

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Minutes
January 12, 2017

President O'Grady
Commissioner Boyce
Commissioner Brown

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the January 17, 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 9:01 A.M.

CORONER

Matthew Caudill, Director and Tia Moretti, Public Affairs Officer, Coroner's Office offered a resolution authorizing a contract with the Fawcett Center to host the Franklin County Opiate Summit (\$25,587.70).

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

Commissioner Brown: I had a couple of questions. I'm glad you said that part of this was to report out what all has been done. Is there a reason you're not using the Opioid name rather than Opiate?

Ms. Moretti: First, the Surgeon General and the Attorney General use Opiate. Opioid is in the prescription route. Opiate encompasses both heroin and prescription.

Commissioner Brown: Ok. To do another Summit, I was wondering what the value was since we all know what the issue is, and do you continue to do Summits or do you just do the actions and the work? Is there a value in another Summit?

Mr. Caudill: I believe so.

Ms. Moretti: I prepared some talking points, so you can take them with you about all the resolutions we are bringing forth today. At the end of the Summit we brought forward this call to action, culminating in the action plan. So that was for dissemination of information and awareness building. This year we are focusing on interventions, not just the actions that we attended to in the community action plan, but other things that are happening, to intervene, Harm Reduction, Hepatitis C rates, addiction treatment and recovery and prevention. So in terms of the second annual, it was to address readiness for change and these are interventions that have been best practices and evidence based that we would like to at least inform the community about.

Commissioner Brown: Ok. Obviously we know there's a huge issue; I'm not denying that in any way. I just wondered the value of another summit to talk rather than doing.

Ms. Moretti: Absolutely. Kind of our focus is that some cities and counties are having these larger summits where they are talking about this is what's happening. So we want to bring some of those ideas or encourage some of our stake holders and community leaders to look at implementing some of those best practices in our community.

Commissioner Boyce: I want to build on Commissioner Brown's question because I agree with her that you just don't want to convene and then keep convening and it becomes this annual ritual rather than a substantive. Two things that jump out at me; first, what is the date?

Mr. Caudill: March 22, 2017.

Commissioner Boyce: I ask that because of the timing of my next question. Is there a legislative component? Because the legislature is immersed in this conversation as well and there are dozens of bills that will impact the Opiate conversation all the way from the physician and medical leadership to the law enforcement element of it. What are we doing to sort of align the conversation and stay in contact? Because that's where I see a disconnect. What the legislature is doing and what the local community is doing are both good, but not so much aligned. So is there a legislative component built into that?

Ms. Moretti: There is. Last year we hosted a legislative panel that took local, state and federal officials so that people could engage around that. Out of that we came up with House Bill 110 and that was part of the legislation and law enforcement track. House Bill 110 where law enforcement was voicing their concerns about the use in the walk zone and what protected them. Luckily we were able to move that through with the help of Representative Craig. We worked really closely with him and his office. This year we wrote briefings on another panel and people really enjoyed that. Especially the legislators being able to take information back. They attend our subcommittee meetings as well. So we are aware of upcoming issues so we can align them with our community action plan, most recently the Kasich Bill that he brought through. We are aware how it aligns in the different subcommittees of our action plan. I worked quite a bit with Senator Portman's camp, especially with the CARA Act and how that was going to affect us and what that would allow us to do to create interventions.

Commissioner Boyce: Ok, great.

Commissioner Brown: Ok, thank you.

Mr. Caudill offered a resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations by the Coroner's Office for the Franklin County Opiate Task Force.

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

Commissioner Brown: So this is that mechanism to be able to accept donations?

Mr. Caudill: Yes.

Mr. Caudill offered a resolution authorizing a sub grant award and contract with the Franklin County Coroner's Office for prevention of prescription drug overuse, misuse, abuse and overdose initiatives through the Ohio Department of Health's Injury Prevention Program, Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention FY 2017 Grant (\$75,000).

Mr. Caudill reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution. Mr. Caudill stated that we may need to amend this resolution. One of the issues that we need to address is that there is a requirement to have a full time equivalency position that will be based at the Coroner's Office. We need to make the appropriate amendment to allow us that appropriation. It will all be covered with grant dollars, 100%.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: It has that language as well stating that this position is tied to the grant and its contingent upon the grant's funding and this position will be eliminated when funding ceases.

Commissioner Brown: So it's strictly a grant funded position?

Ms. Caudill: Absolutely.

Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget: We have some standard language from previous resolutions we've used so we can incorporate that as well as the appropriations connected with the grant and the offsetting revenues as part of the amendment that Mr. Caudill mentioned.

Commissioner Brown: Is it a one year grant?

Ms. Moretti: Again, with the talking points I shared, it's a three (3) grant. We are not necessarily approved automatically for all three years. At the end of each year, they'll evaluate your ability to provide the deliverables and that will determine the subsequent award of \$90,000 for the next two (2) years. Then at that time they will describe the next set of deliverables.

Commissioner Brown: So a bigger question is, around the state and country, is this work coming out of Coroner's Offices or Public Health Offices?

