

## FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Minutes  
October 11, 2018

President Boyce  
Commissioner O'Grady

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the October 16, 2018 General Session, to discuss other matters pertaining to the programs of the agencies. These notes are a synopsis of the meeting.

President Boyce convened the meeting at 9:04 A.M.

### CLERK OF COURTS

Jason Sankey, CIO, Clerk of Courts, offered a resolution authorizing a supplemental contract with Intellinetics, Inc. to provide modifications to the Intellivue application (\$19,983.60).

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

Mr. Sankey offered a resolution authorizing a supplemental contract with MAPSYS, Inc. to provide application support services for the Franklin County Clerk of Courts and Probate Court (\$283,400.00).

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

### COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Susan Bedsole, Deputy Court Director, Court of Common Pleas, offered a resolution authorizing a transfer of non-general fund appropriations for the accounting of the Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison program.

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

Commissioner O'Grady: What is the dollar amount in the TCAP Funds?

Ms. Bedsole: We have \$2 million that has been appropriated. This resolution will appropriate only \$662,000.

## MUNICIPAL COURT

Emily Shaw, Court Director, Municipal Court, offered a resolution authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for appointed counsel expenditures.

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

Ms. Shaw offered a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Franklin County Municipal Court to provide Legal Counsel to Indigent Persons (\$50,000.00).

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

Ms. Shaw offered a resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding for the continuation of support for the Franklin County Municipal Court Specialized Dockets (\$340,000.00).

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

## ENGINEER

Carla Marable, Director of Communications, Engineer's Office, offered a resolution awarding contract and approving contract bond to Kimco USA Inc., for labor and material necessary for the fabrication and delivery of a salt conveyor to the Franklin County Engineer's West Maintenance Facility, Franklin County, Ohio (\$97,063.79).

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

Fritz Crosier, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer's Office offered a resolution awarding contract to BG Engineering Group, LLC, consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing preliminary engineering for Ridpath Road over Stanford Smith Ditch, Franklin County, Ohio (\$165,096.00).

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

## DRAINAGE ENGINEER

Mr. Crosier offered a resolution for the replacement or rehabilitation of various petition ditches in Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary.

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

## SHERIFF

Brad Priest, Purchasing Supervisor, Sheriff's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a Contract to Swan Super Cleaners, Inc. dba Swan Cleaners for Sheriff's Uniform and Garment Cleaning Services (\$167,400.00).

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

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Edward Leonard, Director, Board of Elections, offered a resolution authorizing supplemental appropriations for the reimbursement of the election related expenses from the August special election.

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

## VETERANS SERVICES

Buck Bramlish, Director, Veterans Services Commission, offered a resolution authorizing an Agreement with Blackhawk Network, Inc., for the purpose of purchasing Kroger Gift Cards for Franklin County Veterans (\$300,000.00).

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

## SANITARY ENGINEERS

Stephen Renner, Director, Sanitary Engineers, offered a resolution authorizing a contract for professional engineering services with Brown and Caldwell for the Water Systems Asset Management Project (\$90,192.00).

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

## PUBLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management, offered a resolution authorizing recycling of information technology equipment declared obsolete by the Franklin County Automatic Data Processing Board.

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

Commissioner O'Grady: Can I bring in my personal medical device for you to recycle?

Ms. Reardon: You can typically recycle during our e-waste drive. It is done round Earth Day.

Ms. Reardon offered a resolution authorizing a Contract Agreement with Pauly Jail Building Company, Inc. to perform Modular Steel Cells activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center (\$9,852,000.00).

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

President Boyce: I want to compliment you on staying focused on the goal. It starts with the leadership of the department to ensure we are doing the best we can to make sure we are inclusive and diverse workforce.

Ms. Reardon: It is a team effort. I want to thank Marleise Wicker, Keena Smith and Purchasing.

President Boyce: I want to thank them as well. I feel like the community is recognizing what we are doing.

## JUSTICE POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Michael Daniels, Justice Policy Coordinator, Justice Policy and Programs, offered a resolution authorizing receipt of the FY 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the U S Department of Justice.

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

Mr. Daniels offered a resolution authorizing receipt of an FY 2018 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program cooperative agreement from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to support a combination of approaches for reducing the number of overdose related fatalities.

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

Mr. Daniels offered a resolution authorizing receipt of an FY 2018 Targeted Capacity Expansion grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to support medication assisted treatment and expanded treatment options for justice involved individuals.

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

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Sue Hamilton, Assistant Director, Human Resources, offered a resolution authorizing a Supplemental Contract with OPENonline, LLC to provide background checks and screening services (\$6,000.00).

