

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Minutes
April 27, 2017

President O'Grady
Commissioner Brown
Commissioner Boyce

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the May 2, 2017 General Session, and to discuss other matters pertaining to the programs of the agencies. These notes are a synopsis of the meeting.

President O'Grady convened the meeting at 9:05 A.M.

ENGINEER

Cornell Robertson, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer's Office and Carla Marable, Project Assistant, Engineer's Office, offered a resolution to hear the right of way hearing for establishing, altering and widening of Melrose Avenue and Lamont Avenue, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

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

Mr. Robertson offered a resolution authorizing participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation winter contract for road salt, Franklin County, Ohio.

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

Mr. Robertson offered a resolution for plans approved for the improvement of Hendron Road from Groveport Road Main Street to Cherry Blossom Drive, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

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

Ms. Marable offered a resolution for the petition filed for vacation of a portion of North High Street, Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

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

President O'Grady: Can you tell me where on North High in Prairie Township this is located?

Ms. Marable: North High Street off of Alkire Road in Old Galloway. It is the old feed station.

President O'Grady: Thanks.

Nick Soulas, First Assistant, Prosecutor's Office, offered a resolution authorizing the settlement of legal claims brought in Franklin County Common Pleas Case Number 16-CV-9248 resulting from an auto accident involving Franklin County Engineer's Office (\$12,500).

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

Commissioner Brown: Will this end this case?

Mr. Soulas: Yes, it will resolve the property damage, as well as personal injuries.

SHERIFF

Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a contract for Bread and Bakery Products for the Franklin County Correctional Facilities (\$177,621.02).

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

Commissioner Brown: Do you notice any difference in the quality of the bread?

Mr. Masterson: No difference.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning and Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution authorizing an Economic Development Agreement with the Greater Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau to promote Franklin County as a tourism destination (\$2,025,000).

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

Commissioner Boyce: What was the amount of direct visitor spending?

Mr. Roth: \$6,400,000,000.

Mr. Roth offered a resolution authorizing an Economic Development Agreement with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission to encourage economic development and tourism through the

attraction, retention, and promotion of sporting events on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (\$200,000).

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

President O'Grady: The return on investment with The Sports Commission is direct. People come in and spend tax dollars and there is a direct correlation with the money we invest into this commission. This is a smart investment.

Commissioner Boyce: I will add to that. I did not realize the industry of half marathons. People come from all over the country to run in the Columbus half marathon. People come here because it is a beautiful city and well run. I believe we do not talk about the return on investments enough. This is real economic development and allows the County to do the work that we do on every level.

Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator: I was at a meeting last week with the Sports Commission and they discussed about all the success we have had in bringing future NCAA Championships back to Columbus.

Mr. Roth: Twelve to be exact.

President O'Grady: Not to mention all of the state championship tournaments. Mr. Roth, can you get me the return on investment numbers? I could use them for a few meetings I will be having soon.

Mr. Roth offered a resolution authorizing an Economic Development Agreement with Rev1 Ventures for support of the Entrepreneurial Signature Program (\$300,000).

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

Commissioner Boyce: I just want to state for the record that I will be abstaining from this resolution.

Mr. Roth offered a resolution authorizing an Economic Development Agreement with Columbus 2020 to conduct economic development activities on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (\$1,000,000).

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

Commissioner Brown: I will be abstaining from this resolution.

PURCHASING

Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$277,761.20).

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Kris Long, Deputy Administrator, offered a resolution opposing any and all right to work legislation to come before the Ohio General Assembly that weakens collective bargaining laws and rights in the State of Ohio.

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

President O'Grady: Is there a timing issue for this resolution?

Ms. Long: I do not believe so. There is a matter of timing of the legislature heading into the summer recess. We can follow up with our friends at the legislature if they know of any movement.

President O'Grady: I am wondering because we have some other sensitive issues we are working on in the legislature.

Commissioner Brown: My concern is that the legislature might slip it into the budget bill and would like to get this resolution to the legislature beforehand.

President O'Grady: I think we should be working with our friends at the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO).

Commissioner Boyce: What we are talking about is our broader strategy of approaching the legislature.

President O'Grady: I am all for this resolution, but we should probably wait to present to the legislature until we resolve some of the other issues we are working on with them.

Commissioner Boyce: I believe it is important for us to state our position on this issue, but also to continue to advocate for the other issues.

President O'Grady: Ms. Long, can you contact our friends at labor and CCAO to see if we have any sensitivity with the timing? Let us know how they feel about sending this resolution to the legislature.

Ms. Long: I will do that.

Ms. Long offered a resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Columbus/Central Ohio Building and Construction Trades Council concerning the New Corrections Center Project.

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

President O'Grady: The MOU for the Judicial Services Building made that project so much better.

Commissioner Brown: Has the union legal counsel previewed this MOU?

Ms. Long: We have been working with them directly.

Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator, offered a resolution appointing Jatona M. (Toni) Cunningham, Michael Kinninger and Kelan Craig to various Franklin County designated Tax Incentive Review Councils and Community Reinvestments Authorities.

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


Mr. Janas offered a resolution appointing Keena M. Smith as a Member-at-Large to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

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

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 A.M.

(Signature page follows.)


These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for April 27, 2017.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



MARILYN BROWN



KEVIN L. BOYCE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

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