

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

Present were: John O'Grady, President  
Marilyn Brown, 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; Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator; Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator; and, Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

President O'Grady: February and this is something a little bit near and dear in my heart, is Age-related Macular Degeneration Awareness Month. I wear readers these days because I had to have surgery for cataracts. My father had Age-related Macular Degeneration. Prevent Blindness Ohio is here with us today, to talk about warning signs for macular degeneration, available treatment options, and about the work that the Commissioners fund through their 2020 Community Partnership grant. We would like to welcome this morning, Sherry Williams, the President, and CEO, along with Amy Pulles, Vice President of Prevent Blindness Ohio. Good morning.

Ms. Pulles: Good morning. Thank you for having us here. Thank you very much for the funding that we received through the Community Partnership grant; we greatly appreciate it. The work that we do at Prevent Blindness is vital. We provide our largest program to our vision care outreach program. We train teachers, nurses, daycare workers, and nursing home workers to conduct vision screenings on their patients or students to detect vision problems early when treatment is most successful. Then if a patient or student fails the vision screening and they are at two hundred percent of the poverty level or worse, they lack insurance or are underinsured, then we can provide them with glasses. Last year alone, we provided glasses to one thousand five hundred sixty-five residents. Franklin County is by far our largest population that we serve, so the work is great. I do want to share one story with you and then I'm going to cover with you quickly what materials we gave you. Just to drive home the importance of people who aren't going to the eye doctor that need to go. We had a client when a corporation sponsors one of our events, we will as a service go to their place of employment in providing vision screenings. So, we had gone to a distribution center for a local company, did a vision screening on their employees and one adult failed the vision

screening. So, we got to talking to her and she was saying that when she drives, she must use the map on her phone to know where she's going, to know when to turn, where to turn. So, you know that's an employed person who did not have enough money to pay for glasses and never went to the eye doctor. So, thankfully because of our program, we were able to get her glasses. In your packet we included what we call an Amsler Grid, it's a little green magnet. You can hang that on a filing cabinet. Maybe once a month, look at it, there are instructions on how to use it, but it's an early detection tool for macular degeneration. We also have provided you a list of the cost of vision problems to Franklin County alone. It costs about \$545,000,000, here in Franklin County. So, that's some great for you. We also provided you with some more information about our programming, the number of people that we serve here in Franklin County as well as an additional success story, so keep that Amsler Grid handy; you'll be amazed at the number of people we hear from that said, hey I took a look at that Amsler Grid and the lines were wavy. So, the thing that Commissioner O'Grady is holding up, you can hold it to your eye, and you'll see the first one is, if you had glaucoma, that's how you would lose that central vision, diabetic retinopathy, which is a very common eye disease in people with diabetes. That's the one that looks kind of speckled and then there's macular degeneration on there, and then of course cataracts. So, thank you very much for your support. We greatly appreciate it. It's a great program that you are helping to support.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you.

President O'Grady: I had cataracts, so I hold this up to my eye and it brings back ten years. They kept telling me that I got them very early, and so all through my mid-forties and mid-fifties, I had cataracts bad in my left eye and they started to get worse in my right eye. So, they eventually did the surgery a little over a year and a half ago, and now I have 20/15 vision in both eyes. I can't see anything right in front of my face, so I must use the cheaters as I call them. I can see everybody in the audience, a little bit light-sensitive, so I keep telling Kris that we need to turn these lights down, but I can see and read everything and it's beautiful. My father had macular degeneration the older he got. He always talked about, how after getting into his early eighties, his whole body started to fall apart, and his hips and he had all kinds of issues. But I think losing his eyesight was probably worse than anything, because it took away his ability to drive, it took away a lot of his independence. But then at the same time, my sisters and I would drive him and that provided him with the ability to spend much more time with his children than he may have because he still wanted to be active and he still had a lot of activities around town. Whether it was his doctor's appointments or his meetings or the things that he wanted to be involved in. But I think losing a lot of his eyesight was the thing that affected him the most.

Ms. Pulles: Eleven percent of nursing admissions is because of the loss of vision. Another important thing, you talk about having trouble seeing. Imagine if you were a child and you couldn't see, and you didn't realize that you couldn't see, and the world truly looked different. That happens so many times in children. They just have no idea that they're not seeing in those vision screenings, you know to draw that to the adult's attention and get those children to an eye doctor. Also, cataracts, they come on very slow, so the changes in your vision, you don't realize that you're not seeing as well because it's so gradual. So, if you wait too long on cataracts then the surgery becomes harder.

President O'Grady: Yes, I noticed it in my early to mid-forties and they made me wait ten years. So, by the time I had the surgery in my left eye, I had a hard time seeing. When I went in to have my last visit, my wife had to come with me because she had to drive me home after the second surgery. They showed her what I could see before my surgery, and it was only the letter "E", the biggest letter. So, I was pretty much blind in my left eye.

Ms. Pulles: We do have doctors that will provide their services for our clients and give them surgeries for free if they are not able to afford them. Thank you.

