

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

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

Also present on the dais were Nick Soulas, First Assistant, Prosecuting Attorney; Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Victoria Caldwell, Acting Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the January 24, and January 31, 2017 General Session and the minutes of January 12, 2017 Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President O'Grady. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 159-17, resolution authorizing supplemental appropriations within the Recorders Technology Fund for the upgrade of the current phone system (Recorder), presented by Daniel O'Connor, Recorder and Melissa Messina, Chief of Staff, Recorder's Office.

Mr. O'Connor: Good morning Commissioners. The resolution that we have regards the upgrade of our phone system. It will allow for our office to function at a more efficient operational level within the office, but also improve our customer service on the outward facing side of things. The money will come from our technology fund pursuant to the approval. We have worked extensively with Public Facility Management on the quote and implementation of this request.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 159-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 160-17, resolution authorizing a contract for a Job Classification Study for the Franklin County Recorder (Recorder) (\$13,217), presented by Mr. O'Connor.

Mr. O'Connor: This second resolution was one that we arrived at after discussion with Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget and Rob Young, Director,

Human Resources. I believe there hasn't been a reclassification study since 1998 and we've determined that it's necessary to insure accuracy and ORC compliance of all the job classifications and descriptions as well as address any outliers in the compensation review.

President O'Grady: 1998 is a long time. One should have compensation study about every 6-7 years, Zak?

Mr. Talarek: Yes.

President O'Grady: When I arrived in the Clerk's office in 2001, we had 240 Deputy Clerks. So there were no classifications and no job descriptions, just 240 Deputy Clerks. I understand where you are coming from, so I am happy to pass this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 160-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 161-17, resolution authorizing Countywide Qualifications Contracts for Fresh Produce, Fruit and Meat items (Sheriff) (\$620,000), presented by David Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: Good morning Commissioners. Approval of this resolution will qualify seven (7) vendors to bid on the weekly produce supply to Franklin County Correctional Facilities. It will also qualify three (3) vendors to bid on the five (5) week cycle to supply various meat products, due to their frequent price fluctuation. This is a consistent way to handle the bidding of these jail menu products to allow us to get the best possible pricing and the vendors can stay competitive with one another throughout the year.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 161-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 162-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Naphcare, Inc. for Complete Health Services and an EMR System (Sheriff) (\$39,617,164.79), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, this resolution approves a competitively bid three (3) year contract with Naphcare Inc. to provide full service inmate medical care and to supply the jail with an electronic medical record system. In addition, it includes an optional two (2) year extension period after the initial term.

President O'Grady: We had a great conversation the other day in briefing about the electronic medical record system and all that's going to be able to provide in terms of tracking. We talked with Chief Stobart about how that's going to allow for quality and continuation of care. Not only with the medical records but also with the mental health records and how this is going to just make a huge difference in the coordination of care

and the ability for the staff and doctors to be able to care for the patients. Hopefully keep costs down. It's a huge benefit to the staff and the system. This is great stuff.

Commissioner Boyce: I might add, Commissioner O'Grady, that when you really think of recidivism, that cycle of folks coming in and out of the system, some of it is linked to medical problems and issues that often turns into mental health issues that lead to actions sometimes land them there. So an upgrade in our health resources to those cycling into our system is important. Furthermore, I'd add I see Chief Stobart here. The idea we're building a new jail facility is more than just a jail facility. This really coincides with the new facility and the resources that we want to employ to make sure that as people are coming into the system, not only are they being evaluated and treated, we are creating alternative pathways for them and I just think the upgrade of the healthcare resources is an important aspect. We have our current jail, but it's also thoughtful about how we are going to serve folks in the future and so I appreciate that and am supportive because of that.

President O'Grady: As we talked about the other day and we learn at our conferences that we talked with our colleagues around the state and around the country, county jails around the state and around the country are some of the leading providers in mental health services in the United States and that's a shame. It's the wrong place, the wrong venue for providing mental health services, but it is a fact that in this country that we are one of the leading providers of mental health services. It's a backward way of doing it, but if that's the way it's going to be and the hand we're dealt with, this system is going to help us to be able to deal with that and for the Chief's people to be able to deal with that moving forward. We are glad to be able to have this. Good stuff.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 162-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 163-17, resolution approving a subaward agreement with Girl Scouts of Ohio Heartland Council, Inc. for the Bonds Beyond Bars and Bonds After Bars Programs (Job and Family Services) (\$106,477.68), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution will approve a contract with the Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council for the Bonds Beyond Bars and Bonds After Bars Program for girls whose mothers are involved in the system.

