

**Resolution authorizing a contract for professional consulting services with Kinzelman Kline Gossman for a feasibility study for a Multi-Purpose center to host Equestrian Events at the Franklin County Fairgrounds**

(Economic Development & Planning Department) (\$75000.00)

**WHEREAS**, on February 17, 2009 the Franklin County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 0137-09 authorizing the Director of the Franklin County Department of Economic Development and Planning to complete a Master Plan and Feasibility Study for the indoor arena and other improvements on the County Fairgrounds to house additional All-American Quarter Horse Congress events in Franklin County; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2009 the Franklin County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 0204-09 directing the Director of the Franklin County Department of Economic Development and Planning to form and name a project steering committee of representatives from the Quarter Horse Congress, the Franklin County Agricultural Society, the City of Hilliard, a qualified member of the general public, and a member representing the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to undertake a Feasibility Study for a Multi-Purpose Center to Host Equestrian Events at the Franklin County Fairgrounds ("the Feasibility Study"); and

**WHEREAS**, through a national Request for Proposals the best qualified firms were asked to submit proposals to undertake a the Feasibility Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the top candidates presented their qualifications and ideas to the Project Steering Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project Steering Committee have unanimously agreed that Kinzelman Kline Gossman is the best qualified firm to perform the various duties pertaining to undertake the Feasibility Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department will be the administrative and fiscal agent with Kinzelman Kline Gossman in order to ensure that the contract is managed to the highest standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hilliard has agreed to contribute \$5,000 and the Franklin County Agricultural Society \$10,000 towards the cost of the study; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the contract shall be in effect on and between April 1, 2010 to August 30, 2010; and

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

That the contract with Kinzelman Kline Gossman for professional services associated with the development of the Feasibility Study and attached purchase order are hereby approved.

**Prepared by James Schimmer, Economic Development and Planning Department**