Ms. Moretti: That's a great question. Overwhelmingly the task force that has been the best model is actually out of Cuyahoga. That's the one we use and it's the one Washington is actually looking at implementing. So they are testing it for rigor on how to create a task force. These are born out of the Coroner's initiative, because Coroners are required to have a poison death review. As they did this, they addressed the need for interventions and to pull more to the table than what is typically at a table for a poison death review. Typically they're working in lock step with Health Departments and Public Safety. So yes, it's very common for them to come out of the coroners offices and we can get you information on that as well. We use Cuyahoga as a model because we're aware it's being tested for rigor as a national model for community development task force building.

Commissioner Brown: Ok, interesting.

Mr. Wilson: Commissioners, before we leave this resolution, I would like the Board's approval for the Coroner's Office to work with OMB to add the supplemental language we discussed related to the grant fund.

Commissioners: Ok.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement, offered a resolution authorizing an IV-D contract with Encore Delivery Services, INC. for providing process services (\$104,500).

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

President O'Grady: Ms. Torriero, do you have IV-D contracts with a number of agencies?

Ms. Torriero: Yes. This is our busy time of year.

President O'Grady: Do you do IV-D contracts with county agencies and with vendors? Is it whenever you are spending those federal dollars?

Ms. Torriero: Right. The way our funding works, we get approximately one-third of our funding from either the state government or county government and we are blessed to have your support in that. For every dollar that we have in local dollars, we can bring two (2) dollars of federal monies into our agency for operation costs.

Commissioner Boyce: I'm looking forward to meeting everyone and peeling back the layers and learning more about Child Support Enforcement.

Ms. Torriero: Yes and with Keena Smith, Deputy County Administrator coming on board, we are sprucing up and getting ready for visitors. (laughter).

HOMELAND SECURITY AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Melissa Pierson, Grants Administrator, Homeland Security and Justice Programs, offered a resolution authorizing a subgrant award and contract with the city of Columbus to support the purchase of personal protective equipment through the FY 2016 Justice Assistance Grant (\$180,000).

Ms. Pierson 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.

Jerry Bower, Risk Manager, Benefit Risk Management, offered a resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claim against the County by John Lockett (\$15,000).

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

PURCHASING

Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing, offered a resolution authorizing two Countywide Contracts for Printing Papers and Supplies (\$450,000).

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

Mr. Kuespert offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$5,931,583.73).

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

Mr. Kuespert: We looked at last year's numbers and its tailoring off quicker than we thought.

Commissioner Brown: Why do you think that is?

Mr. Kuespert: It was a strange year for opening Purchase Orders because of the way holidays fell and everybody got them in quicker. We may see it steady off now.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Adam Luckhaupt, Chief Information Officer, Board of Commissioners, offered a resolution authorizing a Contract with iSolved for a timekeeping system for various Board of Commissioner agencies (\$32,375).

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

Mr. Luckhaupt requested to pull the resolution at this time because they are still working out some details of the contract.

Commissioner Boyce: So you are saying that there are some agencies that have existing electronic timekeeping. Are we going to use one system or are there going to be two kind operating simultaneously?

Mr. Luckhaupt: In the beginning there will be two because Job and Family Services is a rather large agency and they have been using their time tracking system for ten (10) years. Eventually we'll probably go to a single system. That's the hope. But right now we are just trying to get rid of the paper and bring those agencies on board, but yes that is my goal to see a single time tracking system.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you.

President O'Grady: We have one speaker, Cindy Renner from Central Ohio Pit Savers. Good Morning Cindy.

Ms. Renner: Good morning Commissioners. Today I came to talk to you about our 2016 happenings and some things we are planning for 2017 at the Franklin County Dog Shelter. We've been a partner with the shelter for almost four (4) years now. We have our own volunteers who are also shelter volunteers. We go to the shelter everyday to photograph and video the dogs. We also walk dogs and do whatever else is needed at the shelter. Some of the highlights, after the distemper situation, we created a program called HOPE and I think Dr. Gonzalez has been down here before and talked about it. The HOPE Program is a partnership with COPS (Central Ohio Pit Savers) and Rascal Unit. For 2016 we had three (3) clinics and we were able to vaccinate 252 dogs. For 2017, we have a clinic planned for every month. One per month and the first one is actually at the Franklin County Dog Shelter on January 28th, 2017. We thank you for that. Also, one of the biggest things that we do is that we help the community with redemption fees. For 2016 we helped 160 families get their dog back. So if they had part of the funds or none of the funds we put up the funds to help them get their dogs back. To date we have gotten 495 dogs back to their owners with our assistance. Some other things we do at the shelter is provide treats and toys for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and most recently toys for terriers. We provided a large batch of bones after the distemper situation, so that if the dogs had to be quarantined they would have some extra enrichment toys. I did bring a handout, it's one of our newer initiatives. It has a big red stop sign on it. This initiative is to help with owner surrenders. As you know, we see a lot of owner surrenders at the dog shelter. So what our organization has done is created this handout. When the person comes in to surrender their dog, they will be given this handout. So if there is something on the handout we can assist them with, whether its food, bedding, temporary boarding or pet deposits, we'll set up and take care of any of those needs for our community members to help them keep their dog. Because of the end of the day, if the dog doesn't come in the shelter it's better for everybody.