President O'Grady: This is a great transition, from mental health in the jails to Girl Scouts. Thank you.

Ms. Bivens: This program was established twenty years ago. Franklin County Job and Family Services have been involved within the last four (4) years. As you may know, any time a parent is removed from a child's life there is adverse trauma that takes place in that child's life. This program is a program that we believe help offset the profound

psychological and social impact of incarceration, in addition to serving seventy-two girls grades K-12, whose mothers have been incarcerated. Through these two programs, this will allow a thousand additional TANF eligible children to be involved in this program.

President O'Grady: Weren't you saying the other day that for some of these kids, this is the only opportunity they had to see their moms?

Commissioner Boyce: I'm not sure if it was me, but I know it was raised and I can't take credit for such an important statement.

President O'Grady: Was that you, Ms. Bivens?

Ms. Bivens: Yes. Let me make a correction, this is a thousand additional TANF eligible girls from Franklin County to attend the National Girl Scouts convention in 2017 in Columbus this October.

President O'Grady: Good.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 163-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 164-17, resolution authorizing a Contract Agreement with Elford, Inc. to provide Construction Manager at Risk Services, including Preconstruction Services, associated with the planning, design and construction of a New Forensic Science Center (Public Facilities Management) (\$115,620), presented by Jim Goodenow, Director, Public Facilities Management.

Mr. Goodenow: Good morning Commissioners. As you are aware, we are constructing a New Forensic Science Center which will be located at 2090 Frank Road, Columbus, Ohio. A critical partner in that project is the Construction Manager. We issued a request for proposals, and I recommend that you award a contract for Construction Manager at Risk Services to Elford Inc. Elford will be assisted on the project by Corna Kokosing; both of these are locally based firms with deep roots in the community. The project team believes Elford has the staff capacity and a resume of past experiences to provide the required services. As we talked in Briefing on Thursday, this is a first time use by the County for this construction vehicle. Previously we employed a Construction Manager who worked for an established fee. For this project we utilized a Construction Manager at Risk model (CMAR). CMAR works for a fixed fee, but in this arrangement instead of the Commissioners holding the individual trades contracts, the CMAR holds the contracts. The CMAR must bring the job home based on their scope of work and a schedule which is the basis for their estimate cost and their fee.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 164-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 165-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Security Solutions International, LLC for the purchase of terrorism prevention training under the Law Enforcement State Homeland Security Grant Program (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$12,500), presented by Greg Plantz, Fiscal Administrator, Homeland Security and Justice Programs.

Mr. Plantz: Good morning Commissioners. Our first resolution is a contract with Security Solutions International to provide terrorism prevention training. It will be invitation only for Region Four, first responders.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 165-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 166-17, resolution authorizing a sub grant award and contract for services with Capital University to support academic & mentoring assistance under the Title II Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Block Grant (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$105,000), presented by Mr. Plantz.

Mr. Plantz: Commissioners, this contract will award Capital University projects for their tutoring intervention and their camp program in the amount of \$105,000.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 166-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 167-17, resolution authorizing a no cost contract extension with Fred C. Bowditch for professional services related to critical infrastructure protection and private/public partnerships (Homeland Security and Justice Programs), presented by Mr. Plantz.

Mr. Plantz: Commissioners, this contract is a no cost contract extension for your public/private and critical infrastructure consultant.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 167-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 168-17, resolution appointing six members to the Homeland Security Advisory Committee (Homeland Security and Justice Programs), presented by Mr. Plantz.

Mr. Plantz: Commissioners, these are your six (6) new appointments to the Homeland Security Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 168-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 169-17, resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claims against the County by Patricia Pickens (Human Resources) (\$6,000), presented by Jerry Bower, Risk Manager, Human Resources.

