

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

March 13, 2018

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

Present were: Kevin L. Boyce, President  
Marilyn Brown, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Harold Anderson, Director of Business, Contracts and Zoning Unit, Prosecuting Attorney Office; Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Toya Williams, Assistant to Deputy Administrators.

President Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

President Boyce: We have a number of guests this morning. We have Nikki Scarpitti, Director of Strategic Initiative, Columbus Public Library, and Angela O'Neal, Local History and Genealogy Manager, Columbus Public Library.

Ms. Scarpitti: Good morning and thank you for having us here this morning. I am going to turn it over to Ms. O'Neal, who is our expert in history, so she can share some artifacts and resources with you all today.

Ms. O'Neal: Good morning, Commissioners. It is exciting times at the library to talk about Women's History Month. As you know, Women's History Month commemorates the many contributions of women to our society. Here in Franklin County, women like Sarah Sullivant, back in 1798, contributed to the founding of Columbus. In the twentieth century, women fought to help the poor, create hospitals for children, support our troops, and build civic associations and many other activities that are vital to our region. Franklin County women were among the first to call for women's suffrage in the United States. They proposed an amendment to the Ohio Constitution in 1912, eight years before the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was passed. The lists of firsts in business, politics and arts and culture is too long to go into today. At Columbus Metropolitan Library, we are working on documenting the rich history of local women in Central Ohio. We encourage residents to bring in their own historical materials and our team will digitize them and put them online in our My History digital collection. That way they will be available for students, teachers and researchers from all over the world to see. We have collected almost 1,000,000 photographs so far.

Commissioner Brown: Is this just from the local area?

Ms. O'Neal: Just Central Ohio. We have expanded it, but mostly from Central Ohio. We help people preserve materials and take care of them for future generations as well. I have brought a few items for you today. The first photograph you see is an early photo of the Godman Guild House. The predecessor to the Godman Guild was established in 1898 by a young woman named Anna Keagle, who was a high school teacher and Sunday school teacher. She showed up one Sunday and found out that all of her students were in jail because they were left home alone the night before and were picked up by the police. She felt the need to take matters into her own hands and create a place where kids can go and be provided a number of services and get some help with their families. This is one example of a long tradition of social causes that Franklin County women have been a part of.

Commissioner Brown: This is a fascinating photo.

Ms. O'Neal: The next photo is a photo of Ellen Walker Craig, who was the Mayor of Urbancrest. She served 12 years on City Council and in 1972, she became the first African American woman to become Mayor of a municipality in the United States.

The third photo is the original photo of Annie Oakley, the legendary sharpshooter, who became famous in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show in the 1880s. In this photo, she is at the Miller family farm in Upper Arlington. She is originally from Greenville, OH and came to Columbus a lot. When she visited Columbus, she tended to stay with the Miller family. Esther Miller was said to have some of the pennies that Annie Oakley would shoot at while at the farm. These are just a few examples of what we have in our collection. You can view the collection at [columbuslibrary.org](http://columbuslibrary.org), then go to research/my history. Another new thing we have at the library is that these materials are now part of the Digital Public Library of America. We are still looking for more materials to document Columbus history. Anything that tells a story about Franklin County, we are interested in hearing about it and adding it to our digital collection.

Commissioner Brown: I know you have at the library displays of books relating to women.

Ms. O'Neal: We absolutely do. If you go to any of our 23 locations, you will find books related to any number of women from Franklin County and around the world. You will be welcomed to talk to a librarian about the books.

Commissioner Brown: This is great. It is a great thing to see the photos you brought in. They tell stories that you would not otherwise be able to tell. Thank you so much for being here.

President Boyce: It is so appropriate to recognize the contributions of women in American history. What is amazing are the things we still do not know. The fact about Mayor Craig is an amazing fact. I have never heard that story before. I hope you continue to share these stories with us throughout the year. What was Sarah Sullivant's relation to Lucas Sullivant?

Ms. O'Neal: She was his wife.

President Boyce: The Sullivant family is a major part of Central Ohio history and were responsible for the first African American citizen of Central Ohio, which was Arthur Boak. There is a bridge named after him. It is this little known historical fact that makes Central Ohio such a rich place to live.

Ms. O'Neal: It is stories like that that people have in their attics and shoeboxes that we are trying to get out to more people, so they can see and learn from.

Commissioner Brown: I think this is a great service you are providing. Women have been hidden from so much history and it is nice to see that we can highlight them. There are so many untold stories that are just now coming to light because of researchers finding them.

President Boyce: Today we have members of the Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Columbus, Ohio. They want to talk about their work in economic development, education development, physical and mental health, international involvement and their support for the arts.

