations, Clerk of Courts.

Mr. Luckhaupt: This resolution is for a supplemental contract with TMH Solutions, LLC, for two project managers to oversee the implementation of the new Court Case Management System. The term of this contract is thirty-nine months, with an option to extend the contract another eleven months, in an amount not to exceed \$2,007,720.00. TMH Solutions is a locally-based small and emerging business that has project managers at both the Board of Elections and the Office on Aging. Pending any questions, I request approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0033-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0034-20, authorizing a contract extension for Veterans Service Commission and Mike's Copy Works for consulting services for advertising and promotional media placement (\$110,000.00) (Veterans Services), presented by Matthew Zelnik, Director of Community Outreach, Veterans Services.

Mr. Zelnik: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution authorizes a contract extension for the consulting services for advertising and promotional media placement, for the Veterans Service Commission. The Veterans Service Commission has a need to advertise promotional media to provide awareness to the general public, and more specifically, the veterans of Franklin County on the services provided by the agency. We've been satisfied of the services previously offered, and are therefore seeking this extension.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0034-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0035-20, authorizing a contract with the Desert Island Club for the provision of a safe and sober space in the form of a recovery clubhouse (\$25,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Good morning, Commissioners. Our first contract is with the Desert Island Club, which is a clubhouse over on the west side of town. It has been in operation for quite some time. It provides twelve-step programs, as well as other programming and safe spaces. We're helping them to expand their outreach, especially along the Sullivant Avenue corridor. Pending any questions, we'd ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown: This is great.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0035-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0036-20, authorizing a contract with Garrett Recovery Housing to provide street outreach, case management, and a drop-in center to individuals at high risk for overdose and death due to opioid abuse through grant funding (\$125,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioners, this is using funding from Franklin County Public Health, via the CDC grant specific to opioid abuse and intervention. This will support Garrett Recovery Housing, over on the west side on Sullivant Avenue, in the heart of epidemic; to support collaboration, peer support, and provide personal hygiene and wound care kits, weekly recovery management groups, health testing, and case management. Pending any questions, we'd ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0036-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0037-20, authorizing the submittal of a federal grant application by the Office of Justice Policy and Programs (OJPP) through the FY2020 Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence grant program and authorizing the County Administrator to sign required application documents (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioners, this is an application that we plan on making, in conjunction with the City of Columbus, specifically the city's Attorney's Office, the Columbus Division of Police, ourselves, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, and other partners that would allow us to apply for a grant through the Office on Violence Against Women. This would fund the implementation of the blueprint for safety model, which most of us are familiar with and have discussed creating a county-wide integrated, cohesive, victim-centered approach to domestic violence and intimate partner violence. We need your authorization to enter into this agreement with the city to apply for these funds, and because it is a very tight timeline, we're asking for you to let the County Administrator to sign any necessary documents.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0037-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0038-20, authorizing appropriation adjustments for various construction projects (Public Facilities Management), presented by Lauren Stull, Assistant Director & Chief Financial Officer, Public Facilities Management.

Ms. Stull: Good morning, Commissioners. The resolution before you authorizes appropriation adjustments to reconcile various construction funds. Specifically, this resolution authorizes supplemental appropriations in the Public Safety Center Fund, in order to reconcile appropriations with anticipated expenses, associated with contracts already awarded for the new Corrections Center, based upon updated cash flow projections from the construction teams. This request also decreases appropriations in the Parking and Facility Renovation Bond Fund, for expenses that occurred in 2019. Pending any questions, we request your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0038-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0039-20, authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for the purchase of capital equipment (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Good morning, Commissioners. As stated, this resolution would authorize a transfer of general fund appropriations, in the amount of \$37,353.00, for material and services for capital outlays. This transfer will allow Purchasing to make payment for a new inserter at the Print Shop, receipt of which occurred later than anticipated at the end of fiscal year 2019. Pending any questions, I request your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0039-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0040-20, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Commissioners, this resolution requests your approval of 644 purchase orders (POs), in the amount of \$32,695,597.82, for which the County Auditor has pre-certified available funding. As a reminder, agencies are required to open new POs at the beginning of each fiscal year. These POs, in most cases, serve as encumbrances for budgeted costs that are anticipated through December 2020. Pending any questions, I request your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0040-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0041-20, designating the Official Representative and Alternate for the purpose of voting at the Annual Meeting of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio in 2020 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution would designate Commissioner O'Grady as the official voting representative, and Commissioner Boyce as the alternate voting representative, pursuant to the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0041-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0042-20, authorizing a contract with Bricker & Eckler to perform services associated with arbitrage, rebate, and yield restriction compliance, and to serve as bond counsel and provide advice in public finance matters as needed during 2020 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, this resolution would allow the law firm of Bricker & Eckler to perform the calculations required by I.R.S. guidelines on interest earnings, on the county's tax exempt proceeds. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0042-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0043-20, authorizing a contract with Frost Brown Todd to serve as bond counsel and provide advice in public finance matters during 2020 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, this resolution would authorize the law firm of Frost Brown Todd, specifically, Emmett Kelly and David Rogers, to continue performing services as bond counsel, and providing advice in public finance matters. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval of this resolution.