Mr. Bower: Good morning Commissioners and Happy St. Patrick's Day. This resolution settles two (2) self-insured Workers Compensation claims filed by Ms. Pickens. One was when she worked at Domestic Court and the other was when she worked at Community Based Correctional Facilities. The settlement totally closes out both claims.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 169-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 170-17, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$21,236,094.50), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: The resolution before you requests approval of 125 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 170-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

The next resolution requires a PUBLIC HEARING for multifamily housing revenue bonds, series 2017 (Sawyer and Trevitt project)

Resolution No. 171-17, resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$20,000,000 multifamily housing revenue bonds, series 2017 (Sawyer and Trevitt project) for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs of acquiring, renovating, equipping and improving real and personal property as affordable rental property; authorizing the execution and delivery of a trust indenture, a loan agreement, a regulatory agreement and a tax certificate; authorizing the execution and delivery of a bond purchase agreement; authorizing the use and distribution of an official statement; and authorizing and approving related matters (Board of Commissioners), presented by Bryan Brown, Chief Operator, CMHA and Robert Labes, Squire Patton and Boggs.

Mr. Labes: Good morning. Over the years whenever I've made these presentations to Boards of County Commissioners or similar Boards the first thing I always like to do is apologize to the Clerk for the resolution having such a lengthy title. If I would and if I could, I would just say this is a resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds and related stuff and we could move on more quickly. The reason why I mentioned that other than I mean that sincerely to the Clerk is to point out that the real purpose of this resolution is for the County Commissioners to authorize the issuance of tax exempt bonds to pay for a project that will allow for the substantial rehabilitation of affordable rental housing units for residents in the City of Columbus that Bryan will explain in a little more detail. This is probably the sixth or seventh time we've been before the Commissioners over the years

on behalf of projects for the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority. What these bonds are we refer to them as Conduit Bonds which mean that from the County's perspective, the County's faith and credit is not being pledged. The County is not obligated for the repayment of the principal or interest on the bonds. The bonds have no impact whatsoever on the County's ratings with the rating agencies. The reason why we come through the County and have the County serve as the conduit insurers because that is what is required by federal tax law in order for two (2) things to happen. 1. It means the interest on the bonds is tax exempt, so it's a lower cost to the project, 2. It means the project will qualify for what are called low income housing tax credits that generates a substantial amount of equity for the project which is important because it allows for a far greater level of renovation work to be done to the property and again, Bryan will explain that. So really by the Commissioners being involved in what is effectively a risk free way for the County, it enables us to substantially improve rental housing for the most vulnerable in Franklin County and the City of Columbus without any increase in the amount that the residents have to pay out of pocket. Because the bonds are issued as tax exempt bonds not surprisingly there are a number of requirements that the Internal Revenue Code imposes on these projects, one of which is that we have a public issuer, another is that before the Commissioners adopt the resolution there should be a Public Hearing held in connection with the project. We have on behalf of the County published a notice in the Columbus Dispatch in the manner required and so after Mr. Brown describes the project a little bit we would ask that the Commissioners would open up a Public Hearing for any members of the public who wish to comment before you consider the resolution.

Mr. Brown: Thank you. I'll just add that this project is part of a portfolio wide effort that CMHA is undertaking to convert and improve all of our public housing units across the community. We will use the HUD rental assistance demonstration program to convert Sawyer/Trevitt from traditional public housing to a housing that is project based rental assisted. Doing this allows us to recapitalize the housing which is what Bob just described to you and that allows us to make physical improvements to the units. A lot of those improvements are focused on energy efficiency upgrades which will be designed to lower utility costs thereby making the units actually more affordable to the tenant who pays their utilities, because they will be paying less in utilities so we are very pleased about that. It's my understanding that there has been questions or concerns raised with respect to our commitment to MBE participation and the capital work that we're doing and I just wanted to touch briefly on our record of achievement in this area. In 2015 CMHA achieved a fifty eight percent MBE participation through all of our expenditures. That was a record breaking year for us. 2016 was not as good, but we're still very proud of the results. We've achieved twenty percent in the participation and the expenditures of our capital fund program. We've achieved thirty percent through the general or operating expenditures we made throughout the year. Those are non-construction related expenditures. At Poindexter Phase 2A we've achieved a fifteen percent MBE participation rate and importantly Section 3, which is the employment of low income persons in jobs that are created through the result of these expenditures. At Poindexter Phase 2, we've achieved a thirty five percent Section 3 employment accomplishments,

