

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

September 03, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 03, 2019.

Present were: Marilyn Brown, President
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, Victoria Caldwell, Interim Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

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

Resolution No. 0639-19, authorizing replacement of existing structure on Mann Road over Tributary of Rocky Fork Creek (JEF-TR107-0.50), Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Fritz Crosier, Chief Deputy, Engineer's Office

Mr. Crosier: Good morning, Commissioners. As noted, this resolution declares necessary the Mann Road over Tributary of Rocky Fork Creek improvement project. The project is in the northeast portion of Franklin County and Jefferson Township and proposes to replace the existing structure.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0639-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0640-19, approving plans for improvements on Clark State Road at The Farms at Jefferson, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Mr. Crosier.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners as noted, this resolution seeks authorization plan approval for the Clark State Road at The Farms of Jefferson improvement project. It is also located in the northeast portion of Franklin County and Jefferson Township. It will widen Clark State Road by adding turn lanes to the entrance at The Farms of Jefferson and will construct a pedestrian underpass beneath Clark State Road. The project is currently scheduled for construction fall of this year.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0640-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0641-19, authorizing the acceptance of Federal Homeland Security Funds from the 2017 and 2018 State of Ohio Homeland Security Program – Law Enforcement Grant and the continuation of a full-time position in the Sheriff’s Rotary Fund (\$140,000.00) (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff’s Office.

Mr. Masterson: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution authorizes the acceptance of a federal Homeland Security Funds through the State of Ohio to continue funding a Buckeye State Sheriffs Association Intelligence officer. This deputy will be stationed at the Ohio Department of Public Safety Statewide Terrorism Analysis and Crime Center. They will be charged with keeping all eighty-eight county sheriffs informed of important security information that may impact their region. The funds will cover a two-year period ending, June 30, 2021.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0641-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0642-19, authorizing a Contract Modification with Robbins Sales Co. Inc. for Canned Food Products (\$1,300,000.00) (Sheriff), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, approval of this resolution modifies the original contract pricing on five corrections and menu items due to circumstances involving the US government placing a tariff on certain goods sourced outside the United States. Should the U.S. rescind the tariff the pricing and the goods supplied revert to the original bid price. All other specifications in terms and conditions remain the same through the remainder of the contract, which ends October 17, 2019.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0642-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0643-19, authorizing one grant agreement with Central Community House to provide outreach services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$10,000.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Michelle Missler, Director, Office on Aging.

Ms. Missler: This resolution authorizing one grant agreement for \$10,000 with the Central Community House to provide outreach services. This grant agreement will provide financial assistance to Central Community Houses Village, Central Project by subsidizing the membership fees for low to moderate-income individuals who desire membership to the Central Village. The Central Village will expand the Greater Columbus Village network by serving seniors residing in the area bounded by I-670 to the north, Whittier Avenue to the south, I-70, Parsons Avenue to the west, and Nelson Road to the east. Like the other villages in the Greater Columbus Village network, village central will utilize volunteers and community resources to help those over the age of sixty to age in place,

