

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 1, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

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

Also present on the dais were Paul Thies, Assistant Prosecutor, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget; and, Victoria Caldwell, Administrative Assistant II.

President Brown called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

Resolution No. 0704-19, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Columbus Asphalt Paving, Inc., for the Roberts Road Shared Use Path Project, Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$181,610.15) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and Jaime Tickle, Operations & Mechanical Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this first resolution is a shared use path project in the northwest part of the county. It's a cooperative project with the City of Columbus and Hilliard. We had a bid opening on September 5, with five bidders, and Columbus Asphalt Paving had the lowest and best bid.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0704-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0705-19, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Strawser Construction, Inc., for the 2019 Franklin County Road Maintenance & Safety Program, Franklin County, Ohio (\$484,669.37) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and Jaime Tickle, Operations & Mechanical Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Tickle: Commissioners, this resolution seeks to award the contract and approve the contract bonds with Strawser Construction, for the 2019 Franklin County Road Maintenance & Safety program. Strawser Construction was selected via the competitive

bid process, with a bid opening on September 3, 2019. Strawser Construction had the lowest and best bid.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0705-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0706-19, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with Darby Creek Excavating, Inc. for 2019 General Drainage Investigation and Repair Services, an increase of (\$366,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and Jaime Tickle, Operations & Mechanical Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, as stated, this is a contract modification for a drainage improvement project in the southeast part of the county. This project will be reimbursed by the City of Canal Winchester, the City of Columbus, and a portion from the Franklin County Drainage Engineer's Office.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0706-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0707-19, Woolpert, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in preparing right-of-way and construction plans for Sunbury Road at Woodward Avenue, Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$221,349.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and Jaime Tickle, Operations & Mechanical Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: This is a capital improvement project in the southeast part of the county, in Mifflin Township, and this project is at the point where we are ready to move forward with a detailed design, by Woolpert. We utilized a qualifications-based selection process, and would recommend your approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0707-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0708-19, authorizing a contract with Resource International, Inc., consultants, to provide on-call engineering services (\$100,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and Jaime Tickle, Operations & Mechanical Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, as stated, this is an on-call engineering services contract with Resource International. Again, we used the qualifications-based selection process, and would recommend your approval.

Commissioner Boyce: I am curious: On-call engineering is when you're doing a project with a bridge or culvert or something, and you've got a questionable thing that arises and

you need to have an engineer who can come out and evaluate it, or is a second opinion type thing?

Mr. Robertson: It could be both of those. It could also be for the unexpected. Small projects pop-up occasionally and this allows us to have someone on-call and ready to go, so we can move with efficiency.

Commissioner Boyce: So, these funds are only used if you actually use them, so it's a draw down type thing?

Mr. Robertson: Absolutely; yes. Many tasks may be involved to utilize this full contract.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0708-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0709-19, authorizing a contract with Sands Decker CPS, LLC, consultants, to provide on-call engineering services (\$100,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, and Jaime Tickle, Operations & Mechanical Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this is an identical type of contract for the same type of situations that may arise.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0709-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0710-19, authorizing a settlement to Ms. Taylor Penwell for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (\$737.34) (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff.

Mr. Masterson: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution approves a settlement for a vehicle damage claim that occurred on May 29 of this year [2019]. It's been recommended by the County Claims Adjuster, Fleet Management, and the Prosecutor's Office. Approval of this resolution will provide payment in the amount of \$737.34. Pending any questions, I ask approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0710-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0711-19, review of petition to annex 0.70 +/- acres from Jefferson Township to the City of Gahanna Case #ANX-19-19 (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 II Annexation Petition, of 0.70 acres from Jefferson Township to the City of Gahanna. Area to be annexed includes property located at 4478 E. Johnstown Road. That is south and east of Johnstown Road, north of Clark State Road, and west of Reynoldsburg New Albany Road North. The petition was filed by owner John B. Schafer, on behalf of the owners, which are both John B. Schafer and Machiko Schafer. I want to note that both are in attendance if you have any questions. 60.2 percent of the site's perimeter is contiguous with the City of Gahanna, and the city passed Resolution No. RES-0010-2019, on September 16, 2019, indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved and a statement regarding the possible incompatible land uses and the zoning buffer. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pending any questions, we request your approval.

Commissioner Boyce: I have no issue with this particular resolution, but I am curious: When a city or municipality is annexing land, does it have to be contiguous?

