

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Minutes
March 15, 2018

Commissioner Brown

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the March 20, 2018 General Session, and to discuss other matters pertaining to the programs of the agencies. These notes are a synopsis of the meeting.

Commissioner Brown convened the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Susan Bedsole, Deputy Court Director, Court of Common Pleas, offered a resolution authorizing acceptance of grant funding from the State of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, through the Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison program for FY2019 (\$2,250,000.00).

Ms. Bedsole reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Commissioner Brown: Any of the services that you provide can be using this Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison program (TCAP) fund. Do we get paid in a way that allows for us to track more precisely recidivism and whether this situation is going to work?

Ms. Bedsole: This legislation talks more to other counties than our county. We have already been doing this work for a long time and doing it well, and that's why our numbers are so small. For us, for our portion of the dollars, as we transition to that evidence based organization, we are all about data. We will be tracking that in relation to all of the other data that we are tracking now with our new OCSS system. It is our hope to incorporate this in with those numbers we wanted to know anyway. My answer is yes. It's just more global than just the TCAP dollars.

Commission Brown: The reason I'm asking it the way I am, the state decided to do this, and was certain that it would do something. They wanted to get rid of people in the prison and move it down to the local level. In order to prove concept for future, is there any way we can really know?

Ms. Bedsole: Absolutely. The dollars will be going to how we deal with that population. One of the things for ODRC, they're looking at the number and we will absolutely be able to track that. We will know what cases would have been potentially sent that now we're not. We will absolutely be able to give numbers to be able to say we did not sent X number of offenders to prison.

Commissioner Brown: That's probably the best we're going to be able to do. From our prospective we're not looking to put more people into our local jails if we can avoid it, but if that is a result it will be helpful to know what's really going on.

Ms. Bedsole: I think you can tell just by the split of these dollars, that's not our intent that they are now just housed locally in the jails. We are looking for those other alternatives.

Commissioner Brown: Which is great and I'm very happy to see the split and that it is going to probation and to other ways of monitoring people other than incarceration.

Ms. Bedsole: I don't want to speak on behalf of the other 50%, but it is our understanding, that they will look first to other alternatives versus a strict per diem reimbursement.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: Melissa, do you have anything you would like to add.

Melissa Pierson, Grants Administrator, Homeland Security and Justice Programs: If there are any questions about that other 50%, the MOU does spell out how we are going to distribute the 50%. The intent is to really look at those frequent users of the system as we know we've got 10% that uses probably 90% of the days in the jail. They are probably inappropriately served because many of them have true, serious mental illness. Put some funding out on the street to do a fuse model, which is something New York City has done and done very well. That's something we'll be looking at; we'll also be reimbursing the Sheriff's Office for fixed cost, now overhead cost because the numbers.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you.

SHERIFF

David Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a master terms of service agreement with Media Sonar Technologies Inc. for location-based social media investigation services (\$5,000.00).

Mr. Masterson reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Mr. Masterson offered a resolution authorizing a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation to continue an inmate work program for litter removal along Franklin County roadways (\$94,620.00).

Mr. Masterson reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Mr. Masterson offered a resolution authorizing contracts to Tabb Textile Company, Inc., Walter F. Stephens, Jr., Inc., Bob Barker Company, Inc., Charm-Tex, Inc., and Victory Supply, LLC for

the supply and delivery of Inmate Bedding and Linens for the Sheriff's Correctional Facilities (\$201,906.00).

Mr. Masterson reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Jeff Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency, offered a resolution authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations related to an Emergency Management Performance grant award.

Mr. Young reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Mr. Young offered a resolution authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation related to the purchase of equipment on behalf of the City of Columbus, Division of Fire.

Mr. Young reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Commissioner Brown: On Tuesday it might be helpful to have you talk a little bit about the tornado warning.

Mr. Young: The statewide tornado drill?

Commissioner Brown: Yes.

Mr. Young: I will mention that 9:50 is the statewide tornado drill that works in conjunction with the severe weather awareness week.

Commissioner Brown: It will be good to talk about some of those tips people ought to be paying attention to and what they ought to be doing.

Mr. Young: I will as well as the fact that we are sub-dividing our warning system to allow us to more accurately warn the communities and work closer in conjunction with the National Weather Service.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution for review of petition to annex 20.2 +/- acres from Perry Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-05-18.

Ms. Snapp reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Susan Brown, Director, and Brittany Myers, Administrative Assistant, Child Support Enforcement, offered a resolution authorizing the Director of the Child Support Enforcement Agency to Sign the Office of Child Support Child Support Allocation Workgroup 2017 Report and Recommendation.

Ms. Brown and Ms. Myers reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Commissioner Brown: This is after all the JCARR rules discussion?

Ms. Brown: This has history going to 2014.

Commissioner Brown: And this is the best it's going to get?

