

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Minutes
August 15, 2019

President Brown
Commissioner O'Grady
Commissioner Boyce

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the August 20, 2019 General Session, to vote on certain resolutions, and to discuss other matters pertaining to the programs of the agencies. These notes are a synopsis of the meeting.

President Brown convened the meeting at 9:09 A.M.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Lori Francescon, Chief Probation Officer, Court of Common Pleas and Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs, offered a resolution authorizing a grant agreement with the State of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, for the Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison Program (\$4,500,000.00).

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

Commissioner Boyce: Are those folks still incarcerated, or are they released?

Ms. Francescon: They're on felony probation supervision.

Commissioner Boyce: Ok.

ENGINEER

Carla Marable, Director of Communications, Engineer, offered a resolution for a final hearing for establishing, altering and widening of Alum Creek Drive at Rohr Road, Hamilton Township and Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

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

Ms. Marable offered a resolution for preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of Columbus (\$1,117,419.18).

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

Fritz Crosier, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer, offered a resolution for report (6th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Borror Road from Quail Creek Boulevard to State Route 104 project, Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$72,333.00).

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

SHERIFF

Albert Smith, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff, offered a resolution authorizing a transfer of appropriations for the purchase of a mapping drone.

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

Commissioner Boyce: I was reading this article about drones, the expense of how municipalities are going through drones because they are getting destroyed from hitting power lines. They've got this new technology that is protective of the power lines. Will this be that kind of modern drone?

Mr. Smith: I'm not sure.

Commissioner Boyce: It's a side note because I was just reading the article. You might check that out because they are saying a lot of municipalities are buying multiple drones because they are getting destroyed when they hit the power lines. They break apart and they just don't have that military grade protective outer covering.

AUDITOR

Adam Seely, Staff Counsel, Auditor, offered a resolution authorizing a 3 month contract with Regionomics, LLC for a tax abatement study in collaboration with the City of Columbus (\$9,975.00).

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Bart Logan, Senior Management Analyst, Job and Family Services, offered a resolution approving three subaward agreements with Action for Children, The Homeless Families Foundation and

Young Men's Christian Association of Central Ohio for the SPARK kindergarten readiness program (\$749,944.84).

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

President Brown: Does this go along with Step Up To Quality? Is this at all consistent with the work we are doing with Step Up To Quality?

Mr. Logan: This is mostly for children that are remaining in home looking at other developmental readiness. It helps identify if there are any delays. We are able to help identify them earlier and then we can work in finding a preferred environment for them.

President Brown: So it would hook them up with Family and Child First Counsel, so they would get the work that they need?

Mr. Logan: Yes.

Ken Wilson, County Administrator: Kent State is continuing to handle the research and evaluation and giving the data on the impact, focusing on the ages from 3-5.

President Brown: I just know we've got that linkage with all of these agencies with Step Up To Quality as well. I just wanted to make sure that we're leveraging all of our support.

Mr. Logan: I will make sure we can find out what the referral process looks like for them as well.

President Brown: Thank you.

ANIMAL CONTROL

April Ricciardo, Assistant Director, Animal Control, offered a resolution authorizing a transfer of appropriations for the operation of the animal shelter.

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

SANITARY ENGINEERS

Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineers, offered a resolution authorizing a contract agreement with CCI Engineering Services for Construction Administration and Construction Inspection for the Nation Pike Little Farms Neighborhood Water Main Replacement Project – Phases 1 and 2 (\$1,199,238.00).

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

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Dayna McCrary, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnership, offered a resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Local Matters to provide increased access to fresh fruits and vegetables to underserved communities using the Veggie Van (\$50,000.00).

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

Commissioner Boyce: I would like to go out to one of their sites. If you could maybe connect us with them. I've not seen their work, but I would love to go out and check it out.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement, offered a resolution authorizing closure of the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency's Merchant Services account with Vantiv.

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

JUSTICE POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs, offered a resolution authorizing a consulting contract with Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity to examine and address minority enrollment within the Franklin County Municipal Court Specialized Docket, in support the Achieving Cultural Confidence and Enhancing Specialized Support (ACCESS) pilot project (\$36,513.00).

