

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Minutes
August 31, 2017

Commissioner Brown
Commissioner Boyce

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the September 5, 2017 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.

Commissioner Brown convened the meeting at 9:03 A.M.

RESOLUTION TO BE PASSED

Resolution No. 608-17, authorizing the procurement of the public official bond for Treasurer-elect Cheryl A. Sullivan (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: This resolution would approve the purchase order to be able to procure the public official bond; the amount of the bond to pay for the first year premium is \$11,500.00. That includes \$10,000 for the rate, \$10.00 per thousand is the rate they charge plus a \$1,500 origination fee. From the guidance from Nick Soulas in the Prosecutor's Office have approved to accept the bond.

Commissioner Brown: I see the Treasurer-elect is in the room. Good morning, would you like to come up and say anything?

Ms. Sullivan: Good morning Commissioners and everyone. I didn't come prepared to make a statement. I wasn't sure how the meeting went, what the format was and if any statement was necessary. I'm very grateful for the support and all of the guidance I've received through this process. Everybody has been really great and I look forward to serving the community.

Commissioner Boyce: I would like to say, thanks for your patience in the process. I'm new to the county as well and I can tell you that the folks throughout this organization work really hard, are committed and I think you'll find that you'll have a great support system within Franklin County, so we'll look forward to working with you. I do want to direct a question at Mr. Talarek. You mentioned that this was the first year for bonding \$11,500. Will we be expected to come back each year and pay this bond premium and is that how it's normally done? Or will we pay it for the four (4) years and you add that 11 x 4 and then that's the price that we'll pay?

Mr. Talarek: We'll open up a purchase order each year for the remaining years of the premium. The bond is actually for the full four (4) year term, but they'll invoice us one year at a time in terms of the premium charge.

Commissioner Boyce: Got it, and that's not like any other insurance policy?

Mr. Talarek: Correct. In some cases, there are options to pay it all up front or pay it annually.

Commissioner Boyce: Excellent.

Commissioner Brown: Ms. Sullivan, I would like to say that we appreciate your patience and look forward to having a continued relationship and having the support of all of us working together. Thank you.

Ms. Sullivan: Greatly appreciated also. I'm look forward to working with you.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 608-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

CLERK OF COURTS

Jason Sankey, CIO, Clerk of Courts, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with MAPSYS, Inc. to support the data migration readiness for the Franklin County Justice System Modernization Project (\$44,376).

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

ENGINEER

W. Fritz Crosier, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer's Office, offered a resolution approving street, storm and water improvement plans for the Villages at Jefferson Run Phase 4 & 5, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

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

Commissioner Brown: Growing and growing out there.

Commissioner Boyce: Speaking of growth, whenever you're doing roadway improvements there's an opportunity to lay fiber optic wires and things that in the long term could be useful. Are we doing those things, have we thought about that working with the villages or those regions to do that kind of additional investment?

Mr. Crosier: Actually yes. There's the City of Columbus traffic signal system project that's been going on for several years. Franklin County Engineer's Office got in on that in 2012, 2013, laid several hundred miles of fiber. There's future cases that we're building the fiber backbone for Smart Columbus Project.

Commissioner Boyce: Great.

Mr. Crosier offered a resolution for authorization for the Franklin County Engineer to enter into an agreement with the City of Dublin for the inspection of various bridges, City of Dublin, Franklin County, Ohio.

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

Mr. Crosier offered a resolution for final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Tax (\$5) Funds to the Village of Marble Cliff (\$150,000).

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

Carla Marable, Director of Communication, Engineer's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a settlement to the City of Columbus for a property damage claim due to a vehicle accident involving a Franklin County Engineers Office employee (\$282.76).

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

Ms. Marable offered a resolution to report 2nd of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Melrose Avenue and Lamont Avenue drainage improvement, Franklin County, Ohio (\$7,852).

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

Ms. Marable offered a resolution to report 1st of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the State Route 665 Pump Station improvement project, Franklin County, Ohio (\$1,090).

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

Commissioner Brown: When you say Sanitary Engineering Project, is that something that our Sanitary Engineering is doing?

Ms. Marable, Yes, our Sanitary Engineering.