which we are enormously proud of. At Sawyer/Trevitt we have issued the invitation for bid on that project and we will achieve a twenty percent MBE participation specifically at Sawyer/Trevitt. We have also undertaken a construction trades training at our own expense under the umbrella of the Poindexter redevelopment project. The Associated Builders and Contractors was awarded \$45,000.00 in funding from CMHA to conduct an eight week/ 240 hour classroom and hands on electrical training pilot program for twelve Section 3 eligible individuals beginning in June 2016. To select class participants there was extensive outreach in the near neighborhood and to former Poindexter Village and other CMHA residents. An information and registration session was held at the OSU African American Extension Center for anyone unemployed, under employed or of low income. Twelve participants were chosen from more than 80 applicants. Credentialing tests, job readiness training and drug screening were included in the program. Each participant received a \$20 per day stipend and exited the program with new boots, hand tools, power tools and an opportunity for a career in the construction industry. All of the graduates are now certified in Apprenticeship 1 and can find employment in residential construction, maintenance facilities and handyman markets. At the end of the program a job fair was held to provide employers the opportunity to interview and hire the graduates immediately on site, nine (9) were hired. As a result of this experience with this program we secured additional philanthropic support to fund another one of these electrical trades training cohorts for Section 3 participants. This twenty weeks evening course located in classrooms and lab space provided at no cost by Columbus State Community College began on February 7, 2017 and has fifteen participants. There was again extensive outreach to near east side, Poindexter Village and CMHA residents to select participants. The training design included a stipend and rewards for graduation like that for the pilot program and there will be again a job fair to match graduates with employers in the electrical trades. More importantly, the work we are doing in Poindexter and through these radical conversions represents millions of dollars in new investments in largely minority and low income neighborhoods. It represents jobs in these neighborhoods and we welcome the opportunity to work with anyone to connect in the MBE firms and low income residents to available opportunities.

President O'Grady opened the floor for the Public Hearing.

Mr. Lawrence Awls, Columbus Branch NAACP: There's a written statement, but I would like to say this, I'm a member of the Executive Committee of Unit 3177, that's the Columbus NAACP. I'm also the person that is recognized as an expert, but mostly because I represent institutional memory about Section 3 of CMHA and I can talk about stuff from 1960's and all that. We are vastly interested in what Mr. Brown is saying. We have been wrestling with Mr. Brown's CMHA for years and I would say that they have made some significant moves that can be applauded. The question on the table isn't that something isn't being done, the question is, is what's being done within the context of what the law actually allows, meaning a maximum effort versus an effort. We think the County Commissioners help set policy, even on money that it is pass through money, because they're asking you to convey through you benefits that have economic benefits for a whole array of folks like tax accounts and all the rest at the top end of the structure.

We want to make sure that the job opportunities, job training and business opportunities have been utilized within the context of Section 3. You can advocate for that policy being a condition of you saying yes and create a situation where we're not just have comment, but real engagement of people who know what we're talking about. Thank you. Are there any questions?

Commissioner Boyce: I would defer to give CMHA an opportunity to respond. It's my understanding that you are adhering to Section 3 within this project and so if you could respond to Mr. Awls request.

Mr. Brown: Certainly. I can just respond in part by saying we are enormously proud of the accomplishments that we have made in our Section 3 work as we have expended public dollars at Poindexter and in our general spending of our own budget authority. We have significant MBE participation. As I said, I think a thirty-five percent participation rate in Section 3 at Poindexter Village. I think we will happily compare ourselves to any of our colleagues, not only around the State of Ohio but around the country in terms of the efforts that we've undertaken and the success that we've achieved. We're not here talking, we actually, as the construction trades example demonstrates, we work in partnership with a lot of community institutions to provide opportunity for low income residents to attain the skills necessary to get meaningful employment. I would also add, I'm sure the Commissioners know this, I've heard Mayor Ginther speak to this and that is we have a lot of jobs in the community that go unfilled because of a lack of skills needed to do those jobs and that transcends into the construction trades. We have primes and subs who report every day the significant challenges they face in attracting quality workers to do the job. We've actually dismissed some subs from Poindexter because they weren't meeting their time schedule to attract and retain qualified personnel. So this to me is where the real work lies, it's not in affording the opportunity, it's in attracting a workforce, providing training, skills acquisition and the ability to show up and do a job every day. That is where the real work lies in this effort. We provide lots of opportunity, I think we should all be working together to better identify workers in the workforce who want to acquire the skills necessary to do the jobs that are currently available. We have four (4) maintenance positions that are unfilled at the moment and I can tell you it's a constant struggle to fill them not only in part because of a lack qualified workers but because of competition with construction jobs. So if you have a choice between being a maintenance worker and going on a construction job, you are going to choose the construction job because it's better pay. So we are at a competitive disadvantage in our general maintenance operations as a result of the robust local economy. It's a good problem to have on one hand on the other hand, it's a constant struggle to try to fill these positions. If you have anyone that you would like to refer, we have jobs available today that we need help filling.