Ms. Brown: Correct.

Commissioner Brown: I know the work that's gone into this by a lot of people, so thank you and Brittany, thank you. This shows a lot of good work that needed to be done and Representative Duffy from the JCARR committee did a really good job of putting it all together.

Mr. Wilson: Susan, Brittany, Lori, Emeka and the whole team at Child Support fought a good fight. This fight went all the way back to 2014 and I do appreciate answering all of my questions. You all truly fought a good fight. At some point you have to give in, and we didn't settle for the status quote formula that they presented and that was the key. We got to the point in the struggle where we said that was how we were going to define victory and you all got us to that point. I just wanted to say from the County Administration, thanks for all of your efforts.

Ms. Brown: We also thank you for keeping us motivated.

Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement, offered a resolution authorizing a IV-D contract with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office (\$377,776.92).

Ms. Torriero reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Ms. Brown offered a resolution for Memorandum of Understanding between Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency and Action for Children.

Ms. Brown reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Commissioner Brown: I think the wrap around services is going to be really critically important for these recipients.

Ms. Torriero: We're exploring having one of their case counselors come to our office and sort of camp there in our genetic testing area to be instantly available to talk to folks.

Commissioner Brown: This makes a lot of sense.

HOMELAND SECURITY AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Melissa Pierson, Deputy Director of Justice Services, offered a resolution authorizing sub grant awards and contracts for services with Buckeye Region Resolution authorizing sub grant awards and contracts for services with Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization and Ohio Health Research Institute for the provision of Court training and victim services under the FY 2017 S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act Block Grant (\$57,852.00).

Ms. Pierson reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Dayna McCrary, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnerships, offered a resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Columbus Humane to investigate cases of animal cruelty, neglect, and abandonment in Franklin County (\$35,000.00).

Ms. McCrary reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Ms. McCrary offered a resolution authorizing a one-year contract with the Franklin County Public Health Department to provide influenza vaccine to Franklin County residents in need (\$52,800.00).

Ms. McCrary reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

LAW LIBRARY

Angela Baldree, Director, Law Library, offered a resolution allowing the Law Library to enter into a three year contract with Lexis Nexis for Patron Access (\$55,971.00).

Ms. Baldree reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Commissioner Brown: Does it get used a lot?

Ms. Baldree: It does.

PURCHASING

Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$21,816,956.22).

Mr. Kuespert reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign “The Columbus Commitment: Achieving Pay Equity” and reaffirming Franklin County’s longstanding commitment to programs and policies that address gender- and race-based inequities.

Ms. Long reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Ms. Long: In addition, Shelly Beiting from the Columbus Women’s Commission would be happy to come on Tuesday if you would like for us to reach out to see if she’s available.

Commissioner Brown: I am open to it if she would like to come. This is just another effort to make us a good quality employer and it’s the right thing to do. We have a history of our commission taking on these issues to increase equity in all areas, so this is really important.

Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, offered a resolution establishing a pre-qualified pool of firms eligible to provide investment banking and underwriting services and authorizing an underwriting syndicate for the upcoming inaugural issuance of sale tax revenue bonds.

Mr. Talarek reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Commissioner Brown: Great. This is good we’re getting this in place.

Mr. Talarek offered a resolution authorizing the agreements between Franklin County and the Public Safety Answering Points for the disbursement of Wireless 9-1-1 grant dollars (\$2,010,425.00).

Mr. Talarek reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you for the work you are doing on this. Taking on this committee has been a learning experience.

Mr. Talarek: Thank you and thanks to LaGrieta Holloway, Sr. Budget Analyst too, who's been getting the joy of working through of all of the mechanics. (Laughter)

Commissioner Brown: Thank you LaGrieta.

Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, offered a resolution authorizing a transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Wireless 9-1-1 Fund for the payment of interest earnings from calendar year 2017.

Mr. Janas reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Mr. Janas offered a resolution appointing Paul Chodak III to the Columbus Regional Airport Authority Board of Trustees.

Mr. Janas reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Mr. Janas offered a resolution appointing Randi Good to Rural Zoning Commission.

Mr. Janas reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Ms. Long offered a resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters.

Ms. Long reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

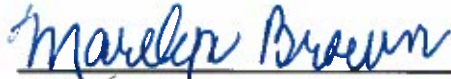
There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 A.M.

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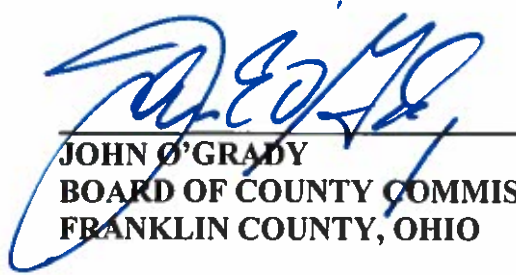
These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for March 15, 2018



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