

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Minutes
December 14, 2017

President O'Grady
Commissioner Brown
Commissioner Boyce

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the December 19, 2017 General Session. These notes are a synopsis of the meeting.

Commissioner Brown convened the meeting at 9:02 A.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, offered a resolution regarding the continuation of the one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) sales and use tax levied pursuant to Section 5739.021 and 5741.021 of the Ohio Revised Code for the benefit of Franklin County, Ohio.

Ms. Long 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 contract between Alvis, Incorporated and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, for a Medically Assisted Treatment Program (\$1,084,035).

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

Commissioner Brown: This is important.

Ms. Bedsole: It is. You've requested some information. We are finishing up our yearend report for presentation to the judges and we'll provide that copy to you hopefully by early next week.

Commissioner Brown: Great. I'm sure all of us would appreciate seeing how it's working.

Ms. Bedsole: Absolutely. It's a critical program and the continuation of it given still the epidemic that exists does play a major role in helping people be successful long term.

Ms. Bedsole offered a resolution authorizing a contract extension with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. to provide drug testing (\$135,000).

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

AUDITOR

Alande Orelie, Director/Real Estate, Auditor, offered a resolution approving ten contracts for mediation services (\$100,000).

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

Commissioner Brown: I know this program. Since it's started, it has been a great success for our residents and a real good companion to Board of Revisions' other work. I'm really happy that we are continuing it.

Mr. Orelie: Thank you.

SHERIFF

David Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office, offered a resolution authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Diversion Program Grant for the Franklin County Heroin Overdose Prevention & Education (HOPE) Task Force (\$109,375).

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

Commissioner Brown: It's nice to receive them.

Mr. Masterson: Yes, they released it in October.

Mr. Masterson 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.

TREASURER

Cheryl Brooks Sullivan, Treasurer and Julie Grimes, Director of Accounts Receivable, Treasurer, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with US Bank for Banking Services (\$299,580).

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services, offered a resolution approving a contract for on-site case management services between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services and OhioHealth (\$69,135.37).

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

Ms. Bivens offered a resolution approving a subaward agreement with Partners Achieving Community Transformation dba PACT for health sciences educational programming and Parent University instruction (\$149,293.98).

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

Commissioner Boyce: The only question I have, it's probably not directly related to this contract, it seems like I'm not hearing enough about what PACT is doing. Since PACT is getting the grant, do we have an annual report from PACT, do we have an update on where they are with their Eastside project overall?

Ms. Bivens: I asked for that a week ago and I have not received that report. We'll make sure that you get it as soon as it comes in.

Commissioner Boyce: Ok.

Ms. Bivens offered a resolution approving a contract agreement with Franklin County Probate Court for Adult Protective Services guardianship services (\$150,000).

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

Ms. Bivens offered a resolution approving a subaward agreement with Future Ready Columbus for Early Warning Indicator information systems and community training and intervention support (\$1,138,443.11).

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

Commissioner Brown: Do we know who is using Cee-Hive? Are all of our early learning centers going to be using it with the Step-up to Quality?

Ms. Bivens: Next year when we get into our strategic plan for Step-up to Quality, we're going to try to be more strategic in informing the centers of Cee-Hive so they'll have access to utilize Cee-Hive; we're thinking that is actually going to be the gateway to get them onboard for Step-up to Quality.

Commissioner Brown: That will be nice if we could do that.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: There are thirty plus community agencies there and this will go through September 30, 2018. Future ready itself is looking at reorganization focusing on zero to five going forward.

Commissioner Boyce: Do the Charter Schools have access to this?

Ms. Bivens: Kipp Academy utilizes it.

Commissioner Boyce: But could other Charter Schools access it?

Ms. Bivens: Yes. It's open to anyone to utilize, however it's not in the contract for us to pay for it.

Commissioner Boyce: It said schools districts in Franklin County and Charter Schools in Franklin County would be considered under Columbus City Schools, because they have to be awarded their Charter through the district. Over the years when I was a State Representative I had a lot of Charter Schools in my district and I hear from them needing resources like this. They would feel like they would have one off access to the things to the district and had to fight for it. To know that they have access to it is useful information, and most kids in Charter Schools, they get a high percentage of students with a number of emotional and social challenges, so I think this is valuable.

