

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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November 19, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

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

Also present on the dais were Paul Thies, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget; and, Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President Brown called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

Approval of the minutes of the August 15 and October 3, 2019, Briefing Sessions. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President Brown. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0825-19, Shrewsberry and Associates, LLC, consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in preparing right-of-way and construction plans for Simplified Bridge Projects – Hempstead Road 1.29 over Tributary to Spring Run and Schleppi Road 0.97 over Tributary of Rocky Fork Creek, Franklin County, Ohio (\$145,831.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and John Maynard, Real Estate Administrator, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning, Commissioners. Commissioners, this first resolution is for a Design Contract with Shrewsberry and Associates for two bridge replacements. The first being Hempstead Road over Tributary of Spring Run of Blendon Township. The second, the Schleppi Road tributary area of Rocky Fork Creek in Plain Township. We utilized the qualifications-based selection process.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0825-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0826-19, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing preliminary engineering for the Morse Road at US Route 62 Improvement project, Plain Township, and Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$77,598.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, as stated, this resolution is for a preliminary design contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates to help us expand the capacity of the roundabout at Morse Road and Johnstown Road, in the northeast part of Franklin County.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0826-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0827-19, approving plans for improvements on Bright Road, the City of Dublin, Perry Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this is a roadway improvement project in the northwest part of Franklin County. It would be administered by the City of Dublin. It would include street improvements to Bright Road, a waterline extension, sanitary sewer line extension, and will also include a cul-de-sac at Bright Road, just east of Riverside Drive.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0827-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0828-19, report (4th) 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 project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$6,000.00) (Engineer), John Maynard, Real Estate Administrator, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Maynard: Commissioners, this resolution is for a property owner that abuts the property of Clark State Road at Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road. This is for compensation of a property owner, negotiated through the fair market value established in the appraisal process.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0828-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0829-19, authorizing a contract with Ohio Health to provide occupational health services for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (\$49,000.00) (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: Passage of this resolution approves a contract with Ohio Health to perform occupational health services such as pre-employment drug screens, physical exams, and tuberculosis testing.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0829-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0830-19, authorizing the set-aside for the Recorder's Technology Fund for calendar year 2020 (Recorder), presented by Melissa Messina-Lanthorn, Chief of Staff, Recorder's Office.

Ms. Messina-Lanthorn: The first resolution that we are up here for is for the renewal of the same fee amount that was allocated for 2019, for the Technology Fund. If approved, the proposal would allocate an estimated \$630,000.00 of the fees collected to the Recorder's Technology Fund. Just a few key things that we're planning to spend the money on in 2020, is a new high-speed scanner, which costs about \$10,000.00, and we're also going to upgrade one of our Meckel machines, which is what takes film, now that we have more storage capacity for digital files. It takes the old stuff from the film that has already been put on film or microfiche and puts it back into a digital format. It sounds counterproductive, but it's more helpful for those folks who must go through those things, rather than looking at a scanner or a microfiche reader, which are slowly going away.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0830-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0831-19, authorizing the abolishment of the registered land system in Franklin County (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Long: Good morning, Commissioners. This is the final resolution on the abolishment of the land registration system in Franklin County. On August 27 [2019], this Board adopted a resolution to consider abolishing the registered land system. We had the public hearing in front of this body with the required stenographer to obtain information about the cost-benefit analysis of land registration and now the Recorder's Office has compiled that cost-benefit analysis. The Office of Management & Budget has reviewed it and we recommend to you that the land registration system be abolished. What this resolution would do is formally state that as a result of the review and assessment, the land registration system is determined that the cost of the registered land system exceeds the benefits of the continued registered land system and that it would be hereby abolished. Melissa and her team have spent a great amount of time, first even before it was brought to the Board's attention, to bring this up for consideration.

Ms. Messina-Lanthorn: So, thank you to all of you who've helped get this to this point. It's been a long process as we've all seen, but thank you to Kris and Dean who jumped into the

middle of this when he first got here, and then to Eric Sells who did a lot of the legwork in this office, that went through the old book to figure out what was still part of it and what wasn't. Thank you to the three of you for putting up with this process. We appreciate it. I do think that it's necessary just to ensure that going forward we don't get into any hiccups or any problems and that it just kind of gets carried on as we do every single day in the Recorder's Office. So, thank you.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0831-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

President Brown: Melissa, would you thank Recorder O'Connor for the diligence that you and he have put into doing this process? I had no idea there was such a land registration process until we got into the middle of this and I know it took a lot of time and diligence to get us to this point. I know it took much longer and much more time than we ever anticipated.

