

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

June 19, 2018

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

Present were: Kevin L. Boyce, President
Marilyn Brown, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Harold Anderson, Director of Business, Contracts and Zoning Unit, Prosecuting Attorney Office; Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Antwan Booker, Clerk.

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

President Boyce: This morning we have a number of guests. We have Stephanie Rauschenbach, for promotion for the Franklin County Fair, presenting the line-up and new offerings at the fair. Also in attendance, Mike Frank with Mid-Ohio Food Bank and Steve Roher with 4H Livestock Sale Committee to talk about their unique partnership.

Ms. Rauschenbach: Thank you for this opportunity. I am here to share some updates of the 101st Franklin County Fair. The eight day event will be held in Hilliard. It will begin Saturday, July 14th through Saturday, July 21st. The Fair Board has worked tirelessly to plan an event that will represent the County and appeal to a diverse range of residents we have. We believe this year will offer something for everyone. We will be welcoming our littlest guest to a new and expanded kid zone. It will feature rides and attractions for them and some seating and shade for their parents.

On Sunday, July 15th, we will be hosting a free family movie night in the Grand Stand. On Saturday, July 21st, we will be hosting the Franklin County Sheriff's Kids and Cops Day. We will have a monster truck thrill show. The rodeo will be back, a magic show, harness racing, truck pull, drag racing and demolition derby. We are looking forward to hosting the Commissioners on Thursday, July 19th for the pie judging contest.

Commissioner Brown: What is the pie this year?

Ms. Rauschenbach: It is peach this year. We are also looking forward to welcoming Engineer Robertson on July 18th for the chili cook off. You can find the full schedule of events at fcfair.org. Now Mr. Frank and Mr. Roher will talk about the partnership they have created this year.

Mr. Roher: Thank you for the support you have given to us over the years. We now have a swine barn to combat them from getting sick. I got involved with the fair by suggesting that we do something for the kids that are raising livestock. I have worked tirelessly and contacted over 500 businesses to get them to come to the fair. A man suggested that we should partner with the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. What we have tried to do is use the Mid-Ohio Foodbank and our resources to get some good, fresh products to the people that need it most. Ms. Rauschenbach did not mention one event on July 19th, which we will be having an event called Brews, Bites and Bids. The local craft breweries and local restaurants will be there and we are tying it into the bids on the animals. There will be judging on the best brewery and restaurant.

Mr. Frank: Last year, with the help of the former dean of agriculture at Ohio State University, we devised a plan to work with county fairs to find opportunities to bring more protein into homes of those who are struggling. One in four Ohioans struggle with food insecurity every day. What we have heard the most from our clients is that protein is the most important part of their diet and the most important part to live healthy and happy lives. When you are struggling with food insecurity and have five dollars in your pocket, you are going to buy food that is not nourishing, but will last longer. Meat is the most important part of what I do at the Foodbank. This year alone, we will be distributing nearly 70 million pounds of food to the twenty counties that we serve. To do that, I need to find products that people can use to make their lives healthy and happy. We partnered with Franklin County Fair last year. When you go to an auction of this nature, a lot of people are not looking to take the meat home. They want to help the young person and support the community. This is a unique opportunity for us to get involved and allow us to ask those who buy the animal to donate the meat to someone who needs it most. The Mid-Ohio Foodbank is going to be paying for the packing and processing of the meat that will get into the hands of people who need it most. If you go to the auction, you pay your bid and the market value of that animal. Last year, we were able to get over a dozen animals donated to us with no promotion. I would implore everyone to join us in this effort. This is an opportunity to get fresh meat into the hands of people who need it most. Buying locally raised meat is expensive. If you have any questions, let me know. We are working with other fairs in the twenty counties we serve. I was blown away by these young people who raise these livestock.

Mr. Roher: I left tickets for the livestock auction with Robin Dever.

President Boyce: Thank you for coming down today. Counties are the oldest form of government in the state of Ohio. When I was running for State Treasurer, I visited over half the county fairs in the state. Each county has their signature event that showcases their culture. I remember bidding on my first hog at a county fair. When I won the bid, the little girl, who was the owner, was sad. I end up donating it back to her. Remember to visit fcfair.org. The fair begins on July 14th-July 21st. We encourage our residents to come out and support.

Commissioner Brown: What time is the ribbon cutting on July 14th?

Ms. Rauschenbach: It will be at 12 noon in the Hilliard Historical Village.

