

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Minutes
March 2, 2017

President O'Grady
Commissioner Brown

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the March 7, 2017 General Session, to vote on 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 10:03 A.M.

ENGINEER

Cornell Robertson, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer's Office, offered a resolution authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations for the Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax Fund.

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

Mr. Robertson offered a resolution authorizing a contract with Meredith Webb Printing Co., Inc., to print and provide the 2017 Franklin County Road Map and Street Locator (\$45,000).

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

Mr. Robertson offered a resolution awarding contract and approving contract bond to Double Z Construction Company, for the Winchester Pike at Ebright Road Shannon Road Project (\$2,687,552.59).

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

Carla Marable, Project Assistant, Engineer's Office, offered a resolution for the establishing, altering and widening of Reynoldsburg New Albany Road, Jefferson 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 for the establishing, altering and widening of Melrose Avenue and Lamont Avenue, Clinton 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 for the establishing, altering and widening of Audrey Road, from the City of Columbus corporate boundary to Cleveland Avenue, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed Engineer to file plans as necessary.

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

SHERIFF

Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a contract extension to Tabb Textile Company, Inc.; Walter F. Stephens Jr., Inc.; Cornerstone Institutional, LLC; Nashville Medical & EMS Products, Inc.; and Bob Barker Company for Inmate Bedding and Linens for the Sheriff's Office (\$90,000).

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

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Barbara Reeves, Deputy Director, Domestic Relations Court, Julie Troth, Deputy Director of Programs, Domestic Relations Court, offered a resolution authorizing a one year contract with Capital University (\$30,000).

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

Commissioner Brown: What are the ages?

Ms. Troth: 11-17 years old.

Commissioner Brown: This is to keep the kids out of the juvenile detention center?

Ms. Troth: Yes.

Commissioner Brown: Will you be tracking the youth you work with in this program?

Ms. Troth: Yes.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Deb Finelli, Assistant Director, Animal Care and Control, offered a resolution authorizing an application to the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration to obtain a Controlled Substance Registration Certificate (DEA license) for the Franklin County Dog Shelter and Adoption Center.

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

Commissioner Brown: Do you need the DEA license to purchase and administer the drugs?

Ms. Finelli: Yes.

Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator: This was less of a problem when we had an in house veterinarian.

President O'Grady: There is legislation for wardens to have arresting authority. There have been discussions about the need for more certifications for wardens. I will be meeting with multiple counties, here in Central Ohio from all sizes, to meet with the dog warden associations to discuss certification as it relates to arresting powers and others.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services, offered a resolution approving a subaward agreement with the United Way of Central Ohio for the Franklin County Youth Council (75,060).

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

Commissioner Brown: How do the kids know if they can participate?

Ms. Bivens: We have been going through the high schools in Franklin County and working with the principals and guidance counselors.

Commissioner Brown: Do you review the applications and select the youth? What are their terms?

Ms. Bivens: Yes we do. The term is one year and about thirty youths are engaged.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, and Jennifer Fish, Director, Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, offered a resolution accepting a working

Agreement between Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Franklin County Economic Development & Planning Department (\$40,000).

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

Ms. Snapp offered a resolution authorizing a settlement to Brenda Ruch for a vehicle damage claim to an automobile accident involving a county vehicle driven by Franklin County Economic Development & Planning employee (\$1,429.60).

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

PUBLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Jim Goodenow, Director, Public Facilities Management, 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.

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

Mr. Goodenow offered a resolution authorizing recycling of information technology equipment declared obsolete by the Franklin County Automatic Data Processing Board.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

Rob Young, Director, Human Resources, offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Franklin County Board of Elections for human resources services.

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

Mr. Young offered a resolution approving Personnel Actions

Mr. Young 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 (\$2,899,651.47).

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, offered a resolution appointing members to The New American Advisory Council for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

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

Ken Wilson, County Administrator, offered a resolution urging state legislators to take immediate action as part of the biennial budget process to protect counties and transit authorities from the loss of Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) sales tax revenue.

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

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED AT BRIEFING March 02, 2017

1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Resolution No. 138-17, resolution responding to the notice received concerning a proposed Tax Increment Financing District, the Parkwood Incentive District, in Jefferson Township (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jim Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning and Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator.