Ms. Messina-Lanthorn: Like all of us, yes for sure, I will. Thank you very much.

Resolution No. 0832-19, authorizing a contract between Alvis, Incorporated and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, for a Medically Assisted Treatment Program (\$1,115,857.00) (Court of Common Pleas), provided by Kimberly Canada, Director of Finance and Purchasing, and Michael Pifher, Director of IT, Court of Common Pleas.

Ms. Canada: This resolution is for the agreement with Alvis Incorporated to provide the necessary resources and staff required for the Medically Assisted Treatment Program, also known as Power. The State of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections has made funds available to the Court of Common Pleas General Division, Adult Probation Department for the continuation of this program. Alvis will provide specialized programming for approximately one hundred fifty program participants with opiate addiction. Alvis will subcontract with the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Talbot Hall to administer those medications. This program will serve male and female felonies on community control supervision.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0832-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0833-19, authorizing a modification to the contract agreement with Advizex Consulting for the Virtual Desktop Infrastructure Assessment at an increase in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$3,150 (with the total contract not to exceed \$50,575.00) (\$3,150.00) (Court of Common Pleas), presented by Michael Pifher, Director of IT, Court of Common Pleas.

Mr. Pifher: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution approves eighteen additional professional service hours required to complete remediation work on our Virtual Desktop Infrastructure system within the courts. The remaining hours are anticipated to be completed yet this year.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0833-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0834-19, authorizing a contract with Advanced Security Technologies, LLC., for the provision of the delivery and supply of mobile barricades (\$250,000.00) (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Jeff Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Young: Before you is a resolution to approve a contract with Advanced Security Technologies, LLC., to provide mobile vehicle barricades and a storage trailer. This regional Homeland Security project is to provide vehicle barricades for large crowd events. These barricades are to be set up to stop a vehicle from entering an event, protecting the attendees from impact and injury by vehicles. These barricades are routinely seen set up at Ohio State University home football games, where they are utilized as a part of the traffic pattern, funneling vehicles through the vehicle checkpoints prior to being allowed into the area proximate to the Horseshoe and a dense crowd area. With that in mind, the initial purchase for a fully stocked trailer of barricades will be provided to the OSU Department of Public Safety, who will be responsible for all ownership obligations, including ongoing storage and maintenance of the trailer. This contract is funded through a state Homeland Security grant, with a not to exceed amount of \$250,000.00, which will allow us to purchase a second trailer and barricades if a jurisdiction has a need and willingness to be responsible for this regional asset and it's used throughout Homeland Security region four. I'll gladly answer questions.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0834-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0835-19, authorizing the 2020 hybrid plug-in sedan purchase commitment with Ricart Ford, Inc. (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

Ms. Ashcraft: Good morning, Commissioners. The first resolution before you requests a commitment to purchase five hybrid plug-in vehicles. If approved, Fleet will request a purchase order for these vehicles on the first resolution in 2020. The Commissioners have committed to environmental sustainability for years and have purchased alternative fuels for over a decade. As a partner in the Smart Cities grant, we have already exceeded our initial purchase commitment. However, the grant is quickly approaching the final date of March 25, 2020, and the overall vehicle purchase goal is lacking by five vehicles. Due to timing, the vehicles need to be ordered now for them to arrive prior to March 25, 2020. Our hybrid vehicle contract is with Ricart Ford, and if we would provide them with a commitment document, they will go ahead and order the vehicles by December 1, 2019, so that they can arrive before March 25, 2020.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0835-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0836-19, authorizing appropriation adjustments for capital purchases (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

Ms. Ashcraft: The next resolution is requesting appropriation adjustments for capital purchases for general services. Fleet is requesting supplemental appropriations within the Fleet capital fund in the amount of \$60,000.00, to allow us to purchase two additional vehicles before the end of the year. These are due for replacement and we can purchase them now. Also, in this resolution, the other part is a request for the Print Shop. This is a request to transfer appropriations from materials and services to capital outlays to purchase the equipment needed for the requirements regarding the consolidation project with the Data Center.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0836-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0837-19, review of a petition to annex 13.8 +/- acres from Hamilton Township to the Village of Obetz Case #ANX-23-19 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution is to consider an expedited type 2 annexation petition of 13.8 acres from Hamilton Township to the Village of Obetz. The area to be annexed includes property located at:

