

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

TO: BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	Reviewed:
FROM: Lisa Johnson	Ext: 3485
DEPARTMENT: Administration	
DATE: Wednesday, August 19, 2009	No:

ITEM: Reconsider entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Elizabeth Layton Center to begin exploring the possibility of a land purchase for the future site of Franklin County Juvenile Services.

Background: Several months ago the Commission directed staff to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the Elizabeth Layton Center to begin exploring the possibility of purchasing land for a future site of the Franklin County Juvenile Services. The Board for the Elizabeth Layton Center is in support of this joint venture and has signed the attached Memorandum of Understanding outlining both parties obligations in the process. In summary, both parties agree to jointly share in the cost of an independent appraisal and survey. The County agrees to assume responsibility for any cost associated with zoning applications and required zoning changes that may be required for the proposed use. Neither party is obligated to a land purchase at this time. The parties are agreeing to participate in the exploration of the possibility of a purchase in the future assuming the parties come to an agreement. The Elizabeth Layton Center Board voted to execute the agreement at their meeting on July 30, 2009. It is recommended that the Board execute the agreement and authorize staff to begin working with the Elizabeth Layton Center Staff and Facilities Committee in selecting an Appraiser to begin the process.

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Commission execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Franklin County and the Elizabeth Layton Center to explore the possibility of land purchase for the future site of Franklin County Juvenile Services.

Attachments: Memorandum of Understanding

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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**Franklin County
Memorandum of Understanding
Between Franklin County and the Elizabeth
Layton Center**

July 29, 2009

The Elizabeth Layton Center (hereafter referred to as "ELC") and the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County (hereafter referred to as the "County") hereby agree to jointly work together for the purchase of land by the County for the purpose of establishing a new center for Juvenile Services in Franklin County. ELC and the County will jointly hire an independent appraiser for the purpose of determining the fair market value of the land owned by ELC and shall jointly share in the cost of said appraisal. The land in question is the area of land located directly south of the current ELC Facility at 2537 Eisenhower Road. It is anticipated that the County would purchase a minimum of three acres but not to exceed five acres for the proposed facility. The County and ELC agree to jointly contract with a surveyor to complete a survey of the proposed tract of land and both parties shall share jointly in one-half of the cost of the survey. In addition, the County agrees that the property would only be used for a proposed Juvenile Services facility. The County, if the County elects to purchase the property, agrees to accept the value of the appraisal as fair market value for the purpose of the land transaction to acquire the property. The County will assume all costs associated with any zoning applications that may be necessary in order to facilitate the land transaction.

This Memorandum of Understanding is being signed to show both parties intent to work together toward the acquisition by the County of land for a future site for Franklin County Juvenile Services. In addition, it is both parties belief the proposed use by the County is complimentary and harmonious with the services provided by ELC and will mutually benefit both parties. Further, both parties are in agreement to the proposed division of costs as set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding.


Chairperson

John E. Taylor, Chairperson

7-30-09
Date

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