

Resolution entering into a Funding Agreement with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to undertake the Franklin County Energy Baseline Study.

(Economic Development & Planning Department) (\$115,000)

WHEREAS, Franklin County's name sake Benjamin Franklin was known as the Father of the American Environmental Movement as he devised energy solution plans for our new nation and patented device, to further the efficient use of energy dating back to our nations birth;

WHEREAS, Resolution 683-06 approved by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners solidified 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, without establishing an energy baseline, efforts to improve energy efficiency on a county level and local level are largely done without a foundational metric against which to measure progress and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County residents will enjoy a stronger and more resilient economy if it emphasizes energy efficiency and renewable energy to provide a higher "quality of life" for all of its residents and future generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the intention of this study, is to gather all the energy consumption sourced from electricity and natural gas in a single year for Franklin County and which becomes a "baseline" from which the county can measure future annual consumption patterns whether these are steady, increasing or decreasing; and

WHEREAS, according to research done by Community Research Partners, over 56% of Franklin County's residential building stock was built before 1980 prior to energy efficiency building codes; and

WHEREAS, MORPC discovered in its Regional Energy Action Plan released in 2014 that the Central Ohio region has a higher per capita energy use that the rest of Ohio and United States by 3% and 8%, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive data gathering and analysis in this study will benefit future design of utility efficiency programs in Franklin County and assist helping our low and moderate income residents reduce one of their largest monthly expenditures – the cost of energy; and now therefore,

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

That the attached Funding Agreement and purchase order in the amount of \$115,000 between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) for the Franklin County Baseline Energy Study is hereby approved.

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