- 2611 Bixby Road, owner Douglas Showalter
- 5200 Alum Creek Drive, owner William Paszke
- 5222 Alum Creek Drive, owner Daryl Taylor
- 5240 Alum Creek Drive, owner Victor and Jennifer Higgenbotham
- 3150 Toy Road, owner Gary and Julie Doughty
- 3180 Toy Road, owner James and Mary Davis
- 3160 Toy Road, owner William and Sandra Taylor

Ms. Snapp (cont.): Those parcels are east of Alum Creek Drive, north of Toy Road, west of London Groveport Road, and south of Bixby Road. The petition was filed by agent and attorney David Hodge of Underhill and Hodge. Mr. Hodge is in attendance if you have any questions on behalf of the owners, previously named above. Sixteen percent of the site's perimeter is contiguous with Obetz, and the Village passed Ordinance Number 37-19, on October 15, 2019, indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved in a statement regarding incompatible land uses in the zoning buffer. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0837-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0838-19, approving a subaward agreement with Future Ready Columbus for the management of student data systems and collaborative program planning services (\$700,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, and Carmen Barnes, Deputy Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, as you know, over several years our agency has partnered with Future Ready Columbus to make students' data from the cee-hive and learning circle tools available to community agencies. Many of those community agencies are nonprofit organizations that help partner with us to assist those in poverty. Cee-hive tracks data for children and early learning centers to support important readiness by monitoring children's strengths, as well as areas for improvement. Cee-hive helps track performance and measures the effectiveness of learning programs. Learning Circle is an early warning indicator intervention tool, that monitors attendance, behavior, and core academics. ABC's data for kindergarten through 12 students. It also is available for many of our after-school or summer program providers. Over the last award period, approximately fifty-five students were identified with early warning indicators through the learning circle platform and another forty-nine hundred youth in after-school programs received social-emotional assessments. Furthermore, nearly five thousand-five hundred children under the age of five benefitted from Cee-hives' early learning tracking platform and Future Ready continues to provide and monitor technical assistance support coaching for two-hundred fifty-plus community agencies. Today, we have Jane Leach with us who is the director of Future Ready Columbus. As she is coming forward, I want to just make mention that Jane and her team have been very instrumental in helping us galvanize and develop more of a structured system with our Step-Up to Quality efforts, as well as she's working effortlessly and tirelessly to develop a strategy for our birth to five age group.

Ms. Leach: Thank you very much, Commissioners, and thank you, Director Bivens. I want to thank you for the appropriation that Director Bivens mentioned to you. I've seen firsthand how the Cee-hive data is used in early learning centers where directors go through the data and talk about children individually and their progress, teaching practices, and how practices need to change to better meet the needs of children. So, that's an important data gathering tool. Then with the learning circles also, the power that's happening there is that these schools and the wraparound, the out-of-school providers are sitting at the table together and having conversations and sharing data, and talking about the early warning indicators and how together they can address the needs of the children, that's powerful. Before there were two separate entities, now they're sharing a conversation. But if I may with your permission, I'd love to give you an update on Future Ready Columbus.

Ms. Leach (cont.): A lot is going on with Future Ready Columbus. As Director Bivens mentioned, we've been giving, I would say strong leadership to the Step-Up to Quality initiative. We're gathering the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services, our local R&R, the governor's office, and

