

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Minutes
May 4, 2017

President O'Grady
Commissioner Brown
Commissioner Boyce

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the May 9, 2017 General Session, to vote on certain resolutions, 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 9:00 A.M.

PROBATE COURT

Brent Chapa, Finance Manager, Probate Court, offered a resolution authorizing a transfer of non-general fund appropriations for employee healthcare costs.

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

DATA CENTER

Julie Lust, Director of Financial Services, Data Center and Jeff Sanders, Director of Enterprise Archive, Data Center, offered a resolution authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for the implementation of the security roadmap for the Franklin County Data Center.

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

Commissioner Boyce: Is this a bid contract and how is it being awarded?

Ms. Lust: There are several different parts to this resolution. None of it has been bid out, instead we used the State of Ohio State Term Contracts. All of the software that is being purchased, the supplemental services that we are utilizing, instead of bidding it out we are basing it off where the State of Ohio has bid it out and found the lowest and best. There are several software that we will be purchasing, some services that we will be providing and two full-time employees. We are going to currently absorb under our baseline budget.

Commissioner Brown: Are these full-time people that will be on the payroll?

Ms. Lust: Correct. Part of Mr. Sanders' plan are two full-time employees. The other part are some contractors to get things running and some security support services. Instead of having fifteen people that you hire, that monitor different things, the economy of scale shows that it is cheaper to purchase that service and provide it to many.

Mr. Sanders: The security service also includes 24/7 support. I cannot hire fifteen people to be on the clock 24/7. Security issues happen off hours, so we can do that more efficiently. We do this already with Dell Secure Works.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: What is your timeline for onboarding the two senior security engineers?

Mr. Sanders: We will start recruiting immediately. I have a lead on one position.

Ms. Lust: To be realistic, it is tough to find highly skilled security individuals. We hope to have one by the June or July Data Board.

Commissioner Brown: Does the Data Board have these employees on their payroll?

Mr. Wilson: They will be once they are onboard.

Commissioner Brown: Have they been approved by Budget and Management?

Zak Talarek, Director, Office on Management and Budget: The security roadmap has been approved by the Data Board. In terms of the personnel, the current budgeted strength is 70 full-time employees. I believe they are at 49 as of today. They are able to repurpose the funds. We are looking at realigning those instead of creating new positions when there is this level of vacancies.

Adam Luckhaupt, CIO, Board of Commissioners: We do not expect the number of full-time employees to increase.

Mr. Wilson: There is sufficient funding in the baseline budget that was approved because of the high number of vacancies. What is the timeline on completion? Will this get done in this fiscal year or bleed over into 2018?

Mr. Sanders: The security roadmap is multiyear. Right now we are ready to move on a number of items.

Ms. Lust: All of the items that we are asking for funding for this year, we plan to have done this year.

Commissioner Boyce: On the support services, are these the contracts that you are referring to?

Ms. Lust: Correct.

Commissioner Boyce: Will those come back to us or is this the one approval chance? When you do each contract, will we have a chance to see those?

Ms. Lust: Absolutely. We bring all contracts before the Commissioners for signatures.

Ms. Lust offered a resolution authorizing appropriation adjustments for the reconciliation of Microsoft Enterprise SQL Server and SharePoint licensing.

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

SHERIFF

Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a transfer of appropriations and a purchase order for the return of prisoners.

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Charles Noble, Chief Strategy Officer, Job and Family Services, offered a resolution approving an amendment to the subaward with the Columbus Urban League, an increase of \$11,390.09 (\$225,577.49)

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

Commissioner Boyce: How do we evaluate programs like these? Does your office have a yearend report card or some kind of measuring stick to show the work they have done as a viable tool for county residents?

Bart Logan: Each year we release an RFP for the upcoming school year. Part of the RFP process is reevaluating. We have a number of metrics we will look at as part of the narrative documents for each program.

Commissioner Boyce: When they apply for the grant or funds, you ask the questions that allow them to report the things you want to know about their performance?