improve their quality of life by addressing social isolation and reduce long-term crisis situations while building a community among those that are aging.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0643-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0644-19, approving September 25, 2019, as Franklin County Office on Aging presents Flourish Franklin County (\$11,500.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging requests funds for Flourish Franklin County. September 25, 2019, marks the Inaugural Flourish Franklin County health and wellness event that with approval today will be hosted at the Franklin Park Adventure Center. Flourish Franklin County is a complimentary event designed to motivate seasoned women, improving their health and wellness as well as increase longevity and quality of life. Flourish Franklin County will provide participants an opportunity to flourish by offering gender-specific fitness activities and health information and inspiring an innovative environment. Attendees will also be served a nutritionist lunch with bottled water during the event. The Office on Aging recognizes that this event will provide resource information that cultivates the well-being of older women and encourages participation by older women who have varying levels of mobility. The Office on Aging seeks approval today of \$11,500.00 to promote the event, provide education and entertainment, and serve lunch to three hundred attendees.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0644-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0645-19, authorizing a contract modification and extension with TMH Solutions, Inc. to provide IT consulting services to support the upgrade of the Q Continuum Case Management System (\$49,500.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging presents this resolution authorizing a contract modification with TMH Solutions for consulting services to assist the upgrade of the current Q Continuum Case Management System. The Office on Aging entered a contractual agreement approved for \$98,800.00 under Resolution No. 0239-19, effective April 2, 2019, going until September 30, 2019. The Office on Aging now desires to extend the original contract for continued management services. This is a ninety-day contract modification and extension, is in effect from October 1, 2019, through December 31st and will not exceed \$49,500.00.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0645-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0646-19, authorizing a contract extension with Crosby's Drugs, Inc. for Durable Medical Equipment (\$250,000.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging presents this resolution authorizing a contract extension with Crosby's Drug's durable medical equipment. The contract was awarded to Crosby's Drugs for durable medical equipment under Resolution No. 078-16 on September 27, 2016. The original contract was for a period of three years with the option to extend for a one, two-year period and allows for one and a half percent increase for the extension period. With approval today, the extended terms of this contract will begin October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2021.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0646-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0647-19, authorizing a contract extension with Duraline Medical Products, Inc. for Incontinence Supplies (\$2,600,000.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: A contract was awarded to Duraline Medical Products for incontinence supplies under Resolution No. 0709-17 on September 27, 2016. The original was for a three-year period with the option to extend for one two-year period and allows for one and a half percent increase. With approval today, the extended terms of this contract will begin October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2021.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0647-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0648-19, authorizing a contract extension with Crosby's Drugs, Inc. for Nutritional Supplements (\$1,350,000.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: A contract for Crosby's Drugs Inc. for nutritional supplements under Resolution No. 0707-16 on September 27, 2016, was signed. The original contract was for a three-year period with the option to extend for one two-year period and allows for one and a half percent increase for the extension period. With approval today, the extended terms of this contract will begin October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2021.

President Brown: Can you give some information about the event on September 25th, 2019.

Ms. Missler: We are excited about this event. We are looking forward to inviting women and caregivers and family members to this event, to learn about how to creatively age is what we're hoping to do. We're hoping this event will look different than any other events that we've had. Thinking about how women are aging. We know that women aged longer than men. There are a lot of unique and interesting ways that women are aging today. So, Home Sharing is a good example of how women are now sharing homes. Our partners at Age Friendly Columbus and Franklin County are exploring different avenues of helping people age in place in a creative way, exploring different avenues to help during post-retirement, so the second act is something we're focused on too. So, thinking about, what do we do after we retire and how do we support women in that way,

President Brown: If people are interested in attending, do you yet have a way for them to get registered?

Ms. Missler: So, it just opened to the public.

President Brown: It's open to the public? So, they don't need to register ahead of time?

Ms. Missler: Absolutely.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0648-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0649-19, authorizing the execution of a settlement agreement and release with DLZ Ohio, Inc. (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Harold Anderson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Mr. Anderson: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution reflects a settlement of all claims that Franklin County may have had against DLZ Inc. related to the money-back on Brown Road Sewer Construction projects. The settlement amount was \$200,000.00 but reflects approximately \$75,000.00 credit for work that was performed by DLZ during the project but was not billed or paid for at the time of the project.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0649-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0650-19, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County authorizing an application to the State of Ohio to participate in the State Capital Improvement Program for Ferris Road and North Hague Sanitary Sewer Improvements Projects (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Stephen Renner, Director, Sanitary Engineer.