meeting regularly to look at the data, to look at the progress being made, and to talk about the strategies, again looking at data and changing that up so that we can win this battle for stars, for our early childhood providers. I'm personally going out on the streets. I get information from Franklin County Job and Family Services, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, because I've established a five-star Early Learning Center. I feel like I have some game to talk to providers and encourage them in this journey and find out what the barriers are, take that data back, and then we develop strategies to do that. So, we are working well as a team and I'm grateful for that. I think that this should make your heart sing that we've gone through the Franklin County poverty blueprint and pulled out all the early childhood pieces of that and have launched a group, working for specific things. The beauty of this is, the city and the county are working together, and you'll see that in your document where we have identified four specific areas of focus. Right now, that's an executive working team. We're meeting weekly so that we can put a lot of energy and muscle behind the hard work that you have already done for us and we appreciate that. Commissioner Brown and Mayor Ginther have asked Future Ready to develop a strategic plan for our county so that one-hundred percent of our children, by 2030, will be ready for kindergarten success and so we put together an Early Childhood Advisory Council, which you'll see on the second page of the briefing. We have several work teams going on at Future Ready, providing leadership for that. It takes a village to reach that pool and we've been given the timeline of this spring to have a plan in place that's aggressive and we're doing some heavy lifting. So, to do that, I mentioned we have the Early Childhood Advisory Council. That is a group of thirty-six executives that gives us executive-level advice and pushes ideas, pokes around in thoughts and ideas, and plans what we bring before them. We meet quarterly. There's a Future Ready by Five planning team, from those thirty-six, we've pulled the strategic thinkers and they are the ones that are responsible for this giving leadership along with us for this planned development and then we take that back to the Early Childhood Advisory Council. I mentioned the executive work team where we're working on the blueprint. So, along the lines, you'll see that the Early Childhood Advisory Council, the planning team to make this based in real-world systems. We are then pulled together, advisory group teams of people as the plan is developing. If we need to hear from school superintendents, we pull them together, if we need to hear from New Americans, we pull them together, if we need to hear from the LGBTQ community, we pull them together. So that information feeds the planning, planning then goes to the executive team, the executive team pushes it around, then we take it back. Every month we meet with the city and the county to provide updates, so, we're busy. Great things are going on and we are starting on a firm foundation in this county and have no place to go, but better, better, better, so thank you for your time, and thank you for your support, it's very much appreciated. I would be happy to meet with you anytime you'd like to meet if you'd like more regular updates.

Commissioner O'Grady: Jane, what part of the Future Ready Columbus is working on identifying the dollars necessary for understanding what it's going to take to make sure the kids are ready for kindergarten by 2030?

Ms. Leach: We're providing leadership for that and then certainly the executive work team weighs in on that with county and city representation. The ECAC weighs in on that because the thirty-six executives have such a strong voice around our county, we look to them. Ultimately, it will come down to the executive work team and that includes a tight group of city and county employees and leaders in our community to get that done.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, I've spoken with Jane and some people on the team, just to add, we need to especially look at what's already being leveraged as we're looking at 2030 as a part of that strategy.

Ms. Leach: We're looking at what exists, where the money is flowing from, where the gaps are, what's necessary.

President Brown: What we wanted to do is first identify what works and what's working, what best practices would suggest, and separate out what resources were needed, what we're already spending before we looked at anything new.

Commissioner O'Grady: That's what I was getting at.

President Brown: Absolutely. We did not want money driving the system of what was needed. We did not want to even entertain that discussion.

Commissioner O'Grady: That's what I was getting at. How do we come up with more dollars?

President Brown: I don't want to be part of the system until we really know what's needed and what we're already spending and what's working. Director Bivens and my staff were involved with that discussion all along; we've been trying to separate out what we really need to do from how we fund it.

Commissioner O'Grady: Thank you.

Ms. Leach: My pleasure.

Commissioner Boyce: I would just like to add to that. I would say in the most respectful way, I have a slightly different perspective on this conversation, and I want to thank you for your presentation because I feel like you addressed a lot of my questions. I felt like because all data-oriented, we want to know where to move the needle. But the concern I have with the Future Ready model is, the shift from the sort of whole from P16, it's sort of the range of impact on our citizenry if you will, to this sort of zeroed in structure of zero to five, and that's okay, but it's a deviation from which the model was originally created. The model, it's based on, which is strive, and you know in some of the work that originated in Cincinnati, Ohio, and so I'm not saying it's wrong, I'm only saying as we get into the poverty work at what I've learned and traveled in the country with the Gates Foundation and NACO over the last year, is that the discipline in moving the needle is being disciplined