President O'Grady: David, please come up if you could, please.

Mr. David Rogers: Commissioners, with the resolution before you we're happy to continue to serve. We did that last year and the year before, with Franklin County's first triple A

(AAA), double triple A (AAA, AAA) sales tax bond, for the Justice Center, and the county's participation in the MLS Crew Stadium, as well as the Hilton expansion. A lot of good jobs, creating economic development projects. And, we're looking forward to more.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0043-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0044-20, authorizing a consultant agreement with Ice Miller, in an amount not to exceed \$280,000, for legal and consulting services (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, this resolution would authorize the contract with Ice Miller, for various labor relations matters, including collective bargaining negotiations and workers compensation. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0044-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0045-20, 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 Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, this is the annual contract that we have for administrative counsel services for the Hospital Commission. The contract with Frank Hirsch is in the amount of \$16,000.00, which is the same amount as last year's contract. Pending any questions, I would ask for your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Brown: Is there any succession plan for when he [Mr. Hirsch] is ready to move on? Is there anybody else being trained? Because he has been doing this for a number of years.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, I have been speaking with Mr. Hirsch, and we are putting together a records retention schedule, working with Kris Long (Deputy County Administrator) and Nick Soulas (First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office) that ensures that we have all of the records, and have that process ready once the time comes for a transition to happen.

Commissioner Brown: Do we have others that are willing to do this work?

Mr. Talarek: That is something that I will continue to work with County Administration, providing that guidance.

Commissioner Brown: I just want to make sure that we are making the necessary plans, because it is bound to happen.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0045-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

President O'Grady: Dean, do we have any journalizations?

Clerk: Yes, one, Commissioner.

Case #ANX-01-20. An expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-01-20, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on January 15, 2020. The petition is requesting to annex 9.769 +/- acres from Hamilton Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on February 18, 2020. Site: 1080 Obetz Road (PID #150-000678).

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of January 21, 2020.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT

MARILYN BROWN



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

Submitted by:



Dean M. Hindenlang,
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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Assets for Equity: Building Wealth for Women in Central Ohio

The Gender and Racial Wealth Gap

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VISION

Our vision is a future where gender equality is the norm in life and work.

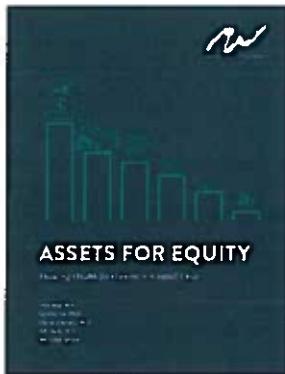
MISSION

The Women's Fund of Central Ohio is a public foundation whose mission is to transform the lives of women and girls by mobilizing the collective power and passion of all people working together.

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GENDER AND RACIAL WEALTH GAP, 2019



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WHY

ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSE ISSUES

- Historical context
- Policy and systems change
- Gender norms

HOLISTIC

- Economic empowerment and leadership
- Affects and effects

INTERGENERATIONAL IMPACT

- Critical to break cycle and empower women and girls

DEFINITIONS

WEALTH

Wealth, or net worth, refers to the total value of one's assets minus debts.

INCOME

Refers to money received by a person or household during a specific period of time.

WEALTH GAP

Refers to the difference in net worth between different groups of people (such as across race/ethnicity, gender, and geographic location).