Ms. Bivens: There was an article in the Dispatch and I am going to send it to you on the breakdown of the demographics of Charter Schools.

Commissioner Boyce: Ok, thanks.

Ms. Bivens offered a resolution approving a subaward agreement with Tech Corps Ohio for youth computer science workforce development program (\$229,289.18).

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

President O'Grady: City of Columbus Technology department wants to team up with Tech Corps to use some of their kids.

FLEET MANAGEMENT

Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management, offered a resolution authorizing Fleet Management to begin the process of purchasing a new in car video system.

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

Ms. Ashcraft offered a resolution authorizing disposition of personal property, including motor vehicles and equipment, that are no longer needed for public use, are obsolete, or are unfit for the use it was acquired, and authorizing the Director of Fleet Management to dispose of said items

by transferring title to other governmental agencies in Ohio, by internet auction, or selling as salvage.

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

SANITARY ENGINEERS

Stephen Renner, Director, and Ryan Stowe, Sanitary Engineers, offered a resolution authorizing the increase in the countywide rate structure for water and sewer services.

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

Commissioner Brown: This was helpful to see in reading this resolution summary what the actual increase will do, though not ideal, but it's what we would expect to see.

Commissioner Boyce: Will we send out a notice to our residents that will be affected or will the bills just go up?

Mr. Renner: The bills go up. What we'll do is we put it on the water and sewer bills when it goes out in January and start letting them know inside the first quarter. We have fourteen billing cycles and every month during that first quarter there is a notice on there that the rates have changed and by how much.

Mr. Wilson: I talked to Stephen and Tyler Lowry, Director of Public Affairs, yesterday about ways to publicize more of our low income discount programs and to come up with strategies for people to take advantage of that program.

Commission Boyce: That's where I was going next, thanks Administrator, just making sure that we do the best we can to promote resources to help low income folks.

Mr. Renner: We advertise as much as we can, but Mr. Wilson was also giving us other ideas.

Commissioner Boyce: The reality is that it's always tough. Whenever you're doing a fee or tax, it's always tough because you know that people are going to be affected. Here's where you're talking about water quality, sewer drainage and things that are really important and you don't know how important they are until there is a problem. We come to expect healthy water, but ask folks in Toledo last year where they were having problems, how big a deal it is when that goes wrong.

President O'Grady: Or in Columbus, when the water tasted terrible a couple of years ago.

Commission Boyce: Absolutely. Then sewer drainage we don't think about until it's a problem and when it's a problem, it's a real problem. These rate increases are a part of the consent decree with EPA to improve our water sewer system in a massive way over the next thirty years or so. Rates are going to go up every year until forever because it's part of paying for multibillion dollar improvement.

Mr. Stowe offered a resolution authorizing a contract agreement with Peterson Construction Company for the Timberlake Water Treatment Plant Upgrades Project (\$857,000).

Stowe reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Commissioner Brown: This is important to get done.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Jamie Edwards, Executive Assistant and business Services Officer, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution authorizing a subordination agreement with Edmund Coleman to allow for a second mortgage on his property at 2208 Mifflin Blvd, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio 43219.

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

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Benefit Risk Management/Human Resources, offered a resolution authorizing the extension and modification of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (MetLife) contract to provide a voluntary short and long term disability program to members of the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program.

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

Commissioner Brown: Do we know what causes the long term benefit to be not so good? Is it just our experience or is just something getting in the way?

Ms. Leis: It's experience. Whenever they look at a new client, they look at your demographics because they really don't have anything else to go on except how old are your people or are they male or female different things like that. So they set the rate where they think it should be going into it. Then after you've had some experience, they take that into consideration as well.

Commissioner Brown: Is this for the whole Cooperative, for all of the programs, for all the resolutions you're presenting?

Ms. Leis: For the disability yes. Pickaway County had the opportunity to opt out of it and Granville had the opportunity to opt out of it. I don't believe any of those outside entities opted out of it so I think everybody is currently offering all of their employees or any benefits eligible employee the opportunity to purchase this coverage.

