

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 27, 2009

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioner's Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. Present were:

Paula Brooks, President
Marilyn Brown, Commissioner
John O'Grady, Commissioner

President Brooks opened the meeting and invited Don Winstel, Interim Director of Animal Care and Control to introduce this week's adoptable dog from the Shelter. The American Planning Association of Central Ohio, Jamie Adkins, President and Christine Palmer, Awards Committee Chair, presented the Board with an Award as 2009 Public Officials of the Year.

Commissioner Brown moved for the approval of the minutes of the October 20, 2009 General Session and the October 22, 2009 Briefing. Commissioner O'Grady seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 835-09, authorizing a Funding Agreement between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Economic & Community Development Institute to implement a Home Rehabilitation Program for elderly and/or disabled Franklin County residents (Economic Development and Planning) (\$62,500) by Jim Schimmer, Director.

We have funded this program for a number of years, for minor home repair. Clients must be over the age of 60 or disabled and unable to make the repairs themselves. After a needs assessment they can be referred to other County agencies for assistance. Last year they served 51 clients.

Bob Lichte and Erin of ECDI introduced Ms. Carol Graining, who received services. Ms. Graining described the services she received and her happiness and relief at having the work done in a professional manner.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 835-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 836-09, awarding a Funding Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the Economic and Community Development Institute to provide a Microenterprise Loan program to county businesses (Economic Development and Planning) (\$200,000) by Mr. Schimmer.

ECDI has been providing a revolving loan program for low to moderate income small business owners. The loan program has been very active; we have seen very strong outcomes. In this period they have closed 21 loans.

Bob Lichte of ECDI said the lending program is the cornerstone of our project. Kathryn of ECDI said we have created over 130 jobs from our program. Lisa Latshaw, one of the clients, described her mustard business, which she started with a \$4,000 loan from ECDI.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 836-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 837-09, awarding a Funding Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the Economic and Community Development Institute to provide a Microenterprise Retail Loan program to county businesses (Economic Development and Planning) (\$50,000) by Mr. Schimmer.

We broke out this portion of the loan program because we wanted to highlight retail. We have seen some dramatic results, ECDI has closed 17 loans. 22 jobs have been created and 14 have been retained.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 837-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 838-09, entering into a Funding Agreement between the Economic Development and Planning Department and the Legal Aid Society of Columbus, Ohio to provide legal aid housing representation to homeowners facing foreclosure proceedings (Economic Development and Planning) (\$50,000) by Rollin Seward, Assistant Director.

The scope of work will include defending homeowners and renters in foreclosure litigation, negotiation and mediation. A total of 994 hours of legal representation will be provided.

Staska Keefer, supervising attorney for the foreclosure defense team at Legal Aid said the problems are increasing. We are seeing homeowners who have been in their homes for 15-20 years, they are losing their jobs, and the economy has hit them hard. In the beginning it was more of a predatory lending issue, but it has turned into a crisis of the economy issue, it is spreading into the urban areas.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 838-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 839-09, entering into a Funding Agreement between the Economic Development and Planning Department and Lifecare Alliance to provide meals to low income, HIV afflicted, county residents (Economic Development and Planning) (\$30,000) by Mr. Seward.

It is anticipated that this funding will provide over 4,000 meals.

Andrea Denning from Lifecare Alliance said we will provide meals-on-wheels with these funds, as well as funding for our food pantry, which supplies items that food stamps do not cover, like toothpaste, cleaning supplies and paper towels. Currently the demographic we're seeing in central Ohio is heterosexual females aged 18-24 with a child. It is important to keep the families together and support their needs.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 839-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 840-09, rescinding Resolution 0749-09 and Resolution 0750-09 and authorizing the Community Capital Development Corporation and its affiliate the Business Development Finance Corporation to provide loans to Coalescence, LLC and Hyper Tech Research Inc. for working capital. (Economic Development and Planning) (\$500,000) by Mr. Schimmer.

When we passed the original resolutions, we cited a fund that was not correct. All terms and conditions will remain the same; this is a clean-up resolution.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 840-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 841-09, authorizing a Subordination Agreement with Melissa Miller to allow for the refinancing of her home mortgage (Economic Development and Planning) by Mr. Schimmer.

In order to refinance her home, we must submit this subordination agreement. She is current on her taxes.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 841-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 842-09, review of Petition to Annex 0.442 +/- acres from Truro Township to the city of Reynoldsburg by John Wall and Elizabeth Hanna. Case #ANX-EXP2-17-09 (Economic Development and Planning) by Mr. Schimmer.

All statutory requirements have been met. The address is 1690 Lancaster Road, and we recommend approval.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 842-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 843-09, review of Petition to Annex 11.457 +/- acres from Prairie Township to the city of Columbus by Larry Clarke. Case #ANX-EXP2-18-09 (Economic Development and Planning) by Mr. Schimmer.

All statutory requirements have been met. The address is 1189 Hilliard Rome Road. We recommend approval.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 843-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 844-09, approving one subaward agreement for truancy reduction services with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (Job and Family Services) (\$187,333.30) by Lance Porter of the Department.