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

Mr. Daniels offered a resolution authorizing a business associate agreement between NaphCare and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs in furtherance of the care and continuity of treatment for justice involved individuals.

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

PUBLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Vivian Alexander, COO, Public Facilities Management, offered a resolution authorizing a modification to the Contract Agreement with MS Consultants Inc. to provide Civil Engineering Services associated with the planning, design and construction of a Franklin County Corrections Center at an increase in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$443,100.00 (\$941,579.00).

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

Ms. Alexander offered a resolution authorizing a modification to the Contract Agreement with Electrical Specialists Inc., dba The Superior Group to perform additional Electrical activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center at an increase in the amount of the Contract not to exceed \$267,760.00 (\$26,934,425.00).

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

PURCHASING

Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,533,534.89).

Ms. Perry-Balonier reviewed information found in documents submitted with this proposed resolution.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Juan Torres, Chief Information Officer, Office of Management and Budget, offered a resolution authorizing supplemental appropriations for support of the network redundancy and reliability initiative.

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

Mr. Wilson offered a resolution levying permissive increases related to the transfer of real property and manufactured homes for the purpose of addressing the need to create additional affordable housing in Franklin County.

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

President Brown: Ken, as we all know, we are not the only ones looking at this issue and first I want to thank you for bringing this forward. We are part of the mix of private and public sector, looking at all of the various ways we can address affordable housing. How do you see our piece of this puzzle of what we're putting forward today, really working

with all of the other sectors that are putting forward their plans and programs? Do you see this as complementary and leveraging of what's being put forward by other entities in the private and public sector?

Jim Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning: Commissioners, absolutely. I think the key thing to look at and remember is that the city has put together its program, went to the voters for a bond capacity to continue with this program. We have been asked by you all to take a look at the program and have done a really nice job. I think the staff are to be commended for turning over the stones in an area to really clearly understand how we are going to be meaningful to that discussion. We've proposed some ideas for you and I think they are solid ideas. The other thing is, the work that MORPC will be doing, the regional planning process. I can tell you that across the nation, that strategy has not been employed at a regional basis before, and it continues the work that you and Administrator Wilson have encouraged us to do, which is to be a regional partner, but to also participate in a way that benefits our residents in Franklin County and the taxpayers of Franklin County. The private side is that we have gone out and talked with a number of developers who make their living in affordable housing. One of the areas that they have been clear about is that they have need, and that need is to look at the four percent as a possibility, and to be able to understand that. If we are meaningful in that area, we will be meaningful to the private sector and leverage the investment they will bring to the table and that's really important. I'll make two other points. One, we are already putting \$17 million dollars a year into affordable housing in a number of different areas and I think that's a really important thing to understand. We have demonstrated this through leadership. The second thing is that we have been involved and will continue to be involved in trying to make sure that the programs that we are engaged, leverage what we are doing with federal dollars. Our dollars go out through a variety of different organizations. The concept of leveraging is a really fundamental part of the basis for which we bring this plan forward.

Mr. Wilson: The proposal this team has put together, couldn't be as meaningful as it is, if we didn't require partners to bring dollars to the table from other sources. We collaborated effectively.

Mr. Janas: Just to make the connection for people that are listening, the value in this is assisting developers and ensuring that units remain affordable for long periods of time, up to 30 years or longer, so those units stay affordable in our community.

President Brown: I think that is important for our residents and their families. The whole goal is for our families in Franklin County to have places to live that are safe and affordable for the long term. I appreciate that piece of work of what we're doing very much. I think this is a plan that's responsible to what we had asked you to put together and I appreciate that very much.

Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, offered a resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session to confer with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office concerning pending or imminent litigation and to consider personnel matters.

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

RESOLUTION TO BE PASSED AT BRIEFING SESSION

Resolution No. 0594-19 Resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters (Board of Commissioners).


Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0594-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 10:13 A.M.

At 11:25 A.M., Commissioner Boyce moved to come out of Executive Session, with Commissioner O’Grady seconding, which was unanimously approved. No action was taken upon exiting Executive Session, and with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

(Signature page follows.)

These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for August 15, 2019.


MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT


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