

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Minutes  
June 22, 2017

Commissioner Brown  
Commissioner Boyce

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the June 27, 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.

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

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Nick Soulas, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Prosecutor, Prosecutor's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a supplemental appropriation in the Delinquent Tax & Assessment Collection Fund related to the filing of foreclosure cases.

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

ENGINEER

Carla Marable, Project Assistant, Engineer's Office, offered a resolution authorizing establishing, altering and widening of Alton & Darby Creek Road and Davis Road, Norwich 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 to approve plans approved for the improvement of Melrose Avenue and Lamont Avenue, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

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

Ms. Marable offered a resolution authorizing a contract with Michael T. Collins, P.E., consultant, to provide mechanical and electrical engineering services for the Franklin County Engineer (\$28,490).

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

### AUDITOR

Brian Katz, Chief Counsel, Auditor's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a supplemental contract with Intellinetics, Inc. to develop a reusable migration tool for document conversion to microfilm formatting for records retention purposes, utilizing the Real Estate Assessment Fund (\$32,891.36).

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

### VETERANS SERVICES

Buck Bramlish, Director, Veterans Services Commission, offered a resolution authorizing a Contract with Measurement Resources Company provision of providing an evaluation and strategic plan for the Franklin County Veterans Service Commission (\$13,325).

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

Commissioner Brown: Has something like this ever been done at the agency?

Mr. Bramlish: Since I began working here, it has not.

Commissioner Brown: I do not remember, since I have been on the Board, that it has been communicated with us that it has been done. I think it is really important that it gets done.

Mr. Bramlish: Before I came, there were some remnants of an internal assessment. We are committed to getting an independent facilitator to assess us.

### JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services, offered a resolution approving an amendment to the subaward with the Discover U Consulting, LLC, an increase of \$35,100.00 (\$118,350).

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

Ms. Bivens offered a resolution approving a subaward agreement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus for a Summer School Enrichment Program (\$521,882.27).

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

Ms. Bivens offered a resolution approving a contract with The National Audubon Society, Inc., dba Grange Insurance Audubon Center for summer enrichment programming (\$12,110).

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

Commissioner Brown: Will the kids get some of the educational programs that the Audubon provides?

Ms. Bivens: Yes they will.

Commissioner Boyce: Have we scheduled the visits for the sites yet?

Bart Logan: We are getting all the providers together and will give the Commissioners some dates, along with the camps. We should have some more information to you by the end of the week.

Commissioner Boyce: That would be great because my calendar is filling up. I want to make sure I have a chance to get out to as many sites as I can.

Ms. Bivens: We were still finalizing contracts. You will have an opportunity to do a summer camp and a work site. We wanted to make sure all the contracts were filled before we scheduled any visits.

Commissioner Boyce: Were we doing one or multiple sites?

Ms. Bivens: You can do multiple. We will provide you with the list of summer camps and youth work sites and you can choose which ones you would like to visit.

Commissioner Boyce: It may be good to take a full day and do multiple visits in a day. Also, do you do a written evaluation of each camp?

Ms. Bivens: Our contracts are monitored to make sure each provider is fulfilling what they indicated they would do. We make sure they meet the metrics outlined in the contracts.

Commissioner Boyce: I would love to see at the end of the year a summary evaluation of the programs.

Ms. Bivens: There are some summer sites that do the initial assessment in the beginning and do the same assessment at the end of the summer to see if the students improved, stayed the same or slid back.

## HOMELAND SECURITY AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Kathy Crandall, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Programs, offered a resolution authorizing a subgrant award and contract with The Ohio State University for law enforcement personal protective equipment through the FY 2015 Justice Assistance Grant (\$13,000).

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

Commissioner Brown: If the Kevlar is only good for five years, will we automatically work to find a source of funds with OSU or whoever else is using this equipment?

Ms. Crandall: Yes. What we have done is ask all the SWAT Teams in Franklin County, to take a look at the equipment they have and requested that they start replacing equipment on a yearly basis.

