

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

August 9, 2016

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 9, 2016.

Present were: John O'Grady, President  
Paula Brooks, Commissioner  
Marilyn Brown, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Ron O'Brien, Prosecuting Attorney; Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

Commissioner Brooks: Commissioner Brown, I have a special guest today that I would like to introduce. I brought my granddaughter, Kyla Evans. Kyla, can you stand up and wave at everyone?

Commissioner Brown: How old are you, Kyla?

Kyla Evans: I am 9 and a half.

Commissioner Brooks: This is her first time at a real government meeting. She is trying to figure out what exactly what we do.

Commissioner Brown: Welcome.

Commissioner Brooks: I'm glad she could be her today.

On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the July 12, 2016 General Session. Commissioner Brooks moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were approved.

**Resolution No. 576-16**, resolution authorizing a contract for the linen and laundry service for the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center (Domestic Relations) (\$54,530), presented by Barbara Reeves, Deputy Director of Business Operation and Finance, Domestic Relations Court.

Ms. Reeves: Good morning Commissioners, Barb Reeves, Deputy Director with the Court. Competitive sealed bids were received by the Purchasing Department for the linen and laundry service for the Juvenile Detention Center. Five bids were received and the Buckeye Linen Services was the lowest and best bid.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 576-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 577-16**, resolution endorsing applications submitted by County Engineer Dean C. Ringle on behalf of Franklin County for Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission-attributable federal funding of road and bridge projects (Engineer), presented by Dean Ringle, County Engineer, and Cornell Robertson, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Ringle: Good morning Commissioners, Dean Ringle, County Engineer.

Mr. Robertson: Cornell Robertson, Chief Deputy Engineer.

Mr. Ringle: Commissioners, we have a list of road and bridge projects that we would like to seek Federal funds for through the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. The projects are: Alum Creek Drive from Bixy Road to Groveport Road; Havens Corners Road from Hamilton Road to Mann Road; Winchester Pike from Hamilton Road to Shannon and Ebright Road. The four (4) bridges are: Agler Road over Alum Creek; Scioto and Darby Creek Road over Big Darby Creek; Trabue Road over Scioto River; and Winchester Pike over Georges Creek.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 577-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 578-16**, resolution proposing to cooperate with the Director of Transportation for the guardrail upgrade project, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented Mr. Ringle.

Mr. Ringle: Commissioners, we have various sites around the County where we need to have some upgrades on guardrails. When using State funds, we need approval to work with the Director of Transportation.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 578-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 579-16**, Resolution proposing to cooperate with the Director of Transportation for the replacement of pavement markings on various bridges, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Mr. Ringle.

Mr. Ringle: Commissioners, we have also identified fifteen bridges that are eligible for State funds to upgrade pavement markings. We again need a cooperative agreement with the Director of Transportation.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 579-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 580-16**, resolution approving plans for improvements on Waggoner Road, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this project is in the northeast part of the County in Jefferson Township along Waggoner Road north of Havens Corner Road. The project will widen the roadway and replace a culvert. With this resolution, we are asking you to approve and sign the plans.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 580-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 581-16**, approval of the Parkwood Phase 2 subdivision plat, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this subdivision is also in the northeast part of the County in Jefferson Township. It is along the north side of Clark-State Road, west of Waggoner Road. The plat is ready for you to approve and sign.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 581-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 582-16**, preliminary allocation of County Motor Vehicle License Tax Funds to the Village of Marble Cliff (Engineer) (\$150,000), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This is a \$5 fund resolution for the Village of Marble Cliff to resurface West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the railroad tracks, just east of Dublin Road, east to Cambridge Blvd.

Commissioner Brooks: This will be greatly appreciated.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 582-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 583-16**, report (3rd) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Winchester Pike at Shannon Road and Ebright Road improvement, Franklin County, Ohio. (Engineer) (\$3,391), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this capital improvement project is in the southeast part of the County in Madison Township. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Report for right-of-way acquisition. It includes three (3) properties and the appraisals were based on fair market value.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 583-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Commissioner Brown: We have a public hearing now. Mr. Ringle, you can discuss the issue on which we need the public hearing.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Petition to vacate an unimproved portion of Shull Road

Mr. Ringle: Commissioners, there is a portion of Shull Road that has been unimproved for many years in Jefferson Township. We had the viewing and this is the final public hearing before the vacation process is complete.

President O'Grady: Is there anyone who would like to discuss the issue? Hearing none, I will close the public hearing.

**Resolution No. 584-16**, prayer of petition to vacate a portion of an unimproved portion of Shull Road located in Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, granted (Engineer), presented by Mr. Ringle.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 584-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

President O'Grady: We have with us today two individuals from PrimaryOne Health. Charleta B. Tavares, CEO, and Yolanda Owens, Communications Coordinator. It is National Health Center Awareness Week and they are going to discuss the importance of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). Good morning, Senator.

