

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

November 05, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 05, 2019.

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

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

President Brown called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

Approval of the minutes of the August 1, 2019 Briefing Session and the September 24, 2019, General Session. Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President Brown. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding plan approval for the improvement of Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Clark State Road Site Clearing project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

President Brown: Is there anyone in the audience that wishes to speak to this matter?

Seeing none, President Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 0787-19, plans approved for the improvement of Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Clark State Road Site Clearing project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this capital improvement project is in the northeast part of Franklin County in Jefferson Township at the intersection of Reynoldsburg New Albany Road and Clark State Road. This resolution is for the plan signing and approval, preparation plan, and will allow the utility relocations to begin and for environmental commitments to have been met.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 787-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0788-19, Ribway Engineering Group, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in preparing construction plans for the Hayden Run Road 6.74 over Scioto River, Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$90,806.82) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this is a detailed design resolution with Ribway Engineering, who will help us design a bridge rehabilitation along Hayden Run Road over Scioto River. Again, that's in Norwich Township and we utilize the qualifications-based selection process for this recommendation.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 788-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0789-19, requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on a portion of Taylor Road, County Road No. 205, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, as stated, this is a speed limit reduction resolution in Jefferson Township along Taylor Road, from Taylor Station Road East to Reynoldsburg New Albany Road. We have performed a study and would recommend the speed limit be lowered from fifty-five miles per hour to forty-five.

President Brown: That will be good because my grandson is starting to drive in that area.

(Laughter)

Commissioner O'Grady: I've got a third child getting ready to start driving. Can we get all the roads in the Hilliard area, all the speed limits reduced everywhere throughout Brown Township, Norwich Township, Hilliard, and Washington Township, the whole area out there?

Mr. Robertson: Sure.

Commissioner O'Grady: Not that it will help, but it will make me feel a lot better.

(Laughter)

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 789-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0790-19, Establishing, altering, and widening of the Elliott Road and Hayden Run Road Drainage Improvement project, Brown Township and Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Jim Ramsey, Assistant Highway Engineer, Engineer.

Mr. Ramsey: Commissioners, as noted, this next resolution seeks to declare necessary, the Elliott Road and Hayden Run Road drainage improvement project. This project is in Northwest Franklin County and Brown and Washington Township and will improve the existing drainage along the corridors.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 790-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0791-19, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer with surveying and engineering services for the Murnan Road Drainage Outlet Improvement project, Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$144,375.73) (Engineer), presented by Jim Ramsey, Assistant Highway Engineer, Engineer.

Mr. Ramsey: Commissioners, this next resolution seeks approval to enter into a consultant services agreement with Civil and Environment Consultants to provide surveying and engineering services for the Murnan Road Drainage Outlet Improvement Project. The project is in southwest Franklin County and Prairie Township and proposes to improve drainage in the area. Civil and Environment Consultants, Inc., was selected via a qualifications-based selection process.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 791-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Commissioner O'Grady: I know we joke around about our kids driving, and for the last several months I've been with Dom Tiberi quite a bit with his Maria's Message. I know Dom has been a huge proponent of driving and distracted driving and driving education in the area of distracted driving. This past Monday I was at Hilliard Davidson High School. Dom did his one hundred and eightieth high school, where he goes into the high school and speaks to all the juniors and seniors about distracted driving and about keeping your eyes on the road, putting down your cell phone. It's not just your cell phone, it's everything. Keeping your hands on the wheel, not playing with the radio, you know, just paying attention to the road. He's got such a powerful message. He talks to the kids; the kids are unbelievably attuned to what's he talking about. He talks for about a half an hour, then he asks them to pledge with him when he's done with his message, but he kept referring to my son Patrick, who's a sixteen-year-old junior at Davidson because Patrick took the distracted driving class that Dom puts together along with our good friend at 10tv, Angela Pace. I know he's been working with you and your staff and he's talking to you guys about the driving pad that we approved last week out at the fairgrounds because he's interested in the possibilities that there may be for some simulators out there. But for those of you who

have kids that are thinking about or getting ready to be new drivers, Maria's message and the driving class that they do is a fantastic defensive driving class. You can get a reduction. Anybody that takes it, doesn't matter what age you're at, you can go back and take it as an adult. You can get a reduction in your insurance rates through your insurance company if you take the defensive driving class. It's just a good thing and it's a great course to take and it's a great message that he has.