Commissioner Brown: Is this their only source of funds for this?

Ms. Crandall: Yes ma'am. This is the fastest and the best way to get it. The Ohio State University budgeting system is complex. This appears to be their best route and it took months.

Commissioner Boyce: I have a hard time believing that OSU does not have the resources to do this. This is an important issue.

Commissioner Brown: I know JAG funding continues to dwindle down over the years. I think we need to integrate this cost into someone's regular budget.

Commissioner Boyce: Do we have everything within the Sheriff's Office that they need?

Ms. Crandall: The JAG funds that we have are primarily for the Sheriff's Office and the Columbus Police Department. The decision is made by the Sheriff and the Department of Public Safety at the city to determine how they are going to use their share of the funds. To the best of my knowledge, if there was a need in personal protection, that is the first priority. If there was a gap, we would know, and would be using the funds to fill that gap.

## 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.

Ms. Long offered a resolution declaring personal property as unneeded, obsolete or unfit and not needed for public use and authorizing the sale of said items via Internet auction.

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

Ms. Long offered a resolution authorizing a Third Amendment to the LeasePurchase Agreement between NMRD Limited and the County for the site housing the operations of the Franklin County Board of Elections and the Franklin County Purchasing Departments Print Shop.

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

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Rob Young, Director, Human Resources, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with United Healthcare Services, Inc. to provide medical plan administration services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (\$7,400,000).

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

Commissioner Boyce: Does the \$7,400,000 represent the administrative fees?

Mr. Young: Correct.

Commissioner Boyce: That does not represent the cost of the plan? Is this administrative fee an increase from the previous contract?

David Luby, Executive Director, United Healthcare: From the administrative perspective, it is the same. We have held the fees from the previous contract for the next three years. If the one year extensions are elected after the three years, we have the opportunity to increase. The most would be 2.5%. We will evaluate that when the time comes.

Commissioner Boyce: This commitment is \$21,000,000 for the three years?

Mr. Luby: Yes sir.

Mr. Talarek: Just to clarify, the \$7,400,000 is the three year costs of the administrative fees.

Commissioner Boyce: Can you talk about the healthcare costs?

Bruce Davies, Principal, Findley Davies: The county has had a discount guarantee for a while with United Healthcare. What is new for this contract is the claims target guarantee. What we wanted to do was to hold United Healthcare accountable for proactively managing the plan costs. For the first time we are implementing a claims target guarantee. There a 2% risk to achieve the claims target level. If claims exceed that target, they will have administrative fees at risk. With the claims target guarantee, \$1,160.07 per employee per month, you multiply that by 4,478 covered employees, which is \$76,250,000.

Commissioner Brown: It is a huge investment in our employees and their families. What would our employees and families see in changes?

Jennifer Bowen, Account Executive, United Healthcare: What we are excited about is the nurse liaison. The County has made an investment in different programs and different vendors. We know as people move through the healthcare system, there are complexities. The nurse liaison is some feet on the street that can help people connect the dots for employees. We feel like this position is going to be a significant difference in how the members receive healthcare and help them make decisions.

Mr. Luby: This is a proactive way for us to reach out to individuals, rather than them reaching out to us.

Commissioner Boyce: I like the nurse liaison position. It links into our wellness efforts as well. Is the total cost of our healthcare plan a projected reduction of previous contracts? I ask because I want to know if we are making progress in the area of wellness that we can measure. Historically, we have seen healthcare costs go up by double-digits.

Mr. Luby: Based on what we see now, we do not see it going into a negative. Our expected trends are in the low to mid-single digits. When you compare that to local trends, we expect the county to be in a much better position. We expect the county to be in the 5-8% range increase.

Commissioner Boyce: This is something I am interested in and should discuss with Human Resources on a regular basis. I think the things we are doing in wellness are going to make a big difference.

