

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Minutes
August 2, 2018

President Boyce
Commissioner O'Grady

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the August 7, 2018 General Session and to discuss other matters pertaining to the programs of the agencies. These notes are a synopsis of the meeting.

President Boyce convened the meeting at 9:05 A.M.

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 (\$18,644.50).

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Jamie Edwards, Business Service Officer, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Margie L. Cooper at 1677 Elmore Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43224.

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

Ms. Edwards offered a resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Margie L. Cooper at 1677 Elmore Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43224.

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

Ms. Edwards offered a resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Tia R. Johnson at 7311 Foxfield Drive Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

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

Ms. Edwards offered a resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Roseann Melfi at 1975 Frank Road Columbus, Ohio 43223.

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

PUBLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management, offered a resolution authorizing a Contract Agreement with Kalkreuth Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. to perform Roofing and Siding activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center (\$4,833,537.00).

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

President Boyce: I really appreciate your updates on the inclusion and the effort you have made in managing inclusion. I want to talk to County Administration about this. Even when we have not been able to accomplish the goal, the effort has been made.

Ms. Reardon: It has been a team effort with Purchasing, our Small and Emerging Business Coordinator and County Administration.

PURCHASING

Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing Department, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,437,081.58).

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

Public Speaker was in attendance. Doreen Buchler.

Ms. Buchler: I volunteer at the Franklin County Dog Shelter and that is why I am here today. Volunteering at the Shelter has been both excruciatingly painful at times, and life changing. Before Assistant Director Finelli left, she gave me the volunteer figures for the first part of the year. From January through June, there were 12,363 volunteer hours. If that was a paid position paying \$10/hr, it would be over \$123,000. Volunteers play a big part in the dogs' enrichment at the Shelter. Over the last couple of years, the volunteer program has struggled with leadership. We have tried to overcome some things, but it has contributed to shortages. I am hopeful that the new volunteer coordinator will help implement a more stable and cohesive program. Thank you very much for the follow through on the University of Wisconsin study. That was a huge study and a big part of

changing some things. Some of the findings were scary to me at first, but we are all open to ways of keeping dogs out of the Shelter. I wanted to talk about the Dogs Playing for Life program. This is a structured play group time for 2-3 hours a day for the dogs. This training showed us how to assess the dogs, and how to incorporate the correct play groups. This brought the staff and volunteers together. I want to thank you for allowing us to do this program. I hope with the new Director we will have more programs like this. We have had community members come and watch the dogs playing and have adopted dogs afterwards.

Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator: Thank you for your service and commitment to the Shelter. I had the chance to see the Dogs Play for Life activities and it definitely has had a unifying effect on volunteers and staff. I expect that these activities will continue. This is an example of implementing best practices moving forward.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: I believe we are on the right path at the Shelter. We want to move in a progressive direction.

President Boyce: There is some excitement around the Shelter. We have new leadership coming in and you will find them talented and committed. I think things will flourish moving forward.

Mr. Janas: Ms. Buchler was a positive voice when we were going through the difficult time in 2016. We are grateful for your voice and leadership.

President Boyce: There might be some value in having you come to our General Session and making some comments about the Shelter. We will coordinate a time.

Commissioner O'Grady: How is the committee going?

Ms. Buchler: It is going well. The University of Wisconsin veterinarian came and spoke at one of the meetings. I am concerned about removing some of the screening. We want to see things moved in a good direction.

Kris Long, Deputy Administrator: In terms of the University of Wisconsin report, they are going to assist us continuing into next year to help us work through the challenges and recommendations.

Ms. Buchler: One of the recommendations in the University of Wisconsin report discussed staff training. One of the things we get feedback when dogs get pulled off the floor, which the kennel staff was having trouble with them. Simple changes to uniform changes and knowing the body language of the dogs. Staff training is going to help the dogs and the staff.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 A.M.

(Signature page follows.)

These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for August 2, 2018.


KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT


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