This truancy program will operate at three elementary schools and three middle schools. The program involves the students, the parents and the teachers. 225 students will be able to participate with this program.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 844-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 845-09, approving four subaward agreements for after school programs with Enterprise Works, Inc., J. Ashburn Jr. Youth Center, Latino Community Association of Ohio, and St. Stephen's Community House (Job and Family Services) (\$201,971) by Mr. Porter.

This is a portion of our after school programs. Because of the lack of funding this year, we have included only the highest performing programs, and we are very happy with this slate. We will have more coming forward.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 845-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 846-09, authorizing a contract with Elite Excavating Company of Ohio for the construction of the Fern Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project (Sanitary Engineers) (\$140,210) by Stephen Renner, Director.

This project was competitively bid, and Elite was the lowest and best bid. This area was noted as an area of concern by our

Water Quality Partnership program. It will provide sewers to 23 homes.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 846-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 847-09, authorizing a transfer of appropriations for the purchase of a replacement vehicle. (Clerk of Courts) (\$20,100) by Sean Rieder, Director of the Office of Budget and Management for the Clerk.

Through the efforts of Fleet Management, we received three quotes. We have selected a 2010 flex fuel Ford Escape.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 847-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 848-09, approving Personnel Actions (Human Resources) by Maggie Snow, Director.

I recommend these actions to you.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 848-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 849-09, approving purchases for various Franklin County Agencies (Purchasing) (\$1,662,096.56) by Karl Kuespert, Director.

This represents 93 purchase orders. They were pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor and I recommend approval.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 849-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

President Brooks recognized Jessica Ibrahim, who had asked to address the Board. Ms. Ibrahim said I am a nurse at the Sheriff's Office, there are 37 of us. We are facing the loss of our jobs, our benefits, and at worse, the loss of our homes. I want to know about the upcoming issues.....

President Brooks said I don't mean to be disrespectful, but we do not have anything before us dealing with 37 nurses losing their jobs, I want to be very clear on that. There is nothing on our agenda, absolutely nothing on our agenda today that deals with 37 nurses losing their jobs. Ms. Ibrahim said we were under the impression that this was an issue coming up, about our jobs being contracted out.... President Brooks said we ask that you speak to items on the agenda. There is nothing on our agenda that deals with 37 nurses, or anybody, losing their jobs.

In fact, let me share with you, in spite of the economy, Franklin County has not laid off one person. We have managed to do that by good, fiscally prudent practices since 2005. Quite honestly, we do not anticipate laying off anyone. I don't know exactly what else you would like to say. We have concerns about budgets, we always do. But we do not have anything before us that deals with laying off anyone. Ms. Ibrahim said then I ask, in the event that the contract would come across, we would request a review.

Resolution 849-09 was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 850-09, authorizing non-General Fund supplemental appropriations and a transfer of funds for the distribution of grant dollars to various County Offices received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. (Board of Commissioners) (\$119,825) by Ken Wilson, Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

This allows us to distribute grant dollars received associated with the wind event of September 2008. This allows for the proper accounting.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 850-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 851-09, authorizing the settlement of a legal claim in the Supreme Court of Ohio, being Case No. 2009-0772 (Board of Commissioners) by County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien.

This is to settle a claim from a Worker's Comp. lawsuit filed in the Supreme Court for Mary Jackson. There was a negotiated settlement proffered to be settled for \$40,000.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 851-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 852-09, a Resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel and collective bargaining matters.

Commissioner Brown moved approval of Resolution 852-09, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously approved.


The Commissioners convened into Executive Session at approximately 10:10 am. Commissioner Brown moved to conclude Executive Session at approximately 10:50 am, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

Hearing no further business, President Brooks adjourned the meeting.

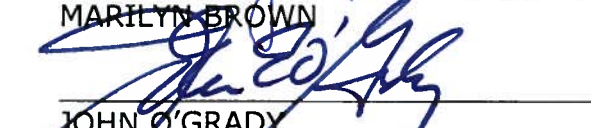
These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of October 27, 2009.



PAULA BROOKS, PRESIDENT

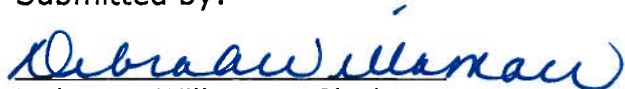


MARILYN BROWN



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

Submitted by:



Debra A. Willaman, Clerk

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U.S. Mail: 373 South High Street 26th Floor
Columbus Ohio, 43215.

Address the Board of Commissioners at the commissioner briefing, held the Thursday before General Session meetings (generally 9 a.m., call 462-3322 to confirm the time).

Hand-deliver written comments to the address above.

PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST FORM

Please read the "Rules for Public Comment" above, prior to completing this form.

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Name: Lisa Fisher

Organization represented: FCSO

Address: 5656 Lindenwood Rd

Telephone: 614-462-4012

Resolution # 849-09 For _____ Against X

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Name: _____

Jessica Ibrahim

Organization represented: _____

Franklin Co. Sheriff Medical Dept

Address: _____

2380 N. Branch Rd Grove City OH 43123

Telephone: _____

(614) 801 0502

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For _____

Against X