

Resolution authorizing a grant agreement with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to support the 4th International EcoSummit on Ecological Sustainability on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (Economic Development & Planning) (\$50,000.00)

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners desires to help support the 4th International EcoSummit on Ecological Sustainability to be held on the campus of The Ohio State University and the Greater Columbus Convention Center from September 30 – October 5, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is the lead organizer and is responsible for the overall coordination of the event; and

WHEREAS, the 4th International EcoSummit on Ecological Sustainability will bring together the world's most respected minds in ecological science to discuss restoring the planet's ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the support of this conference furthers the intent of Resolution 683-06 relating to Franklin County's commitment to the mutually compatible goals of environmental protection and economic growth and the commitment to promote sustainable principles in policy decisions and programs; and

WHEREAS, the 4th International EcoSummit on Ecological Sustainability directly benefits the tax payers of Franklin County by generating an estimated \$3.4 million in participant spending, thereby supporting local businesses and helping to maintain jobs for residents; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County working with its partners Columbus 2020, MORPC, Experience Columbus, the City of Columbus and The Ohio State University will work to highlight, Franklin County on a national and international basis as an excellent location for new business – especially, those businesses with a focus on environmental sustainability and green technologies; and

WHEREAS, the amount of this grant agreement is \$50,000 and shall commence on January 1, 2012 and terminate December 31, 2012, now therefore;

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

1. That the attached purchase order, which is individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List and the attached agreement between MORPC and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012, are hereby approved.

Resolution No. 0599-12

August 21, 2012

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