to the work, long-term. It's very difficult to see short-term results. We get so moved because reporters tend to write about, and we as politicians quite frankly, we seek the short-term movements, and because that's what gets the attention to say whether we're doing a good job. But the real discipline in our poverty work is going to be the long-term commitment to seeing incremental improvements and changes, but it's that commitment. So, as we zero in on zero to five, which I think is a very good area. I still have concerns in the bigger picture, where we started in this work years ago and it quite frankly preceded you, but that deviation to me, it's almost like starting the clock over. You know it's almost like saying, you know the work that we did initially, and even your board was created with this sort of holistic grab of the P through sixteen because remember you know reading all this data now about the most vulnerable age, you want what you get zero to five is the crucial sort of the point, but then you've got middle school that becomes the sort of age, what we call opportunity, for us to really capture. I'm not trying to diminish what was said, I'm only saying I know this work very well and as we get into the poverty work, it could change. I want us to be disciplined about staying the course. So, we don't see this sort of short-term win that the reporters like to write about or public grade us on typically.

Ms. Leach: To address that, the focus changed, and County Administrator Wilson could talk about this. In the summer of 2017, that's when the board decided to change the focus because a couple of things worked together toward your point. So much research and so much more information and knowledge are available about those early years and the brain development in early literacy development, the social-emotional health that happens when we invest in families, children, and the system that supports them. Then to your point, there's the long game. When we invest soundly, truly, purposely, and very strategically in the lives of prenatal, it's before children are even born. Prenatal to age five, if we play the long game which we must. This is the day for our county to do this. We will see less disruption, dysfunction, and challenges, we will in elementary school, middle school, high school, and into adulthood. But you talk about a long game, that's a long one. I think it's aggressive to say kindergarten will be ready by 2030, but those children are going to be born in 2025 to be ready. So, when we do the hard work, the strategic, thoughtful, and collaborative work now, when those children are born, it's going to work, so we are talking about a long game.

Commissioner Boyce: I don't want to hold up our meeting, because there are other folks. I'd ask that we follow up with a meeting, and Director I'd like you to be there. I just want to make sure we're connecting the dots on the blueprint. One point I would like to make though, is that you know zero to five is not, and I know that you're not saying this, but that's why I want to keep us focused on this sort of P16 perspective because there are factors that will not be impacted by pedagogy. You know they will be impacted by the home, the neighborhood, and by the community. There are so many pieces that still must be linked to that zero to five to be successful. I get concerned when we zero in because I really liked it when Future Ready was the P16 perspective, it's the only thing out there that sort of tries to capture the complete person along the way. I want to see more of that and I'm hoping that our poverty work will allow us to fill in those gaps that fall off now from that, but to me, that's what the initial model was with Future Ready and strive in what was

created in Cincinnati, Ohio. So, we're a long way from that and it is fine, but I just want to keep the dots connected.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioner, I will tell you that in the work that they are doing, not just looking at education, Jane and their team are looking at those supportive services, but I also think Commissioner, I would like to have a follow-up meeting with you as well to talk about some of the other players in that space now that they've identified zero to five. Can we now sit down and look at the other players, the afterschool providers, the Boys and Girls Clubs, and all these other enrichment programs that we are funding to say now we have moved the cheese, which is working on this piece of poverty. We want to make sure that we insulate and put those supportive services around you to get to the point, that very point that you're talking about. We can't keep doing the same thing the same way. But I think what Jane is doing and including those supportive services in the work, that's very inclusive. I don't know if our other providers, I know there's some of it, but I don't know this to the broad base that you would like to see.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: I just would like to speak briefly on this topic. I got to take some ownership as I saw the executive director look out at me because I was on the board when she came on as our executive director and a part of the change in the charge. What happened over the period working on this was, quite frankly the board realized that we couldn't refine a focus by having the board look from pre-birth to age twenty-four. I think that was where we started when my predecessor Don Brown and then Director Anthony Trotman, we would learn for life. It was pre-birth to age twenty-four I believe, from the cradle all the way to building your career. Creating what happened was that we could not get our arms around the outcomes and setting the benchmarks that the community expected, even in the long run. So, a decision was made to try to refine our focus around pre-birth to age five and quite frankly a lot of work still needs to be done to develop those metrics that the community can wrap their arms around because it's not just the Columbus City Schools issue, we must do this countywide. So, right now the Future Ready board has quite a bit of the ocean to still drink and sort out, and that's why it was very helpful to talk about earlier that this advisory board must set out a course and I would even argue, test that course before we can even begin to think about changing a funding scheme to address this countywide to cover all of the children that are in at a pre-k stage. There's been a lot of early conversations around a property tax levy. It was even contemplated very early based upon what happened in some other communities around the country. But I think that we are not at the point to determine the millage to address this issue. So, I think that there's quite a bit of work to be done. I think that we are in a great position to have the Rise Together Franklin County blueprint so that we can collaborate and put the pieces together. Director Bivens and her agency play a major role in that because AMP must be successful. For example, when we talk about the fourteen to twenty-four age group, we got to put together programming with federal dollars and we got to find additional dollars to serve the opportunity youth. I think the answer may be to pick up those children from third grade all the way through middle school.