DEFINITIONS

RACIAL WEALTH GAP

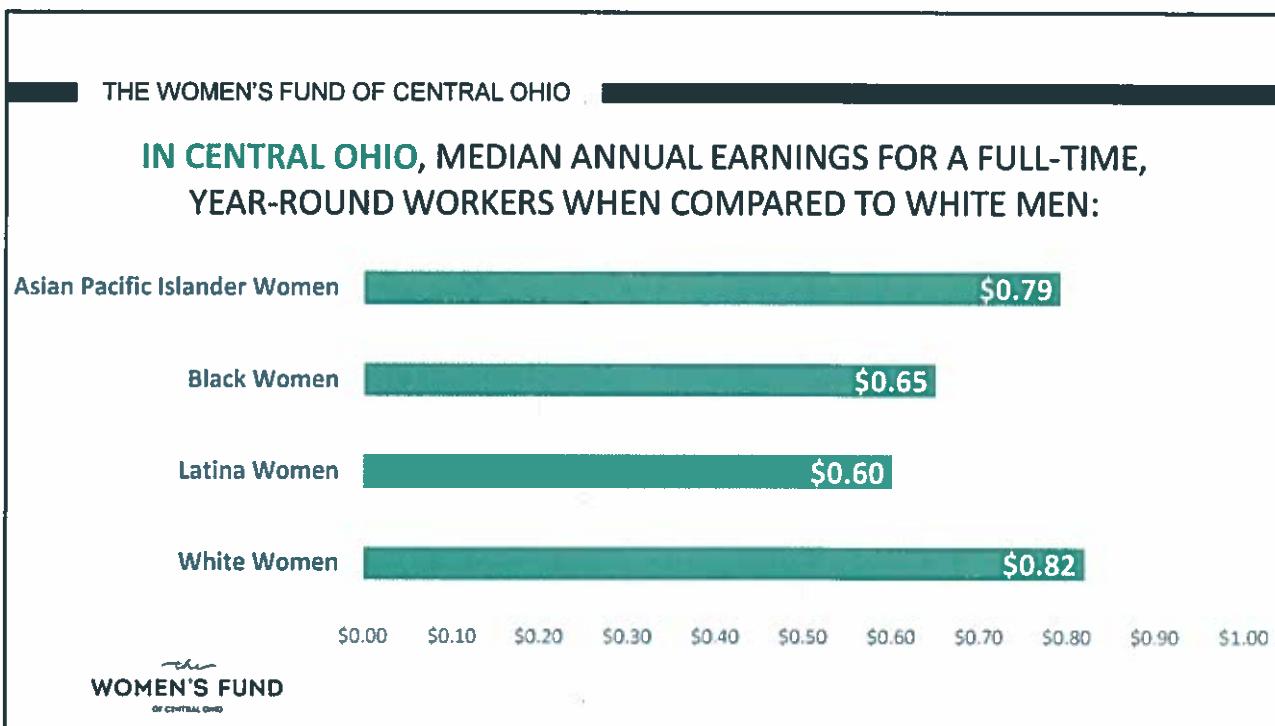
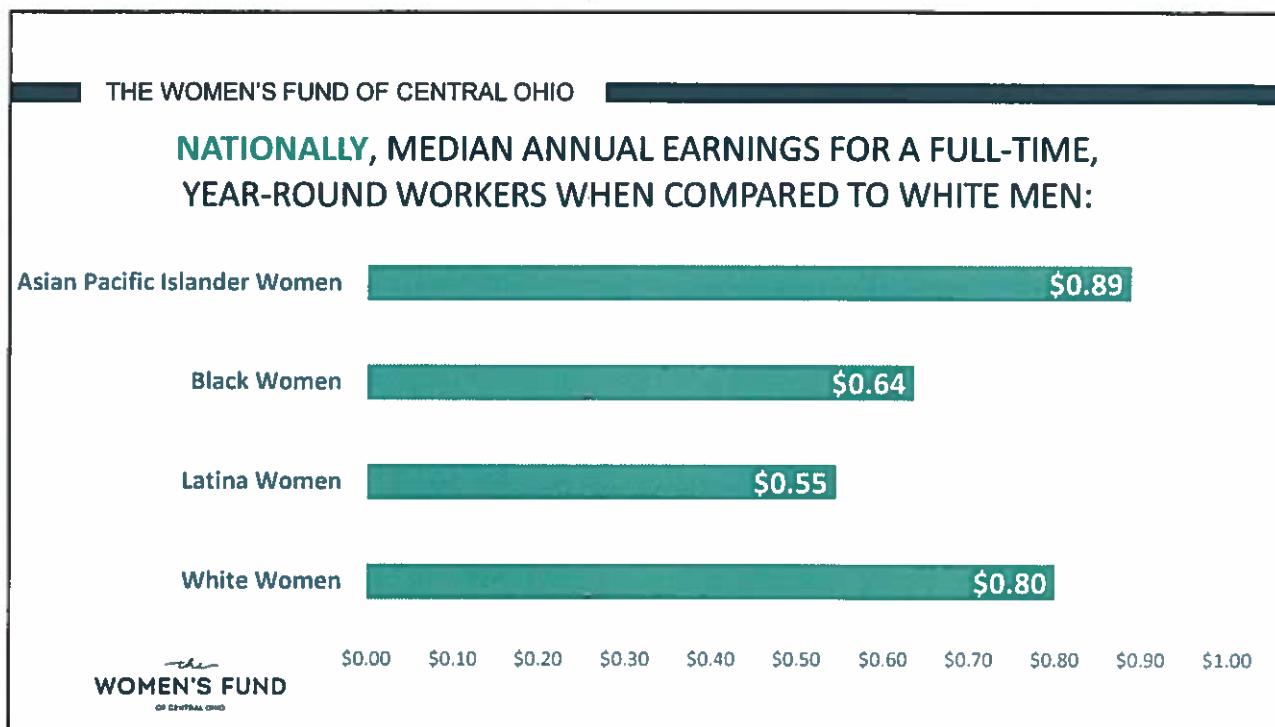
Refers to how structural racism compounds and contributes to the wealth gap, which in turn further exacerbates political, economic, and social disadvantages to communities of color.