Kendrea Moorer, Treasurer, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Columbus, OH Alumnae Chapter: Good morning Commissioners. I am here representing our Chapter President, who is in Washington D.C. this week for our annual conference "Delta Days at the Nation's Capital." Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides assistance and support through established programs in the community and throughout the world. Our organization was founded on January 13, 1913 by 22 collegiate women at Howard University in Washington D.C. We provide scholarships, support to the underserved, educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy and highlight issues and provide solutions for problems within each of our communities where each chapter is located. Within our local chapter, we have over 125 youths as a part of our Betty Shabazz Delta Academy, which is our middle school program, Delta GEMS, which is our teen young ladies and stands for developing effective leadership through achieving, Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully, and EMBODI, which serves our male participants and stands for Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence. These participants represent approximately 44 schools within Franklin County. We would welcome the opportunity to further discuss how we can partner and continue to build support within the communities that we currently serve. Thank you.

President Boyce: Thank you Ms. Moorer. I cannot say enough of the work that the Deltas do across our nation. I was in Washington D.C. last week to meet with Congresswoman Beatty, who is a Delta. I want you to know that your advocacy matters. It does work. Elected officials listen to you and count on you to do your advocacy in conjunction with what we do. Thank you for being a partner. We are grateful that Central Ohio has a vibrant chapter and look forward to continuing to working with you throughout the community.

(group picture)

Approval of the minutes of the February 1, 2018 Administrative Session, and the minutes of the February 20, 2018 General Session. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 173-18**, resolution authorizing an agreement with AMN Healthcare, a healthcare recruiting firm, for physician recruitment services for the Franklin County Coroner's Office (Coroner) (\$52,000.00), presented by Matthew Caudill, Director, Coroner's Office.

Mr. Caudill: We are currently experiencing a staffing shortage in our pathology department. We currently have 4.5 of our authorized 6.0 full time equivalency positions filled and expect another vacancy with the upcoming retirement of a pathologist in July of this year. The current openings have been advertised, posted on County websites and usual job boards within our association communities and have had low success in filling those positions. The Coroner wishes to engage with a vendor who specializes in recruiting this medical specialty. The focus of this effort will culminate in hiring two additional pathologists to our team. We will continue our usual efforts to fully staff up to our authorized 6.0 full time equivalency.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 173-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 174-18**, resolution approving the 2017 Annual County Highway System Mileage Report (Engineer), presented by Fritz Crosier, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Crosier: This resolution approves the 2017 Annual County Highway Mileage System Report. Certification by the County Commissioners of the mileage detailed in this report is required to allow for the distribution of a portion of state motor vehicle license taxes to Franklin County.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 174-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 175-18**, resolution authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations for the Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax Fund and Stormwater Management Fund (Engineer), presented by Mr. Crosier.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, this resolution seeks authorization of non-general funds supplemental appropriations for the Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax Fund and Stormwater Management Fund.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 175-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Public Hearing--Resolution regarding the plan approval for the improvement of Morse Road at Kitzmiller Road, Jefferson Township and Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

President Boyce: I would like to open up the public hearing. Is there anyone in the audience that would like to speak on this issue? Seeing none, I will now close the public hearing.

**Resolution No. 176-18**, resolution for plans approved for the improvement of Morse Road at Kitzmiller Road, Jefferson Township and Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Mr. Crosier.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, this resolution authorizes plan approval for the improvement of Morse Road at Kitzmiller Road in Jefferson and Plain Townships in the northeast portion of Franklin County. This project will include construction of a single lane roundabout and reconstruction of the Morse Road Bridge over Blacklick Creek. This project is a collaborative effort between Franklin County and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 176-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 177-18**, resolution awarding contract and approving contract bond to Shelly and Sands, Inc., for the Livingston Avenue 5.62 over Blacklick Creek Project (Engineer) (\$1,828,138.80), presented by Mr. Crosier.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, this resolution seeks to award the contract and approve the contract bond with Shelly and Sands, Inc. for the Livingston Avenue 5.62 over Blacklick Creek Project. Shelly and Sands was selected via the competitive bid process. The bid was opened on February 8, 2018.

President Boyce: Was this the lowest bid?