Mr. Renner: On this resolution, we are going for two applications under one resolution. It's two sewer projects. One is the Ferris Road sanitary sewer. It's going to connect twenty-six homes. Its estimated cost is just almost \$2,000,000.00. This application will be going for a seventy-five percent loan, twenty-five percent loan. The second application will be for the North Hague Avenue sanitary sewer. It's going to connect approximately seventy-nine single home residential units and it's estimated to cost just a little bit more than \$4,000,000.00. This too will be a seventy-five percent loan, twenty-five percent grant.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0650-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0651-19, approving the recommendations of the 2019 Franklin County Tax Incentive Review Councils (TIRCs) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Alex Beres, Assistant Director, and Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Beres: Good morning, Commissioners. We have three resolutions for you today. The first is the findings we received from the Tax Incentive Review Council, and Josh will go through those.

Mr. Roth: Good morning, Commissioners. On August 12, this year we held our Tax Incentive Review Council, which is a requirement of the Ohio Revised Code to review the real property tax abatements that the county has active, which there are currently four. We have one in Jefferson Township and three in Hamilton Township down near Rickenbacker and TIRC's were also convened to hear progress reports on the Rickenbacker Pre-94 CRS in which there are five parcels with active tax abatements. The TIRC's found all agreements to be in compliance and our recommendation would be the same.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0651-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0652-19, authorizing an Economic Development Grant Agreement with the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority to continue the administration of the Energy Works Columbus Region Energy Loan Fund (\$1,500,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Beres

Mr. Beres: Commissioners, this is our fifth capital installation into the Energy Works program, which is essentially a financing program that's gotten really great results that are run by our partner, the Columbus Franklin County Finance Authority. Today to just give a quick update on how that's going in the pipeline going forward is Jean Carter Ryan, their president.

Ms. Carter Ryan: Good morning, Commissioners. I really appreciate being here today. As Alex referenced, we have received to date \$4,500,000.00 to support our energy fund the Commissioners helped capitalize. We've had real success with the program. We've got seventeen different loans that we've made in a combination of County money and Finance Authority money. Seven communities have been involved in terms of this project and we've basically leveraged \$17,000,000.00 from that 4,500,000.00. So, there's been real impacts. The nice thing about this money is that it revolves, so it's not a one-time spend, we are able to continue to invest that in the community. We pipeline and we're seeing that there's been true energy efficiency that has resulted from this. Annual energy savings from across those seventeen projects is about \$1,200,000.00 energy usage reduction of about thirty-six percent across those seventeen projects. So, again it's been a real success. We appreciate the additional \$1,500,000.00 that we'll again really invested into the community.

President Brown: This is a real investment that works, and I'm really thrilled that you've been involved with this since the inception. It makes good sense when we see the numbers, the way they are, and the leverage that you get, it makes good sense.

Ms. Carter Ryan: It is. It's been, I think it's a really sound investment. We're real pleased honestly and frankly the Commissioners, your investment is unique statewide. A lot of the other energy programs have not been able to take off because they haven't had the smaller pool funds. So many of my compatriots across the state are envious and really recognize that I think, the insight that you had to start this program up.

President Brown: Well, our team in Economic and Development has done such a great job with this.

Ms. Carter Ryan: Yes, they are great partners.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0652-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0653-19 Resolution authorizing an agreement with Innovative Organics Recycling, LLC to partially fund an In-Vessel Organics Recycling System Project (\$200,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Roth.

Mr. Roth: Commissioners, this is the second of two Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) Market Development grants that we were awarded in 2019. The purpose of this resolution would be to enter a subgrant with the recipient of that award, which is Innovative Organics Recycling. With that \$200,000.00, that they are receiving from OEPA, they're going to be purchasing some composting equipment which will divert about twenty-five hundred tons of food scraps from area landfills.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0653-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0654-19, authorizing a Catalyst Grant to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank to provide healthful foods to low income Franklin County residents (\$250,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnership.