President Brown: I think we're also not even talking about the families that are the parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles of these children that need to be part of the mix because without the family surrounding these children, we're not going to get very far. So, it's more of a two-generation solution and what we're talking about today is the children, the zero to five and I think that's critically important for somebody to focus on those children, but surrounding them are the other agencies, the other supporters around that of the two-generation support services to help the families that help those children succeed and what we need to do to help those families be successful and you know we can't forget that.

Ms. Bivens: If we talk about resources to the AMPs position, you know AMP is for the fourteen to twenty-four age group right now. We're probably servicing thirteen to fourteen hundred youth in that system. We have twenty thousand of those opportunities to talk about resources, we must be able to identify outlet resources. Those are the ones we're able to serve with the dollars that have been designated.

Mr. Wilson: We spent yesterday talking about the youth portal and that's just one component of it to be more efficient and effective to connecting youth to jobs, which now we must move beyond just eight to ten-week summer jobs. We must look at creating more additional year-round opportunities for certain categories of individuals. So, there's a lot of work to be done. I think that through the blueprint we can bring the subject matter experts together, because I'm not an educator, but we spend a lot of time collectively looking at how to do this work. Commissioner Boyce, I agree one hundred percent, has got to be through P through 16, because you got to prepare everybody for a career and create career pathways for individuals that may not be looking at a four-year college, for example. We've got to continue to match them with the jobs that are in the community. I was just talking this morning to the Director of CFA; he said it is \$6 billion in construction projects coming online in this community right now and just think about the jobs and the skills that we need to effectively fill those positions to bring down the cost.

Commissioner Boyce: I think what I'd like to do is have a deeper dive, invite you to the meeting as well, and let's just have this conversation. I'm not trying to be antagonistic here, but I carry a different perspective with a different background on this, and I just think I want to reconcile the conversation today. It's not that I don't think this is a good strategy and focus but in the context of what it was meant to be. Learning for Life was initially created to be, which is today's Future Ready, it's the same organization for those who don't know, that is why it was created. I just think whenever you switch the strategy, there's got to be a reconciliation of why, and I understand that, but here's my point. The data is going to change, five years from now, the population will shift, there will be different things. Baby Boomers will kick in, our census data will tell us a lot and we can't be reactive to that current data shift and we stay the course of what we're trying to accomplish in the big scheme of things. Knowing that in the end there's this mosaic of Franklin County that's going to look like what we can't predict from now. So, that's what Learning for Life strived for, that's what Future Ready's model was initially created to do and so, I'm just saying, when we change that up, I don't disagree that it's real. I just think that we should reconcile those other pieces out there to make sure we don't miss that in the long-term. I'll organize

the meeting in my office and we'll just have this conversation and roll our sleeves up and try to reconcile it and go from there.

Commissioner O'Grady: The reason that I raised the question around funding was, we've just had a half an hour conversation about what this all looks like, what it all means and whether it's zero to five or cradle-to-career or Learn for Life or P16 or you know, what it looks like and where is it going and what should it be. You know, way back at the beginning of this, the question that I got was, are we going to do a property tax levy to fund all of this and you know, let's talk about money, let's talk about funding and I said, wait a second. There's a ton of money in this system already, There's a whole bunch of money being spent by a whole lot of people already, why are we talking about a property tax levy, not a good idea, not where we ought to be, not what we ought to be talking about. We should be sitting down and talking about what are we thinking about, what's this look like, what are we doing, how much money are we spending already, who's spending it, what's it going to cost and by the way, there's probably plenty of money in the system already. There's probably already plenty of money out there being spent already, and we could probably fund it in a different way. So, why are we talking about a property tax levy and that's the reason why I raised the question this morning.

President Brown: We're looking at the infant mortality task force model now. So, that's bringing them into the fold as part of that.