Mr. Davies: The Human Resources team has worked very hard to connect all the dots. This RFP only dealt with the medical benefits administration. The pharmacy benefits were not part of this, but that is also through United Healthcare. The managed behavioral health was not part of this RFP, but it is also through United Healthcare. Once the contract was awarded, the Human Resources team has been working hard that the holistic management of all of these pieces would occur. The nurse liaison is a key piece of that.

Ms. Bowen: When they talk to the employees, they will have a very educated ability to help.

Commissioner Brown: We have been working on keeping the costs down as much as possible. The larger pool of employees that we have, it is challenging. I want to make sure that we are getting what they need.

Mr. Luby: We have a number of reports that we will be more than happy to share with your offices that will be able to tell you the impact that we are having and in situations where we were able to intervene with people.

Commissioner Brown: I do not want too much interference by the health insurance with our patients getting care from their physicians. There is a balance that needs to be maintained.

Mr. Luby: We do not see our role as one between the patient and the provider. We provide recommendations around evidence based care.

## PURCHASING

Chris Johnston, Purchasing Supervisor, Purchasing, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$1,826,494.58)

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

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator, offered a resolution reappointing Franklin County and joint Franklin County/City of Columbus members to the local Workforce Development Board pursuant to the requirements of the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act 2015.

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

Mr. Janas offered a resolution appointing Jay Burns as the Franklin County/City of Columbus member of the local Workforce Development Board pursuant to the requirements of the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act 2015.

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

Commissioner Boyce: Do we have any additional seats? I really think that Job and Family Services needs to be represented on the board. Is there an opportunity or space to appoint the Director of Job and Family Services to the board? Or could we replace one of these appointments with the Director?

Mr. Janas: There is one reappointment that is not on this list because I have not been able to contact the member if they want to be reappointed. As to the reason the JFS Director is not on this board, it is because I am on the board. When we were constituting this last year, we did not have a Director and I was serving in that capacity. We can certainly consider it going forward.

Commissioner Brown: I think it would make sense.

Commissioner Boyce: I have not talked to the Director about this. We had a conversation about the cycle of poverty. I think it is a logical connection from need based services to sustainability.

Mr. Janas: There might be. Per the WIOA requirements, 50% plus 1 of the local board must be business representatives. If the vacancy that may occur is not that, we might have to have a conversation about either me stepping back or other appointees step back. The former Director of Job and Family Services served on this board and the current Director was the Chair of the board previous to working for the county.

**Resolution No. 445-17**, Resolution authorizing an agreement with Franklin County Job and Family Services for police protection at three office locations within Franklin County (Sheriff) (\$1,025,000), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Brown: Why does this need to be voted upon today, rather than Tuesday? What is the urgency to get this done today?

Mr. Masterson: We probably could have done it Tuesday. We went back and forth with some of the contract language with Job and Family Services on the relief positions. The reason I asked for it today is to give Job and Family Services more time to make the payments that they need to for the first five or six months of the year. Their money comes from either the state or federal and it closes at the end of June. We were trying to finalize as soon as possible, so they could use this fiscal year's funds.

Commissioner Brown: Does it make sense budget wise?

Mr. Talarek: They have budgeted this for the last three years.

Mr. Masterson: The Auditor will close the books next week, it allows a few more days to get things processed. It is an inter-county fund transfer. It doesn't put us up against the wall to get it taken care of.

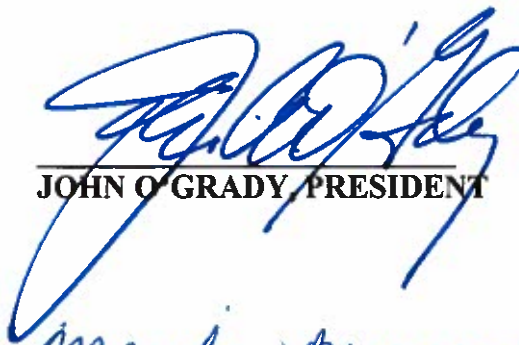
Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 445-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 A.M.

**(Signature page follows.)**

These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for June 22, 2017.





**JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT**



**MARILYN BROWN**



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Submitted by: Antwan Booker, Clerk