Ms. McCrary: Good morning, Commissioners. This grant is one of our first catalyst grants and we're so excited about this opportunity to be involved in this transformative work. This funding period, Mid-Ohio Foodbank hopes to be established three Fresh Market holistic hubs in Franklin County towards the goal of ultimately creating fifteen, and with the hope of reaching one hundred thousand new Franklin County Residents. But I don't want to try to speak on behalf of the food bank, we have the experts here and I also want to say, one of the fantastic collaborations that's emerged through this process is the possibility of a co-

location of the Mid-Ohio Foodbanks hub, co-locating with charitable pharmacy, so two actual organizations that are Catalyst Grant recipients with work that is really closely aligned. So, at this time I would like to invite Matt Habash and Jenny Seifert to come forward and tell us a little bit about, not just the fresh market and not just about the charitable pharmacy, but about the synergistic effect that we will see from these organizations coming together.

Mr. Habash: Good morning, Commissioners. It's the beginning of Hunger Action Month, so I really appreciate this grant to help us kick off the month. This is really designed about rethinking how we deliver food and how we really look at what we now call our customers instead of clients throughout, and when we touch over two hundred fifty-thousand customers right here in Franklin County with emergency food every year. This model is designed to allow people to come more frequently to come when it's convenient for them. More and more the people we're helping are working all the time and can't get to one of the one hundred twenty food pantries we currently have. So, we're reimagining that work and into the ideal that we look at this very holistically look at it zone by zone as we've taken the eight poverty neighborhoods and to celebrate one reverse heat map T, that we've all seen and turned that into census tract zone so that people can stay in their community and be able to access fresh food. We've had really great success as you all know from the All People's Fresh Market, which was really our foray into this and the diabetes research that we've done. So, consequently, we're putting all those together into food as a health strategy and a very customer-centric approach. The first one of these will open on Columbus State's campus to also assist the students that are trying to complete their degrees and get higher wages and employment. So, it will open shortly. The second one is going to be in Reynoldsburg. We are partnering with the Heart Food Pantry out there, which is a wonderful organization. A lot of the other pantries coming together to support that and we're actively looking at sites. One of those is potentially partnership with the Charitable Pharmacy and we're excited as we look at Linden, as we look at the eastside. We even got a partnership at Ohio State, out by the hospital. When they brought the MLK library, and they're trying to turn that into a healthy food center, and we will go all the way up to 161 and Morse Road and all the way out west to Galloway. So, it's a great opportunity to really reimagine how we can do our work in a very customer-centric way and to be very holistic. It can also be very neighborhood-focused, what's needed in each of the communities, so these are not cookie cutters, but they're designed to get rid of the stigma hence we've renamed a Mid-Ohio Market. We want you coming more often. Coming to a couple of times a month or once a week to pick up fresh fruits and vegetables that you can use, that we know can have huge health impacts and help basically really address the issues around diabetes and hypertension and childhood obesity.

President Brown: That makes so much sense. I mean it just does. To have fresh foods where people are. It just makes sense to do it that way rather than to have people must go to where you are, that you're going out to where people are.

Mr. Habash: Also, considering the resolution you just passed around food waste. Almost all this food is surplus food. I mean there's ten to fourteen billion pounds of produce left

in the fields every year in the United States this is capturing a portion of that food and making it readily available when people need it.

President Brown: Good fresh food.

Commissioner Boyce: I just to commend Mid-Ohio Food Bank and Charitable Pharmacy both for working together. We're deeply enthralled in a conversation on how to reduce poverty in Central Ohio. The work that both of you do is reflective of a system that can change lives and impact people and families. So, partnering, collaborating, but more importantly, taking the resource deep into the hearts of communities is a critical step towards economic mobility for families and people. That's why I'm excited about this catalyst grant, because you know really, like you said, taking it deep into the neighborhoods, where often you can look at the pantries that exist if you don't know about it because there may not be signs or may not be a sign like a storefront if you will all the time and so you may know the church down the street has a food pantry. You just may not be aware of it, or you may not want to go in, you may not want folks to know you're going to the pantry. I think these Fresh Market Stores or places will be a much more inviting and encouraging place and what I meant was, some people just don't want to go to the church for whatever reasons and may discourage them from going. So, going to a store or some other kind of store, I think is really an innovative idea. I want to commend you both for working together and certainly, I think it's a good catalyst grant. So, thank you.