President O'Grady: February is also Black History Month, and so in celebration of that, we have the privilege this morning of hearing from some incredible historians. Recognizing Black History Month and our guest this morning is no different, Reita Smith of the Poindexter Village History Advisory Group. Reita has spent more than 60 years preserving and telling the story of her ancestors and the community of Poindexter Village, and Columbus's Near East Side. She's an expert in African American genealogy, has volunteered thousands of hours working on the dream of a Poindexter Village Museum to honor one of the first public housing projects in the country. Welcome, Reita.

Ms. Smith: Thank you. President O'Grady, Commissioner Brown, and Commissioner Boyce, good morning. I am Reita Smith and I am a community historian who previously served as the founding chair of the James Preston Poindexter Foundation. I am both honored and humbled to reappear before this body today, to share a subject both dear and special to my heart. So, I thank you for this opportunity. There's an old saying, what's in a name. Well, the unique name that this village bears, is a story of a special individual whose life's work is reflected in many ways in our lives today. But as I present this story, I have come to realize that this story and event are not known to those who are new to Columbus. So, if you don't mind, I feel it's important to put our history in perspective, to make it relevant today and for tomorrow. First, I must acknowledge that today you know we are on sacred grounds because our ancient Native Americans had their sacred mounds built on this very ground and in this very area, So, we have a street called Mound Street. So, I must respect my ancient ancestors as well. But here in Columbus, we have a unique and important story to tell about a special place, who bears a special name, that tells a unique story of a gentleman, who had the reputation that was admired by so many in our city, in our state and nationally. But, as you shared in your introduction, for me it began almost eleven years ago, with a group of very dedicated individuals who were concerned about providing good public housing for our citizens. Specifically, the Poindexter Village, which consisted of thirty-five buildings and it was under the ownership and direction of HUD, and the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority. But first let me share that this journey has also been a long one, with many who worked tirelessly with us to save Poindexter Village and the related stories of the Afro-American community. But we have been blessed to receive support from many folks. They included our elected officials, those who had lived in Poindexter Village and so many community organizations, but the City of Columbus and the Ohio History Connection are my heroes today. First, today, let me share a little bit about Reverend Preston Poindexter. Reverend James P. Poindexter who was a self-taught man, but his life's work was to be of service to mankind. He was the essence and the symbol of hope, integrity, honesty, respect, and leadership. Reverend Poindexter's story is extraordinary for the time, that a man of color, who was a man of nations.

Ms. Smith (cont).: As his heritage was Native American, Caucasian, and Afro-American. He came to Central Ohio in the early 1830s from Richmond Virginia, but he also came at the same time with many other free men. They were the Depp's, which was Lucy Depp in Dublin, the Litchford's who were from Upper Arlington, the Whyte's, and the Goode's were in Dublin and Worthington. Africa Road, maybe you even know that name. He then moved his family just blocks from where we are today. He lived at 41 North Fourth Street and his barbershop was across the street from the State House on High Street where the Huntington Building is today. As a barber, his clients were statesmen, like yourselves, he also befriended at least two governors and one who became president who sought his opinion and his wisdom. While living on Fourth Street, he was also a conductor on the Underground Railroad, and as an Underground Railroad Leader, many other leaders within the city were a part of that movement. His leadership also brought him in touch with others who were working for social justice. He was elected and appointed to many boards, organizations, and public positions, which included the Columbus City Council, Columbus School Board, and School for the Blind. He was on many political committees, and these are just a few of the honors he held, which speaks to his respected reputation as a man of honor, who was committed to social justice and was a man of faith. He led the faithful Second Baptist Church for over forty years. Just in September, we celebrated what would have been his two hundredth birthday. He was a wonderful person because his reputation of being a symbol of hope throughout his life, the naming of the public housing site Poindexter Village was to be named in his honor and his wife, we are here today. I believe, if I'm allowed to say this, I believe he was the Martin Luther King of his day.

Ms. Smith (cont).: Let me tell you a little bit about the place called Poindexter Village. At the time when many of you, probably too young to remember the days of the Great Depression. In the late 1930s, the nation was recovering from the Great Depression when public housing needs were addressed by President Roosevelt's New Deal. This program was designed to relieve substandard housing, subsets, and other conditions, but also to create jobs and business opportunities through the expansion of housing construction, and it also addressed the needs of the new migration after World War I, and many of the airmen were at Lockbourne Airbase. The goal was to provide decent, safe, affordable housing that would allow residents to transition to homeownership. A Columbus architect was named Howard Dwight Smith. He was one of the designers and architects of the Ohio State University Horseshoe. These buildings were built to last a hundred years. The modern townhouses were designed to provide safe spaces for children and family activities. The Village was a success. Poindexter Village's story cannot be told without the stories of the people who made the Village a community. From the beginning, the Village was a place to live. It symbolized hope, safety, economic grounding, cultural education, and family values and these were very high values and standards, which all the families adhered to. Because of their respect not only for the Village but for each other. There was always a long waiting list for those wishing to live there. The families who were lucky to live there enjoyed the new modern amenities of today. The electric ranges, the steam heat, and telephone lines, it was the place to be. The Village architect's design was progressive urban planning and landscape. It was to be a model for public housing nationally. Poindexter Village was nestled in a vibrant black community on the east side of Columbus, between two main arteries of Long Street and Mt. Vernon Avenue. The area was known as the million-dollar mile, and it was also called the cultural capital of the black community. It was a self-sustaining community in part because of segregation. Black business thrived. We at one time

