

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Minutes
January 5, 2017

President O'Grady
Commissioner Brown
Commissioner Boyce

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the January 10, 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 9:04 A.M.

ENGINEER

Cornell Robertson, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer's Office, offered a resolution authorizing Franklin County agencies to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program.

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

Mr. Robertson offered a resolution authorizing the renaming of a portion of Bixby Road.

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

Commissioner Boyce: Are these residential homes on the old street?

Mr. Robertson: Some are residential and one is owned by AT&T.

Commissioner Boyce: How does the change of name effect the residents?

Mr. Robertson: They will have to make the necessary changes with the Post Office.

Commissioner Boyce: Ok. I want to make sure that the residents know.

DATA CENTER

Julie Lust, Director of Financial Services, Data Center, offered a resolution authorizing a supplemental contract with Prime AE Group, Inc. for consulting services for Child Support Enforcement Agency OnBase Document Management Solution (\$99,172.54).

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

Commissioner Brown: Does Child Support Enforcement Agency want the dashboard?

Ms. Lust: Yes.

President O'Grady: Has the OnBase system been working well?

Ms. Lust: Yes.

OFFICE ON AGING

Jesse Hemphill, Chairman, Human Services Levy Review Committee, and Antonia Carroll, Director, Office on Aging, offered a resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation and requesting the Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue generated by the tax levy.

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

President O'Grady: This levy is an increase of \$15.75 per year?

Mr. Hemphill: Yes.

Ms. Carroll: It is a total amount of \$55.45 for an owner of a \$100,000 house.

Commissioner Brown: What is the reason for the increase?

Ms. Carroll: There is a growing need in senior demographics. This will allow us to have moderate growth through 2022.

Commissioner Brown: Do you have the certificate from the County Auditor yet?

Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator: We will have it for the next resolution. This is just the first step in the process.

Commissioner Boyce: Referring to the baby boomer population, what is the duration of this generational spurt?

Ms. Carroll: About 15 years.

Commissioner Boyce: Did the committee look at long term needs or only the here and now?

Ms. Carroll: We provided the committee with long term information we received from various groups that work with the senior population.

Mr. Janas: We made sure that we had enough dollars for the current levy cycle. We completed an operational review of the agency. We continue to get better in the future and look at resources for future growth.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: We are looking to implement the recommendations from the operational review if the levy passes. Senior Options is a well run program and a good value for the taxpayers.

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 (\$30,871,460.14).

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Zak Talarek, Director, Office on Management and Budget, offered a resolution appointing the Franklin County Apiary Inspector for 2017 (\$12,000).

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

Mr. Talarek offered a resolution authorizing appropriation adjustments for providing non-bargaining employees a two percent salary and wage increase.

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

Commissioner Boyce: Does this match the bargaining unit?

Mr. Talarek: It is around the same.

President O'Grady: We have a public speaker today, Mary O'Connor-Shaver.

Ms. O'Connor-Shaver: I am Mary O'Connor-Shaver with Rescue Me Ohio and Ohio Voters for Companion Animals. I wanted to give an update with respect to some of the feedback we have been receiving since the adoption of Resolution 918-16 and the incredible front page coverage that Kimball Perry did. We have gotten excellent feedback. From the general public, it has been nothing but positive. Within the rescue and advocacy, it has been kind of the full spectrum. We have people, who are in the weeds, at the shelter and providing direct care to the dogs. We got excellent feedback from them. We had some positive feedback with some questions and I will discuss those questions later. Then we have some negative feedback from what we call the one-percenters. That is probably going to be a continual challenge. The first question people have is what is the process by which members will be selected? The second question is how will that process be communicated? The last question is what will be the expectation of the appointed committee members?

We did put a post on Facebook for the December 20, 2016 General Session, that provided a link to the article and that we presented for the resolution and provided the testimony. We made it well known that we are not speaking for the Commissioners or shelter. If you have any questions in regards to Resolution 918-16, contact Tyler Lowry. I mentioned that the Commissioners are open to hearing about any concerns you may have. We have been very firm on that position.

We are very excited. Welcome Commissioner Boyce. You have an excellent track record at the Statehouse for animal welfare and voted no on that nasty Petland Bill, Senate Bill 331. We have already been getting likes that you are here, which is really great. Overall, we are excited. I think people are wanting to see that this committee move forward and make a difference. For this article to be on the front page, it shows that you are moving together as County and animal advocacy and trying to bridge that gap. With the passage of Resolution 918-16, it is only going to get stronger. We are looking forward to 2017.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 A.M.

(Signature page follows.)


These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for January 5, 2017.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



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