

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

February 20, 2018

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

Present were: Kevin L. Boyce, President  
Marilyn Brown, Commissioner  
John O'Grady, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Nick Soulas, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant, Prosecuting Attorney Office; Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

**Resolution No. 128-18**, resolution authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation to support the FCJS Modernization Project (Clerk Of Courts), presented by Jason Sankey, Chief Information Officer, Clerk of Courts and Adam Luckhaupt, Chief Information Officer, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Sankey: Good morning Commissioners. The approval of this resolution would authorize a transfer of funds from the Criminal Justice Information System Fund to provide consulting services to assist in project management, evaluation and demonstration support as the County moves forward with the selection of a new court case management system. This resolution has been reviewed and approved by the E-Governance Board.

Commissioner O'Grady: This is exciting. This has been the entirety of my career in County government.

Commissioner Brown: This is a long time coming.

President Boyce: For the public, this is the kind of program that helps speed things along, make things smoother, and eliminate mishaps in the justice system.

Commissioner O'Grady: This is going to allow for computer systems to talk to each other. This will allow for all of County government and all agencies involved in the justice system to communicate with each other and pass information back and forth. It will allow for the manipulation of that data, so we can see and understand better how the information can be

used. It helps a probation officer know when their clients have any appointments with the justice system. We will know as Commissioners how many people are in our jails and what the costs are. This is a fantastic system.

President Boyce: When you consider the size of Franklin County, it makes sense to have a system like this.

Commissioner O'Grady: Let me go even further, we will be able to communicate with other counties around the state as well. If we pick up someone here and they have an arrest warrant in another county, it will automatically notify that county.

Commissioner Brown: Data driven justice work will be facilitated. This is about people.

Mr. Luckhaupt: If there is a domestic violence occurrence, that can propagate to Children Services for potential foster care. These are the kind of things that can save lives.

Commissioner O'Grady: This is something Commissioner Brown has been working on for so long.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 128-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

President Boyce: Our guest has arrived. We wanted to take time each Tuesday morning to highlight something in Central Ohio or Ohio that is connected to African-American history. Today we have Dr. Charles Wash, Director of the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center.

Dr. Wash: Thank you for having me here. We as the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center always take the opportunity to share what we do on a daily basis. Black history is American history. I am also an adjunct professor at Central State University. We not only collect and preserve history, but share this information. I wanted to share some of the things we are doing. Not many people know that we are celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. We were the first national African-American museum in the United States. The National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center, in the 1980's, was supposed to be what the Smithsonian built in Washington D.C. The state of Ohio did it justice by taking on the project.

We have a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibit we are building. We are shooting for April to have it. We are working on an exhibit about the struggles of the late 1960's and 1970's. This is an important story to tell. We also have some of our art at the National Museum of African American History and Culture and they consulted us. We have connections around the world. Over the last three or four years, we have seen an uptick in interest in African American protest art throughout Western Europe. We have been collecting art in the late 1970's before the building was built and we have art that you will not find anywhere else.

The theme this year for Black History is African Americans in Times of War. We have an African American World War II exhibit on display right now until 2020. Please come visit us. It sheds a new light on African Americans in World War II. This exhibit shows not only what they did in war, but at home as well. One of the concerns that I have heard since I have been Director is that we are in Wilberforce, OH. We have been focusing on bringing the history to Columbus. Later this fall, we are going to unveil our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Black Heritage Art Show. This will take place at the Ohio History Center. A third of the artists over the past four years are from the Columbus area.

One of the things we are trying to do is get our kids in the schools to visit us in Wilberforce. We used to do this back in the 1980's and 90's. Economics and the time period played a part in reducing the number of school visits. We are looking for grants and other opportunities to bus kids to come see us. With arts being cut out of the school system these days, most of our kids have not had the opportunity to see this type of art. We have reconnected with some schools and will continue to build more relationships.

A lot of the work we do and the collections we have are able to be seen online. It is available at [www.ohiomemory.org](http://www.ohiomemory.org). This is an online repository for our digital images. We are always adding to the collection. You can see thousands of photographs. We have a 30 for 30 campaign for our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you for being here again. The virtual collection is amazing, but being there in person is even better. Can you give the ways that people can get information about the Museum?

Dr. Wash: You can go to our webpage. It is off of the main page of the Ohio History Connection page.

Commissioner O'Grady: Dr. Wash, you mentioned that you are focusing on African Americans in war. We will be opening the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, here in Columbus, and there is going to be an exhibit that focuses on Tuskegee Airmen. This was their home base. There is an effort that schools throughout Ohio will know and understand that there is a focus on the Tuskegee Airmen at the Museum. We will make sure to have people in touch with you, to make sure there is a connection between your museum and this one.