had five theatres, the East Market, many restaurants, a bank, a variety of stores, including beauty and barbershops, dry cleaners, professional offices, a hospital, and many places of entertainment. Local musicians who had national reputations and artists flourished, making the area a certain stop for bands touring because of the country. Our Aminah Robinson through her art has shared the life in Poindexter with the world. Lonnie Bunch, the director of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington DC, wrote me and said, the place is not just a physical or geographic location, but it is where culture is made, and histories and identities are created and recreated.

Ms. Smith (cont).: So, I have shared a quick overview of Poindexter and the life of Reverend Poindexter. But I have another story and it's a very personal one for me because Reverend Poindexter touched my life and my family in many ways. My first home after I got married was Poindexter Village. At a very special time of my life, my children and I lived there in the 1950s. So, everyone was my extended family. They nurtured and took care of us. It was a very special place to live. But I also must honor my connection through my ancestors. Reverend Poindexter was a friend of my great-great-grandfather, Lewis Adams in Urbana. My great-grandfather, David Adams in Findley, Ohio. They were co-conductors on the Underground Railroad. He also recommended my great-uncle, Emery Adams to be a Special Commissioner for the 1895 World's Fair that was held in New Orleans and he married my grandparents, Cory and Jenny Adams, in their parlor in 1901 on what was called Mann Street, which is now Hawthorne, which runs through Poindexter. So, I am so proud that we're here today to show how important the recognition of true original Poindexter Village's buildings is, that they are preserved as a historic site, and will be a Museum and Cultural Learning Center. We have been blessed that the Ohio History Connection has designated and is working with us, that it will be their fifty-ninth site in Ohio. And of course, it will be that Museum of Culture Learning Center and it's in partnership with the James Preston Poindexter Foundation, but I am so pleased and grateful that Senator Craig has introduced Senate Bill 192 for it to be designated as a historic site and I thank you for your patience, and for allowing me to share our story, and my story with you and everyone else today. Thank you.

(Applause)

Commissioner Brown: Ms. Smith, you made that area come to life, with the stories, with the history, you made it come to life and there's no more for me to say, except you made it come to life for me. Thank you.

Commissioner Boyce: I'll just add that one of the best parts of your story is your ability to tell stories about Central Ohio, is how it illustrates Central Ohio's contribution to Ohio history and even American history. When I'm reminded of names like Poindexter, I'm also reminded of names like Arthur Bulk, Mayme Moore, and Aminah Robinson, people who have contributed to Ohio's part of American history is a great way. It's something that I'm very proud of, it's something that we all should be proud of and embrace as a part of our legacy today and Ms. Smith, that's really what you represent, is the ability for that to be captured and carried on. So, thank you for what you do and what you have shared with us today. Thank you.

Ms. Smith: My ancestors would not allow me to do otherwise.

President O’Grady: Thank you for your stories. I remember not long after Commissioner Boyce took office as County Commissioner, we went over to Poindexter Village and got a tour of the remaining buildings with some folks from the City of Columbus and Senator Craig. As they were getting ready to preserve those buildings and some of the developers and some of the folks that were going to be there and as well as the recreation center that was there too for preparation for some of the work that was going to be done. So, we went over and saw some of that and saw the remaining space that was there, where the rest of Poindexter Village used to be. So, we went and toured the buildings and I was picturing some of that as you were talking about where you and your family lived. So, Commissioner Brown is correct, you did bring all that to life, as you talked about Mr. Poindexter in downtown Columbus back in the 1800s. I remember the old Neil House as a kid and where my dad’s offices were, and you brought some of that back to life for me. So, thank you, thanks for being here this morning.

(A photo was taken of Ms. Smith and the Commissioners)

Approval of the minutes of the February 11, 2020, General Session; and the February 20, 2020, Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0119-20**, resolution awarding contract and approving contract bond to Strawser Paving Co., Inc., for Havenwood Improvement Project (\$1,639,899.91) (Engineer), presented by William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, this first resolution seeks to award the contract and approve the contract bond to Strawser Paving Company for the Havenwood Improvement Project. Strawser Paving Company, Inc. was selected via the competitive bid process with a bid opening on January 8, 2020. Strawser Paving had the lowest and best bid.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0119-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0120-20**, ms consultants, inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing preliminary engineering for the Clark State Road at Longstreth Park Place Drainage Improvement project, Franklin County, Ohio (\$77,263.00) (Engineer), presented by William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, as noted, this next resolution seeks approval to enter into a consulting services agreement for preliminary engineering for the Clark State Road at Longstreth Park Drainage Improvement project with mc consultants, inc. ms consultants is a local firm and were selected via the qualifications-based selection process.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0120-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0121-20**, resolution authorizing a contract with Ronald J. Gajoch & Associates, Inc. to provide architectural services (\$90,000.00) (Engineer), presented by William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer.