Ms. Snapp: Yes, and I believe it is five percent, per the statutory requirement. This particular one is specifically for utility services.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0711-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0712-19, authorizing a Catalyst Grant to the Family Mentor Foundation to provide assistance to food insecure children in Franklin County (\$75,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. McCrary: Good morning, Commissioners. Our first resolution is for the Family Mentor Foundation, and it will enable us to support them in providing 'buddy boxes' to children who are at risk of food insecurity. Every Friday, during the school year, the children will take home shelf stable, easy to prepare foods that they can enjoy. If they have a sibling who is present in the home they also receive enough food so that those children can be assured that they will be able to eat over the weekend, while they are not receiving school lunches. In addition, the children will also receive 'buddy boxes' for nine weeks over the summer, as well. Pending any questions, I would request approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce: Do you know how many that will cover? How many 'buddy boxes' that will produce?

Ms. McCrary: I know that just over 1,100 children will be served. But, I am not sure exactly how many boxes that equates to.

President Brown: So, this is 1,100 additional children who will get nutritional meals and nutritious food because of this support? And, this is the first time this program is being supported by us, is that correct?

Ms. McCrary: Yes. Yes, that is correct.

Commissioner O'Grady: Did we partner with anyone on this?

Ms. McCrary: We are not partnering with anyone directly for this resolution, however, I know that the Family Mentor Foundation partners with Children's Hunger Alliance, who we support. They work in partnership with one another and do a warm hand-off where they can, to make sure that children are not falling through the gaps.

Commissioner O'Grady: That's great. And, as much as this is a fantastic program, nine weeks is not the entire summer, so there are still holes here.

Ms. McCrary: That's right. And, I know that incidences of food insecurity is creeping further and further into the suburbs. Families are working two and three jobs, and still, they are having difficulties in feeding their families. So, I am so excited to be able to use this Catalyst funding to be able to reach children who are really in need.

Commissioner O'Grady: I just went to the grand opening of the Hilliard food pantry, where they expanded the size of their food pantry to one that is five times the size of this room, in Hilliard. Not so long ago they didn't even have one. This is something that is impacting every single one of our suburbs. We used to think of this as an inner city or rural problem. Now, Dublin has a food pantry; even in our wealthy suburbs, we've got issues of food insecurity. This is certainly something that we researched and learned in our poverty work that we will continue to face.

Commissioner Boyce: I know that Commissioner O'Grady has long been a leader in regards to food insecurity issues. And, I know that our poverty work adds a new layer to this discussion. What we have learned the most is that food insecurity is growing fastest in our suburbs. This is what I would consider one of the greatest investments that we can make, so thanks for bringing this Catalyst Grant forward.

Administrator Wilson: Looking in the contract, this is part of a partnership that would distribute 43,020 'buddy boxes,' to those 1,195 low income, food insecure children. And, it's going to support 28 pre-school, elementary, and middle schools. This is the perfect picture of the Catalyst Program; this is something new, something innovative that we haven't done with this program. So, thank you to Dayna and team for looking through so many applications that were submitted.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you, Administrator, for bringing that up. I just want to remind you [those in attendance, and watching on TV or online] that we want to work with these nonprofits to make certain that they have sustained services that these Catalyst Grants support. These grants kick-off these efforts, to expand and get them going, but we want to make sure that we are working with them to identify long-term resources.

President Brown: That's critically important to say. We made it very clear from the beginning with Catalyst Grants when we kicked off the awarding of these grants. We spoke with the recipients the need to work with them to find sustainable funding to continue on, because we surely don't want good work to stop.

Ms. McCrary: We will bring together this cohort of Catalyst Grant recipients and work with them, and share resources. We plan to meet with them regularly so that we can be checking in and saying 'what resources can we share,' here are some RFPs that we pulled down from the federal register or wherever we can help plug people in; that is our intent. We will bring that group together for the first time in December, because by then, all of these contracts will be administered. And people will have the opportunity to get their feet wet.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0712-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0713-19, authorizing a Catalyst Grant to the City of Columbus to provide life skills training and fitness opportunities for girls in grades 3-8 in cooperation with Girls on the Run (\$18,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. McCrary: Commissioners, this Catalyst Grant is a little bit extraordinary because we are actually working with the City of Columbus to pass through the funding. It was easier and simpler to do that. The groups that we are supporting, the Girls on the Run runners are meeting at Columbus Recreation and Parks department sites. So, this is just such an exciting opportunity. I know Commissioner Boyce, you already know how fantastic you feel after a run.

Commissioner Boyce: I don't feel fantastic. It's quite awful, actually.

(Laughter)

Commissioner Boyce: But, I know that the effects long-term are good.

Ms. McCrary: I am not sure, but maybe, you're doing something wrong.

(Laughter)

Ms. McCrary: This is such a wonderful program to empower girls. All they have to do is get those shoes, and wow, I can do this. When you look at the schedule, when you're training, and you wonder, 'Am I ever going to be able to do this?' If you have never done it, 3.1 miles seems like a very long way to go, especially for little girls. It is such a confidence builder. We are so excited this morning to have Jess Sparks, who is the

Executive Director of Girls on the Run, to tell us a little about this program and the opportunities it will afford girls in Columbus.

