

Resolution approving the settlement of legal claims and authorizing the County Administrator to execute a Settlement Agreement and Release.

(Special Counsel/Prosecutor) (\$7,000,000.00)

WHEREAS, Franklin County, Ohio and Michael Jason Meade, former deputy of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office are Defendants in a lawsuit brought by Adam Fried, as Administrator of the Estate of Casey Goodson, Jr., deceased in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Case No. 2:21-cv-5549; and

WHEREAS, the parties to the litigation wish to avoid the time and expense of further litigation and have reached a resolution of all matters in dispute, pending approval of the Board of Commissioners and the Franklin County, Ohio, Probate Court; and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached a proposed settlement in the amount of Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000), which would include the dismissal of all claims asserted by all parties; and

WHEREAS, this settlement is in no way an admission of liability on the part of Franklin County, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, or any County employee or former employee, including but not limited to Michael Jason Meade; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed upon and partially executed a Settlement Agreement and Release document, attached to this Resolution, prepared and approved as to form by Special Counsel and the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney's Office to memorialize and finalize the settlement; and

WHEREAS, the above described proposed settlement, recommended by Franklin County's retained Special Counsel and the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, would be in the best interest of Franklin County, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners; now, therefore,

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

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1. That the Board of Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio hereby approves the attached Settlement Agreement and Release and authorize the County Administrator, pursuant to section 305.30 of the Revised Code, to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release, in the total amount of Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000).
2. That the Board of Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio hereby finds that the settlement is in the best interest of the County, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and its employees.
3. That the Board of Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio, hereby authorizes the County Administrator, pursuant to Section 305.30 of the Ohio Revised Code, to take all additional actions necessary, including the execution of additional documents, to effectuate and implement the settlement that are not substantially inconsistent with this Resolution.
4. That the Board of Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio, hereby directs that four warrants be issued for the purpose of electronic fund transfer, one payable to "IOLTA for The Law Office of Walton + Brown" in the amount of \$4,285,000 (Four Million Two Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars), one payable to Pacific Life and Annuity Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,315,000 (One Million Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars), one payable to New York Life Insurance Company in the amount of \$1,300,000 (One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars), and one to United of Omaha Life Insurance Company in the amount of \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) as a full and final payment to settle this matter.
5. That the attached Purchase Order in the amount of Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) is hereby approved.

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6. That a transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$7,000,000 is hereby authorized as follows and allocated per the attached document (Journal #11057):

TRANSFER FROM:	AMOUNT
Commissioners/General Fund/Contingency Fund 1000	\$7,000,000

TRANSFER TO:	
Commissioners/General Fund/Interfund Fund 1000	\$7,000,000

7. That a transfer of funds in the amount of \$7,000,000 is hereby authorized as follows and allocated per the attached document:

TRANSFER FUNDS FROM:	AMOUNT
Commissioners/General Fund/Interfund Fund 1000	\$7,000,000

TRANSFER FUNDS TO:	AMOUNT
Commissioners /Risk Management/Interfund Revenue Fund 1005	\$7,000,000

8. That a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$7,000,000 is hereby authorized from the unappropriated cash balance as follows and allocated per the attached document (Journal #11059):

	AMOUNT
Commissioners/Risk Management/Materials & Services Fund 1005	\$7,000,000

9. That estimated revenues are hereby revised per the attached document (Journal #11061).

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