Mr. Crosier: Commissioners, as noted, our final resolution seeks approval to enter into a consultant services agreement with Ronald J. Gajoch & Associates. Mr. Gajoch provides expert architectural services including preliminary drawings and structural and engineering analysis for the Franklin County Engineer’s buildings.

Commissioner Boyce: Fritz, is that a local firm?

Mr. Crosier: Yes, sir.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0121-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0122-20**, resolution authorizing Second Contract Extensions with Bob Barker Company, Inc; Walter F. Stephens Jr., Inc; Tabb Textiles, Co., Inc; and Victory Supply, LLC for Inmate Bedding and Linens for the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office (\$125,000.00) (Sheriff), presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Long: Good morning Commissioners. This first resolution authorizes a contract extension for inmate bedding and linen items for the correction center.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0122-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0123-20**, resolution authorizing a contract amendment and extension with Naphcare, Inc. for Complete Health Services and an Electronic Medical Records System (\$36,750,082.01) (Sheriff), presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Long: Commissioners, in 2016, Naphcare was the lowest and best vendor to provide complete health services and electronic medical records for the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office in the Corrections Center. This resolution authorizes the optional extension period in addition to an amendment for healthcare staff.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0123-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0124-20**, resolution authorizing a contract with Court Appointed Special Advocates of Franklin County (\$205,401.00) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, Domestic Relations.

Ms. Reeves: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution is requesting the renewal of the contract with the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Franklin County. This contract will cover the cost of the program through June 30<sup>th</sup> at which time operate under the Office of Justice Policy and Programs.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0124-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0125-20**, resolution authorizing a contract with Fairfield Information Services & Associates, LLC dba American Court & Drug Testing Services (\$115,000.00) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, Domestic Relations.

Ms. Reeves: This resolution is requesting to award a three-year contract to Fairfield Information Services, that will provide drug testing for the court's Compass Program and indigent adults on the custody docket. Two competitive bids were received by the Purchasing Department and Fairfield Information Services was the lowest and best bid.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0125-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0126-20**, resolution authorizing a contract with Capital University Law School (\$48,000.00) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, Domestic Relations.

Ms. Reeves: This resolution is requesting the approval of the contract with Capital University Law School, which provides training and technical assistance to our community volunteers for our Restorative Justice Circles.

Ms. Troth: Justice Circles is a community-based, court operated diversion program designed to provide an alternative response from the juvenile justice system for misdemeanor offenders. The Restorative Justice Circle adheres to the Restorative Justice theory, which is based on the premise of accountability to the victim and the community. Restorative Justice acts as an arm to the court, bringing together the juvenile offender, his or her parent, and the victim in the community. Successful completion of this diversion process can result in the youth not having a criminal record. Early indicators of success reflect that in 2019 we had one hundred and eight youth who referred to the program, of those youth, ninety-four completed successfully, which is an eighty-seven percent success rate.



Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0126-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0127-20**, resolution authorizing two grant agreements to provide intergenerational services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$126,094.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Amy Funk, Interim Director, Office on Aging.

Ms. Funk: Good morning, Commissioners. These projects are aimed at enriching the lives of seniors via interaction with the younger generation. Intergenerational programs also serve to better acquaint younger persons on issues relating to aging. Activities range from using music and movement within an intergenerational daycare center to having high school children teach their senior buddies to use the computer and the internet. I'd like to now introduce our guest speaker, Heather Fleshman, Clinical Administrator with National Church Residences Center for Senior Health.

Ms. Fleshman: Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to showcase the great intergenerational programming that we provide at our centers for senior health and thank you for your support for the program over the years. In 2019, we served four hundred sixty-three seniors at our two adult day programs, located in Franklin County. Any Franklin County senior who is over the age of sixty is eligible to attend our centers for senior health. The Center for Senior Health was formed with the vision to offer seniors and their caregivers an alternative to the nursing home placement and homebound isolation. At the core of our mission is to sustain the frail elderly and disabled, in pursuit of independence and dignity, while providing their family caregivers with the assistance they need to address the physical, medical, and cognitive challenges of aging. For over thirty years, the Centers for Senior Health has supported seniors and their desire to age in place and live out their lives in the comfort of home and surrounded by family. Partnerships are essential in providing our seniors with the care needed to thrive. We partner with many entities, such as Seeds of Caring, Mount Carmel College of Nursing, The Ohio State University, and the Columbus Early Learning Center, just to name a few. The Franklin County Senior Options grant has been vital and so important in providing the intergenerational services for our seniors. Because of this grant, we can provide continued intergenerational services and five additional programs, such as art therapy, relaxation therapy, Tai Chi, musical productions, and music therapy to enhance our senior's health and well-being. With the intergenerational programming, we initially thought of the great impact that it would have on our seniors. But it has also made such a positive impact on the children and adolescents that are involved in the program. During 2019, we provided one thousand seven hundred and eleven hours of intergenerational programming, with one thousand two hundred and thirty-six children and seventy-one adolescents participating throughout the year. Our adolescents demonstrated an eighty-seven percent increase in knowledge regarding aging issues due to participation in intergenerational programming. Regarding senior outcomes, one hundred seventy seniors reported that they feel less isolated since enrolling at the center and one hundred sixty-seven seniors felt that they had improved health outcomes since becoming involved in planned, purposeful intergenerational health and wellness activities. The continuation of the Franklin County