Commissioner O'Grady: That was the only reason that I raised it this morning, was simply that this is a gigantic conversation. We are a little premature on a lot of this stuff today. We have a lot of ground to cover, there's a lot of debate to be had, there's a lot of conversation, which I think it's fantastic. I'm excited about it. We just have a lot of conversation we must have, that's all. I'm very excited about the work that's being done, we're excited about where this is going. I just don't want to put the cart before the horse, that's all.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, this resolution supports goal number eleven of the Rise Together blueprint.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0838-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0839-19, approving subaward agreements with NAMI Franklin County, Inc. and Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT) for youth enrichment programming (\$140,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, and Carmen Barnes, Deputy Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, today is our annual science project day from our friends from PACT. We have our guest, Tee Street, who is the program director and the principal India Wilson at Eastgate Elementary and students from Eastgate. The Franklin County Youth Council, as you know was created in 2016. Its mission is to provide members with leadership training giving them a voice at the table when it comes to creating and

implementing public program policies that impact their lives. The Youth Council was made up of forty high school students who represent Franklin County's diverse constituencies, including those from immigrant communities, LGBTQ, and TANF eligible youth, as well as those involved in Children Services in the juvenile justice system. Council members meet twice a month, in addition to volunteering for various community activities, meeting with local officials, planning youth dialogues, and more. This resolution would permit NAMI, which has been a partner since the council's inception to continue to serve participating agencies for the upcoming contract period. This resolution will also continue to fund PACT's Health Science Academy, programming, and co-curricular experiences for students across seven different near eastside Columbus City Schools: East High School, Champion Middle School, Eastgate, Ohio Avenue, East Columbus, Trevitt, and Beatty Park Elementary School. Through this partnership with The Ohio State University, Columbus State, and Nationwide Children's Hospital, children will be able to take part in hands-on experiential learning, project-based learning, and all within a program curriculum that aligns with district and state science standards. It will also fund the second year PACT parent university workshops series, which is designed to provide parents with caregivers with resources to become better educational partners, and advocates for their children.

Invited guests demonstrated a science-based learning project; each student was offered an opportunity to speak to the program's impact on their life; and, those supporting the program detailed how students are being impacted by the work of the program and its many successes.

(A group photo was taken)

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0839-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0840-19, approving a subaward agreement with The Center for Healthy Families, Inc., for teen parenting and pregnancy prevention services (\$250,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, and Carmen Barnes, Deputy Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Barnes: The Center for Healthy Families has provided coaching and support to more than eleven hundred teen families in Franklin County since 2009. Our agency has funded the parent education support group which is a program that provides teens with individualized planning for goals with delivering healthy families, increasing knowledge of safe sleep practices, delaying subsequent pregnancies, and helping them make a successful transition into parenthood. The center has served a total of eighty-eight TANF eligible parents and pregnant teens over the course of the last contract. Under the new agreement, they will target one hundred eligible pregnant and parenting teens. This resolution supports goal number eight of the Rise Together Poverty blueprint, improving maternal and child health, among high disparity groups struggling financially.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0840-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0841-19, approving a subaward agreement with the Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland, Inc. for youth enrichment programming (\$25,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, and Carmen Barnes, Deputy Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Barnes: Bonds Beyond Bars was established over twenty years ago to help offset the profound psychological and social impacts of incarceration on girls whose mothers are in prison. This community-based troop meets twice a month at the Ohio Reformatory for Women. The troop also doubles as a support community for the girls and they meet separately to discuss topics like anger management, domestic violence prevention, self-esteem, and mentoring. This resolution support goal number thirteen of the Rise Together blueprint, strengthening partnerships with parents to increase support for young people.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0841-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0842-19, approving a subaward agreement with the Ohio Association of Foodbanks for the management of work activities for the Food Assistance Employment and Training Program (\$648,400.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, and Carmen Barnes, Deputy Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Barnes: In Ohio, able-bodied adults without dependents, must comply with monthly federal work requirements for the food assistance employment and training program or FAET, in order to receive food assistance benefits. Over the past six years, our agency has contracted with the Ohio Association of Foodbanks to coordinate and manage allowable work activities with FAET. Over the last contract period, the Ohio Association of Foodbanks served over eight hundred customers providing individualized assessments, job readiness training, and work placement. We are once again proposing to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Association of Foodbanks to continue the coordination and management of the program, as well as developing their network of community sponsored worksites over the next year.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0842-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0843-19, approving contracts with Deaf Services Center Inc., HandsOn Central Ohio and The Legal Aid Society of Columbus for Title XX and TANF-Transfer services (\$609,999.04) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, and Carmen Barnes, Deputy Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Barnes: Title XX and TANF-Transfer services are intended to enable residents to improve self-sufficiency, support independent living and strength and family life. Our agency is responsible for administering Title XX Block Grant funds locally via contracting for necessary services. We are proposing to contract with the Deaf Services Center to provide case management interpretation and sign language, to approximately one hundred eleven low-income deaf and hearing-impaired residents. HandsOn Central Ohio, to provide information and referral services across Franklin County and Legal Aid Society to provide legal assistance in civil matters for an estimated forty-three low-income residents.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0843-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0844-19, authorizing a contract with the Derrick L Owens Group, LLP, for the provision of workforce readiness services and brief interventions and referrals for alcohol and other drug misuse services in the Whitehall and Reynoldsburg Mayor's Courts (\$50,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution is for two contracts with the Derrick L. Owens Group to provide early intervention services in the Mayor's Court, so folks can get connected with workforce readiness, resumes, etc., and get initial counseling. We know that a lot of times folks cannot get a job because they cannot pass a marijuana drug test, or they cannot get a job because they wake-up hungover every Monday. So, these are those types of intervention services, so that we can get folks employed and get them out of the Mayor's Court and keep them out of Municipal and Common Pleas courts. We will be serving approximately seventy-five individuals in each of the Mayor's Courts, and we have letters of support on file from the City Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0844-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0845-19, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,020,214.41) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Wicker, Small Emerging Business Coordinator.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution seeks approval of one hundred forty-three purchase orders for which the County Auditor has pre-certified available funding.