(group picture)

Approval of the minutes of May 29, 2018 General Session. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 442-18, resolution authorizing contract extensions for Title Insurance Services (\$400,000.00) (Prosecuting Attorney), presented by Harold Anderson, Director of Business, Contracts and Zoning Unit, Prosecuting Attorney Office.

Mr. Anderson: This resolution authorizes the execution of three contract extensions for our Tax Unit title search services. These contracts were originally bid in 2017 and this resolution will authorize the first of three potential one year extensions. These title services are needed for our Tax Unit tax foreclosures and are required by local rule.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 442-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 443-18, resolution authorizing a contract with E.L. Robinson Engineering of Ohio Company, consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in providing engineering services, Franklin County, Ohio (\$25,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is a professional services contract with E.L. Robinson. We have asked for their help in engineering services for a bridge along Rohr Road over Railroad tracks, west of Alum Creek Drive.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 443-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 444-18, resolution authorizing County Engineer Cornell R. Robertson to submit applications and execute project agreements on behalf of Franklin County for Ohio Public Works Commission funding of road and bridge projects (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution will ask for your authorization to submit for road and bridge projects with OPWC. The list of projects we are considering to apply for is Alum Creek Drive at Rohr Road; Rohr Road at SR317; Norton Road at Johnson Road; Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Clark State Road; and Leppert Road north of Davidson Road.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 444-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 445-18, resolution endorsing applications submitted by County Engineer Cornell R. Robertson on behalf of Franklin County for Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission-attributable federal funding of road and bridge projects (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this is a similar resolution for MORPC funding. The projects we are considering for application are: Frank Road from Gantz Road to Hardy Parkway Street-Brown Road; Havens Corners Road from Taylor Station Road to Reynoldsburg – New Albany Road; Winchester Pike at Noe-Bixby Road; and Alum Creek Drive over Big Walnut Creek.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 445-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 446-18, resolution to approve right of way plans approved for the replacement of the structure on Trabue Road over Norfolk Southern Railroad (FRA-CR27-7.85), Prairie Township and Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Carla Marable, Director of Communications, Engineer’s Office.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution seeks approval of the right-of-way plans for the Trabue Road 7.85 over Norfolk Southern Railroad. This is a collaborative project with the City of Columbus and will consist of a complete replacement of the super structure, the approaches and widen the bridge to accommodate a shared used path. This resolution will allow our office move forward to purchase the right-of-way necessary for this project. Construction is scheduled for 2019.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 446-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 447-18, resolution for report (1st) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Borror Road over Patzer Ditch improvement, Franklin County, Ohio (\$2,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution seeks compensation for a property owner abutting the Borror Road over Patzer Ditch project between SR105 and Buckeye Parkway. We negotiated with the property owner and offered fair market compensation.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 447-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 448-18, resolution authorizing a transfer of appropriations and a purchase order for the return of prisoners (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff’s Office.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution authorizes the transfer of appropriations and the approval of the purchase order to cover the necessary expenses incurred in pursuit and transportation of prisoners. The appropriations cover expenses for transporting 30 prisoners during January, 32 during February, 45 during March and 62 during April. The itemized monthly reports have been submitted and approved by the Sheriff.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 448-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 449-18, resolution authorizing the County Administrator and the Franklin County Dog Shelter & Adoption Center to enter into agreements with Dogs Playing for Life (Animal Control), presented by Don Winstel, Director, Animal Care and Control.

Mr. Winstel: This resolution will authorize the County Administrator and the Dog Shelter to enter into sponsorship agreements with Dogs Playing for Life. The Dogs Playing for Life program is recommended by the University of Wisconsin's report. It has been added to shelters across the US and Canada. The program is based on the premise that dogs are social animals and play exercise improves the quality of life for shelter dogs. We have had 27 volunteers that have signed up for the program and we will have a core group of 8-14 employees that will participate. Other shelters have expressed interest in this program and will be sending representatives.

Commissioner Brown: Are there opportunities for people to continue to sign up? How will they get additional information?