Senior Options grant is necessary to enable us to continue to provide these high-quality services to children and seniors and enable our seniors to remain home for life, instead of higher-cost settings like nursing homes. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0127-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0128-20**, resolution authorizing fifteen grant agreements to provide health promotion/wellness services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$1,450,332.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Amy Funk, Interim Director, Office on Aging.

Ms. Funk: Projects in this category are focused on helping seniors improve or maintain their health status. These projects include among other things, support for senior nursing clinics, cardiovascular improvement equipment for senior centers, assisting with obtaining needed prescription medications, and providing hearing evaluations and hearing aids. I'd like to now introduce our guest speaker, Bryanna Ross, Health and Wellness Manager, with the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department.

Ms. Ross: Good morning, Commissioners. I want to thank you for having me here today and for funding our senior fitness programs through the Senior Options grant for 2020. Columbus Recreation and Parks have had a long history of making our senior health and wellness a conscious effort through programming offered throughout Central Ohio. Therefore, in 2018 our administration felt the enduring effort needed to be at the forefront of our agency and it was decided to revise the mission statement. We connect the people of our communities, the power of nature, wellness, and creativity. This shows we are committed to bringing the options of healthy living and physical activity, directly to our community including the senior population. With the number of senior residents growing, Columbus Recreation and Parks have increased locations where senior participants can receive dedicated assistance regarding their fitness needs. Barnett Community Center and Lazelle Woods Community Center are now providing seniors specific programming, along with our already dedicated centers, such as Dodge Community Center, Gillie Senior Center, Marion Franklin Community Center, and Martin Janis Senior Center. With our growth, we hope to spread our reach above the five hundred seniors we reached in 2018, of who we can help in navigating a successful health and wellness journey, we have been very successful in helping our seniors stay healthy. The use of this grant allows our department to purchase specific equipment for each center geared to our senior members who need assistance in accessing fitness equipment, who needs modifications due to limited mobility and who require low-intensity options. Our goal is to help seniors improve their overall fitness through classes and available resources such as aerobics, yoga, Tai Chi, fitness instructors, and the facility with more opportunities available. We look to have participants setting goals of one hundred fifty minutes of moderate activity per week. Our fitness programming will include three pillars of fitness, strength, flexibility, and cardio-conditioning. These programs are designed to teach seniors the importance of exercise, how to perform exercise appropriately, no matter their ability level, and help them understand the importance of proper nutrition, the benefitting factors of balance and

understanding and managing their health condition. All these opportunities will help maintain their wellness and increase functional fitness. Thank you for this opportunity and I'm excited to see how we can continue to positively enhance, not only the community but specifically our senior residents.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0128-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0129-20**, resolution authorizing seven grant agreements to provide supportive services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$743,342.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Amy Funk, Interim Director, Office on Aging.

Ms. Funk: Under this grant category, grantees provide services previously known under the older Americans Act as community outreach. Specific services can include client funding, bill pay assistance, accessing public benefits, such as Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income, and help with acquiring material assistance. Supportive services workers go to a clients' home to provide these services and are a valuable tool that enables seniors to continue living independently.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0129-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0130-20**, resolution authorizing an agreement with the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging for case management services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$4,997,141.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Amy Funk, Interim Director, Office on Aging.

Ms. Funk: This resolution is for a contract with the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging or COAAA, for case management services. The COAAA provides case management for Senior Options clients who require face-to-face visits. They also provide the initial in-home assessments for all senior options participants, which is required before enrollment. Also, this contract covers some shared service provider quality improvement activities. This contract is for twelve months and will be in effect until December 30, 2020.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0130-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0131-20**, resolution authorizing a sub-grant agreement between the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging of the City of Columbus, Recreations and Parks Department, and the Franklin County Office on Aging for case management services and service coordination for Franklin County older residents in public housing facilities (\$215,000.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Amy Funk, Interim Director, Office on Aging.