Mr. Crosier: Yes it was.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 177-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 178-18**, resolution accepting the 2018 Resurfacing Program for Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary and hearing fixed for Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. (Engineer), presented by Carla Marable, Director of Communications, Engineer's Office.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution declares necessary the 2018 Resurfacing Program. The County Engineer has identified several roads throughout the County in need of resurfacing and are included in the program. Some of the roads include: Agler Road, Clime Road North, Darby Creek Drive, Fisher Road, Georgesville-Wrightsville Road, Hart Road, Noe-Bixby Road, Sunbury Road, and Walker Road. Approval of this resolution will authorize the Engineer to prepare plans, specifications, and estimates for this project.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 178-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 179-18**, resolution accepting a contract with American Structurepoint, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing preliminary engineering for the Havens Corners Road from Hamilton Road to Waggoner Road improvement project, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$159,925.00), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: This resolution seeks authorization to enter into an agreement with American Structurepoint, Inc. to perform preliminary engineering for the Havens Corners Road from Hamilton Road to Waggoner Road improvement project.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 179-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 180-18**, resolution accepting a contract with Lanham Engineering, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in providing traffic engineering services, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$25,000.00), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: This resolution requests authorization to enter into an agreement with Lanham Engineering, Inc. to provide traffic engineering services. Lanham will provide safety studies at various intersections throughout the County. Lanham is a local and minority owned business.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 180-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 213-18**, resolution authorizing a memorandum of understanding for the purchase of the parking garage improvement revenue bonds to be issued by the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority (Board of Commissioners), presented by Cheryl Brooks-Sullivan, County Treasurer, Treasurer's Office and Mary Duffey, Partner, Dinsmore and Shohl.

Ms. Duffey: I am bond counsel for the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority. The first resolution authorizes a MOU for the purchase of the bonds. The MOU has been negotiated between the County and the Convention Facilities. The bonds will be issued by

the Convention Center and bought as an investment by the County and benefitting both sides with an interest rate that will be negotiated in the future. The actual parking facility that will be financed by these bonds is in the east side of the Convention Center. Two other parking facilities have previously had bonds issued by the Convention Center and purchased by the County. What this transaction will do is allow the three parking facilities to be one enterprise and the revenue from all three facilities to secure all the bonds.

Commissioner Brown: What is happening is that the County Treasurer's Office and the Investment Advisory Board will purchase the bonds in question?

Ms. Brooks-Sullivan: Correct. The first two performed so well, that we are confident and excited to be part of this.

President Boyce: Mr. Talarek, do you want to comment?

Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget: They covered everything. We had our bond counsel assist the Treasurer's Office as part of this engagement.

President Boyce: Do we know what the full par amount is for the garage?

Ms. Brooks-Sullivan: The full cost is \$20,500,000, but the Convention Center is putting equity into the project.

President Boyce: The amount of bonds will be \$18,000,000?

Ms. Brooks-Sullivan: Yes.

President Boyce: Are we purchasing the full par amount?

Ms. Brooks-Sullivan: Yes, it is an investment for the County. By doing this, we avoid having to access the market, which is much more expensive and longer.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: The \$18,000,000 is the total par amount that the MOU will authorize and no more than that.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 213-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 214-18**, resolution to consent to the issuance of parking garage improvement revenue bonds by The Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority (Board of Commissioners), presented by Ms. Duffey.

Ms. Duffey: This is the other side of the transaction. In order for the Convention Facilities Authority to issue any debt, it has to be approved by the City and the County. This

resolution approves the issuance of bonds of that debt by the Convention Facilities Authority and authorizes the purchase of the bonds.

President Boyce: Has the City issued their ordinance or resolution?

Jordan Edmonds: Not yet. It will be issued at their meeting in two weeks.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 214-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 181-18**, resolution authorizing contracts for Canned, Dry, Frozen and Dairy Food Products for the Franklin County Correctional Facilities (Sheriff) (\$1,300,000.00), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution authorizes a six month contract through September 12, 2018 to supply the jails with canned, dry, frozen and dairy food items. All items have a firm and fixed price. It was competitively bid through Purchasing and was based on lowest price and deliverability capability.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 181-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 182-18**, resolution authorizing a Novation Agreement with Central Ohio German Village Taxi, LLC (Veterans Services), presented by Angela Cline, Administrative Officer, Veterans Service Commission.

Ms. Cline: I am here to seek approval of a Novation Agreement with Central Ohio German Village Taxi, LLC. They have agreed to all the terms and conditions of the original contract and any extensions after.

President Boyce: Do we get a reduced rate and what are the terms?

Ms. Cline: We have worked with Purchasing and had a competitive bid process. Each vendor gives us a set price for the term of the contract. Currently, I do not know what Central Ohio German Village Taxi rate is, but I will get that information to you.

President Boyce: That would not be necessary. I wanted to know who their competitors are.

Ms. Cline: We bid ours out in October 2017 and Uber and Lyft decided not to participate in the process. We had 17 vendors and selected 15 of them.



Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 182-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 183-18**, resolution authorizing Lease Agreements with IBM Credit LLC. for IBM Software, Power 8 Server and Storage (Franklin County Data Center) (\$221,372.99), presented by Julie Lust, Director of Financial Services, Data Center.