Mr. Schimmer: Good morning Commissioners, Jim Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning and joined with Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator. You have two resolutions before you this morning, the Parkwood Incentive District and the Weldon Incentive District No. 1 and No. 2, to be created in Jefferson Township. These Tax Increment Financing Districts would support two projects, which would cause the construction of approximately 120 units of single family housing and infrastructure improvements, mostly roadway in and around the development to relieve traffic issues

and support the development. Ohio Revised Code 5709.73(E)(3) states that if the Commissioners fail to object by resolution within thirty days of receiving notice, that no compensation shall be provided to the Board of Commissioners. Today is the last day we could object by resolution and the reason we are here before you today. I apologize for the timing. The timing is tight, as set forth in the ORC. It is not a well written piece of legislation, in my opinion, to allow the Commissioners time to look at this issue. Regardless of that, that is the reason I requested the vote this morning at Briefing. Therefore, the following actions must take place in order to compensate our social service levy agencies going forward. The first item is that you must state objection to either the proposed rate, in this case 100%, or the terms, which is a thirty year period. I am recommending for your approval to object to the terms because it is more than ten years. This is the direction we have taken in the past with the Worthington TIFs for example. You must vote in the affirmative, or yes to the objections, laid out in the resolutions. In turn you will authorize me to undertake negotiations for a mutually agreed upon compensation agreement. In December 2016, we met with Chris Connoley, from Baker Hostetler, and Township Administrator, Jeff Palm, to discuss this scenario. I know you have concerns about how residential TIFs negatively affect the levy agencies, by putting more burden on them to provide services than a commercial project. I told them that you will most likely object and seek the default position that is allowed in the ORC when no agreement is reached. In general it would mean a thirty year TIF, but the compensation agreement that provides the developer with 100% of the taxes for the first ten years and 50% for the remaining twenty years. I want to clarify one item that this will be a non-school TIF. The school will receive what they would have received. I believe that Jefferson Township is amenable to this compensation agreement. If so, we will bring it forward to you on March 14th. It will spell out the details of the program. Mr. Roth has been the point person on this project, and will answer any questions you may have. I will also mention that Nick Soulas, 1st Assistant, Prosecutor's Office, has come up this morning to be a resource as well.

Commissioner Brown: As you have mentioned, we are always concerned about how this will affect our levy agencies. Have you anticipated what the effect would be to our levy agencies with this TIF if it goes through the way it is proposed?

Mr. Roth: According to the Treasurer, millage rate for Jefferson Township in 2017 is supposed to be 111.43. The township has levies that are 14.9 mills. The school districts combined rates are 75.26 mills. The County levy agencies are at 18.47 mills. That includes Senior Options, Development Disabilities, ADAMH, Children Services, and the zoo levy. Over the life of the TIF, your objection would provide compensation to the county levy agencies, based on projections, in the amount of approximately \$4,300,000. Over the thirty year period.

President O'Grady: This is similar to what we did in Worthington for Bridge Street.

Mr. Roth: This is more favorable to the levy agencies because those had mixed use and commercial components.

Mr. Janas: That is exactly it. We have been willing to negotiate different terms between the floor and ceiling, so to speak, if it is a multi-use facility. This is strictly residential.

Commissioner Brown: If this would go through as is, the affect to our levy agencies would be the \$4,300,000 lost?

Mr. Roth: Correct. That is the 50% difference of the millage over years 11-30.

Commissioner Brown: That is a lot.

Mr. Janas: If you were not to vote on this resolution that would be revenue forgone because the developer would receive the full abatement. This way we lock in revenues between years 11-30.

Mr. Schimmer: I would recommend that you approve.

Mr. Janas: It has been consistent with our conversations over the last couple of years with our suburban partners about protecting revenue that is supposed to go to our levy agencies. Are they agreeable to this?

Mr. Schimmer: Yes they are. It has been discussed that they come and speak to us early about future direction.

President O'Grady: We have previewed this model nationally to the National Association of Counties and the Large Urban County Caucus. We have talked about the fact that we do this with our partners across the state and country. At the end of the day, if we do not think like this, our levy agencies will suffer. This is the model we use and we shared with others.

Mr. Janas: I will certainly share it with County Commissioners Association of Ohio because it has relevance to other jurisdictions throughout the state. We may be the first county to take this kind of position.

Mr. Schimmer: It is generally based on the idea that if you believe that quality of life is an economic development incentive, then why would we move funding from the people that provide those services. It has been a focus of ours.

Mr. Janas: We are asking for your approval of the resolutions that would formally object to the TIFs.

Mr. Schimmer: We will be back to you on March 14th with the actual negotiated agreement.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 138-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 139-17, resolution responding to the notice received concerning a proposed Tax Increment Financing District, the Weldon Incentive District No. 1 and the Weldon Incentive District No. 2, in Jefferson Township (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Schimmer.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 139-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 A.M.

(Signature page follows.)

These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for March 2, 2017.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Submitted by: Antwan Booker, Clerk