Dr. Wash: Thank you. That is an important part of our history. We have papers in our archives of the Tuskegee Airmen. Many people might have seen the movie Red Tails, but many do not know they were here in Ohio and that is something we should take pride in.

President Boyce: Black History Month is a rich story of American history. What you represent is the passing on of information and history from one generation to the next that allows us to value it deeper. Nearly everyone came to America from other places. Our history comes together to define what America is. Last week we reflected on the Harlem Renaissance and its artistic impact and cultural impact to American history. You should connect with Larry James, Tom Katzenmeyer and Nanette Maciejunes at the art museum because there is a real collaborative opportunity there. Stephanie Hightower, CEO, Columbus Urban League, will be hosting the National Urban League

Conference this summer. There may be an opportunity to display some artwork at the conference. This is the perfect time and you bring the perfect resource to the conversation. Thank you for coming. The National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center is funded by the state of Ohio through the Ohio History Connection.

**Resolution No. 129-18**, resolution accepting the annual bridge inspection report for 2017 (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is the annual bridge inspection report for 2017. We inspected each of the 366 bridges, nine of which are owned by railroads. I have some good news to share and some to be aware of. No bridge conditions are listed as failed, imminent failure, critical or serious. 87% of the bridges were rated satisfactory or better. 47 bridges were rated fair or poor, which are the condition categories when we start to program bridges for rehabilitation or resurfacing.

President Boyce: I went out on a bridge inspection last year. It is one of those things you do not think about until something goes wrong. It is amazing what goes into the inspection. Your office should be commended by staying ahead of this and keeping the Commissioners abreast on this information.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 129-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 130-18**, resolution authorizing a contract with IBI Group, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing preliminary engineering for the Hayden Run Road under I-270 Shared-Use Path project, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$76,111), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this capital improvement project is in the northwest part of the county along Hayden Run Road, under I-270 and over Hayden Run Creek. This resolution is for a preliminary design contract with IBI. It will be a coordinated project with Franklin County, City of Columbus, and Hilliard. The project will help fill an existing gap in the Shared-Use Path and we will rehabilitate that bridge on Hayden Run Road.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 130-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 131-18**, resolution authorizing a contract with Evans, Mechwart, Hambleton & Tilton, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in preparing right-of-way and construction plans for the Roberts Road Shared-Use Path project (Engineer) (\$44,843), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This capital improvement project is in the northwest part of the county along Roberts Road from West Rock Drive east to Clover Groff Run. This will be a coordinated project with Franklin County, City of Columbus and Hilliard. It will fill a gap in the Shared-Use Path from West Rock Drive east to Clover Groff Run.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 131-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 132-18**, resolution authorizing a contract PRIME AE Group, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in providing engineering services, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$100,000), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this is a general engineering services contract with PRIME AE. We expect to have them help us with some projects in Valley View area that will complete gaps in the Camp Chase Trail.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 132-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 133-18**, resolution authorizing contracts with Affiliated Resource Group, Inc., Direct IT Ltd. and Draft Co, Inc. to provide expert consulting services (Engineer) (\$179,130), presented by Carla Marable, Director of Communications, Engineer's Office.

Ms. Marable: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution seeks approval for a professional services contract with Affiliated Resource Group, Inc., Direct IT Ltd. and Draft Co. for IT services. Each of these vendors provides IT services such as technical support for our inventory management system and also for our networking infrastructure security system. We have worked with all of these vendors in the past and Draft Co. is a veteran owned small business.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 133-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 134-18**, resolution for report 2nd, establishing sums of compensation and damages for a portion of the owners on the Morse Road at Kitzmiller Road improvement project, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$12,767), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution seeks compensation and damages for one of the property owners along the Morse Road at Kitzmiller Road improvement project located in both Jefferson and Plain Townships. We are recommending that these cases are appropriated, which will allow us to maintain the construction schedule while allowing additional time for further negotiations.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 134-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 135-18**, resolution for report 3rd, establishing sums of compensation and damages for a portion of the owners on the Morse Road at Kitzmiller Road improvement project, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$42,180), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: This resolution also seeks compensation and damages for another property owner along the Morse Road at Kitzmiller Road improvement project. We are recommending appropriations for this property owner as well.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 135-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 136-18**, resolution for report 4th of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Morse Road at Kitzmiller Road improvement, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$12,500), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution seeks compensation and damages for another property owner along the Morse Road at Kitzmiller Road improvement project. We have successfully negotiated with this property owner. Their property was appraised by a licensed appraiser and the compensation was based on fair market value.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 136-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 137-18**, resolution approving a subaward agreement with Columbus Urban League for CCMEP In-school Youth Services (Job and Family Services) (\$1,525,000), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution blends both TANF and WIOA dollars to service opportunity youth from age 14-24 year olds. When the program was initially launched, it only serviced 16-24 year olds that were out of school. Later on, the state gave guidance to service the 14-15 year olds year around. The Columbus Urban League has been one of our partners for many years. They became a partner with us in this program that we re-branded as Achieve More and Prosper. We felt that CCMEP sounded clinical and no young person would catch on to that, so we re-branded it. I would like Ms. Hightower to discuss the program and introduce one of our participants.

