

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Minutes
May 11, 2017

President O'Grady
Commissioner Brown
Commissioner Boyce

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the May 16, 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 9:00 A.M.

ENGINEER

Carla Marable, Project Assistant, Engineer's Office, offered a resolution establishing, altering and widening of Sunbury Road, Blendon Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed Engineer to file plans as necessary.

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

Ms. Marable offered a resolution for prayer of petition to vacate a portion of North High Street located in Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio, granted.

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

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Ms. Marable offered a resolution authorizing the execution of an Easement to the Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., for land owned by the Franklin County Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio.

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

Ms. Marable offered a resolution authorizing the acquisition of a Standard Highway Easement from the State of Ohio, Franklin County, Ohio.

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Jeffrey Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency, offered a resolution authorizing a third contract extension with Jess Howard Electric Company for Outdoor Warning Siren (OWS) Maintenance & Installation (\$100,000).

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services, and Amiee Bowie, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services, offered a resolution approving a contract with Paul Werth Associates for a multi-media campaign for the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) (\$165,713).

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

Ms. Bivens offered a resolution approving a contract with Advocacy & Communications Solutions for a multi-media campaign to promote quality early learning (\$300,000).

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

Commissioner Brown: It makes good sense to do this now since we have a couple of years until the deadline. I am concerned about our kids getting what they need and the providers not getting kicked off because they are not StepUp to Quality.

Ms. Bowie: The second prong to the approach is for the parents and caregivers. The parents will begin to ask the caregivers to be StepUp to Quality.

Ms. Bowie offered a resolution approving ten (10) subaward agreements for the 2017 Franklin County CCMEP Ohio Youth Works Summer YouthWorks Program (\$9,879,304.04).

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

Commissioner Boyce: What is the eligibility for students to participate in any of the summer worksites? Is it income based?

Ms. Bivens: TANF eligible youth.

Commissioner Boyce: Do 100% of the kids have to be TANF eligible or is there a certain percentage that is not income based?

Ms. Bivens: It is income based. For this summer, the money we received from the state are focused on 14-15 year olds.

Commissioner Boyce: It is something we should talk about long-term. Some residents raised the question if the summer jobs would be income based, and I said I think so. Some parents might be over the income threshold and want their kids to work as well. This would be a good conversation for the County and the City and other private sector partners to think about.

Ms. Bivens: Ms. Bowie can talk more about the TANF-3.

Ms. Bowie: In the past, when we partnered with COWIC, there is city funds, WIOA funds and TANF. We try to find out on the back end what the youth's eligibility is and placing them in the appropriate program.

Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator: There are opportunities for kids that Commissioner Boyce discussed?

Ms. Bowie: Limited. TANF-3 is about teen and out of wedlock pregnancies. If it is a program that is tied to keeping youth in school, you can use TANF-3 and do not need the income based. We have asked the state if we can use TANF used under CCMEP be used under TANF-3. We are waiting on that answer. If the answer comes back yes, we would be able to expand beyond families under 200% of the federal poverty line.

Commissioner Boyce: Keep me informed about this conversation. A summer job opportunity can be the difference between making good choices and bad choices. It develops soft skills for the work place.

Ms. Bivens: With these contracts, we are estimated to service over 2,300 youths.

Commissioner Brown: I know that our TANF dollars are limited, but there are other funding streams through the Workforce Investment Board that could be used for other families.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: Great points made Commissioners. I think that this is very impactful and the Commissioners should take credit for the job JFS is doing in creating over 2,300 jobs. I think through working with the workforce board, we should strive to develop some public/private partnerships. The private sector has been asked to step up and create some slots in the summer because of the mentorship opportunities that are available for youth. We target this population where the program has to provide those life skills, workplace competencies, financial literacy, and leadership development. Now since we will be having a new partnership with the OneStop, we can challenge ourselves to take it to the next level to forge those partnerships with the private sector.

