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**COMMISSIONERS THANK BUDGET AND ECONOMIC ADVISORY PANEL MEMBERS
FOR THEIR SERVICE**

Convened in February 2013, the Franklin County Budget and Economic Advisory Panel held its final meeting today and approved a report to be presented to the Board of Commissioners on August 1st at 8:30 am.

The Panel's report includes a set of options available to the Commissioners to maintain the County's strong financial position and to address the projected cost and growth needs.

With the work of the Franklin County Budget and Economic Advisory Panel coming to a close, Franklin County Commissioners today expressed their gratitude to the Panel for its service.

"We appreciate the service of the talented team of individuals on this Panel that lent their valuable time, insight, and expertise to ensure that Franklin County maintains a strong financial position including retaining our double-AAA credit rating. We look forward to receiving the report and determining how we may be able to apply the Panel's suggestions to meet our commitment to ensure the economic growth and security of the entire Franklin County community."

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