Commissioner Brown: So you work with Stephen Renner, Director, Sanitary Engineering, on this?

Ms. Marable: Yes.

Commissioner Brown: Ok, and his team?

Ms. Marable: Absolutely. They requested our help to acquire the right-of-way necessary.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ms. Marable offered a resolution authorizing the conveyance of real property located on Riggins Road for the purpose of transferring excess land from right-of-way.

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

VETERANS SERVICES

Buck Bramlish, Director, Veterans Services, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with Aarow Express, LLC; Blue Cab of America; Bobcat Radio Service, Inc.; Bobcat Taxi, LLC; Central Ohio German Village Taxi; Certified Network Columbus Taxi Service, Inc. dba Certified Zipmobility2go, Inc.; Metro Transportation, Inc.; Secure Transportation; Westside Taxi, LLC and Wheels To Go, Inc. for Medical Transportation Service (\$435,816).

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

Commissioner Brown: This is important service for transportation. One of the questions I've asked over the years, Mr. Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing, does it make sense since our Senior Options Agency, Job and Family Services and other agencies also do transportation that we could have master contracts? Would we get a better service rate and could we do it?

Mr. Kuespert: The difference is with Office on Aging is that they have their own software where all appointments and their healthcare, they make all their appointments through their system and the difficulty is trying to link all of the different systems and the same thing with Job and Family Services. You can't link all three of them together.

Commissioner Brown: I get that for the appointments, but for the procurement of the contracting.

Mr. Kuespert: It's all part of the scope of work. They're bidding on the scope of work and the evaluation of the contract is their ability to enter into the contract and part of it is with entering into the software and their ability to function in that system. It's not the price per mile; it's the whole scope of the contract document and their ability to perform under the scope. So I can't separate the price from their ability to perform under the scope of work.

Commissioner Brown: I've asked this question before and it seems like there should be a way.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: We should be able to get smarter and figure it out.

Commissioner Brown: Somehow there should be a way. I understand what you're saying about how Senior Options does this, but there should be a way because you're using the same companies and I don't get it. I bet we're not getting the best price.

Mr. Bramlish: We spoke with Office of Management and Budget's leadership just this past weekend. We are certainly open to exploring anything we can do to make the collaboration successful. It is a huge program, so if there's a way to do it that maximizes the dollar and a system out there, we'll cooperate in any way the county asks.

Commissioner Brown: I know.

Mr. Wilson: Commissioners, we have to look at this anyway. I've spoken with Job and Family Services about this and we'll have to speak about Aging as part of Smart Columbus. We've got to look at the smart transportation car system and we are going to have to recalibrate how we do transportation anyway to come in line with that.

Commissioner Brown: It is such an important part of getting our folks around to where they need to go. We have to include Veterans Services in all of these discussions.

Mr. Wilson: We've done that with home improvement services.

LAW LIBRARY

Angela Baldree, Director, Law Library, offered a resolution authorizing the Law Library to contract with the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resource Boards for services provided by the Public Services Law Librarian.

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

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

Ms. Baldree offered a resolution allowing the Law Library to enter into a three year countywide contract with Lexis Nexis in conjunction with the Board of County Commissioners, Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Court, Probate Court, the Clerk of Courts, the Public Defender, Child Support Enforcement, and the Prosecuting Attorney (\$19,718.12).

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

Mr. Wilson: Angela, you have a pretty big anniversary coming up, could you touch on that briefly.

Ms. Baldree: November 5, 2017 is the 130th anniversary of the Law Library and we will be having a celebration on November 15, 2017. More information will be coming soon, but I'm excited to announce we have secured Pulitzer Prize winning author Edward J. Larson to come and speak to anybody who would like to come. If you are unaware of him, he wrote the Pulitzer Prize winning book on the Scopes trial called Summer for the Gods. His brother is an attorney here in town, Steven Larson. He also won a fellowship to live and research for one year in Mt. Vernon, so he lived there and ended up writing a book about it called George Washington Nationalist which came out last year. He will be speaking for two (2) hours in the afternoon and then we will have a reception following in the Law Library. I'll be sending out more information about that.