Mr. Noble: Correct. In that narrative they set out their target number of kids served and the specific remedial efforts that they are going to go through with the kids. They will look at access to learning circles to be able to track process over time. In this instance, progress is tracked through a number of metrics, including attendance as a lead indicator in the program. Looking at grade improvement also.

Commissioner Boyce: I think it will also be valuable to see in totality all of the impact that we are having outside of the JFS scope. It is one thing to provide food benefits and other resources, but it is another thing where we have these ancillary things we are investing in that are important. I believe deeply in afterschool programs, but I want to know what the data looks like. How many kids are we impacting, what we are seeing in terms of a difference, what our partnerships are like? We are interacting with School Board members

and City Council members on other programming and it would be good to connect the dots in those conversations.

Commissioner Brown: We have talked about the difference between activities and impact. We need to look at the real impact we are making in the community with what we are funding. That is the kind of information we need on the programs we fund. Just getting the number of kids going through a program is not really the measure of success.

Commissioner Boyce: As we think about budgeting in the future and our own community grant programs, it would be good to have synergy in what we are doing in other departments like JFS.

Mr. Noble: We will definitely be able to pull information together. With the creation of some new tools we are creating in-house, that will allow us to be able to analyze and trend data a little bit differently to link the activity measure and link it to the impact that JFS has in the community.

Mr. Noble offered a resolution authorizing the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services Director to enter into Memorandums of Understanding and related amendments with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services.

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

Mr. Wilson: We have been doing this for a number of years. One of my questions for the state is whether there is an estimate of how much longer they would need to use our employees in this way? This has been between two and three years that we had employees on loan to the state. Can you find out how long we have been in this partnership? What objectives we have accomplished? What work is left to be done?

Mr. Noble: We can certainly contact the appropriate representative and get those questions answered.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Dayna McCrary, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnerships, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with PrimaryOne Health to provide health care services to underinsured, or uninsured Franklin County residents (\$475,000).

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

Ms. McCrary offered a resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Nationwide Children's Hospital to provide mental health and suicide prevention services in select Franklin County Public Schools and clinics (\$450,000).

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

Ms. McCrary offered a resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Star House to provide drop-in services to youth experiencing homelessness (\$150,000).

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

Commissioner Boyce: The Star House is critically important. I know they have had some funding challenges with the state of Ohio. These are kids who can get lost, if we do not put the resources there.

Mr. Wilson: Star House keeps these kids on some kind of track. Their kitchen never closes.

Ms. McCrary: Some of the youth at Star House have children. They are trying to do the right thing. Trust is a huge issue. That is one reason they provide counseling.

Mr. Wilson: The staff at Star House is really focused on ensuring that youth do not spend any significant time by themselves because of the impact of suicide among homeless youth is really high.

Commissioner Brown: Do we connect people other services that we offer at the county?

Ms. McCrary: I believe the social workers that are on staff look at all the benefits a young person may be able to qualify. I also invited the Director of Star House to attend General Session.

Commissioner Boyce: It would be nice to have some performance feedback and outcomes, so that we can know how we are having an impact with the existing relationship. It is good to have the data to support it. It would be great to see that these agencies that serve a particular population and our JFS work connect. Are they collaborating in leveraging resources to allow us to get the biggest bang for our buck?

Ms. McCrary: Because Star House is affiliated with OSU, they do collect data. They survey the kids they help.

Ms. McCrary offered a resolution authorizing a one-year contract with the Columbus Public Health Department to provide Tuberculosis (TB) education, prevention, and treatment for Franklin County residents (\$1,850,000).

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

Ms. McCrary offered a resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Mid-Ohio Foodbank to provide healthful foods to low income Franklin County residents (\$100,000).

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

Rob Young, Director, Human Resources, offered a resolution approving Personnel Actions.

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

PURCHASING

Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing, offered a resolution authorizing the First Amendment to Master Escrow Service Agreement with Iron Mountain (\$750).

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

Mr. Kuespert offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,415,469.53).

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

Mr. Wilson: The Code Blue call stations are made possible by the bond funds we issued for the garage updates.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Adam Luckhaupt, CIO, Board of Commissioners, offered a resolution authorizing an assessment for Board of Commissioner agencies to further leverage the County's enterprise content management system (\$110,160).