Ms. Wicker: This week, Small and Emerging Business enterprise vendors include 18 eligible purchase orders, totaling approximately \$143,000.00. These purchase orders for business services that have a higher likelihood of participation by Small and Emerging Businesses. Of these, 13 were awarded to Small and Emerging Business firms, including

business services of \$128,052.04, which is 72 percent of the eligible purchase order value and 95 percent of the eligible purchase order dollar value.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0845-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0846-19, authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations and a transfer of funds for the payment of debt service and issuance of debt (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: This resolution would authorize the payment of a December 1st, debt service obligation of the county, as well as the refunding of the series 2010 Recovery Zone economic development bonds. The total amount of the payments would be just under \$25,400,000.00.

Commissioner Boyce: Director, if you could speak to the reduction in debt, because it's a present value savings, right?

Mr. Talarek: Yes. So, as part of the refunding of the Recovery Zone, the principal amount was approximately \$10 million, just under \$2 million was paid down with cash. The remaining \$8 million represented about an 18 percent net present value savings.

Commissioner Boyce: Excellent.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0846-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0847-19, reappointing Charles A. Schneider to the Franklin County Law Library Resources Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator.

Mr. Janas: Good morning Commissioners. Pending any questions, I would recommend Judge Schneider's reappointment.

Commissioner Boyce: I'm going to be voting yes on this, but I do want to say on the record that I know we purchased software in 2018 for our Boards and Commissions, and we have several important Board and Commission appointments coming up. I know my colleagues take our appointments very seriously, but I need more information on what's coming up, what the needs are for those board appointments that I just hadn't gotten; we purchased software in 2018. I've requested several times for updates, and I don't want to make these coming appointments, which are critical appointments in terms of board appointments, like the Airport Board and some of the others without some organized information and data. The only reason that I'm bringing this up now, at this hearing because we've asked for this several times and I've been asking for it for months now and even on the record at times.

So, I'm voting yes today, but I'm warning the Administration now, that I'm losing my patience because I really need this information. We purchased that software for a reason, and I want to organize my own thoughts, data, and information around who we're appointing, why we're appointing them, what that board does, how long that appointment is when the next vacancy comes up. The mayor and I had the same conversation and Columbus is doing the same thing, in terms of scrutinizing and looking closer and deeper at their board appointments. So, I don't mean to hijack this meeting for that, but again, I'm just losing my patience because I think these board appointments are very critical.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0847-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of November 19, 2019.



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