

## County Representation by Independent Registered Municipal Advisor

Franklin County (the "County") hereby represents that it has engaged H.J. Umbaugh and Associates, Certified Public Accountants, LLP to serve as financial advisor (the "Advisor") with respect to all matters relating to the issuance of bonds or notes by the County, as well as certain municipal financial products and other matters. The engagement by the County of the Advisor specifically includes the evaluation of proposals made to the County by third parties, including broker-dealers desiring to be engaged as underwriters for municipal securities issued by the County, and other matters relating to the issuance by the County of municipal securities or utilization of certain municipal financial products. The County is represented by, and will rely upon, the advice of its Advisor.

The Advisor has represented to the County that it is an "independent registered municipal advisor" within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") Rule 15Ba1-1(d)(3)(vi).

The County is providing this statement in order to assist any broker-dealer (and any other third party) in determining whether an exemption is available to it under the SEC Municipal Advisor Rule pursuant to Section 15Ba1 of the Exchange Act (the "Rule") in connection with any information, proposal or recommendation provided by such person, in advance of such broker-dealer being engaged by the County as an underwriter or otherwise. The County makes no representation as to the sufficiency of the foregoing for such purpose and specifically disclaims any responsibility or liability with respect to compliance with the Rule by any third party other than with respect to the accuracy of the representation made herein.

Although the County will endeavor to post notice of any expiration or termination of the engagement of its Advisor, anyone seeking to rely on such engagement should seek e-mail confirmation that such engagement is currently active.

Inquiries regarding this notice, any request for confirmation of the current status of the engagement of the Advisor, and any request for contact information for the Advisor who should be provided a copy of any required disclosure information by a broker-dealer should be directed to:

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