Mr. Winstel: They will contact me directly through the general Dog Shelter number on our website. There will be some limitations based on capacity of our facility. It is a two-step program. You sit in on a power point presentation for four hours, then move to the hands on step.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 449-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 450-18, 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 and the Targeted Assistance Grant Program (\$654,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Good morning Commissioners. Franklin County is the only county JFS in the state that receives these types of funds. In 2016, our Franklin County collaborative was awarded a two year grant to help eligible newly arrived refugees across Central Ohio to

address challenges and barriers to employment, such as language, education and work scales. The ultimate goal is the help move these individuals who have been impacted by trauma and violence into employment as soon as possible. To date, this collaborative has assisted more than 1,700 refugees. More than 1,000 have been placed in employment. Most of these jobs are full time with benefits with a starting wage of \$12.75/hour. The collaborative is a prime example of an agency's goal to be more collaborative regarding integrated partnerships. These partnering agencies have come together to host job fairs, hiring events and professional development presentations. Most recently, they host a mid-Ohio foodbank in the Morse Road corridor. Some of our JFS employees and new American citizen organization assisted with this food fair. Traditionally, we have come to you to award this funding separately, however the state is modifying the funding. Moving forward, we will see one subaward agreement from both Refugee Social Services Program and the Targeted Assistance Grant Program.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 450-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 451-18, resolution authorizing a Responsible Fatherhood Breakfast and Discussion on June 22, 2018 (\$500.00) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Ms. Brown: This Friday, our agency will host a screening of the documentary, Daddy Don't Go. We will have a discussion about the issues in the film afterwards. The agency has invited fatherhood experts, community partners, community members and fathers to the event. We will have a continental breakfast. We have worked collaboratively with community partners and fatherhood experts to improve service delivery for clients who are part of this vulnerable population. In addition to the fatherhood experts and partners, county staff has been invited to further their knowledge on the work that we are doing to address the needs of these mutual clients. We are requesting approval of this event and for the expenditure of funds to provide refreshments.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 451-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 452-18, resolution authorizing a subgrant award and contract to the city of Columbus for training services through the FY 2016 Justice Assistance Grant (\$3,750.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Justice Policy Coordinator, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: We are using FY 2016 Justice Assistance Grant money to provide training for pre-trial services in Municipal Court. An additional tool to screen for risk, the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment, is predictive of cases of domestic violence that have

a high preponderance of future violence. This will be used to help judges to make bail decisions and also for pre-trial staff make supervision decisions.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 452-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 453-18, resolution authorizing a subgrant award and contract to the city of Columbus for development of a collaborative high risk domestic violence unit through the FY 2017 Violence Against Women Act block grant (\$21,104.59) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Mr. Daniels.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioners, this resolution is for post-trial probationers. It is a collaboration between the Columbus Division of Police, Municipal Court Probation Department and the City of Columbus Attorney Office. This is to manage high risk domestic violence offenders and to do further training for the police and probation department in how to handle those offenders who have used fire arms, stalking or strangulation against their victims.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 453-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 454-18, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,469,474.66) (Purchasing), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing the Franklin County Purchasing Department. The resolution before you requests your approval of 102 purchase orders. For Small Emerging Business Enterprises, there are 8 purchase orders which equals 5.8% of the purchase order volume; their purchase order dollar amount is \$16,880.00 which is 1.1% of the total purchase order dollar value. These purchase orders have been precertified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 454-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 455-18, resolution reappointing Charles “Chip” Santer and appointing Michael Childs, Mary Love and Bill Lafayette to the Columbus/Franklin County Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator.

Mr. Janas: Good morning Commissioners. These are joint appointments with the City of Columbus. Pending any questions, I recommend approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 455-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Antwan Booker, Clerk, read two (2) Journalizations into the record:

Commissioner O'Grady would like to appoint Annie Ryznar as his designee for the Franklin County Family and Children First Council.

Commissioner O'Grady would like to appoint Annie Ryznar as his alternate designee for the Microfilming Board.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 A.M.

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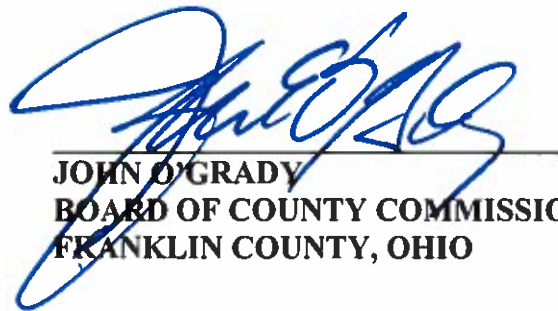
These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of June 19, 2018.



KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT



MARILYN BROWN



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

Submitted by:



Antwan Booker, Clerk