Ms. Lust: This resolution authorizes the County Administrator to enter into a lease agreement and sign all associated documents for that lease agreement for a new IBM Midrange Server. This replaces the unit that we purchased in 2010. It currently houses 44 applications that are vital to Franklin County. The Franklin County IT Roadmap calls for all those applications to either be retired or migrated onto the Windows system within the 36 months of the lease agreement.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 183-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 184-18**, resolution approving a contract for on-site case management services between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services and OhioHealth. (Job and Family Services) (\$27,432.07), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services and Arthur Hurst, Deputy Director, Job and Family Services.

Mr. Hurst: This resolution will approve a contract with OhioHealth that will allow Job and Family Services to provide onsite case-management services to Riverside Methodist Hospital. Per the contract, the JFS case manager will be stationed onsite at Riverside to provide timely assistance in determining patient eligibility, primarily for Medicaid, but also for other JFS programs. OhioHealth will reimburse JFS for the actual full time employee cost of a case manager, including salary and benefits, which is not to exceed \$8,683.67 per month for a total not to exceed \$27,432.07 over the four months. The contract also allows for two mutually agreed upon one year extensions. The initial four month term is in place so that it comes to an end at the same time of our existing contract for Grant Medical Center and allowing them to be on the same cycle.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 184-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 185-18**, resolution approving a contract with United Way of Central Ohio for a comprehensive community needs assessment for the Near East Side of Columbus (Job and Family Services) (\$20,000.00), presented by Mr. Hurst.

Mr. Hurst: This resolution will approve a contract with United Way of Central Ohio to conduct a comprehensive community needs assessment for the near east side. The near east

side, 43203 and 43205, is one of Franklin County's most vibrant communities with a rich history and home of landmarks like the Lincoln Theater. It is also a community that faces low socio-economic challenges. The closure of the Neighborhood House created additional challenges for the community. It also presented a new opportunity to work with the community to develop a new approach to addressing human social service delivery. Franklin County partnered with the City of Columbus and United Way to commission a comprehensive needs assessment for the community. The assessment is being completed by the Ohio State Kirwan Institute and Thoughtwell. Cost of this is being split evenly among the three parties, with United Way and Ragland Enterprise managing the process.

Commissioner Brown: This makes sense that we do this, especially since we have the opportunity to engage the residents to find out what they really need, so we can provide it more effectively.

Ms. Bivens: What we are hoping is that our withexisting partners, there is an opportunity to divert their attention to the 43203 and 43205 area.

President Boyce: This is a long time overdue. People get used to a certain brand. Those are hard to capture in an assessment.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 185-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 186-18**, resolution approving a subaward agreement with Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio (Job and Family Services) (\$290,987.96), presented by Mr. Hurst.

Mr. Hurst: This resolution will approve a subaward agreement with Community Mediation Services to offer eviction prevention workshops for TANF eligible residents that are at a high risk of eviction or experiencing homelessness and seeking housing in the future. There were nearly 18,000 Franklin County residents evicted from their homes in 2017. Our eviction rate is more than 6x higher than New York City, which is seven times our population. You, Commissioners, have taken this leading role in combating this community epidemic through the creation of Preventing Families Homelessness Council, as well as the support of our partnership to provide onsite assistance outside the Eviction Court. Community Mediation Services is at the forefront of these efforts as well. In 2014, Community Mediation Services began offering two hour eviction prevention educational workshops for tenants that are at a high risk of eviction and those experiencing homelessness. CMS has served between 300-400 individuals per year and reports that participants have been able to maintain their current housing or find other stable housing without requiring emergency shelter. CMS has also provided follow-up with participants. 80% have remained and stayed in stable housing without any risk of eviction over the year following the workshop. This new partnership will support both tenant-landlord mediation and eviction prevention training. It will also help to connect customers with housing assistance through our Prevention, Retention and Contingency Program.

Ms. Bivens: 73% of the women in the shelters are African American mothers. This Board is developing a piece to combat this issue. We have a case manager in the court five days a week.

Commissioner Brown: I know the court has been really happy to have the eviction staff members working there. It is about keeping people in their homes or giving them the needed time to work out a better solution.

Ms. Bivens: Your action for our PRC program has been tremendous. Affordable housing plays a role in this as well.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 186-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 187-18**, resolution authorizing an Economic Development Agreement with the Greater Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau to promote Franklin County as a tourism destination (Economic Development and Planning) (\$2,065,000.00), presented by Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Roth: This resolution would authorize our annual economic development partner contract with Experience Columbus to support their efforts in marketing the Columbus region as a tourism destination and increasing the impact that tourism has on our economy. We have Brian Ross, President, Experience Columbus, to come and provide some testimony.

