

## FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Minutes  
March 9, 2017

President O'Grady  
Commissioner Brown  
Commissioner Boyce

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the March 14, 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 9:03 A.M.

### SHERIFF

Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office, and Geoffrey Stobart, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office offered a resolution authorizing Countywide Qualifications Contracts for Fresh Produce, Fruit and Meat items (\$620,000).

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

Commissioner Boyce: Were the companies awarded the contracts local companies?

Mr. Masterson: I know White Feather and Gordon have offices here in Central Ohio. Sanfillipo is local as well. A majority of them are local because of the produce and the delivery time.

Commissioner Boyce: Do they get extra consideration for being local?

Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing: We cannot do that.

President O'Grady: The company could be local, but does not necessarily mean that the food is local.

Commissioner Boyce: Are there more costs if the company is not local?

Mr. Masterson: In terms of our evaluation of the product itself, it goes to what that vendor is bidding. Lowest bid. It is going to go off of price. Transportation fees for a company that might not be local, they are factoring that in when they submit their bid. We do not see that type of costs.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: Commissioners, six of the awardees are within Franklin County out of the ten.

President O'Grady: If we pressed for local foods, the cost would go through the roof.

Mr. Wilson: There are two SEBs and one WBE.

Mr. Masterson offered a resolution authorizing a contract with Naphcare, Inc. for Complete Health Services and an EMR System (\$39,617,164.79).

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

President O'Grady: The Electronic Medical Records piece is very critical. For your office to have that information is convenient for your staff. Ten to twenty years ago, it took a lot of time to gather all the information needed for one patient. I have had conversations about this issue in my office for the past eight years.

Mr. Stobart: We have had conversations about this as well. What this is going to allow us to do is data mine information. This will allow us to make those data driven decisions when it comes to effectively spending our money. Our work with the Council for State Governments and the National Association of Counties (NACo) we saw that we needed to do a better job of collecting that data and making those data driven decisions.

Commissioner Brown: Mr. Stobart, how does the mental health piece of this contract get improved? I know we worked hard with SteppingUp that we would get something comprehensive that would be helpful for people that do end up in the jail.

Mr. Stobart: To me, this is the biggest piece of the entire project. Through President O'Grady's work with NACo, this has been a huge topic nationally. This is not a Franklin County problem. It is a national issue. Franklin County is on the leading edge nationally in addressing this issue. We have done a very good job getting out in front of this and have become a national model. I get two or three phone calls a week asking about our program. We have been approached by the National Institute of Corrections to possibly become the Center for Excellence for them. The increased mental health coverage and services is enormous. To move from a five day a week coverage to 24/7 coverage is outstanding. This was one of the recommendations that came out of the Council for State Government's projects. As a county, we are moving in the right direction.

Commissioner Brown: We have been pushing for this for so long. To get a comprehensive package like this makes so much sense.

President O'Grady: At every conference we attend, mental health in the county jail is one of the leading topics. It is a huge problem. It is an expensive way to cover mental health issues. It is a burden on the local government.

Mr. Stobart: It allows us to further that continuity of care to create that soft handoff from us to the community provider.

Commissioner Brown: So we do not see those same people back and keep the records on them.

President O'Grady: It should help with them.

Mr. Wilson: This should be our last critical piece. Between the objective classification study, the jail management system and the electronic medical records system, we should have all the pieces we need to go to the next level. It brings up the concerns about the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion because many individuals with substance abuse and mental health issues received coverage. If that is threatened, that means we will have to be more efficient and effective.

Mr. Stobart: Our goal is to keep these individuals from cycling through our doors.

Commissioner Brown: We just learned today that one of the people with mental health issues passed away.

Mr. Stobart: Some of her work on this issue pushed us to move in this direction.

President O'Grady: Thanks for all the work that went into this project.

Commissioner Brown: How long will it take to get this implemented?

Mr. Masterson: The transfer date is expected to be June 1, 2017.

Commissioner Brown: Do the current providers know this is happening?

Mr. Masterson: They are aware of it. Once the contract is official on Tuesday, we will make the proper notification to let them know. All of the contracts have 30 day out clauses, so we have plenty of time to let them know officially.

Commissioner Brown: We do not want to lose coverage in the meantime either.

Commissioner Boyce: One thing I did not see in the RFP, the need to have interpretive services. Do we require that or is it on an as needed basis?

Mr. Stobart: It is an as needed basis. We actually have a separate contract for interpreting services.

Mr. Masterson: On occasion we utilize the deaf service center.

## RECORDER

Melissa Messina-Lanthorn, Chief of Staff, Recorder's Office, offered a resolution authorizing supplemental appropriations within the Recorders Technology Fund for the upgrade of the current phone system.