Commissioner Brown: Ok.

Ms. Leis offered a resolution authorizing a contract extension with modifications with The Staywell Company, LLC (Staywell) to provide wellness services for members of the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (\$450,000).

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

Ms. Leis offered a resolution authorizing a contract extension with modifications with Rite Bite, Inc. d/b/a Alyfe Wellbeing Strategies (Alyfe) to provide wellness services for members of the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (\$450,000).

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

Commissioner Boyce: Can we still get flu shots?

Ms. Leis: All the onsite clinics are over, but you do have the opportunity to go to any local network pharmacy and present your pharmacy ID card and you will not pay anything for that flu shot or you can get it at your physician.

President O'Grady: You can get it at your doctor's office.

Commissioner Brown: I'm hopeful that more people participate. I think it's really important. When I read through this one, I was really pleased and I really appreciate the collaboration. Thank you.

Ms. Leis: We've seen increases in the data, but after next year we'll really be able to look at that and see this risk migration from year to year.

Commissioner Brown: That will be really good to have that data. Whether it's making a difference, an impact in people's health and how our employees are really doing with health and wellness.

Commissioner Brown: I'm just happy we're working with a local vendor on the ground, onsite; I really appreciate what you're doing. I think that's make a huge difference to have that local presence in our workplaces.

Ms. Leis: I agree. They help us really engage our wellness champions; they come on site and meet with us every month.

Ms. Leis offered a resolution authorizing a contract with Sun Life Financial (Sun Life) for excess risk (stop loss) insurance coverage for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Programs medical and pharmacy claims (\$1,020,000).

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

Commissioner Brown: Is our experience unusually high?

Chip Knoop, Senior Benefits Consultant: I think your number of incidences that the county has seen over a million dollars is a little bit higher than norm. This past year through ten months we had three (3) of them over \$1.5 million, that's unusual. The year before we had one over one million so the incidence rate over million dollars or more you shouldn't be seeing more than .7 to 1 of those, so this past year we had three (3). I think it's an unusual year, but unfortunately that means that the reinsurance picked up a million and a half dollars worth of claims and the premiums are well below that for a million dollar stop loss.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: It's a good insurance to have.

Commissioner Brown: It's necessary.

Mr. Wilson: When we considered increasing that cap, we had to recognize the fact that it's difficult to go back once you increase. So we decided to stay at million dollars as recommended to the board.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you Jodi for all of your hard work on all of these.

Ms. Leis: Thanks.

Jerry Bower, Risk Manager, Benefit Risk Management/Human Resources, offered a authorizing a contract extension with Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. for Third Party Workers Compensation Administration Services for Franklin County (\$352,400).

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, offered a resolution reappointing Laquore Meadows and Cathann Kress to the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Board.

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

Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, offered a resolution reconciling 2017 appropriations to align with projected ending revenues in the amended certificate of estimated resources.

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

Mr. Talarek offered a resolution authorizing a General Fund supplemental appropriation to record the administrative fee charged by the State Tax Commissioner for the collection of the County's sales tax.

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

Mr. Talarek offered a resolution authorizing the classification of fund balance within the General Fund for the Economic Stabilization Reserve and transfers for other reserve and capital funds.

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

Mr. Talarek offered a resolution authorizing the annual appropriation measure for Fiscal Year 2018.

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

Mr. Wilson: We also have a budget commission meeting scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2017.

Mr. Talarek: It's scheduled for Monday to update the 2018 certificate of estimated resources before approval of the budget.

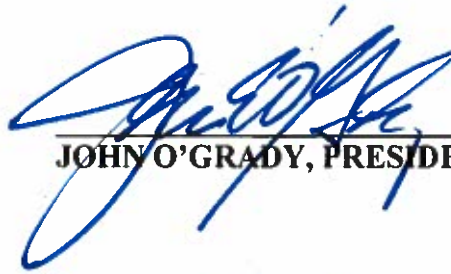
Ms. Long offered a resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent court action.

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

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 A.M.

(Signature page follows.)

These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for December 14, 2017.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



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