Mr. Ross: In 2017, Experience Columbus, the Greater Columbus Sports Commission and the tourism economy had a banner year. Columbus is thriving and the tourism economy is playing a significant role in that prosperity, as pointed out in a Dispatch Editorial. Two travel indicators underscore economic strength in our city: The increase in travel at John Glenn International and Rickenbacker Airports. Together with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission, we: booked 510,000 room nights in 2017; welcomed 24 large citywide events; and helped generate \$47,000,000 in bed tax. The bed tax supports the Greater Columbus Arts Council, Human Services, affordable housing, the Housing Trust, the Convention Facilities Authority and our member organizations as well. The Convention Center was renovated and expanded to provide us the fourth largest and most dynamic convention center in our competitor set. Thanks to the great partnership with the Commissioners, we hosted a very successful NACo Conference. We are looking forward to tremendous amenities that will be opening this year. The Scotts Children's Garden and the National Veterans Memorial and Museum that will increase family visits to Franklin County. The announcement to expand the Hilton Downtown Columbus is a huge step forward in becoming a premier destination for our meetings, conventions and events. The Arnold Sports Festival was just here and had over 200,000 people in attendance. We are gearing up for 2018. We will have over twenty-eight large citywide conventions, which is

a 17% increase. The National Urban League will call Franklin County home in August. ASAE Next Gen Conference will be here this fall. Linda Logan, Sports Commission, are doing great. We are nineteen days away from the Women's Final Four. The Greater Columbus Sports Commission has booked 12 new NCAA events. We will have the first two round of the Men's NCAA Basketball at Nationwide Arena in 2019. We are proud to be part of this team and the Commissioners supporting us.

President Boyce: Thank you. It was a pleasure to announce the expansion of the Hilton. We are growing in a positive way and doing things with our infrastructure to support that growth. We are preparing for more growth. What you do in advertising and promoting people to come to Central Ohio is an important part of the process and you do an excellent job at it.

Commissioner Brown: Part of what you do helps us in another way with the sales tax receipts so we can help those who are the most vulnerable in our community. It is significant to see the growth in our community. When people come here and spend money, we get a benefit in the sales tax, which we can use for more programming.

Mr. Ross: In 2016, it was \$246,000,000 in local taxes.

President Boyce: We are investing \$2,000,000 and getting back over \$200,000,000. That is a good rate of return. Keep up the great work.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 187-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 188-18**, resolution authorizing an Economic Development Grant Agreement with the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority to continue the administration of the Energy Works Columbus Region Energy Loan Fund (Economic Development and Planning) (\$1,500,000.00), presented by Mr. Roth.

Mr. Roth: Commissioners, this resolution would authorize the third \$1,500,000 capitalization of the Energy Works Revolving Loan Program, which is administered by the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority. Energy Works provide lowfixed rate interest rates to building and business owners who are looking to make a variety of energy efficiency upgrades to their buildings. We have Jean Carter-Ryan, President, Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority, to provide some testimony.

Ms. Carter-Ryan: We want to express our strong support for the continued investment you made to the Finance Authority. We are excited in where we are with the Energy Works Program that we are administering on behalf of the County. We have received \$3,000,000 and have invested \$6,600,000 in Franklin County. Those projects have seen almost \$500,000 worth of energy savings because of these investments. We are continuing to work

on this and we have about \$15,000,000 that we are continuing to invest. This is a strong program that is helping with sustainability in Franklin County.

Commissioner Brown: That is an annual return that they are saving in energy costs.

Ms. Carter-Ryan: That is a total savings we are seeing. We have seen savings up to 40%.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 188-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 189-18**, resolution authorizing agreements which would allow for the transfer to Clark County, Ohio of all monies, rights and responsibilities associated with the 2016 Market Development Grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to partially fund Econopia, LLC and its Food Scrap Composting Facility (Economic Development and Planning) (\$125,000.00), presented by Mr. Roth.

Mr. Roth: Commissioners, back in 2016 Economic Development and Planning applied for and was awarded a market development grant from the Ohio Environment Protection Agency in the amount of \$250,000. The purpose of that grant was to assist Econopia LLC with the development of a local food scrap composting facility in Franklin County. The business originally planned to co-locate with a food distributor, but the arrangement fell through. The owner of Econopia asked OEPA to transfer the administration of the grant from Franklin County to Clark County. With a lot of help from the Prosecutor's Office, we began negotiating with OEPA and Clark County to transfer the agreement. This resolution is the culmination of those efforts.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 189-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 190-18**, resolution to review of petition to annex 0.803 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-03-18 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to consider an expedited type 2 annexation petition of 0.803 acres from Jackson Township to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property located at 2111 Demorest Road (Parcels ID Numbers 160-001125), which is west of Demorest Road and I-270, east of Holt Road, and south of Alkire Road. The petition was filed by Owner/Agent Andre and Pamela Latondress. 11% of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Columbus, and the City passed resolution no. 0417-2018 on February 12, 2018, indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved and a statement regarding possible incompatible land uses and zoning buffer. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code.