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

Ms. Hamilton offered a resolution authorizing a contract extension with New Horizons Computer Learning Center, for the purpose of providing employee development training (\$100,000.00).

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

## PURCHASING

Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing Department, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,192,302.49).

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

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, offered a resolution authorizing the redemption of the callable outstanding Series 2009 general obligation bonds and authorizing any necessary documents.

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

President Boyce: When we pay off the bonds, where does the money come from?

Mr. Talarek: We will use the General Fund Fund Balance.

President Boyce: This is a budget question we should have offline. It ties to my general questions about the decisions we make for this budget and the broader things we have to consider.

RESOLUTION TO BE PASSED

**Resolution No. 697-18**, resolution authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations to support public service announcements related to the Franklin County Early Vote Center (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Long: This resolution before you goes back to 2006. In even numbered years, the Board of Elections has always expended funds for voter outreach and education about early voting. It has always had bipartisan support from the Board of Elections, until last week. This resolution transfers those funds that were already in the Board of Elections budget back to the Board of Commissioners and authorizes the County Administrator to sign any documents to put those public service announcements forward as soon as we have the authority to do so.

President Boyce: We have a couple of speakers for this resolution. Mary Burkey, Vice President, League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus and Nazek Hapasha, Program Associate, League of Women Voters of Ohio.

Ms. Burkey: Good morning, Commissioners. We are here to offer support to this resolution. We are a member of the Ohio Voters Rights Coalition and represent a number of other voting organizations. All of these groups are nonpartisan groups that work towards all citizens having fair and equal access to information about voting in Ohio. We strongly support this resolution because partisan groups and campaigns may have contact with voters, but they do not fulfill the critical role of educating voters. Partisan campaigns have limited resources and they focus on their issues only. We need an independent third party that will give impartial information to voters.

Ms. Hapasha: We lend our support for the money spent on voter education advocacy. From my perspective, people of this County are in need of information from a nonpartisan source. To the average person, the election is highly publicized by campaigns and political parties. This money will go a long way to help these people.

President Boyce: This is a historic action that the Board of Election has been ordained, per the Ohio Revised Code, to carryout. This is not new to the Board of Election. By taking this money out, is the plan going forward for the Board of Election to never do this action? If this is the case, I would like for our Government Affairs employees to look at a legislative fix. Maybe we need to restructure the Board of Elections and take out the partisan element that exists in it. This is simply absurd. We have a right, duty and responsibility to provide to the voters the information that they need to cast their ballot. We need to begin discussions on where we go from here. If this is going to be the direction from here on out, I think we have a serious problem with our Board of Elections.

The second thing I ask is for the Prosecutor's Office to opine on how the Board of Elections can be out of line with the Ohio Revised Code and the Commissioners have to step in to ensure that the problem of voter suppression does not persist in Franklin County.

I have never been so appalled by the actions of a governmental entity in the midst of an election cycle. To do this at the eleventh hour and for illegitimate reasons. I would like a

legal opinion if the Board of Elections has the right to refuse to carry out what the Ohio Revised Code requires them to do.

Commissioner O'Grady: We have been searching for a way for the Commissioners to fix this problem. We have asked the Prosecutor's Office to assist us with this and have not gotten enough help from them. At some point, we are going to have to take some sort of action. This is not about educating the voters about the candidates. This is about educating the voters about the process. For the Board of Elections to vote not to expend these dollars, at this time, is something other than civic responsibility. This is about educating the voters about when the polls are open, when early vote begins, where early votes happen and the process. This has been going on for at least a dozen years. This money has been in their budget since December. Their arguments are very hollow. We are calling on Prosecutor O'Brien and his staff to help us solve this problem. If the Board of Elections is not going to do their job, we need to make sure this happens.

President Boyce: I believe we should lead in this action. We are a growing County and are adding thousands of new voters every year. I was just at a high school last month registering some students to vote. About 100,000 college students live in this County. Public ads about a particular candidate is not the same as a public service announcement. Each and every one of our attempts to get an answer from the Prosecutor has been shot down. This is not over. This is just the beginning of what we believe our job is to do, which is to make sure that voters have access to the information they need to cast their ballots.

Commissioner O'Grady: Later today, we will be sending a letter to Prosecutor O'Brien calling on him to help us find a solution to this problem. We hope that he will direct his staff to work proactively with our team to identify the statute that will allow us to provide the importance of voter education.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 697-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for October 11, 2018.

  
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**KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT**

  
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**JOHN O'GRADY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by: Antwan Booker, Clerk