Ms. Seifert: I would just like to add that we are very grateful to Commissioner Brown and Boyce for the catalyst grant to start a second location of the Charitable Pharmacy and we look to impact our community very positively in this way. One thing that is exciting to us as we work already with the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, is when we refer patients for fresh produce, we see reductions in medication doses, and we see an increase in health and it is fantastic for us to already refer to the several locations. As you know the Fresh Market on Parsons is very close to our current location and so many of our patients already take advantage of that location. So, we are looking forward to our second location. We anticipate great uptake of the needs. We know in Franklin County the most recent data shows around ninety thousand people are going without prescription medications due to cost and we are really making a difference in. That data over the past six years has reduced dramatically. There are best practices around the nation and Mid-Ohio Food Bank is leading the way in prescribing fast fresh food and we look forward to continuing to be part of that model that is being recognized nationally. So, thank you very much.

President Brown: Thank you for what you're doing, working together. I think that's what we had in mind with the catalyst grant program and Dana working with you, I think is a great solution to some of our most serious problems in health and wellness, so thank you.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0654-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0655-19, authorizing a one-year contract with the Lincoln Theater Association to promote increased access to arts experiences for Franklin County residents (\$50,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: Commissioners, this resolution will support the important work that the Lincoln Theater is doing in the community, helping emerging artists make that leap from amateur to the professional level providing workshops to help sure them up on that, while making that transition. Some of the events that they are making available to the community to increase exposure to the arts are there, Their Walk of Fame ceremony which is free and open to the public. One of the honorees was Will Haygood who is Columbus's beloved author. So, another event they have is the Community Conversations that they have bringing in people around different topics, again free and open to the public as well as their Pattern Summer Camp providing arts education in a fun environment for children for whom art class may be a special that occurs once or twice a month. But really continuing to make that educating available and of course, being an anchor for redevelopment in that King Lincoln District.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0655-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0656-19, authorizing a subgrant award and contract for service with Capital University for a juvenile justice and delinquency tutoring intervention program under the FY 2018 Title II Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Block Grant (\$12,700.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Good morning, Commissioners. This first resolution continues our partnership with the students at Capital University who are studying education who as part of their curriculum come in and do tutoring for the young folks who find themselves currently residing at the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDC). That's been a successful program over a five-week tutoring class. We've seen an average increase of a full grade level for the students who were there at the JDC.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0656-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0657-19, authorizing a transfer of appropriation within the Justice Programs Fund for the support of grant expenditures related to various reentry initiatives (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Mr. Daniels.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioners, this is simply a transfer of appropriations from personal services fringe benefits materials and services into grants to support our work throughout the rest of the year.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0657-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0658-19, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,585,331.40) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Good morning, Commissioners. Our first resolution seeks approval of (90) purchase orders (POs), for which the County Auditor has pre-certified available funding. The resolution includes 14 eligible POs totaling approximately \$536,000.00. These are POs for goods and services that have a higher likelihood of participation by Small & Emerging Business Enterprises. Of these POs, 10 were awarded to SEBEs totaling \$526,508.27, which is 71 percent of the eligible PO volume and 98 percent of the eligible PO dollar value.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0658-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0659-19, authorizing a First Contract Extension for two Countywide Contracts for Print Shop Paper and Supplies (\$450,000.00) (Purchasing), presented by Ms. Perry-Balonier.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: Commissioners, this resolution would exercise the first of four optional extension periods for contracts with Millcraft Paper Company and Sterling Paper Company for the provision of Print Shop paper and supplies. The extensions will be in effect through May 28, 2020, with the estimated annual not-to-exceed amount remaining unchanged at \$450,000.00.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0659-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 A.M.

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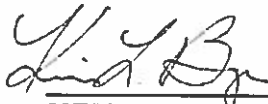
These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of September 03, 2019.



MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT



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FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



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