Ms. Funk: This resolution is for a contract with COAAA for case management services and service coordination through the congregate housing services program. This funding is to be used to enhance older adults in specified public housing facilities with service coordination, meals, personal care, housekeeping, health promotion, emergency response systems, transportation, and adult day services. Under this agreement, the Office on Aging will provide the local match funding with measured reimbursement, under HUD guidelines. This contract is for twelve months and will be in effect until December 31, 2020.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0131-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0132-20**, resolution authorizing a IV-D contract with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch (\$1,320,890.39) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Ms. Brown: Good morning, Commissioners. I ask your consideration this morning in approving the Child Support Enforcement Agency's (CSEA) interagency agreement with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Division of Domestic Relations in the juvenile branch, beginning February 1, 2020. The purpose of this contract is to reimburse the court for expenses associated with the processing, adjudication, and creation of judgment entries on child support-initiated cases. Each unit of service is defined as one hearing and will be reimbursed at a rate of \$176.12 per hearing, with a total of seventy-five hundred hearings, anticipated to be devoted to the contract. The Franklin County CSEA and the Franklin County courts have had a long history of successful collaboration in the establishment and enforcement of child support orders.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0132-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0133-20**, review of a petition to annex 3.539 +/- acres from Mifflin Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-02-20 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: Good morning. This resolution is to consider an expedited type two annexation petition of 3.539 acres, from Mifflin Township to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property located at 2494 Stelzer Road, 2506 Stelzer Road, and 2530 Stelzer Road. All of those parcels are east of Stelzer Road, south of Codet Road, west of Interstate 270 and north of Agler Road. The petition was filed by agent and attorney Jackson B. Reynolds III of Smith and Hale, who is in attendance if you have any questions on behalf of the owner, New Salem Missionary Baptist Church. Ninety-six percent of the site's perimeter is contiguous with Columbus and the city passed ordinance number 0271-2020, on February 3, 2020, indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation

is approved in a statement regarding incompatible land uses and zoning buffer. The petition meets all statutory requirements, as outlined in Section 79.021 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0133-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0134-20**, review of a petition to annex 3.84 +/- acres from Plain Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-05-20 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to consider an expedited type one annexation petition of 3.84 acres, from Plain Township to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property located at 5364 Thompson Road. That is north of Thompson Road, east of North Hamilton, south of East Dublin-Granville Road, and west of Johnstown Road. The petition was filed by agent and attorney David Hodge of Underhill and Hodge, on behalf of the owner, 5364 Thompson Road, LLC, and for the record, Eric Zartman is in attendance from Underhill and Hodge if you have any questions. One hundred percent of the site's perimeter is contiguous with Columbus, and the applicant has provided an annexation agreement between Plain Township and the City of Columbus. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 79.021 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0134-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0135-20**, resolution to adjust the boundaries of Montgomery Township, thereby making them conform to the boundaries of the City of Columbus Case #ANX-06-20 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to consider a boundary change petition to adjust the boundary lines of Montgomery Township, to conform to the boundaries of the City of Columbus. This petition was filed by the City of Columbus, according to City Ordinance No. 2900-2019, on November 25, 2019. Authorizing the submission of a petition to the Board of County Commissioners, requesting that the boundary lines in Montgomery Township be changed to make them conform to the corporate limits of the City of Columbus for the Plain Township area included in the annexation. The area to be adjusted includes a parcel of land annexed to the City of Columbus, from Plain Township and approved on July 30, 2019, by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners as an expedited type one annexation, known as ANX-17-19. The property consisted of 8.6 acres located at 5130 Warner Road, 5150 Warner Road, 5180 Warner Road, and 0 Warner Road. Under the terms of the annexation agreement between Columbus and Plain Township, the boundaries of the site must be conformed so that the territory annexed to Columbus from Plain Township is transferred to Montgomery Township. The petition has been filed in accordance with 503.07 of the Ohio Revised Code. For the record, Montgomery Township is a paper

Township. So, it only exists on paper, there are no administrative functions of the Township, meaning that it's just been annexed in the Township, and officially no longer exists in any administrative functions, but only on paper.

President O'Grady: Is there a geographic area to Montgomery Township?

Ms. Snapp: Not that it's been enveloped by annexation. But every time that it's been annexed, and there are still pieces and parts that have been formally existed, there are requirements that the jurisdiction, in this case, the boundaries have to be conformed to meet the geographical boundaries of the paper Township.

President O'Grady: Ok.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0135-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0136-20**, resolution authorizing the transfer of sanitary sewer infrastructure and maintenance responsibility of the same to the Village of Marble Cliff (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Gillian Kreager, Utility Compliance Supervisor, Sanitary Engineer.

Ms. Kreager: Good morning. This resolution will transfer ownership and maintenance responsibilities of a jointly built trunk sewer to Marble Cliff. It will only be regarding the portion that lies within the boundaries of the Village of Marble Cliff. Marble Cliff passed their resolution in 2019, accepting ownership and maintenance responsibility of the same.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0136-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0137-20**, resolution Authorizing a Final Contract Modification with The Righter Company, Inc. to Close Out the Oakhurst Knolls Pump Station and Force Main Project (\$2,273,460.35) (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineers.