President Brown: It's an excellent reminder for adults as well as teens.

Commissioner O'Grady: Is it Vincent that's getting ready to take it?

President Brown: Yes.

Commissioner O'Grady: If they get Vincent into his driving school, they can get a reduction on their insurance right now. Believe me, as a parent of three young drivers, it's expensive to pay those insurance rates.

President Brown: For adults too, it's especially important to not put your makeup on, look at your phone, not look at your messages, eat cereal.

Commissioner O'Grady: No matter where you go these days when you're driving, if you look over at a traffic light or driving down the freeway, you look over to the person next to you, they always have their cell phone in their hand and it's just crazy these days and it's costly. Dom's, it's a passion for him

President Brown: Oh, I know.

Commissioner O'Grady: I think he said that it's been seven years since his daughter Maria died.

Mr. Robertson: We sure appreciate his courage and strength to be able to work so hard on that message. We appreciate it greatly appreciate the Commissioners in your efforts and partnership and we work very hard to design safe roads and bridges, but we're trying to promote safe driving and, in this collaboration, as I think and make a big difference, so thank you very much.

Commissioners: Thank you.

Resolution No. 0792-19, authorizing the acceptance of an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the Franklin County Drug Task Force (\$99,998.45) (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff.

Mr. Masterson: Good morning, Commissioners. The passage of this resolution approves the acceptance of the JAG grant to augment the duties of a Franklin County Drug Task Force through June 30, 2020. The grant will cover manpower expenses on short- and long-term drug investigations.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 792-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0793-19, authorizing a contract with MAPSYS, Inc. to provide requested support and maintenance to the Franklin County Treasurer application (FCTS) (\$95,000.00) (Treasurer), presented by Allyse Thomas, Budget and Purchasing Coordinator and Jim Holmes, Chief Technology Officer, Treasurer.

Ms. Thomas: Good morning, Commissioners. With the passage of this resolution, this will allow for MAPSYS to continue to maintain the Franklin County Treasurer's system that we use for our parcel management and customer service program.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 793-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0794-19, authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations in order to provide the budgetary allotment for meeting November payroll and other obligations (Board of Elections), presented by Ed Leonard, Director, Board of Elections.

Mr. Leonard: Good morning, Commissioners. Everything's going well this morning. We have our challenges as we do every election. Some polling locations are opening a little bit late, but aside from that, everything's been going well. One of the things that we have implemented for this election is we're opening some significant number of our locations. We're setting them up the night before and so that allows for, hopefully reducing the number of calls that we get on election morning with locations that are open late or opening late because it's again as the equipment setup process for the poll workers, there's a lot more to it. So, for our poll workers, hopefully, this Monday night setup will make things easier and we found as we began to explore the process, other counties, Delaware County, Hamilton County, Montgomery County, and Cuyahoga county, they all do the setup of their voting locations on Monday night so that when their poll workers arrive on Tuesday morning, there's a lot less for them to do. It creates a greater ability to get that polling location up by 6:30 a.m. and operating. So, we will be evaluating this process after this election and we hope to expand it to even more locations. So, again we can reduce the stress on our poll workers on election morning so they can focus on getting the last few things done and getting open by 6:30 a.m. We encourage voters to get out and vote today.

The resolution is for our monthly budget for November, and as you might expect it is larger than our past ones and it's primarily due to the personnel costs related to putting on today's election, and we continue to work towards preparing for our 2020 budget as well.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 794-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner O'Grady voting nay.

Resolution No. 0795-19, authorizing a title transfer of obsolete Data Domain equipment utilized as a trade-in associated with an equipment upgrade (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Julie Lust, Director, and Adam Frumkin, CIO, Franklin County Data Center.