FRANKLIN COUNTY DATA CENTER

Resolution No. 596-17 - Tabled on August 29, 2017

Julie Lust, Director of Financial Services, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with Presidio Networked Solutions Group LLC for Information Technology Infrastructure Services (\$3,446,800).

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

ANIMAL CONTROL

Deb Finelli, Assistant Director, Animal Control, offered a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a gift from the Kathryn M. Reho Estate.

Ms. Finelli 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 contract with Access 2 Interpreters LLC for the interpretation and translation services (\$1,628,188.87).

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

Commissioner Brown: I saw the editorial in the paper the other day about the consortium put together to work with the refugee community and thank you for the leadership that Job and Family Service has taken with that. We are doing so many good things to get that editorial out into the community was really well done.

Ms. Bivens: The staff person that spoke on our behalf, she was one of our Emerging Leaders. They asked me if I wanted to do it, but I wanted to make sure that we give them an opportunity, because that's something she is passionate about. She works in that community, she actually represents me on the New American Advisory Council.

Commissioner Brown: The other organizations do such a great job to have that partnership and all working in the same direction.

Ms. Bivens offered a resolution authorizing the Franklin County Job and Family Services Director to execute agreements and any other necessary documents for inter-county release and acceptance of funds with Montgomery County Department of Job and Family Services, Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services, and Summit County Department of Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Boyce: I remembered you have briefed me about this earlier in the year and I think this a really good example of the state and the counties working together to get the most out of what is often federal funds that's needed in one county might not be as needed in other county. But the formulas are all still the same. This is a good example of everybody working together to make Ohio a great place to live. That's probably understated in this exchange, but it's really a big deal. When you've been in legislature where you see all the discrepancies from one county to the next, this is really a big deal and good work. It takes time for folks to sit down and figure out what works for you, what can we can do and then let the exchange occur. This is great work.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, just so you know, sitting down with Christy Russell, CFO, Job and Family Services, we believe this is the first time we've done this before in history, and \$142,000 for a smaller county makes a huge difference.

Mr. Wilson: FAET is the Food Assistance Employment Training to keep us to be able to use those dollars to train people to make them job ready, particularly Director Bivens and I have talked about construction work shortage and what can we do about it and how can we use these dollars. By cooperation between counties, it's more likely that valuable dollars will go to help people versus dollars being sent back because they were in the wrong pot.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement, offered a resolution authorizing a Contract between the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency and Capital Law

School to assist the CSEA in the development of domestic violence, screening, referral and education services as part of the CARE-PJAC Federal Grant (\$70,000).

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

Ms. Torriero offered a resolution authorizing a Contract between the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency and Goodwill, Inc. to provide work readiness services as part of the CARE-PJAC Federal Grant in an amount (\$275,000).

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

HOMELAND SECURITY AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Resolution No. 601-17 - Tabled on August 29, 2017

Michael Daniels, Justice Policy Coordinator, Homeland Security and Justice Programs, offered a resolution authorizing a supplemental appropriation, an interfund loan from the General Fund to Justice Programs Fund, and an agreement with the Franklin County Municipal Court to provide support of work release programming for eligible misdemeanants (\$100,000).

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

PUBLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Jim Goodenow, Director, Public Facilities Management, offered a resolution authorizing a Contract Agreement with George J. Igel & Company, Inc. to perform Site Work and Underground Utilities activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center (\$2,830,243).

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

Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator: Commissioners, we'll continue to work with your office to nail down the ceremonial ground breaking. That will be sometime in early October. Work might begin a little bit before hand, but we'll find a date that works for all of your offices.

Keena Smith, Deputy County Administrator: Mr. Goodenow, could you talk a little bit about any small business or disadvantaged business engagement on the contract?

Mr. Goodenow: Certainly. Igel is a local firm and has a lot of contacts in the community. They, like all the contractors we will be dealing with, we'll be emphasizing our local workforce participation and SEBE participation. This particular contract in the scope has

identified at least one permit that's going to be handling part of the project and they have some long standing agreements with local SBE's and trucking services that we had anticipated will try and reach out and try to secure work.

Ms. Smith: Marleise Wicker is working closely with them as well.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Rob Young, Director, Human Resources, 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 (1,039,996.90).

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

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 A.M.


(Signature page follows.)

These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for August 31, 2017.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT

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