

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 20, 2009

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioner's Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009. Present were:

Paula Brooks, President
John O'Grady, Commissioner

President Brooks invited Joe Rock of Animal Care and Control to introduce this week's adoptable dog from the Shelter.

President Brooks opened the meeting, and Commissioner O'Grady moved for the approval of the minutes of the October 13, 2009 General Session and the October 15, 2009 Briefing. President Brooks seconded. The minutes were approved.

Resolution No. 817-09, authorizing the creation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (ARRA - FCBDD) Fund and Non-General Fund supplemental appropriations for stimulus funding received by Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. (Developmental Disabilities) (\$2,250,278.60) by Jed Morrison, Director.

This funding will help to support services for children and adults who have developmental disabilities, and this creates a fund for the ARRA funds we received. We provide services for several thousand clients.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 817-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 818-09, authorizing a Service Agreement with Life Town where school-age children learn important skills needed for independent thinking and problem solving (Developmental Disabilities) (\$250,000) by Mr. Morrison.

This is a partnership between the county and our Board; it is a program that serves children located at Kent Elementary. These children have a variety of developmental disabilities. These children might be enrolled in any school district in Franklin County that have any of type of developmental disability that could benefit from this environment.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 818-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 819-09, approving sixty-eight contracts for Senior Options Home Care (Office On Aging) (\$16,208,165) by Toni Carroll, Director.

This contract results from the Invitation to Bid process, helped by the Purchasing Department. We bid these contracts about every three years; they are one-year contracts with options to renew for two one-year periods. We are very pleased that this is a very diverse group, we have small and large agencies; female owned businesses; African and African American-owned businesses; we also added a Somali and Ethiopian-focused adult day care this round; we added an Asian-speaking home care agency; as well as adding another Russian speaking agency. There is a lot of evidence that seniors are more comfortable accepting services from agencies where there are fewer barriers between the service provider and the service recipient. So we are very pleased about this group. We will have the coverage and capacity that we need.

Commissioner O'Grady said, of these 68 contracts, they by and large represent the lowest and the best? Ms. Carroll said yes.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 819-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 820-09, to authorize the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to accept Resolutions/Ordinances reaffirming the participation of Eligible Communities in the County's Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement Programs through March 31, 2012. (Economic Development and Planning) by Rollin Seward, Assistant Director.

Every three years the County has to re-certify with HUD to continue to receive funding. In 2008, the Commissioners passed a resolution reauthorizing participation of 38 jurisdictions. In this resolution the County's last remaining jurisdictions, the villages of Harrisburg and Valleyview are reauthorized for participation. The County's recertification is up for renewal in March of 2012.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 820-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 821-09, awarding a Funding Agreement between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Community Housing Network for Housing Retention Services (Economic Development and Planning) (\$55,000) by Mr. Seward.

This is the annual contract with the Community Housing Network to provide housing retention services to low income tenant households with a history of mental illness, addiction, and homelessness. The project has been approved in the County's 2009 Action Plan, and 50 households are projected to receive services. In the previous contract 52 households received services and 100% remained housed, avoiding eviction or displacement.

Anthony Penn, Director, said this program is a huge safety net. These residents are coming out of poverty, have moved into housing, and the goal of this program is to prevent them from moving back into homelessness. We have over a 95% success rate.

Commissioner O'Grady said at Briefing we talked about your geographic spread of locations. Mr. Penn said they are in surrounding suburban communities. Two are in Whitehall, one in Grove City, one in Upper Arlington, two in Worthington. They represent 10 locations, which means 100 units of housing.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 821-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 822-09, review of Petition to Annex 7.2+/- acres from Plain Township to the city of Columbus by Jill Tangeman, Esq. Case #ANX-EXP1-20-09 (Economic Development and Planning) by Lee Brown, Planning Administrator.

This is a type one annexation. Applicants have met all statutory requirements.

Jill Tangeman said we are requesting approval of this annexation, it was agreed to by the city of Columbus.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 822-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Mr. Brown read the following journalization into the record. ANX-EXP2-21-09, filed on October 15, 2009. The petition requests to annex 0.7 +/- acres from Sharon Twp. to the city of Worthington. The applicants are James and Elizabeth Janoski. The agent is Christopher Cline, Esq. The site is 6226 Alrojo Street.

Resolution No. 823-09, authorizing a transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Stormwater Management Fund for the Stormwater Management Program (Drainage Engineer) (\$639,355) by Dean Ringle, County Engineer.

This is our last request for funds that were set up in the 2009 budget for stormwater operations. Some is for drainage improvements, conservation easements, support of Franklin Soil and Water.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 824-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 824-09, Stantec Consulting, Inc., Consulting Engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in providing preliminary engineering services for Phase 2 of the Alum Creek Drive at Groveport Road Project, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$350,000) by Mr. Ringle.

