

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Minutes
September 7, 2017

Commissioner Boyce

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the September 12, 2017 General Session. These notes are a synopsis of the meeting.

Commissioner Boyce convened the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

CLERK OF COURTS

Shawn Rieder, Director of Fiscal Services, Clerk of Courts, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with Huntington National Bank for Banking Services (\$10,000).

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

Commissioner Boyce: What kind of account is it?

Mr. Rieder: A checking account that provides a disbursement and depository.

MUNICIPAL COURT

John Davenport, Deputy Administrator, Municipal Court, offered a resolution authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for appointed counsel expenditures.

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

Mr. Davenport offered a resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding for the continuation of support for the Franklin County Municipal Court Specialized Dockets. (\$340,000).

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

CORONER

Matthew Caudill, Director, Coroner's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for the purchase of medical supplies, services, and equipment.

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

Commissioner Boyce: Is it normal that we have multiple transfer requests in one resolution?

Zak Talarek, Director, OMB: We have in different operations. We could have done the capital in a separate resolution. Knowing that we had the funds available this year, it made sense to expedite that purchase.

Commissioner Boyce: Ok. In the future we may need to think about having multiple requests in one resolution. Also, you mentioned an increase in autopsies. Is that in relation to the opiate deaths or a combination of other deaths?

Mr. Caudill: Our data suggest that the number of deaths are pretty spread out among overdoses, homicides, suicides and traffic deaths. All of these categories are higher at this point than it was last year at the same time.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: Commissioner, it is also helpful to know that we are a regional Coroner's Office. We are one of seven regional Coroner's Offices in the state. We take cases from other counties in the region as well.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you for that additional information. Mr. Caudill, do the increase in autopsies include the other counties we help or just Franklin County?

Mr. Caudill: That includes the other counties in our region that we assist.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you.

FLEET MANAGEMENT

Charlotte, Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management, offered a resolution to rescind Resolution 175-16, authorizing a settlement to Mr. Gordon Champagne for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy.

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

SHERIFF

Albert Smith, Budget Manager, Sheriff's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a settlement to Mary Champagne for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (\$500).

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

Mr. Smith offered a resolution authorizing a transfer of appropriations and a purchase order for the return of prisoners.

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

VETERANS SERVICES

Resolution No. 617-17 - Tabled on September 05, 2017

Angela Cline, Administrative Officer, 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).

Ms. Cline 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 four (4) subaward agreements with Community Refugee and Immigration Services, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, Jewish Family Services, and US Together, Inc. for Employability Programs under the Refugee Social Services Program (\$729,785).

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

Commissioner Boyce: I know that each of these organizations have a representative on the New Americans Advisory Council in some capacity. It would be great if they can put additional information about the number of people that uses their services and the successes they can put in their annual report.

OFFICE ON AGING

Amy Funk, Manager of Finance, Office on Aging, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with Direct Effect Solutions, Inc. to provide implementing workforce and technology services (\$45,000).

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Mark Paxson, Interim Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution amending the County's Federal Citizen Participation Plan adopting the Department of Housing and Urban Developments (HUD) Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule.

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

Commissioner Boyce: What are some of the changes that were made to be in compliance with the new rule?

Mr. Paxson: We had to make changes to allow the citizens to have their voices heard.

Mr. Paxson offered a resolution approving a Reciprocal Easement Agreement and Subordination of an Existing County Loan for the National Church Residences Avondale Woods project.

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

Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning offered a resolution to review of Petition to Annex 16.09 +/- acres from Plain Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-13-17.

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

Ms. Snapp offered a resolution to review of petition to annex 0.4 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City - Case #ANX- 16-17.

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

Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning offered a resolution approving the recommendations of the 2017 Franklin County Tax Incentive Review Councils (TIRCs).

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

Commissioner Boyce: Whenever you talk about tax incentives, it is important to focus on the real impact and results like the jobs and the revenue. This is a good example of us to use our statutory resources to grow jobs and our economy. Please highlight these same data points on Tuesday.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Steve Wygle, Quality Assurance Manager, Child Support Enforcement, offered a resolution authorizing a Contract between the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency and Jewish Family Services, Inc. to provide work readiness services as part of the CARE-PJAC Federal Grant in an amount not to exceed (\$292,000).

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

HOMELAND SECURITY AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Kysten Palmore, Justice Policy Programs, offered a resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Courtney Benner for provision of re-entry data collection and administrative services through the FY 2015 Justice and Mental Health Collaborative (\$10,000).

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

Commissioner Boyce: Is this for services to come or for services in the past?

Ms. Palmore: Services to come.

Commissioner Boyce: The resolution read that we are to share our data with counties around the country. Can you describe why we have a role in sharing our data nationally?

Ms. Palmore: Our Justice and Mental Health Collaborative has been doing very well. Periodically, the Council of State Governments calls on us to provide lessons learned to jurisdictions across the country about how we are able to implement our Pathways program in the jail. We often do webinars for the Council of State Governments. We are looking to exceed our outcomes from when we originally wrote the grant.

Commissioner Boyce: I wanted to point that out because I want the public to know that we are spending money nationally, but the connection is the one with the Council of State Governments. We get so many ideas and information from them that it is important to be a part of a network of sharing what we have learned. We get a lot from this relationship.

Greg Plantz, Fiscal Administrator, Homeland Security and Justice Programs, offered a resolution authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for various operational expenditures.

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 Julie Whitney-Scott (\$25,000).

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

Mr. Bower offered a resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claim against the County by William Patterson (\$10,000).

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

Mr. Bower offered a resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claims against the County by Dennis Steele (\$2,000)

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

Mr. Bower offered a resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claims against the County by William McCoy (\$5,000)

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

Mr. Bower offered a resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claim against the County by Alex Hawkins (\$20,000).

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 (\$2,151,418.07).

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, offered a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission for collection in calendar year 2018 and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

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

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 A.M.

(Signature page follows.)

These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for September 7, 2017.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



MARILYN BROWN



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