Ms. Hightower: We appreciate the continued partnership and your belief in our work. I will most definitely get in contact with Dr. Wash for the National Urban League Conference. The Columbus Urban League is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. We were created because of the great migration of 1917 when African Americans came up from the South. The unfortunate thing is that 100 years later, we are still having to put together programs like this. My thought is that after 100 years, the Columbus Urban League would be out of existence. We welcome the opportunity to really help you to carry out the mission of the Commissioners and have an opportunity to work with young people like David Helm. He exemplifies why this program exists. This is why we do our work. It is not just about work, it is about leadership development, character development, and making sure our young people are ready for the next phase of their lives. We have a lot of young people who have that untapped potential. I get to see the by-product of this training.

Mr. Helm: Good morning. I did not prepare any remarks, but I am always ready. That is thanks to the Columbus Urban League and the work they have done. I come from West Virginia and the 2<sup>nd</sup> most impoverished county in the state. I come from a single parent household. My mom and I moved to Ohio when I was five years old. I came across the Urban League when I got a little older. My friends were telling me to look into the Urban League because they do a lot of good work. I was hesitant at first, but ended up giving the Urban League a try. I am thankful I did. My first year with the Urban League, I learned how to be more mature, manage money and leadership skills. I was 2016 Boys Buckeye State Governor and that was a great experience. I owe a lot of the skills I learned to become the Governor to the Columbus Urban League. The Urban League plays a pivotal role in tapping into that untapped potential that exists in every youth in our community. I am just one example of the many. I am very thankful. Had it not been for the Urban League I would not be where I am at today. (round of applause)

Ms. Bivens: Mr. Helm is the epitome of what this program emulates. We want to be more transformative than transactional this year. Mr. Helm, thank you for sharing your story because that is why we do, what we do at Jobs and Family Services. That is why the Commissioners allow us to do what we do because they want as many young people to be successful as you are.

President Boyce: Thank you Mr. Helm for sharing your story. It is important that the public hear how we are investing our money and the outcomes. You reminded me of myself. The things that you pick up and learn are the soft skills about working. I can tell that you have been in a professional environment by the way you present and interact with others. That comes from job experience. This is one of the programs that it is hard to measure the multiple layers of the outcomes. It is easy to say that we put X number of people in jobs, but the things that we do not see are the soft skills that are not often measured. You are the best example of all of those layers coming to fruition and demonstrating what it means to invest in our young people. I want to encourage you to continue to invest in yourself. I have worked at various levels of government and there is no level of investment like the county for our youth.

Commissioner Brown: We are investing dollars, but we are really investing in lives. Thank you for being here to show us the importance of investing in people.

Ms. Hightower: I want to recognize my staff for their work on these programs. Once you see these young people and what they can do, it is inspiring.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: I was very grateful for the opportunity to attend the boot camp last year. When I got there, it was a motivation to see the young people that survived the boot camp. It was good to see how the groups bonded together in a short period of time. I told the youth that it is important that you give a good appearance and impression to others. Mr. Helm is the perfect example of what I was talking about. It is very difficult for young people to be something that they do not see. Examples like Mr. Helm gives young people something they can see and follow.

Ms. Bivens: This is a program that came out of the Governor's 2016-2017 budget. This is in partnership with the Central Ohio Workforce Development Board. This is a program that we assist in eliminating barriers first. The Urban League works with these youth year around. The Urban League will work with 225 in-school youth between ages 14-18 years old and referring eligible out of school youth 18-24 years old to our other providers.

President Boyce: Where will someone go if anyone listening or watching would want to sign their student up or get more information?

Ms. Bivens: You can go to our Franklin County Jobs and Family Services website or the Columbus Urban League's website at cul.org.

(group picture)

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 137-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 138-18**, resolution authorizing a one-year collaboration agreement with Franklin County Public Health to administer contracts for health care services for low income, underinsured, or uninsured County residents (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Office of Management and Budget.

Ms. McCrary: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution would authorize a one-year collaboration with Franklin County Public Health so that we can enter into contracts with health serving organizations such as Cancer Support Community of Central Ohio, Central Ohio Diabetes Association, Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Heart of Ohio Family Health Center, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Physicians Care Connection and PrimaryOne Health.



Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 138-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 139-18**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$4,313,010.07), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing the Purchasing Department. The resolution before you requests approval of 138 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 139-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 140-18**, resolution authorizing a contract with Frost Brown Todd for services associated with bond counsel and provide advice in public finance matters during 2018 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution would authorize a contract with Frost Brown Todd to serve as bond counsel and provide advice in other public finance matters. This includes the review of the County's post-issuance compliance policy for the issuance of debt. That is related to the \$15,000 purchase order that is attached to this resolution. There will allow repayment pending the issuance of bonds later in the year, based on par amount of bonds.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 140-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 141-18**, resolution authorizing a contract with Bricker & Eckler for services associated with arbitrage, rebate, and yield restriction compliance during 2018 (Board of Commissioners) (\$10,000), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, related to the issuance of bonds, this contract allows the County to meet its obligations under IRS requirements to ensure that rebate calculations are calculated on tax-exempt bonds.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 141-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 142-18**, resolution authorizing a consultant agreement with Ice Miller, in an amount not to exceed \$280,000, for legal and consulting services (Board of Commissioners) (\$280,000), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, this contract for legal services is related to our collective bargaining matters and our workers compensation claims.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 142-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 143-18**, resolution authorizing the use of a portion of the proceeds of bonds or bond anticipation notes of the County, in the estimated principal amount of not to exceed \$200,000,000, to be issued for the purpose of constructing the new Franklin County Jail; and to reimburse the County's General Fund or Public Safety Center Fund for moneys advanced for such purpose (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, this resolution would allow the County to reimburse itself for any expenditures of any construction costs incurred this year as well as for any architecture or engineering costs for the previous three years prior to the sales tax backed bonds being issued later this year. We just closed the request for proposal process for underwriting services and hope by the end of March to present recommendations to the Commissioners for your approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 143-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 144-18**, resolution endorsing legislation in the Ohio General Assembly to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Long: Good morning Commissioners. It is the policy of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to promote equality and equal protection for all residents. The Ohio Revised Code does not currently prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. House Bill 160, known as the "Ohio Fairness Act", is pending in the 132nd Ohio General Assembly, and would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. The Franklin County Commissioners have supported past efforts to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, adopting Resolution No. 0508-09 endorsing House Bill 176 of the 128th Ohio General Assembly. The Franklin County Board of Commissioners has long been an advocate for all in our community, and Franklin County is an open and welcoming County for all of our residents and visitors. A job market that allows for discriminatory policies inhibits its ability to attract and retain top talent and employers, hindering its ability to have an inclusive and thriving economy. All Ohioans have the right to be treated fairly and equally, to be evaluated on the basis of their merit, and to enjoy full and equal protection under the laws of Ohio. Therefore this resolution would support legislation in the Ohio General Assembly, including House Bill 160 pending

in the 132nd Ohio General Assembly, to change Ohio's anti-discrimination laws to include sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. It also urges the Ohio General Assembly to pass legislation to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression and requires the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, Majority and Minority Leadership in the Senate and House of Representatives, and the Franklin County Legislative Delegation.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you for getting this done. What we now know in this state and our community is that being open and welcoming to everyone makes us stronger. I am fully supportive of this approach. I hope the state is willing to take this up.

President Boyce: It is important for the Legislature, from time to time, to hear from Franklin County via the form of resolution. These kinds of documents make their way through the General Assembly. They do not always agree or take action, but when a resolution is delivered there, it is shared with the members of both parties and gives them perspective on our county on certain issues. I think this is a perfect way to communicate to the Legislature on a subject that can be easily embraced by the residents of Franklin County.

Commissioner O'Grady: This is us being consistent.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 144-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board, read one (1) Journalization into the record:

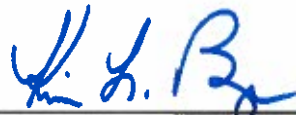
**Case #ANX-05-18** - An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition ANX-05-18 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on February 13, 2018. The petition is requesting to annex 20.2 +/- acres from Perry Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on March 20, 2018.

**Site: 5586-5610 Riverside Drive (PID# 212-000060, 212-000166, 212-000421 & 212-000423)**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 A.M.

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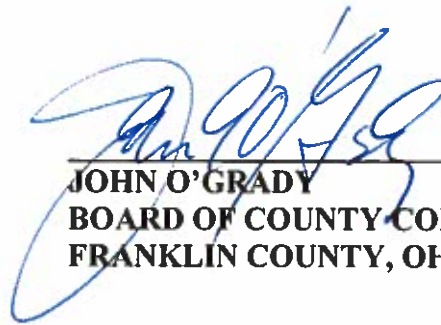
These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of February 20, 2018.



**KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT**



**MARILYN BROWN**



**JOHN O'GRADY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



**Antwan Booker, Clerk**