Ms. Tavares: Hello. It is very good to see you, President O'Grady, Commissioners Brooks and Brown. Thank you very much for inviting PrimaryOne Health to join you today, as we start our National Health Center Week in the United States of America. There are over 1,900 FQHCs throughout the United States serving 25 million individuals. In the State of Ohio, we have 46 FQHCs serving about 600,000 individuals. PrimaryOne Health is the largest FQHC in Central Ohio. We serve over 37,000 patients each and every day. We are working with our sister agencies here in Franklin County to highlight the work that we do as a FQHC. I am going to turn it over to Ms. Owens to share what activities we have planned for this week.

Ms. Owens: Good morning President O'Grady and Commissioners Brown and Brooks. This week, we have some awesome opportunities for the community to raise awareness of the work that we do and the services we provide our community. Immediately following this, we are heading over to our John Maloney Center where we will be having a school supply distribution. We are passing

out book bags with school supplies in them. We are hoping to serve around 200 students in Franklin County. We will also be passing out some homeless shelter kits with toiletries in them because we serve a large population of homeless individuals. We are doing a partnership with Panera Bread, Columbus City Schools and Columbus Metropolitan Library. We are collecting books for our students who are coming to our centers to eat breakfast. We want to show a holistic view of what health looks like for our patients here in Franklin County.

Ms. Tavares: I just want to thank the County Commissioners for the partnership with PrimaryOne Health. You all have been strong partners with our health organization in providing care to pregnant and women's health so we will have healthy babies. On behalf of all of our partners, our CelebrateOne, Moms2Be, and all of the partners you are funding for early prenatal care and safe, healthy deliveries.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you for all you do. I love the holistic approach you take when you are delivering your healthcare. It is a holistic view that you need to take. It is the whole person and it takes the whole community to make a difference. What you do makes that difference. Thank you.

Commissioner Brooks: Thank you for continuing the great partnership we've had for many years on the prenatal care front. I believe John Maloney would be proud if he was still with us.

President O'Grady: This week in particular, I appreciate the contribution of school supplies. I would imagine that the community should appreciate it as well. This is something that goes overlooked. Buying school supplies is not inexpensive. For kids to be prepared physically, to buy the food, but also must be prepared in other ways in going to school. Having the proper school supplies is certainly an issue that needs to be addressed. That is a great service that you are providing, along with the other things that you do.

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**Resolution No. 585-16**, resolution authorizing a contract with Mapsys Inc. for the upgrade of the IBM iSeries operating system (Franklin County Data Center) (\$25,551), presented by Julie Lust, Director, Franklin County Data Center.

Ms. Lust: Good morning Commissioners, Julie Lust with the Franklin County Data Center. We are requesting your approval of a contract with Mapsys in the amount of \$25,551 for the upgrade of the iSeries platform operating system. Mapsys is a partner vendor located in Franklin County with the State of Ohio STS contract for the work that will be performed. The iSeries is a mid-range information technology platform that houses twenty-two applications for five (5) agencies including the Franklin County Justice System and the Sheriff's jail slating. This upgrading will bring the platform operating system up to date allowing routine patches and decreased maintenance costs.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 585-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 586-16**, resolution entering into a Funding Agreement with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to undertake the Franklin County Energy Baseline Study (Economic Development and Planning) (\$115,000), presented by Jim Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Schimmer: Good morning Commissioners, Jim Schimmer from Economic Development and Planning. I am happy to bring this resolution forward to you. By way of background, the energy sector could be called Franklin County's most important economic sector because so much of our daily lives and livelihood depends on power generated from a variety of different sources. Currently, there is no known energy usage baseline for how Franklin County residents receive and use energy. Even our current comprehensive economic development strategy known as SEDS, for the region has no discussion about energy usage. So how would this study benefit the residents of Franklin County? A Franklin County energy baseline study would benefit Franklin County by measuring key sectors of our economies that impact our daily lives. The wise use of energy in Franklin County is a fundamental principle for the Commissioners as they adopted Resolution No. 683-06 on sustainability. The purpose of the Franklin County energy baseline study is to incorporate regional energy planning into strategic investments that are made by the County and other businesses throughout the region, thereby increasing our ability to do business attraction and retention, infrastructure improvements, energy preparedness and resilient concerns. Establishing an energy baseline is a critical first step followed by the development of an energy action plan for use by the County that can be measured in order to track progress towards obtaining energy sustainability goals. Why does the study matter? The study matters because counties that are energy efficient enjoy stronger and more resilient economies, less pollution from energy generation, fewer health concerns, and are prepared for resiliency. Working with our partners at MORPC, in an Ohio advanced energy economy, Franklin County will additionally connect with other programs and resources on a statewide level to help blend the planning initiative with others that are going on in the area. Christina O'Keeffe is in the audience from MORPC this morning, and I would like her to come up to say a few words.

Ms. O'Keeffe: Good morning Commissioners. The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is very pleased to support your efforts and leadership on sustainability. We see this as a tool for you now and in the future to make data driven decisions when it comes to your energy policies and programs. We are happy to join alongside you because we see this as a way to integrate energy planning, which is a rising trend nationally, into our planning efforts here at MORPC. Particularly in the transportation sector as well.