Ms. Lust: While we were negotiating the price for the new Data Domain upgrade, we were able to negotiate a credit for the equipment that was becoming end-of-life. This resolution will authorize the County Administrator to sign that title transfer, so that the equipment that the Automatic Data Processing Board found to be obsolete, can be transferred back to the manufacturer.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 795-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0796-19, authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations to support mental health, alcohol, and other drug treatment and prevention services (Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Board), presented by Mark Lambert, Interim CFO, Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Board.

Mr. Lambert: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution request is for \$5,900,000.00 on levy supplemental appropriations. \$1,300,000.00 of the appropriations will be used for the opiate public service announcement campaign. The Ohio opioid education Alliance, which ADAMH is the fiscal agent has received additional local resources from the Franklin County Commissioners, The Franklin County Children Services, Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and the Columbus Foundation. In addition, The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has contributed \$500,000.00 to expand the Ohio Denial campaign statewide. \$4,600,000.00 of the appropriations will be funded with new federal and state resources and will be predominantly used to purchase crisis services at Netcare and Maryhaven. In addition, these funds will expand medical addiction, treatment acute support, and peer support services in Franklin County.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 796-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0797-19, approving three subaward agreements with Action for Children, Goodwill Industries of Central Ohio, Inc. and Jewish Family Services for parenting classes and workforce services (\$204,999.40) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution will approve subaward agreements with Action for Children, Goodwill Industries of Central Ohio, and Jewish Family Services to provide parenting and workforce development services. For the past five years, we have partnered with Child Support Enforcement through the Compass and Catalyst Programs. The Catalyst Program targets unemployed obligors who have received a new child support order, while the Compass program provides obligors facing civil

contempt charges for failure to meet payments with intervention services in lieu of jail time. Both programs, which are administered by Goodwill and Jewish Family Services provide individualized Career Planning and Vocational training, in addition to job placement in retention services. Whereas those programs target obligors facing new orders or civil contempt charges. Action for Children's Journey program aims to engage non-custodial parents earlier in the process before an order is established. Participants are assigned to an advocate for case management support, support the establishment of paternity and provide consistent financial support in training to develop strong relationships with their children, and overcome life's barriers.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 797-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0798-19, approving a subaward agreement with I Know I Can, to provide middle and high school youth with career and college readiness programming (\$799,975.11) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: I Know I Can college and career advising model places full-time college and career experts in high schools. But the goal of ensuring every student is prepared and can enroll in college or enter a career after graduating. With your support, we will be able to expand the programming to provide services. We were able to expand the programming to Whitehall and Southwestern City Schools. Under the last contract, I Know I Can provides college and career advising to more than twenty-four hundred students at Central Crossing, Franklin Heights, Grove City, Westland, and Whitehall Yearling High Schools. They helped over seven hundred seniors complete college applications. This contract will also allow I know I Can to continue to pilot career and college advising in five Columbus City Schools middle schools. In all, I Know I Can advisors and coaches will provide approximately sixty-six hundred middle and high school students across these districts with college readiness and career planning services. Through this program, also supports a goal eleven of your blueprint to reduce poverty, increasing the number of students at or near poverty level experiencing academic success.

President Brown: Vivian, is this the first time we've expanded beyond Columbus Schools?

Ms. Turner: That expansion began last year.

President Brown: Ok.

Ms. Turner: They're only going to expand to more schools in southwestern.

President Brown: That's great. Thank you.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 798-19, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0799-19, approving subaward agreements with the Columbus Urban League and Godman Guild Association for workforce development services (\$225,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: Ex-offenders face a myriad of barriers transitioning back into the community after incarceration. Obtaining employment is one of the most daunting challenges. However, research has confirmed that employment is a key factor in reducing recidivism rates, and the sooner we can help them find stable employment, the lower the risk. When ex-offenders fall back into the old habits and end up back in prison, we all pay the cost to the tune of nearly \$26,000.00 per inmate, per year. The Columbus Urban League's transitions program provides the hardest to serve, chronically unemployed and underemployed restored citizens. The curriculum includes employability skills, like conflict resolution, computer literacy, and interviewing techniques, on top of individualized job placement and retention services. The Urban League also works with community partners, offers vocational certification training programs, and much more. Over the term of our last contract, nearly half of the transition participants obtained employment. The Godman Guild program is one of the many partners operating out of the Reeb Avenue Center on the southside. They offer a variety of workforce programs tailored to meet the individual needs of residents, including the pathways to work transitions program which provides job training program, and partners with employers while the career bridges healthcare program, provides training to enter into full-time healthcare support positions through a partnership with Ohio Health. Over the last contract period, two-thirds of the program participants obtained employment. In this upcoming contract, the Urban League will target approximately eighty chronically unemployed and underemployed restored citizens, while Godman Guild will serve an estimated forty TANF eligible residents. These programs also support goal number four the blueprint, improving increasing the delivery of supportive services for individuals to access employment.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 799-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0800-19, authorizing a non-general fund transfer of appropriations for the purchase of capital equipment (Animal Control), presented by April Ricciardo, Assistant Director, Animal Control.