Commissioner Boyce: That is what I was getting at and taking a deeper dive. I am impressed with what we having going. It is about leveraging our dollars in a meaningful way so we can maximize all of the strategies.

Ms. Bivens: I am going to send all the Commissioners a document explaining why this population, 16-24 years old, are so important. They make up 19% of our workforce. There are approximately 200,000 in that age group in the state of Ohio and 20,000 in Franklin County. We have to start engaging this population.

Ms. Bowie: We have brought on some new providers this year. We have invited some of the providers to talk about their organization.

Commissioner Boyce: Within these programs, do we have a financial literacy component?

Ms. Bivens: Yes.

Commissioner Brown: It is good that these programs will be throughout the whole county.

Commissioner Boyce: How are they awarded to each of these agencies?

Ms. Bivens: They respond to an RFP, there is a bidding process and then there is a review by a team at our office. It is a very competitive process.

Also, we are going to be putting together a summer youth tour of the dollars that you award. This will allow you to see the fruits of the dollars you approve.

SANITARY ENGINEER

Marie Strandwitz, Project Manager, Sanitary Engineer, and Jerry Henderson, Suburban Steel, offered a resolution Approving an Application and Plan for Suburban Steel Supply Company to Apply Brine to its Private Roads and Parking Areas.

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

Commissioner Brown: Have you been doing this work already in Gahanna?

Mr. Henderson: Yes. My predecessor went through the City of Gahanna for this type of work. We apply brine to our private road. We will apply it once every two weeks. This will take all the dust particles and keep it together so there is less in the air. It is economical.

Commissioner Brown: How does this affect the environment? Does the brine have a negative impact?

Mr. Henderson: The amount of brine we are applying is de minimus. It is a small amount compared to the area we are applying to. We have about a foot to a foot and a half of gravel in this lot. There is only about an inch worth of brine penetrating when applied because it is getting absorbed by the top layer. I haven't had any problems or reports that says that it is environmentally unfriendly.

Kris Long, Deputy Administrator: There are very specific requirements in the ORC about where it can be spread.

Mr. Henderson: This is a private roadway.

Ms. Strandwitz: The person from ODNR discussed the quality of groundwater of applying brine. An OSU study found that there was no significant impact in the application of brine, which is a naturally occurring byproduct of drilling.

Commissioner Brown: I know that brine could be used for deicing.

Ms. Strandwitz: That is an option. Suburban Steel is only using it for dust control throughout the summer months.

Ms. Long: If this resolution is approved on Tuesday, this will be a one year effective permit. If any other company would like to do something like this, they will have to come back to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Brown: Did the Gahanna Council have to approve this in the past?

Ms. Strandwitz: Yes.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Mark Paxson, Interim Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, and Curt Caffey, National C.E.O. Leadership Institute, offered a resolution authorizing a one year agreement to support Franklin County Youth Lemonade Festival, a youth entrepreneur initiative (\$20,000).

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

Mr. Caffey: This will be our fourth year doing this. It is growing in the community. The first year we did this we had about 250 participants. Now going into our fourth year we have some 4,000 youths that have participated in the event. What we have learned is that parents are seeing how this event is impacting their youth. The thought was to spark the interest in our young people to having your own business. We have a 10-week youth entrepreneurship boot camp. We are starting to see that 20-30% of the participants are being enrolled into the institute. It will be a two day event this year. We are appreciative of the Commissioners of their support of this event.

Commissioner Brown: What is the age range of the kids that are doing the lemonade stands and attending your institute?

Mr. Caffey: For the lemonade project, it is ages 5-18 years old. We started it at five with the thought of getting the family involved. For the institute, it is ages 11-19 years old.

Commissioner Boyce: My very first experience in entrepreneurship was a lemonade stand at my mom's beauty shop. Since then, I have been involved with over a dozen entrepreneurial ideas over the years. I read a statistic the other day that said most of the job creation we have experienced over the last decade have been among small businesses. You are feeding into that model. I would encourage you to have a conversation with Ms. Bivens

to connect with some of the students that JFS is focused on the help provide them with an entrepreneurial experience from a summer job standpoint. I think there is some value in having that conversation.

