

**Resolution authorizing a purchasing policy regarding the requirements for all purchases made under the authority of the Board of Commissioners for fiscal year 2012.
(General Services - Purchasing)**

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) §307.86 – §307.92 is the general competitive bidding statute which applies to all County contracting authorities. It provides that all purchases in excess of \$25,000 must follow a competitive selection process; and

WHEREAS, ORC §5705.41(D)(2) authorizes the BOC to exempt certain purchases of \$1,000 or less from the certificate of availability of funds approval process and permits the direct vouchering of certain exempt expenses; and

WHEREAS, ORC §5705.41 (D)(3) authorizes the BOC to permit multiple (blanket) certificates for specific line-item appropriation expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to provide guidance to County agencies regarding the requirements for all purchases made under the BOC's authority; to authorize that certain non-recurring purchases of \$1,000 or less be exempted from the Auditor's Certificate of Available Appropriations; to provide guidance on the appropriate use of multiple vendor requisitions/purchase orders and the requirements related to encumbering funds through the use of the Auditor's Certificate; and to establish the requirements for all competitive bids and competitive proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget, the County Auditor, and the Purchasing Department recommend that the Franklin County Purchasing Policy be approved; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

That the attached Franklin County Purchasing Policy regarding the requirements for all purchases made under the authority of the Board of Commissioners is hereby approved for fiscal year 2012.

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cc: Auditor
Commissioners-OMB
General Services-Purchasing