President Boyce: How much of the land must be contiguous for land to be annexed?

Ms. Snapp: Mr. Schimmer says that it has to be at least 5%.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 190-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 191-18**, resolution to authorizing a settlement to Ms. Shalline Antwi for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving Economic Development & Planning (Economic Development and Planning) (\$986.15), presented by Ms. Snapp.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution would authorize Franklin County to pay the insurance estimate of \$986.15 as allowed by the Ohio Revised Code to Ms. Antwi for damages to her vehicle in an accident that occurred on January 18, 2018 from an Economic Development employee. Ms. Antwi has accepted the settlement upon the approval of the Commissioners. Both the Prosecutor's Office and Fleet Management approved this resolution.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 191-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 192-18**, resolution authorizing a Funding Agreement with Homes on the Hill for The Prairie – Franklin Homes 2018 Housing Project to construct four (4) single-family homes under the County's HOME Community Housing Development Organization Reserve (CHDO-R) Program (Economic Development and Planning) (\$166,867.45), presented by Mark Paxson, Interim Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Paxson: This is a contract with Homes on the Hill. It will be on vacant lots in either Prairie or Franklin Townships. The program will incorporate the County's green standards and is funded with \$166,867.45 in Home Funds in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 192-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 193-18**, resolution to accept cooperative agreements from County jurisdictions reaffirming their participation in the County's Housing & Urban Development Entitlement programs (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Paxson.

Mr. Paxson: The County is a recipient of HUD funding and every three years we have to recertify the program with HUD. That entails reaching out to every city, village and township in the County in order to have them sign a cooperative agreement with the Board

of Commissioners. The agreement states that they will abide by all County regulations and HUD regulations in regards to the administration of the program. This is for Fiscal Years 2018-2020.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 193-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 194-18**, resolution authorizing the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to enter into a Programmatic Agreement with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office to facilitate the County's compliance with the Historic Preservation requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Paxson.

Mr. Paxson: As a condition of the receipt of funds from HUD, the County has to make sure it complies with the National Environmental Protection Act. Every time we intend to use these dollars towards a project, we just do an environmental review to make sure it complies with the regulations. One of those regulations is the National Preservation Act. We must make sure we are adhering to protecting the nation's historical and cultural foundations and doing nothing to detract or damage that. To meet that compliance standard, we enter into a programmatic agreement with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office in order to utilize their resources and expertise in helping us meet that compliance.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 194-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 195-18**, resolution authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation and the addition of one full-time position related to the Local Food Action Plan (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Snapp.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to appropriate funds to support a new full-time planner position at Economic Development and Planning. This position was originally approved through the 2017 Budget as part of a contract basis. The position will support the Local Food Action Plan, which was adopted in 2016, as well as doing general planning activities at EDP.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 195-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 196-18**, resolution authorizing a Contract Agreement with S.A. Comunale Co., Inc. to perform Fire Protection activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center (Public Facilities Management) (\$1,738,460.00), presented by Darla Reardon, Interim Director, Public Facilities Management.

Ms. Reardon: We have three resolutions for your consideration, which are associated with the new Franklin County Corrections Center and were all part of a competitive bid process. The first resolution awards a contract to provide fire protection activities, such as sprinkler systems, fire pumps and sprinkler heads. Two bids were received and the low bidder, S.A. Comunale Co., Inc., is headquartered in Barberton, OH with a local Columbus office. S.A. Comunale Co., Inc. is signatory with the Local 669 Sprinkler Fitters. S.A. Comunale Co., Inc. has committed to 12%, which is approximately \$209,000, diversity participation from one firm from its SEBE utilization plan. Four jobs are anticipated to be created as a part of this contract at peak. S.A. Comunale Co., Inc. has demonstrated that it has the capacity, experience and ability to complete the required work. The project owner's representative and the project construction manager are supportive of this contract award.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 196-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 197-18**, resolution authorizing a Contract Agreement with Bruner Corporation to perform HVAC activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center (Public Facilities Management) (\$18,474,770.00), presented by Ms. Reardon.