Commissioner Brown: Do you know anybody that helps people promote and fund getting a dog license? There was an article in the paper, and we know this to be true that people don't get their dog licensed every year and then if they don't and get lost and get picked up you don't know who they belong to and that is an issue.

Ms. Renner: One of the things we do is offer to pay for licenses. It's a service people do reach out to us. Some of the dogs we actually license every year. We'll get a call in January and sometimes in December and they'll say can you help me again with my dog license. It's something we definitely do. We also help with spay, neuter and micro chips. We worked with the shelter on two (2) occasions in 2016 to provide free micro chips with Home Again. We're hoping to get those better advertised this year to get more people to come to the actual micro chips events. Also, when we have these events we are encouraging licensing and all of that as well. It is something we do help people with. I don't think it's all that known but it is something we do offer.

President O'Grady: This is great stuff. Like any member of the family, raising a child or raising a dog, it's an expensive endeavor. The fact that you guys offer this kind of assistance is fantastic. There are a couple of things on the licensing that I always tell. I have friends and neighbors that had no idea. I told them that you had to license your dog every year. They thought they got their dog licensed one time and that was it. Not that they had to do it annually. These are well educated people. There's certainly a lack of knowledge and understanding in the community that you need to license your dog every year. Thank you for the article you did recently explaining that to folks. (directed to Dispatch reporter)

When we brought our dog home from the shelter years ago we had a crate. We thought she was new, she was new to the house and our kids hadn't had a dog at that point. They were young so let's get a crate for the dog. We put the crate under a table in the kitchen. Her crate door was always open and that was where her bedding was and she was in and out. So when she would bark, get a little crazy, a little obnoxious if somebody was coming around, I would yell crate and she would get in the crate. Then about four (4) or five (5) years ago we took the crate out and gave it to some friends because they needed it and she didn't need it anymore. Her bedding is under the kitchen table and now when she goes crazy because someone rings the doorbell, I yell crate and she runs under the kitchen table (laughter). It's kind of funny because people look at us and go what you mean crate (laughter), but her crate was her favorite thing. Now it's her collar. Now when it's time to register the dog to get her license, we have a problem. We took her collar off of her and now it's like she's naked (laughter). She hates it. It's her thing and we took her collar off. My daughter took her collar off and she was going crazy, so I said give her collar back. My daughter Liz went to put it on, and I said just give it to her. I wanted to see what she did with it. She puts it in her mouth, takes it upstairs, lays with it and put her head on it for a while. Then she picks it up takes it downstairs, put it in her bedding and lays with it for a while.

It is time for folks to get their license. They have until the end of the month and oh by the way, my friends who don't know any better, they are going to get a fee if they don't get their license by the end of the month. Thank you for doing this. Like I said, we don't think about how much it costs to have a dog until you have to pay for these things or until

it's time to go on vacation. It's on top of everything else I have to pay for, for the family to go on vacation. I have to pay \$250 to board the dog for the week and I have to pay for extra walks, extra treats while she's there and you don't think of those things. Shots cost money. Food costs money. Bedding costs money. Crates costs money. So if you don't have the means, it's hard and that's when people have to surrender their animals sometimes. Especially later in life, my dog is much more expensive today than she was five (5) years ago. Senior dogs are more expensive than puppies and middle age dogs. As my Vet Tech likes to call her, she's a lumpy old broad (laughter). Thank you, appreciate you being here today.

Commissioner Brown: This is great.

Ms. Renner: Sure. Like I said, we just wanted to tell you a little bit about our most recent project for 2017. It doesn't have an official name yet, we'll say it's the Long Term Lounge. It's a room at the shelter and it's set up like a home. We purchased a TV, a DVD player, and a recliner. We'll have a mini fridge in there and lots of toys and treats and dog bed. It's a room for the long termers. So if they've been there over 30 days and have been fully vaccinated, the volunteers can take them to the room and kind of get them away from that crazy atmosphere for 15-30 minutes and just hang out with them. So that's our newest thing. We're hoping to get the news out for that. We are just finishing up the final details. Like I said, it still doesn't have its official name yet.

Commissioner Brown: That's wonderful, thank you.

Commissioners: Thank you.

Ms. Renner: Thank you for doing the Community Board, we are excited about that and we would love to be considered for a spot on there. We do have a four year relationship with the shelter. We've been back there since Joe, Gabe, Deb and now Don. Deb is amazing. I don't know if you get enough compliments for her, but she's really amazing and does a lot of good work at the shelter. She's the one we always share our ideas like the Long Term Lounge. I just stopped in there one day and said, hey Deb what about this? So her, Erin and I sit down and figured it out.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

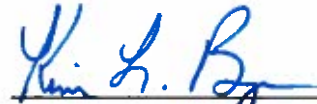
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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for January 12, 2017.



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