We finished the Phase I design, ready to start construction next year, now we're ready to start Phase 2. We went through the consultant selection process for the preliminary engineering of Phase 2, and selected Stantec. This is a multi-jurisdictional, cooperative project. We are working with the Ohio Dept. of Transportation, and we are pushing to be a three-year total project. It is a safety, congestion and economic project.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 824-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 825-09, authorizing County Engineer Dean C. Ringle to enter into agreements with the Indiana & Ohio Railway (IORY), its subsidiaries and lessees, regarding the improvements on Clime Road (Engineer)

I am excited to bring this to you. The Clime Road project is coming along well, and we have worked our way up both sides to the railroad. This is the final piece.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 825-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 826-09, establishing, altering and widening of Trabue Road, County Road No. 27, at Trabue Woods Boulevard/Westbelt Drive, Norwich and Franklin Townships, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary by unanimous vote of the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Ohio, to be viewed on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 10:45 a.m. (Engineer) by Mr. Ringle.

This is for basically a traffic signal, but it also includes some turn lanes, which is why we have to have this approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 826-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 827-09, requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on Alton & Darby Creek Road, County Road No. 272, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) by Mr. Ringle.

There is a portion of this road that we want to reduce from 55 mph to 45 mph. This gives us the authority to give this to ODOT for approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 827-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 828-09, authorizing a Quit Claim Deed, two (2) temporary easements and two (2) sewer easements from the Franklin County Commissioners to the City of Hilliard (Board of Commissioners) by Mr. Ringle.

This is another joint improvement that is working with the city of Hilliard and the County. This is at the Fairgrounds, getting Northwest Parkway improved as a thru public street. Both the Commissioners and the Agricultural Society own the property that the road is going to be on. Part of the agreement with Hilliard to improve the road is to acquire the land.

President Brooks said Mr. Sidell is here from Hilliard. We are excited about how closely together the city of Hilliard and the Agricultural Society are working.

Mr. Sidell said we have also worked with the Engineer, Norwich Twp., and we have received \$1 million in ARRA funds. We appreciate your support.

Resolution No. 829-09, authorizing the purchase of replacement Chilled Water and Condenser Water Pumps from Peterson Thermal Equipment Company, Inc. for installation at Franklin County Veterans Memorial. (Public Facilities Management) (\$19,640) by Don Brown, County Administrator.

This equipment is needed to keep the facility fully operational. This was the lowest and best bid.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 829-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 830-09, approving Personnel Actions (Human Resources) by Dan Johnston of the Department.

I recommend these actions to you.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 830-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 831-09, approving purchases for various Franklin County Agencies (Purchasing) (\$832,852.53) by Karl Kuespert. Director.

This represents 129 purchase orders, which have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor. We recommend approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 831-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 832-09, authorizing transfers of appropriations (\$35,625) and transfers of funds (\$10,601) for workers compensation retrospective costs and claims reserves; non-general fund supplemental appropriations (\$1,647,806.85) and cash transfers (\$1,593,163.85) for the refund of excess claims reserves; and the repayment of a cash advance (\$1,715,000) from the Workers Compensation Revolving Fund (Board of Commissioners) by Ken Wilson, Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

This includes necessary transfers of appropriations and the transfers of funds associated with workers compensation retrospective payment costs as well as claims reserves. It also includes non-general funds appropriations and cash transfers associated with the refund of excess claim reserve costs to several agencies. Also included is a refund to the General Fund toward paying workers compensation expenses.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 832-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 833-09, authorizing CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, Inc. to receive the fees collected in 2010 for the support of shelters for victims of domestic violence. (Estimated amount of \$300,000) (Board of Commissioners) by Gail Heller, Executive Director.

Franklin County may have the only fully accredited domestic violence victim's service providing agency in the state. Service requests are continuing to go up, reflecting our economic situation. We continue to provide everything we possibly can, the shelter, the hotline, counseling and programs.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 833-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Resolution No. 834-09, authorizing a contract with The Robert Weiler Company for Real Estate Management Consulting Services (Board of Commissioners) (\$35,000) by Don Brown.

In August the county received proposals for a multi-use office facility to consolidate several Job and Family Service facilities and Clerk of Courts facilities into a single location to better serve our clients. This contract authorizes the engagement a real estate management consultant to evaluate the proposals and determine the best site to serve our clients, and help us to negotiate favorable terms. This contract was competitively bid, and the contract with the Robert Weiler Company was determined to be the lowest and the best. I recommend it to you.

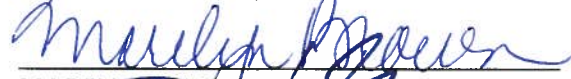
Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 834-09, seconded by President Brooks. The Resolution was approved.

Hearing no further business, President Brooks adjourned the meeting.


These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of October 20, 2009.



PAULA BROOKS, PRESIDENT



MARILYN BROWN



JOHN O'GRADY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Submitted by:



Debra A. Willaman, Clerk