Ms. Reardon: This resolution allows for the award of a contract with Bruner Corporation for HVAC activities, such as all building, heating and cooling systems, ventilation, pumps, valves and duct work. Four bids were received and Bruner was the lowest bidder. Bruner is signatory to the Local 189 Plumbers and Pipefitters and has committed to 12%, which is \$2,200,000 of diversity participation from four firms on its SEBE utilization plan. Thirty-two jobs are expected to be created as part of this contract. Bruner Corporation has demonstrated that it has the capacity, experience and ability to complete the required work. The project owner's representative and the project construction manager are supportive of this contract award.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 197-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 198-18**, resolution authorizing a Contract Agreement with Kastle Technologies Co., LLC to perform Communications activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center (Public Facilities Management) (\$3,505,000.00), presented by Ms. Reardon.

Ms. Reardon: This resolution allows for the award of a contract to Kastle Technologies to perform communications activities such as grounding, cabling, network equipment, and A/V systems. Two bids were received and Kastle was the lowest bidder. It is an established local firm. Kastle is signatory to IBEW Local 683 and has committed to 12%, which is \$421,000 of diversity participation from three firms on its SEBE utilization plan. Ten jobs are anticipated to be created as part of this contract. Kastle Technologies has demonstrated



that it has the capacity, experience and ability to complete the required work. The project owner's representative and the project construction manager are supportive of this contract award.

Commissioner Brown: I am really happy to see we are getting the small and emerging businesses participating with our larger businesses.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 198-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 199-18**, resolution authorizing a contract with VASU Communications, Inc. for the purchase of Ohio Multi Agency Radio Communications (MARCS) compatible mobile and portable radios under the 2015 State Homeland Security Grant – Law Enforcement set aside (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$47,037.15), presented by Kathy Crandall, Director, Homeland Security.

Ms. Crandall: This resolution requests your approval of a contract with VASU Communication, which is the lowest and best bidder. This is a law enforcement set aside. Law enforcement's Chiefs make the decision on how this money is spent and radios were their number one priority. These particular radios will be going to Madison Township, Sharon Township, Hilliard, and Minerva Park.

Commissioner Brown: Are these radios compatible with everything we are doing?

Ms. Crandall: Yes they are Commissioner. Now that the City, County and State all share the radio system brain, we have to have this compliance across the board with the equipment that we use.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 199-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 200-18**, resolution authorizing a collaboration agreement with the Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Franklin County to support the production of affordable housing units (Community Partnerships) (\$3,102,350.00), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Office of Management and Budget.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution is in support of the Affordable Housing Trust to support the work that they do in developing affordable housing for home ownership and rental units. This effort is supported by the real estate conveyance fees.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 200-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 201-18**, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with the Cancer Support Community of Central Ohio to provide support and education for individuals battling cancer and their families (Community Partnerships) (\$75,000.00), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution supports the critical work that the Cancer Support Community does in providing caregiver support and patient education to help the patients make the most informed decisions that they can regarding their treatment, care, nutrition and exercise classes.

Commissioner Brown: I know the hospitals depend on this entity to provide these services.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 201-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 202-18**, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, for access to healthcare and affordable prescriptions (Community Partnerships) (\$65,000.00), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution is in support of the Charitable Pharmacy and the amazing work they do, to make sure people who would not have access to their medications, they leverage the funding we provide to purchase discounted medications. The amount of money we grant to them are compounded many times over. They not only fill that prescription one time, they qualify a patient for an entire year of refills and provide education with pharmacy students from the Ohio State University.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 202-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 203-18**, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with the Central Ohio Diabetes Association to provide education, support and summer camp opportunities to Franklin County children who have a diabetes diagnosis (Community Partnerships) (\$75,000.00), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution is in support of the Central Ohio Diabetes Association and Camp Hamwi. If anyone has sent their child to camp, it is a major production. The Central Ohio Diabetes Association provides round trip transportation to the camp and medication. We have Darlene Honigford, Social Services Director with Central Ohio Diabetes Association, to say a few words.

Ms. Honigford: Good morning. Camp Hamwi changes campers' lives and gives them the opportunity to be with other children that are experiencing the same disease they are experiencing and gives them the skills to live a long complication free life. Research has

shown that if people with diabetes can keep their blood sugar at near normal level, they can cut their complications by ¾. The program gives the children the sense of acceptance and peer association. We just celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary last summer. We serve children with Type 1 diabetes, Type 2 and pre-diabetes.

Commissioner Brown: Camping experiences are special and that children with health issues can attend and learn how to better manage it.