Ms. Jess Sparks, Executive Director, Girls on the Run: Good morning, Commissioners. We are very excited to have received notice of this opportunity to apply for the Catalyst Grant. I am joined by our Development Director, Sarah Hider. This was the first grant she wrote for us when she joined Girls on the Run, in March. As Dayna mentioned, Girls on the Run prepares girls to complete a 5k, at the end of a ten-week season that focuses on building their confidence, their participation in physical activity, and their self-esteem. The life skills that they learn feed into that, giving them opportunities to develop self-awareness, social-emotional skills to handle conflict, cooperation, and selecting and keeping healthy relationships, as well as giving back to the community. All of our Girls on the Run teams engage in an act of service. The idea is generated by them and supported by our adult, volunteer coaches, and then comes the 5k. It is a lot of preparation on getting these girls focused on healthy self, healthy relationships with others, and healthy impact on their communities. It really is a ripple effect. The girls that we serve are in grades 3 to 8, so ages 8 to 13 or 14. And, their volunteer coaches are supporting them at our sites, at the Columbus Rec and Parks centers. Currently, we have about 30 girls enrolled, which is a third of the girls that this grant could support. They are supported by community volunteers, who are site directors and managers, located at those rec and park centers. The one site is Douglas, which is located in the South Linden area, and then Marion-Franklin on the near southeast side. The girls also receive shoes that Dayna mentioned. Last week, I was out measuring feet. It's a great opportunity for girls to have safe and properly fitted foot wear. Your feet are your shock absorbers and they are the foundation of your physical activity. Our girls are running, walking, jogging, and some of our girls have mobility impairments that may keep them from keeping up their pace, until they are able to build up their physical capacity to move in a different way.

Commissioner Boyce: Sometimes I think people hear that we are buying kids shoes, and they miss the mark. What we're really doing is a safety and health issue, and it sets them up to do it the correct way. I will say that shoes are the most important part. I had so many problems until I was fitted and got the right pair of shoes. And, I really believe that this is about health and wellness. I think that when we invest in health and wellness, and that's what the county is famous for, and I think this is a great addition to that. I am not familiar with Girls on the Run, but I will become familiar with it. So, thank you.

Ms. McCrary: It is important to note that Girls on the Run keeps the shoes at the rec center with clean socks, so that they are always available to the girls and are safe to use.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0713-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution unanimously was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0714-19, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,043,053.11) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Wicker, Coordinator, Small and Emerging Businesses.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Good morning, Commissioners. The resolution before you seeks approval of 70 purchase orders (POs), for which the County Auditor has pre-certified available funding.

Ms. Wicker: This week's small and emerging business vendors (SEBEs) include 17 eligible purchase orders, totaling approximately \$295,000. These purchase orders are for goods and services that have a higher likelihood of participation by small and emerging businesses. Of these, 11 were awarded to small and emerging businesses, totaling \$283,400.69, which is 65 percent of the eligible PO value, and 96 percent of the eligible purchase order dollar value.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0714-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0715-19, approving the issuance of certain Hospital Improvement Revenue Bonds of the County of Franklin, Ohio in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$175,000,000 and consenting to and approving the execution and delivery of a Nineteenth Supplemental Lease relating to such bonds (Board of Commissioners), presented by Glen Pratt, Partner, Dinsmore & Sholl, LLP, and Luke Brown, Interim Executive Vice President Chief Financial/Administrative Officer, Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Mr. Pratt: Good morning, Commissioners. The resolution before the Commissioners would approve the issuance of the bonds. As was mentioned, the principal amount not to exceed \$175,000,000, which would finance a number of improvements at the campus of Nationwide Children's. The bonds would be structured as fixed-rate; rated on the credit worthiness of Nationwide Children's. As you know, with all hospital revenue bonds of this sort, the bonds are supported not by the full faith and credit of the county, nor are there any tax liabilities that are dedicated to the financing. The financing is solely based upon the credit of Nationwide Children's. The Hospital Commission adopted the resolution this last Wednesday the 25th [September 25, 2019]. The vote was unanimous, except for one abstention based upon a potential conflict. With that, if there are any questions before you consider the resolution, we are happy to answer them.

Commissioner Boyce: If you know, what are the projects that are being financed?

Mr. Brown: About half of the transaction is taxable bonds, and those proceeds will help to fund the behavioral health pavilion, which will be opening next March. The other half are tax-exempt bonds and those proceeds will be used to pay for a data and conference center,

and a utility plant on the west campus, which is west of Parsons Avenue, and the Livingston ambulatory center that is located at Grant and Livingston.

Commissioner Boyce: Outstanding.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0715-19, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of October 1, 2019.


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