Ms. Messina-Lanthorn reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

Ms. Messina-Lanthorn offered a resolution authorizing a contract for a Job Classification Study for the Franklin County Recorder (\$13,217).

Ms. Messina-Lanthorn 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 subaward agreement with Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council, Inc. for the Bonds Beyond Bars and Bonds After Bars Programs (\$106,477.68).

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

Commissioner Brown: When I went out to the program, some of the moms said this is the only way they could be with their kids because there was no other way. It is an incredible program inside the prison. The support that the mom gets when the moms get home is important.

Ms. Bivens: They are expanding this to include the women temporarily housed at the Franklin Medical Center as well.

### PUBLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Jim Goodenow, Director, Public Facilities Management, offered a resolution authorizing a Contract Agreement with Elford, Inc. to provide Construction Manager at Risk Services, including Preconstruction Services, associated with the planning, design and construction of a New Forensic Science Center (\$115,620).

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

President O'Grady: This is the first time we have done this. This project is the right size for our first time trying this type of contract.

Commissioner Brown: This seems to be a good idea.

Kris Long, Deputy Administrator: This will allow us to have some base documents for the future.

### HOMELAND SECURITY AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Greg Plantz, Fiscal Administrator, Homeland Security and Justice Programs, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with Security Solutions International, LLC for the purchase of terrorism

prevention training under the Law Enforcement State Homeland Security Grant Program (\$12,500).

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

Mr. Plantz offered a resolution authorizing a sub grant award and contract for services with Capital University to support academic & mentoring assistance under the Title II Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Block Grant (\$105,000).

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

President O'Grady: I just had a conversation about the aging out foster kids. It is a huge issue.

Mr. Plantz offered a resolution authorizing a no cost contract extension with Fred C. Bowditch for professional services related to critical infrastructure protection and private/public partnerships.

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

Mr. Plantz offered a resolution appointing six members to the Homeland Security Advisory Committee.

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

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Jerry Bower, Risk Manager, Human Resources, offered a resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claims against the County by Patricia Pickens (\$6,000).

Mr. Bower 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 (\$21,236,094.50).

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

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brian Brown, Chief Operating Officer, Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, and Joseph Hague, Vice President, Red Capital Group, offered a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$20,000,000 multifamily housing revenue bonds, series 2017 (Sawyer and Trevitt project) for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs of acquiring, renovating, equipping and improving real and personal property as affordable rental property; authorizing the execution and delivery of a trust indenture, a loan agreement, a regulatory agreement and a tax certificate; authorizing the execution and delivery of a bond purchase agreement; authorizing the use and distribution of an official statement; and authorizing and approving related matters.

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

Commissioner Brown: When you redo all of the buildings that you have, will they all be made accessible for those with a disability?

Mr. Brown: Yes, actually as we look at the physical needs of the properties, we are making sure we have the number of units required to be in compliance with current standards and codes. Some of the properties we will be doing, we will be adding bedrooms and bathrooms to make them accessible.

Commissioner Brown: That is a great thing, but will the buildings be accessible for people to get into?

Mr. Brown: Yes.

Commissioner Brown: I have seen that happen in buildings and then there is no way for a person in a wheelchair to get into the building.

Mr. Brown: I believe we are much better than that. It will be more challenging with properties that are townhomes.

Mr. Hague: This is an obligation to the project and not to your bond rating.

Mr. Wilson: This is one more example of why tax-exempt bonds matter. Through your organization, send that word to Washington D.C.

Kris Long, Deputy Administrator, offered a resolution reappointing Laura Troup and John Cardenas to the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District Board of Trustees.

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

Ms. Long offered a resolution appointing Dayna McCrary to the Community Research Partners Board of Directors.

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

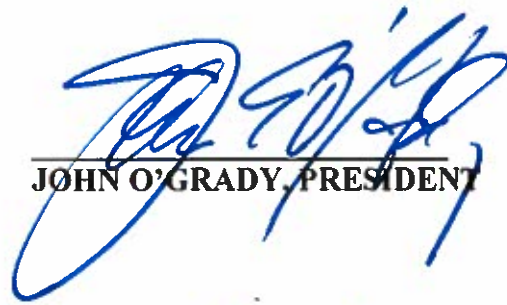
Ms. Long offered a resolution appointing Scott Hammond to the Franklin County Parks and Recreation Board of Trustees.

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

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 A.M.

**(Signature page follows.)**

These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for March 9, 2017.



**JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT**



**MARILYN BROWN**



**KEVIN L. BOYCE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by: Antwan Booker, Clerk