

9-3-2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 3

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT FRANKLIN COUNTY WILL NOT SPEND LOCAL TAX DOLLARS ON THE IMMIGRATION CRISIS FOR MIGRANTS AND/OR ASYLUM SEEKERS ENTERING FRANKLIN COUNTY

WHEREAS, The Franklin County Board understands that emergency circumstances or need may arise that warrants or requires emergency first aid medical and immediate relocation of those being bussed into Franklin County and

WHEREAS, there is a national immigration crisis at the border between the United States and Mexico where an unprecedented and overwhelming number of migrants and asylum seekers are crossing over the open border and entering the United States illegally and

WHEREAS, this immigration crisis involves a large influx of migrants and asylum seekers without family, jobs, housing or other resources, which has placed a significant demand on the resources needed to support these individuals in the communities in which they have arrived; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has failed or refused to adequately anticipate and react to the demand and emergent circumstances, resulting in millions of migrants and asylum seekers traveling to the State of Illinois after entering into the United States; and

WHEREAS, the state government has failed or refused to adequately anticipate and properly react to the demand and emergent circumstances, of declaring Illinois a "welcoming state" and all counties in Illinois a disaster area as a result of the immigration crisis and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Chicago in May 2023, issued an executive order establishing a "Deputy Mayor for Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights" to assist with efforts to address the immediate needs and programmatic goals to ensure the capability of Chicago's status as a welcoming and sanctuary city; and causing them to be transferred to other Illinois cities; and

WHEREAS, some bus services have been retained to drop off large numbers of these individuals-including children-without warning at unpredictable hours and in all weather conditions in a manner leaves the individuals exposed to great risks, and the communities in which they arrive unprepared to assist them adequately; and

WHEREAS, there is no reason to believe after arriving here that any such migrants or asylum seekers will leave Franklin County, Illinois or that many more migrants and asylum seekers will not be transported to Franklin County, Illinois and

WHEREAS, Franklin County is not in a position to care for a large influx of individuals who do not have the resources to provide housing and other basic necessities for themselves; therefore, leaving exceptions for immediate relocation for the migrants/or asylum seekers to cities or counties that can accommodate the needs for large influx individuals and their safety and

WHEREAS, all temporary housing shelter beds in Franklin County are currently at maximum capacity and/or do not exist and cannot accommodate additional homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, there is a reasonable apprehension of immediate danger for public safety emergency of potentially thousands being transported to Franklin County and that Franklin County will be responsible for the cost of the public safety and the care of these persons and all others effected in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board could anticipate potential civil disobedience and protesting on this issue against the transportation of migrants and asylum seekers to Franklin County which would expend resources to this issue and take away from services to local Franklin County residents; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County tax dollars are budgeted to meet the needs of Franklin County residents and adding to the cost of public services, such as law enforcement, housing, food, and medical care, for a large number of migrants and asylum seekers would be detrimental to the budget needed to provide essential services for legal tax paying citizens; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has inadequate infrastructure to meet the needs of migrants and asylum seekers; and

WHEREAS, there is reasonable apprehension of immediate danger thereof, that public safety is indangered thereby, for the residents of Franklin County as well as for the migrants and asylum seekers; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County does not have the resources to establish itself as a sanctuary county; and

NOW THEREFORE. IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS THAT:

Absent emergency circumstances, Franklin County will not provide tax payer funded services or dollars to migrants and/or asylum seekers as a result of the immigration crisis and emergencies created by falling to adequately prepare for or prevent the exponential increase of illegal migrants and/or asylum seekers entering in the United States of America who travel to the State of Illinois or County of Franklin, but not limit the Director of Emergency Management nor the Sheirff of Franklin County in their obligated duties and immedate relocation for safety purposes for these individuals.