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

Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator, offered a resolution appointing Tiffany Hunt to the Franklin County Children Services Board.

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

Mr. Janas offered a resolution appointments of Joy Soll, Necol Russell-Washington, Tammy Wharton and Michael Rodger Bean, Sr., to the Franklin County Children Services Board.

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

Mr. Janas offered a resolution appointing Terree L. Stevenson to the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board.

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

Commissioner Boyce: Can you talk about the vetting process for board members we are appointing?

Mr. Janas: It is undefined. It depends on the individual appointment and the board that they are being appointed to and where we receive a candidate's recommendation from. Usually if we receive a recommendation through the website, we would do some more significant vetting to check into their background.

Commissioner Boyce: I know that we are going to be diving deeper into how we do this. This should be something that we think about.

Jim Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning, and Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning offered a resolution, Jefferson Township TIF (Parkwood and Weldon) Compensation Agreement, to be added to the May 9, 2017 General Session Agenda.

Commissioner Brown: Mr. Roth, how does this TIF impact the Gahanna-Jefferson Schools?

Mr. Roth: There is no impact on the school districts. This is a non-school district TIF.

Commissioner Brown: Ok. I may need to abstain because my daughter is on the school board in Gahanna-Jefferson.

Nick Soulas, First Assistant, Prosecutor's Office: We have discussed this before Commissioner Brown. Since this is a non-school TIF, we will clarify for you before Tuesday's vote.

Mr. Janas: In the absence of the objection the Commissioners made a few weeks ago, the County would have gotten none. If we formally object, that would set the standard as it is in the Revised Code. If there is a compelling reason to come back before the Commissioners, because of the nature of the project, to negotiate with the community a different ratio, that is something we will consider. In all circumstances, you are preserving the ability to receive some dollars for our levy agencies. That is a position that the Commissioners took a couple of years ago and we have been consistent with that position with every TIF that has come before us.

Commissioner Boyce: We want the community to be built and to thrive. A TIF does not work if it does not generate enough resources to do the roadways and infrastructure work that needs to be done. The ability to renegotiate is a good set up.

Commissioner Brown: Wasn't the first one we did in Worthington?

Mr. Wilson: Following the Board's guidance, we have been establishing this policy, that our objection does not mean that we aren't supportive of the development. We just in turn have negotiated terms that have been good for the levy agencies and to move the project forward.

Commissioner Boyce: I was not aware of the default option. That is new to me.

Mr. Schimmer: It was added into the TIF legislation about four or five years ago.

Mr. Janas: We have been one of the first counties to consistently take this position.

Commissioner Brown: It has worked really well for our levy agencies.

Mr. Wilson: We have worked with Worthington, Hilliard and Dublin. The community understands our position.

Commissioner Boyce: This a significant action. I have heard complaints about the TIFs, but this is a good compromise.

Mr. Schimmer: Particularly on the residential deals that we see because the levy agencies are critical to those residents that live in those communities over time. Commercial deals have been impacted less. We have stair cased down the percentages on commercial deals that by year 30 we are getting everything back.

RESOLUTION TO BE APPROVED

Resolution No. 319-17, resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent court action (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Brown: I move to convene into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3), to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Commissioner Boyce: Second.

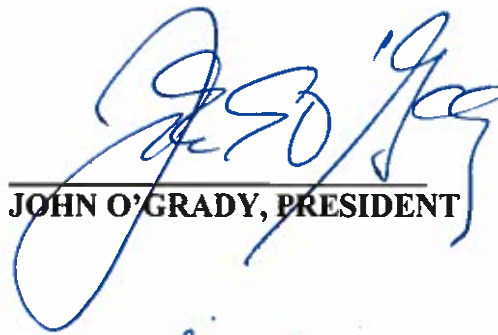
Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 319-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 9:52 A.M. Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Boyce, the Board of Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 10:17 A.M. with no deliberative action taken.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 A.M.

(Signature page follows.)


These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for May 4, 2017.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



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