Ms. McCrary: Camp Hamwi's counselors are some who attended the camp.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 203-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 204-18**, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Children's Hunger Alliance to provide school breakfast and afterschool meals and snacks to low income children in Franklin County (Community Partnerships) (\$125,000.00), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution with Children's Hunger Alliance is able to leverage the funding they receive in bringing down money from the federal level to feed children. They provide the critical service of helping school districts to understand how to access these programs that are available and have been available since World War II and look at innovative ways to feed children. For many of these children, the nutrition they receive throughout the day is the only time they would eat throughout the day.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 204-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 205-18**, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with the Columbus Public Health Department to provide Tuberculosis (TB) education, prevention, and treatment for Franklin County residents (Community Partnerships) (\$1,850,000.00), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution is significant because the Columbus Public Health Department has ensured that they will screen all children in the Columbus City School District. As we remain a welcoming and open community for new immigrants and refugees from all over the world, where people may have been exposed to tuberculosis, it important to support the Public Health Department in providing education, treatment, and prevention to make sure that the cases we see in Franklin County are contained.

Commissioner Brown: They have been doing this service for us at the Ben Franklin TB Clinic for many years. We take this responsibility seriously.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 205-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 206-18**, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with the Community Shelter Board to provide housing for families and individuals who are experiencing a housing crisis (Community Partnerships) (\$5,039,490.00), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution funds the work that the community shelter board does in coordinating our emergency shelter system. Their model is a national example and we are grateful for the partnership we have with them in making sure shelter services are available in various places in the County and overflow beds.

President Boyce: Is this an increase from last year?

Ms. McCrary: It is not.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 206-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 207-18**, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with the Greater Columbus Arts Council in support of Art Matters, a capital and program expansion of the Columbus Museum of Art, and I, Too, Sing America, the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Harlem Renaissance (Community Partnerships) (\$2,025,000.00), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution is the final installment in a commitment we made with the Museum of Art of their expansion and establishment of the Walter Wing. This year, we are pleased to support the Greater Columbus Arts Council in their efforts to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Harlem Renaissance.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 207-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 208-18**, resolution authorizing a contract extension with Willis of Ohio, Inc. for Risk Management Insurance Consulting Services (Human Resources) (\$78,500.00), presented by Jerry Bower, Risk Manager, Human Resources.

Mr. Bower: This resolution extends the contract with Willis Towers Watson from March 31, 2018 through March 31, 2019. This contract was originally publicly bid under Resolution No. 0289-15 to provide risk management insurance consulting services to Franklin County.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 208-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 209-18**, resolution authorizing the continuation of a memorandum of understanding with Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency for human resources services (Human Resources), presented by Rob Young, Director, Human Resources.

Mr. Young: This resolution is for Emergency Management. We send a Human Resources employee up there once a week to share services. We would like to continue the MOU for another year.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 209-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 210-18**, resolution authorizing the continuation of a memorandum of understanding with Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for human resources services (Human Resources), presented by Mr. Young.

Mr. Young: This is the same as the previous resolution, but we send an employee here two days a week.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 210-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 211-18**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$5,062,255.49), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing the Purchasing Department. The resolution before you requests approval of 227 Purchase Orders. Of the 227 Purchase Orders, there are 26 Purchase Orders for the SEBE, which equals 11.5% of the Purchase Order volume and a total dollar amount \$463,984.57, which is 9% of the Purchase Order dollar volume. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 211-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 212-18**, resolution authorizing the County Administrator enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with The Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative (“RLFC”) to implement the community’s plan to prevent and end youth homelessness related to the RLFC’s application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator.

Mr. Wilson: I would like to thank all of our employees that serve the residents of Franklin County. This resolution would request your authorization to allow me to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Rebuilding Lives Funder Collaborative. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced availability of funding for a grant under a youth homelessness demonstration project designed to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness in participating communities. A minimum award of \$1,000,000 to apply for additional implementation grants will be available. Last year, the County, the City of Columbus, the Community Shelter Board, the Huckleberry House and the Star House lead an effort to submit an application for funding. That application came up one point short. We intend this year to get over that hurdle and make improvements to our application where we lost points. As you know, we have 2,000 youths between the ages of 14-24 in our community that are surviving on the fringes in our community. Many of our partners are working hard every day to provide a safety net for those young people. We are enthusiastic about this effort. This work comes out of the youth needs assessment that was done through the collaborative. There is not funding commitment included in this proposed MOU, but Franklin County Children Services has pledged a portion of their Thoughtwell contract to support research based activities required, if we are awarded this grant opportunity.

Commissioner Brown: When is the proposal due?

Mr. Wilson: It is due within a few weeks.

Commissioner Brown: If there is anything we can do, let us know.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 212-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Victoria Caldwell, Assistant Clerk, read one (1) Journalization into the record:

The Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency reviewed and approved the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio's ratified draft solid waste management plan update. Director's Final Findings and Orders approving the Plan are enclosed with this letter. SWACO should proceed to implement its approved Plan in accordance with the implementation schedule, timeline, and programs contained in the approved Plan.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

**(Signature Page Follows)**

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



**KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT**



**MARILYN BROWN**



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Submitted by:



**Antwan Booker, Clerk**