Mr. Stowe: Sanitary Engineers requests the authorization of a final contract modification with The Righter Company to close out Oakhurst Knolls Pump Station and Force Main Project. The Righter Company was selected as the lowest and best contractor via ITB, 2017-09-32. The project consisted of converting the existing wastewater treatment plant into a pump station, installing approximately twelve thousand feet, a six-inch force main to the county's Darbydale wastewater treatment plant. Throughout the course of work, The Righter Company has conducted themselves in a very professional manner, resulting in a high-quality product that came in under budget at \$321,539.62. Sanitary Engineers is highly satisfied with the project and wishes currently to formally close out the project with the final contract modification, reflecting the new contract value of \$2,273,460.35.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0137-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0138-20**, resolution approving Third Contract Extension with Byers Ford, LLC for the supply and delivery of Fleet Automobiles for the Franklin County Fleet Management Department (\$1,500,000.00) (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

Ms. Ashcraft: The resolution before you is requesting approval of a third and final contract extension for the purchase of new vehicles. The original contract with Byers Ford, LLC, was awarded on March 2, 2016. Fleet purchases approximately forty new vehicles per year, from patrol cruisers to Animal Control vans, and Byers has performed well and has been a good partner in our vehicle purchases.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0138-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0139-20**, resolution authorizing disposition of personal property, including motor vehicles and equipment, that are no longer needed for public use, are obsolete, or are unfit for the use it was acquired, and authorizing the Director of Fleet Management to dispose of said items by transferring title to other governmental agencies in Ohio, by internet auction, or selling as salvage (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

Ms. Ashcraft: The next resolution is requesting authorization to dispose of seventeen retired vehicles. Retired cruisers that can still be made operational, will be transferred to other law enforcement agencies, those agencies that are smaller and have very limited funds for a replacement. We have an ongoing list of agencies, requesting assistance with vehicles. This transfer program began in 2009. The cruisers have high mileage due to our twenty-four-hour operation, seven days a week, and transferring to smaller agencies, the mileage accumulation will be greatly reduced, and they can typically operate the vehicle for another two to three years. By transferring to another law enforcement agency, we also do not incur the cost of removing the equipment and the decals, which sometimes outweighs the amount of money we collect in selling them. Those that are wrecked will be disposed of through salvage, due to the damage, and others will be sold through Govdeals.com.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0139-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0140-20**, resolution authorizing the option to lease vehicles for county use (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

Ms. Ashcraft: The final resolution for Fleet Management today is to authorize the option to lease vehicles. Historically Fleet has purchased vehicles for our agencies. Fleet provides vehicles to twenty-three different Franklin County agencies, from the Sheriff's Office to Adult Probation, from the Print Shop to Public Facilities Management. Some of these divisions accumulate mileage quickly and a vehicle can be replaced in under five years. Other departments make frequent trips, but do not accumulate the mileage very quickly. These agencies drive the same vehicle sometimes over twelve years. The automotive industry has made huge advancements in technology and safety features, from anti-lock brakes, airbag systems, backup cameras, perimeter alarms, lane correction, and accident avoidance systems, just to name a few. The industry is constantly working to deploy new safety features as well as the emissions technology and fuel efficiency that we could only imagine ten years ago. Fleet would like to have the option of leasing some of our vehicles for each of our divisions. For those agencies with lower mileage accumulation, a leased vehicle could be an opportunity to obtain one with the new safety features and better fuel efficiency. Adding the option of leasing will give Fleet Management flexibility to obtain the needed vehicles in the most fiscally responsible way. Each vehicle replacement will be evaluated and researched to determine the best avenue to obtain a replacement. Enterprise Fleet Management has a leasing program available through Sourcewell; a national contract. We have worked with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office on the contract language and have reached an agreeable document.

Commissioner Boyce: On the leased vehicles, because wear and tear can be an issue, how does that work?

Ms. Ashcraft: It works differently than a personal lease. As an example, let's say, just for round numbers, the vehicle is worth is \$10,000.00, when we lease it, we are only going to lease it for half of its life, so we're only paying \$5,000.00. When we turn it in based on how much they sell it for would determine whether we have a credit or debit. So, if they sell it for \$7,000.00 instead of the \$5,000.00, they anticipated, we would have a \$2,000.00 credit. However, on the flip side, if they sell it for \$3,000.00, and we anticipated \$5,000.00, then we would be out \$2,000.00. We get to determine what is repaired and how we turn it in so, we can look at that at the end of its life to determine, should we spend money to have it repaired before we turn it in or turn it in as is.

Commissioner Boyce: Keep me posted on the results. I'm just curious as to what turns out to be the long-term better element for us.

Ms. Ashcraft: Will do.

Commissioner Brown: I think it's a good option. I'm not sure how well we'll find it works, but I think it's a good option to consider at times and to have that as one of the options, rather than always going to purchase, I think makes sense. But I think we ought to look at it and how it's working.



Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0140-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0141-20**, resolution approving a contract for case management services between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services with the City of Columbus, Department of Recreation and Parks, Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (\$50,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner: Good morning, Commissioners. A Job and Family Services case manager will be stationed for up to twenty hours a week at the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging (COAAA). COAAA's main office at 3776 South High Street, assists in determining customer eligibility, primarily for Medicaid Waivers in long-term care, but also for the agency's programs, like food assistance. A contractual relationship between our agencies began back in 2014, and under in this agreement, COAAA will reimburse us for the actual full-time employee cost, of an on-site case manager quarterly, not to exceed \$50,000.00, for the twelve-month term of the MOU. This also supports the Rise Together Blueprint, which calls for increasing accessibility of integrated family support services by adding locations.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0141-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0142-20**, resolution authorizing a contract with Columbus Running Company LLC (CRC) for event management services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (\$8,165.00) (Human Resources), presented by Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

Ms. Leis: This resolution does establish a one-year contract with extensions with Columbus Running Company or CRC. CRC provides our pre-race registration as well as Race Day management of the Franklin County 5K and ThriveOn challenge. 2020 was our first inaugural race. We had a wonderful turnout by Franklin County employees, and we had great participation in the kid's race that we had in advance of the run/walk. We're hoping with the reduction of the registration fees for 2020, we'll see an even greater turnout and greater participation of our employees and their families.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0142-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0143-20**, resolution authorizing a contract modification with OhioHealth Corporation to provide wellness services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (\$2,059,357.00) (Human Resources), presented by Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

Ms. Leis: This resolution modifies the existing contract that we hold with OhioHealth employee services. OhioHealth provides digital, as well as on-site support for our ThriveOn wellness program. The modifications of this contract further support and promotes our belief and the strength and importance of that primary care physician relationship of our members. As a result of the refinements of this contract, we are saving about \$250,000.00 in program costs, in years two and three.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0143-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0144-20**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,822,964.83) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Wicker, Small Emerging Business Coordinator.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: This resolution requests your approval of one hundred and forty-two purchase orders for which the County Auditor has pre-certified available funding.

Ms. Wicker: This week Small and Emerging Business vendors include twenty-two eligible purchase orders totaling approximately \$578,000.00. Of these purchase orders, the Goods and Services that have a higher likelihood of participation by Small and Emerging Businesses. Sixteen were awarded to certify business enterprises in the following categories; ten women, one minority, five Small Emerging Businesses, which includes Good and Services totaling \$571,258.82, that is seventy-three percent of the eligible purchase order value and ninety-eight percent of the eligible purchase order dollar value.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0144-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0145-20**, resolution authorizing the execution of all documents necessary to effectuate the sale of real property, Parcel Number 010-066338-00, to JB Leasing LLC, as the highest responsible bidder pursuant to an Invitation to Bid (\$922,350.00) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Jed Morison, Director, Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Mr. Morison: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution will authorize the sale of a building at 2201 Advance Avenue. The building was bought back in the '70s to serve as a workshop for individuals with developmental disabilities. We later converted it to a transportation compound, we've consolidated that because we no longer need the building.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0145-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0146-20**, resolution authorizing the execution of all documents necessary to effectuate the sale of real property, Parcel Number 610-103695-00, to I Am Boundless, Inc., as the

highest responsible bidder pursuant to an Invitation to Bid (\$500,000.00) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Jed Morison, Director, Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Mr. Morison: Commissioners, this also is a resolution to sell a building located in the Bush Corporate Center. For the past several years, we have leased this building to an organization called I Am Boundless, which is formerly Franklin County Residential Services. This will allow for the sale of the building to the same organization.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0146-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0147-20**, resolution consenting to the Amendment of the Sublease Agreement between the Columbus Zoological Park Association and Zoombezi Bay, LCC (Board of Commissioners), presented by Paul Thies, Assistant Prosecutor, Prosecutor's Office.

Mr. Thies: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution will authorize approval of a sublease agreement, between the Columbus Zoo and Zoombezi Bay, which would provide for a change in the rental payments from Zoombezi Bay to the Zoo.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0147-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0148-20**, resolution accepting the amended amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission for collection in the calendar year 2020 and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning, Commissioners. Previously this Board approved resolution 672-19 on September 10, 2019, to approve the amounts and rates necessary for collection in 2020. Subsequently, the Budget Commission has determined that the amounts and rates have changed, as the result of the approval of the Children Services Levy at the November 19<sup>th</sup> ballot, as well as updates to the assessed property value. As a result, this resolution is required to amend those amounts that were previously certified.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0148-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0149-20**, resolution to consent to, and to authorize the execution and delivery of a supplemental lease, a supplemental sub-lease and other documents of the county relating to the issuance of tax and lease revenue anticipation and refunding bonds by the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority (Board of Commissioners), presented by Josh Grossman, Counsel, Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP.

Mr. Grossman: Good morning, Commissioners. We are bond counsel in this transaction. This a resolution asking for your consent to the issuance by the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority of its tax and lease revenue anticipation refunding bonds and to authorize the execution and delivery of a supplemental lease, a supplemental sublease and other documents by the county relating thereto. These 2020 bonds will be issued as taxable bonds to advance the refund of a portion of the outstanding 2014 Convention Center bonds, which will result in cost savings. Otherwise, structurally, this transaction, this financing will be substantially like the 2014 financing.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0149-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of February 25, 2020.



**JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT**



**MARILYN BROWN**



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