Mr. Wilson: In this program, you see grandparents and parents engaged and the creativity that goes into the lemonade stands. The principles of the program are the three S's, Spend, Save, and Share.

Commissioner Brown: What are the dates for the Lemonade Festival?

Mr. Caffey: The tasting of the best lemonade is July 16th at Rhodes Park on Winchester Pike. The main event is July 15th from 11am to dusk. We would like to designate that day as Youth Lemonade Day and have people wear yellow. We continue to tap into our young people because at some point mom and dad is not going to pay for your expenses. You have to figure out how to become self-sufficient.

PUBLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Kris Long, Deputy Administrator, offered a resolution authorizing recycling of information technology equipment declared obsolete by the Franklin County Automatic Data Processing Board.

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

HOMELAND SECURITY AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Melissa Pierson, Grants Administrator, Homeland Security and Justice Programs, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with the National Council for Behavioral Health for the provision of training services related to Mental Health First Aid through the FY 2014 Justice Assistance Grant (\$37,000).

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

Commissioner Brown: Will this go to the EMS individuals?

Ms. Pierson: It was open to them. A lot of EMS individuals think they need something between CIT and Mental Health First Aid. We are trying to find a program that meets their needs.

Mr. Wilson: This is very exciting. We are doing some good stuff in this area and it is being recognized nationally. The National Institute of Corrections will be visiting Franklin County for a site visit next month to look at Franklin County to be recognized as a center of innovation, specifically as it relates to the County's effort on the SteppingUp initiative. SAMSA is also interested in our facilities. There is a SteppingUp Summit where Franklin

County would be the lead of twenty-one counties in July. It is setting us up as a site for other counties around the country to come and look at us.

Commissioner Brown: To be a center of innovation is a big deal and shows that the work that we have done in this arena has been outstanding.

Ms. Pierson: Council of State Governments really helped to launch us.

Commissioner Brown: Once we are over the initiative of SteppingUp, it has to be integrated into everything that we do in justice programming.

Mr. Wilson: In order to set this visit up, we will be sending a letter to the National Institute of Corrections signed by the Board of Commissioners and the Sheriff.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Sue Hamilton, Assistant Director, Human Resources, offered a resolution approving Personnel Actions.

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

PURCHASING

Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$911,890.79).

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

Commissioner Boyce: Can you explain the condo fee?

Mr. Kuespert: When we built the facility at Northland, part of their lease was a condo fee. It was for the common areas of the complex. It is a business agreement we had to sign up for.

Mr. Wilson: It exists at Northland and at the Board of Elections facility.

Ms. Long: It is typical in a strip area development.

Commissioner Boyce: I understand, but you usually don't see public entities pay those fees.

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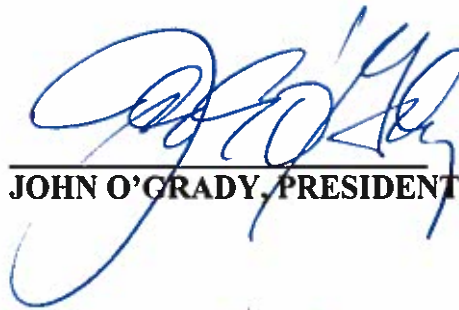
Zak Talarek, Director, Office on Management and Budget, offered a resolution authorizing supplemental appropriations, an interfund loan repayment and a transfer of funds for the payment of debt service.

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

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 A.M.

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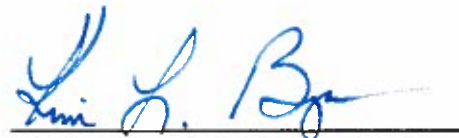
These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for May 11, 2017.



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