



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Jed W. Morison
Superintendent/CEO

**REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
November 18, 2021**

Board Members Present (In-Person): John Bickley, Linda Craig, Marie Crawford, Samuel Davis,
Beth Savage, Michael Underwood, Bill Wilkins

Management/ Technology Staff Present (In-Person): Jed Morison, Amy Magginis, Emmanuel Owusu-Boadi
Dot Yeager

Management Staff Present via teleconference: Jack Brownley, Lee Childs, Gwynn Kinsel,
David Ott, Rita Price, Chris Martin,
Travis Sherick

The Regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order by President Beth Savage.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Superintendent Morison presented Linda Craig with a replica of the wall plaque for the FCBDD Administration Hallway and a 'Good for You' paper weight to recognize Linda's tenure on the board.

The following verbiage will hang in the Administration Hallway with a picture of Linda Craig:

Linda Craig was appointed by the County Commissioners to serve on the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities beginning in November 2010. She served the maximum three terms, until January 2022.

Linda's service on the Board included time as Secretary, Vice President, Chair of Human Resources Committee, Chair of Ethics Committee and President. Linda also provided statewide leadership as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Association of County Boards and she represented the Board on the Staff Equity Committee. As customer service supervisor for the Franklin County Treasurer, Linda brought her communication skills to her roles on the Board. Her passionate support of the individuals served and their families, staff and providers was evident in all she did.

As President of the Board, Linda provided the leadership for a successful levy campaign in 2017. More than 81% of the voters supported the levy, which provides financial stability for continued high-quality services for a ten year period. Linda also never hesitated to inform her husband, Ohio state Senator Hearcel Craig, of issues pertinent to services for persons with developmental disabilities.

We salute Linda Craig!

Senator Hearcel Craig shared remarks in support of Ms. Craig (his wife) and shared many thanks to the staff of the Board and their good work.

MINUTES

Ms. Crawford moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on October 28, 2021, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Budget & Finance Report: Finance Committee Chair Bill Wilkins provided the Budget and Finance report to Board members. Bill reported that revenue is at 118%. Expenditures are at 82% of budget as expected for this time of year. The budget hearing for the 2022 calendar year budget was held on November 16. The Commissioners are expected to approve the budget in mid-December. The committee also reviewed the resolutions that will be considered and received agency updates.

Ms. Craig moved to approve the Budget and Finance Report from November 18, 2021, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.

Human Resources & Ethics Report: Human Resources Chair Linda Craig provided the Human Resources report indicating that four new bus drivers were hired in October. We received a report on the Combined Charitable Campaign. Becky Love was this year's chair and over \$63,000 pledged or donated. This is more than any other county agency. We are currently in open enrollment for health insurance. Our current plan for next year will again be with Anthem or Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Ms. Craig moved to approve the Human Resources Report from November 18, 2021, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- ◆ Again, thanks so much to Linda Craig for 12 years of outstanding services. You will be missed.
- ◆ Unless we need to have a special meeting, this will be our last meeting of the year.
- ◆ Our January meetings will be on Thursday, January 27, 2022 beginning at 1:00 p.m. We will have a Board retreat/ In-Service from 1:00-5:00 p.m. followed by the Board meeting at 5:00 p.m. Our plan is to hold the meeting at Kimberly Woods with presentations from Boundless on their services and multi-system youth program. Further details and directions will be provided.
- ◆ We are working to expand the multi-system youth program by using the Kimberly Woods respite apartments. Renovation construction is expected to begin next month with funding from our Board and FCCS. We are also working with Boundless and DODD to secure additional "behavior add-on" funding.
- ◆ COVID trends have improved in the past month, however we continue to be considered a "high transmission" county. We continue to require masks and all other safety protocols.
- ◆ The OACB annual convention will be held on December 1-3 at the Easton Hilton.
- ◆ We will have a public hearing on our Annual Action Plan on December 6, 2021. We plan to bring the plan to the Board in the January meeting.

- ◆ Special thanks to the Columbus Crew who recently donated soccer cleats and balls to our Special Olympics athletes.
- ◆ Again, thanks to our staff and the leadership of Becky Love and her team, we surpassed our goal for Combined Charities. We raised over \$63,000.
- ◆ We just learned this week that the Commissioners have approved a reward program for essential workers who earn less than \$35/hour. These incentives totaling \$1500 will be provided to eligible employees who have been in office at least 200 hours during the eligibility period. The Commissioners are following guidelines of the U.S. Department of Treasury related to the Coronavirus Fiscal Relief and Recovery funds.
- ◆ Because this may be our last meeting of the year, just want to thank the Board for your leadership this year. Next year is expected to be a transitional year as we hopefully return to the “new normal” after the pandemic and we welcome a new Board member. Continued stability and leadership at the board level will mean much as we navigate all this.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Mr. Bickley moved to ratify bill payments for the past month, approved by the Chief Business Officer, as presented to Board members during the Finance Committee on November 18, 2021, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ms. Craig moved to approve 2022 Annual Plan per O.R.C. 5126.04 related to the Current Needs Waiting List, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Mr. Underwood moved to extend the temporary COVID-19 Leave provisions through March 31, 2022, second by Ms. Crawford. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with Creative Housing to provide housing, rent subsidy, family home renovations, and other services not to exceed the amount of \$6,510,200, for a period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, and for an additional amount, up to \$760,000 for matching funds potential projects to be funded jointly with DODD contingent on DODD approval and on FCBDD budget availability, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Craig moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with ARC Industries for adult services participants who are not enrolled on a waiver and for other value-added services for a period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, not to exceed the amount of \$14,167,518, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Mr. Bickley moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with I am Boundless, Inc. to provide respite, family resources, and other services not to exceed the amount of \$5,613,871 for a period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, second by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Mr. Davis moved to authorize Superintendent to renew a contract with Furniture Bank of Central Ohio, at an annual cost not to exceed \$15,000, second by Ms. Craig. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with Goodwill Columbus to provide for community and facility-based services; including, but not limited to, Adult Day Services and non-medical transportation (only for participants who are not enrolled on a waiver), Work and Community Services, and value-added services for a period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, not to exceed the amount of \$5,310,088, second by Mr. Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

- i. Mr. Wilkins moved to approve Board Policy on Childcare Reimbursement, second by Ms. Craig.
- j. Ms. Crawford moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew vehicle, liability, violence and property insurance coverage with the Ohio School Plan, for the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, second by Mr. Underwood. Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Mr. Davis moved to approve to go to bid for replacement of cooling tower at Bixby, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS –

Ms. Craig moved to authorize Superintendent to contract for internet service on behalf of Creative Housing, funded by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Technology Grant, second by Mr. Bickley. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Superintendent Morison presented Linda Craig with a Good For You paper weight.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC –

OEA Labor Consultant for a bargaining unit, Mark Linder requested that the board consider meeting at 5:00 p.m. or later; that the Board supplement the Commissioner's Premium Pay Program bonus program to cover those staff who make more than \$35.00/hour; and he requested that the Board consider having representation of the Board members attend the OEA Negotiations. He also requested clarification on how Board members would prefer employees of the Board contact them.

ADJOURNMENT

The November 18, 2021 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Wilkins
Secretary

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