GENDER WEALTH GAP

Refers to how structural sexism compounds and contributes towards the wealth gap, which in turn further exacerbates political, economic, and social disadvantages based on gender.

WEALTH ESCALATOR

Defined as a variety of reinforcing financial benefits that help certain individuals accumulate wealth at a faster rate.



THE WOMEN'S FUND OF CENTRAL OHIO

NATIONALLY, WHEN COMPARED TO ALL SINGLE MEN:

- Single Black women **own 2 cents to the dollar**
- Single Latina women **own 8 cents to the dollar**
- All single women **own 40 cents to the dollar**

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WOMEN'S FUND
OF CENTRAL OHIO

LOCAL CONTEXT

WEALTH BUILDING BARRIERS

54%: student loan debt

35%: cost that comes with having children

30%: other reasons – job loss, being paid low wages, and business failure

FINDINGS

THE GENDER AND RACIAL WEALTH GAP CONTRIBUTES TO WOMEN AND GIRLS' POVERTY

Central Ohio:

14% of women in Central Ohio live in poverty compared with 11% of men.

Ohio:

15% of women in Ohio live in poverty compared with 11% of men.

FINDINGS

CAREGIVING IS UNEQUALLY DISTRIBUTED

In Ohio, the number of women vs. men who work part time:

For childcare reasons:

36,000 vs. 1,000

Due to other family obligations:

141,000 vs. 12,000

HOME OWNERSHIP CAN BE A PRIMARY SOURCE OF WEALTH

- Prior to the Great Recession Black women were 2.5 times, and Latinas were 1.5 times, more likely than white men to receive a subprime mortgage.
- During the Great Recession the net worth of white women (45-65 years) dropped by 28% and the net worth of Black women dropped by 74%.