Ms. Ricciardo: Good morning, Commissioners. With the passage of this resolution, it will allow us to purchase the necessary medical equipment, such as dental machines and EKG's to properly monitor the animals under anesthesia.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 800-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0801-19, review of petition to annex 0.103 +/- acres from Plain Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-24-19 (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 I annexation petition of 0.103 acres from Plain Township to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property located at Warner Road and this is all public right-of-way, which is north of Warner Road, east of Hamilton Road, South of Central College Road and west of Harlem Road. The petition was filed by the agent Jennifer Gallagher, Director on behalf of the City of Columbus, Department of Public Services. 50.6 percent of the site's perimeter is contiguous with the City of Columbus and the applicant has provided a copy of the annexation agreement between Plain Township and the City of Columbus. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in section 709.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 801-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0802-19, authorizing the acceptance of a subgrant award from Franklin County Public Health's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Grant for the enhancement and coordination of project strategies (\$217,540.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Good morning, Commissioners. As you're aware, Franklin County Public Health was awarded a significant grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to specifically address overdose primarily from opiates in Franklin County. They are sub awarding that to a variety of recipients and we are lucky enough to be one of them. Acceptance of this resolution will allow us in Justice Policy and Programs to accept a subgrant for \$217,540.00, which we will use to expand Peer Supports Services and Stand-up a Street Outreach.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 802-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0803-19, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,196,769.75) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Wicker, Small and Emerging Business Coordinator.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Good morning, Commissioners. The resolution before you seeks approval of one hundred and four purchase orders (POs) for which the County Auditor has pre-certified available funding.

Ms. Wicker: This resolution includes sixteen eligible purchase orders, totaling \$50,000.00. These purchase orders for business services that have a higher likelihood of participation

by Small Emerging Businesses Enterprises (SEBEs). Of these, ten were awarded to SEBE's totaling \$40,040.59 which is sixty-two percent of the eligible purchase order value and eighty percent of the purchase dollar value.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 803-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0804-19, approving the issuance of one or more series of Revenue Bonds (Trinity Health Credit Group), Series OH 2019A of the County of Franklin, Ohio, in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$200,000,000 and consenting to and approving the execution of the Bond Documents (Board of Commissioners), presented by Glen Pratt, Dinsmore, and Shohl and Brett Justice, Senior Vice President, Mount Carmel.

Mr. Pratt: Good morning, Commissioners. The resolution before the Commissioners would approve the issuance of Hospital Revenue Bonds in the maximum amount of \$200,000,000.00. Those proceeds would finance the cost of certain improvements at the various campuses of Mount Carmel, all within the County of Franklin. The bonds are being structured as fixed-rate obligations underwritten by Goldman Sachs and Bank of America Securities. As in the case with all bonds of this nature, the bonds do not represent the debt of Franklin County. Secured solely by revenues of Mount Carmel Health and its affiliates and that there's no liability on the part of Franklin County for any of the fees and expenses incurred as a result of the financing.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 804-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0805-19, Resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner O'Grady moved to go into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 9:39 A.M.

At 11:13 A.M., Commissioner O'Grady moved to come out of Executive Session, with Commissioner Boyce seconding, which was unanimously approved. No action was taken upon exiting Executive Session, and with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of November 5, 2019.

Marilyn Brown

MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT

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