President O'Grady: We are glad to have you here today. Thank you for coming. This has been an interesting area for us. This is certainly something the County views as an economic development issue. We had questions and sometimes criticism, about whether this is something we should be getting into and I believe we feel very strongly that this is part of the package we provide for the community. I think it is important from a responsibility standpoint. I am glad we are continuing these efforts into the future.

Commissioner Brooks: I am very happy to see this brought forward. We have studied it for over a year and even worked with the City and County of Pittsburgh and their local sustainability leaders because they have already done this in western Pennsylvania and parts of eastern Ohio. We will follow suit. It is appropriate because we, unfortunately, in Central Ohio expend a higher amount of energy. If we can figure out, as they did, the billions of dollars that can be saved through what we are spending and how to conserve, that will hold our greenhouse gas footprint down and save us money, too. I think Benjamin Franklin, our namesake of Franklin County, would be very proud of this because he was considered the father of environmentalism in the United States, as he served as a diplomat in Europe during the American Revolution. He actually came up with a way for the City of Paris to save candles and then came back to America to invent many things. I think this is a wonderful expenditure of a modest amount of money with a great partnership with MORPC.

Commissioner Brown: I will be very interested to see how this looks when we are done with the study. I would like to see the baseline and see where we actually are. The only way to actually know is to do this study. I think this is a responsible thing to do.

Mr. Schimmer: Commissioner Brown, one interesting fact, 56% of the residential buildings in Franklin County were built before 1980. That was before we had any real serious energy efficiency regulations. As we start to look at this a little further, it will be interesting to see how this works.

Commissioner Brown: We have to have the baseline before we can suggest other things we can do. So this is the responsible thing to do.

Ms. O’Keeffe: In order to measure our future success in the County we must know where we start. We also see this as a way to integrate it into MORPC’s new regional data lab that can be a resource for you moving forward.

Commissioner Brooks: The advanced energy organization with Ted Ford has done a lot of ground work on this as well. We appreciate your partnership with them.

President O’Grady: This is also a growing residential market. This is important that we do this. It could be very significant financially, but John Q Public with their homes that are out there to take a look at the energy output, loss and leakage.

Mr. Schimmer: We really appreciate your support and thinking that way.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 586-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 587-16**, Resolution authorizing a subordination agreement with Anthony Campbell to allow for the refinancing of his home mortgage for the property located at 1099

Hillside Ave. Harrisburg, Franklin County, OH 43126 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Schimmer.

Mr. Schimmer: Anthony Campbell received \$12,725.00 in November 2011, and he is requesting a loan subordination to refinance his home mortgage with Union Savings Bank. The refinance would reduce the interest rate from 3.25% to 2.875% for a monthly savings of \$82.60. The taxes are paid and current.

Commissioner Brooks: Imagine if you could add that amount of energy savings.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 587-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 588-16**, resolution authorizing a data sharing and confidentiality agreement with MDRC (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement Agency.

Ms. Torriero: Good morning Commissioners, Lori Torriero on behalf of Child Support Enforcement Agency. Joining me is Cassie Young, our site coordinator for this particular grant. The resolution authorizes the County to enter into an agreement with MDRC, who is the technical advisor and data collection and analysis organization for this grant. I want to assure everyone that the data that we share is scrubbed of any personal identifying information. That is done at the State level. Anything that we report will not be identifiable to any one of our clients. As you may know, this grant is one of five that we are involved in. The purpose is to study our order modification process to see if there are changes we can make, internally, to our process which will make it more likely that someone who starts the process will finish the process.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 588-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 589-16**, Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Franklin County Coroner's Office for human resources services (Human Resources), presented by Rob Young, Director, Human Resources and Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

Mr. Young: Good morning Commissioners, Rob Young representing Human Resources.

Ms. Leis: Jodi Leis, with Human Resources as well.

Mr. Young: This first resolution will authorize the County Administrator to enter into a MOU with the Franklin County Coroner's Office. The Coroner's Office would like to have some part time human resources support. We will assign one of our officers over there one day a week and they will pick up the funding for that amount. It is a one year agreement.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 589-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 590-16**, resolution authorizing a two-year contract between Franklin County and CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services, Inc. to provide actuarial consulting services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Benefits Program (Human Resources) (\$177,240), presented by Ms. Leis.

Ms. Leis: This resolution would allow us to continue our work with CBIZ. CBIZ Benefits and Insurance Services has provided actuarial consulting services for the Franklin County Cooperative since its inception. This also extends the contract to allow us to do some data analytics, which we are excited about. We are joined in the audience by Chip Knoop, Senior Consultant, CBIZ.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 590-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 591-16**, resolution approving Personnel Actions (Human Resources), presented by Mr. Young.

Mr. Young reviewed the list of personnel actions in the Resolution and requested the Commissioners' approval.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 591-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 592-16**, Resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$1,598,457.93), presented by Megan Balonier, Assistant Director, Purchasing.

Ms. Balonier: Good morning Commissioners, Megan Balonier, Assistant Director of Purchasing. The Resolution before you requests your approval of 106 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brooks moved to approve Resolution 592-16, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 A.M

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of August 9, 2016

  

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JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT

  

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MARILYN BROWN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

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Antwan Booker, Clerk