FINDINGS

EDUCATION CAN BE AN ACCELERATOR OR OBSTACLE

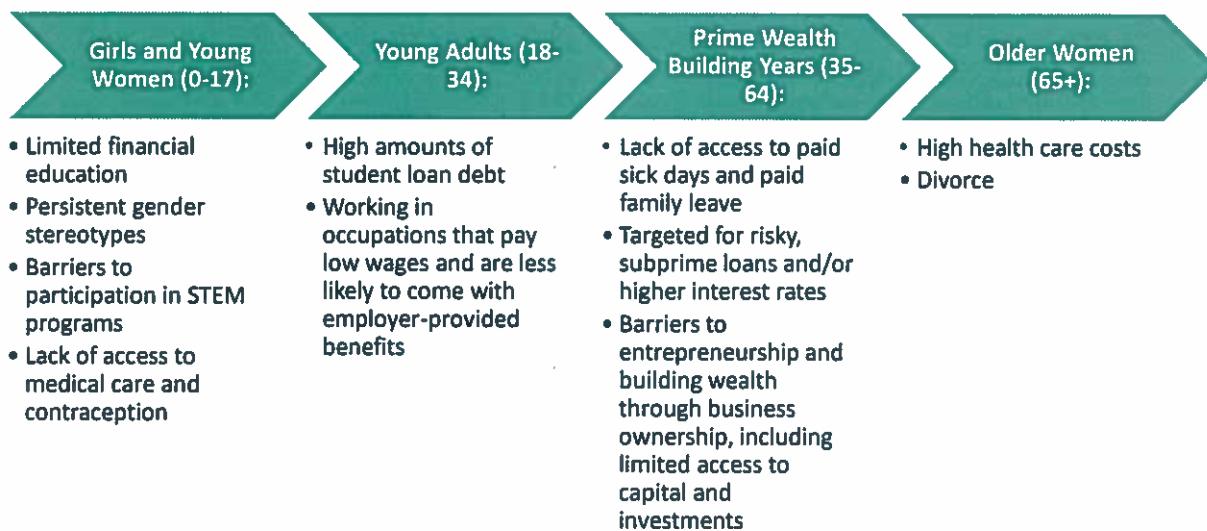
- Nationally, 30% of teen mothers who drop out of high school cite pregnancy or parenthood as a reason.
- Nationally, only 2% of teen mothers complete college by age 30.
- Student loan debt faced by low to moderate wealth girls and women.

HEALTH CAN INFLUENCE WEALTH

- 15% of local women had experienced a significant health issue in the past year and 17% of their family members had.
- 31% who reported a recent health issue for themselves or their family members also reported medical debt

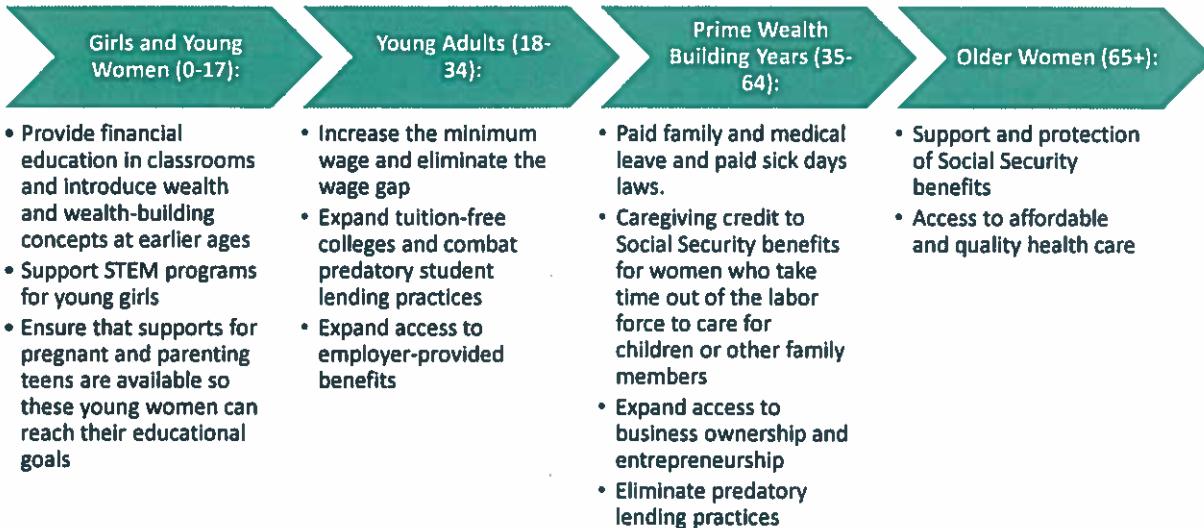
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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Increase access to financial literacy programs
- Address student loan debt
- Work for pay equity
- Expand access to wealth escalator items
- Eliminate predatory lending practices
- Support the growth of women-owned businesses