Commissioner Boyce: Is it safe, based on your response, for the Commission to affirm CMHA's commitment to Section 3 participation in this Trevitt project as well?

Mr. Brown: Yes.

Commissioner Boyce: That's what I felt like Mr. Awls was asking; sounds like you were saying yes, you're diligent to be committed to that.

Mr. Brown: Yes, sir.

Mr. Awls: If I could clarify one point about that. We did not say that there was no Section 3; we wanted to affirm that it would be a part of it. The question is the robustness of the effort. As an example, the City of Columbus and doing this study said the MBE's were at twenty percent. When you take a look at the African American contractors; it was three (3) percent. MBE winds up being the term that used and often times masks an effort that doesn't affect twenty-eight percent of the population by the use of the term MBE. So we're cautious when we sign off on the use of terminology, because at the end of the day it has not permeated the neighborhoods in which we live and work. The questions wind up being a serious discussion facilitated by the County Commissioners to examine the intricacies of the deal and not just that there is an effort, the issue is the nature of the robustness of the effort.

Commissioner Boyce: Can I just say, I think it's a legitimate question, but I think what you're really saying is there's a deeper dive here in the broader picture. It's not just this situation, but it's everything we do and it's everything that we interact with and I think that is a much deeper dive. I want to focus on this particular request that's before us today. I really appreciate the progress that CMHA has made just from a conscientious standpoint. I know for a fact there has been effort to try to accomplish that. I hear what you're saying, that you're committed to the Section 3 element of this and you're also open to working directly with NAACP for referrals and to even make it more robust on this project. Commissioner O'Grady, I would add that we should have a broader conversation. As Commissioner O'Grady can tell you, we've have been searching even before I got here to hire an MBE Coordinator Specialist so that we can begin to peel back the layers and really think deeper about the County's role and that was something in motion before I got here. One of the things, since I've been here, we have been talking about in terms of my office and with Deputy Administrator Keena Smith has been the establishment of some type of council to be formed to take that charge and help us think through the possibilities and where we need to be. We haven't gotten all deep in and we need to kind of enlist some other minds in this. I can assure you my conversation with Commissioner O'Grady. (I'm sorry I don't want to speak for you) and Commissioner Brown have been very positive and interested to think deeper about this issue and how we can do better as a community. I think really we're all on the same page.

President O'Grady: Where we came to on this issue from a county's perspective is, we created a quality contracting standards because we wanted to make sure that we have a comprehensive approach to how do we insure that, we're a major construction city, we do a lot of building. We built I don't know how many projects since I've been here. We've built a multitude of several hundred million dollars worth of projects since I've been here. We had quality contracting standards before I got here, we've reviewed them once I

got here and one of the components was Minority Business Enterprises, and how do we address that. We can't have a specific demand there, but we can certainly look at it and have it be a part of what we do. So we wanted to make sure that there was scoring there, that we took a look at this. Because we do put an emphasis on it, it's always a part of and a very serious part of every project that we do. So because of the way we approach these projects, there's always on every project that we do, there's always a very strong component. We wanted to make sure that going forward and this is where the conversation started months back, that we had a coordinator, that we had somebody who's job it was to make sure that we're not just on individual projects having an interest, but somebody who was reaching out to the community and saying that we were advertising in the proper way, that we were making sure the community knew about the projects that were coming up, that we were doing those type of things. What I would say is going forward, not just having the commitment to Section 3, but also having a proactive approach going forward on future projects as well saying this project is coming up we should know and reaching out to Mr. Awls.

Mr. Awls: Last comment. The reason I have this section of the law is the question is always doing what's required or what's possible. We have been the victims of people doing nothing or doing the minimum of what was required to get across the line. The great thing about the Section 3 law in particular it has innovations built into it by law that allow people to do things that historically doesn't occur. So it's not a question of what's required, it's what's possible under the law. We understand race, neutral and all of this kind of stuff, but if we're not at the table to talk about it and if the policy makers such as yourself are not interested, then you won't reach maximum participation, you'll always get the least and it's reflected in that 3.25 percent that the African American businesses get and that is called a shame.

Mr. Brown: CMHA can assure you that we will engage with the Commissioners and all of our public partners on this effort. I agree with you, it needs to be a more global effort and I would be remiss if I didn't say on our construction trades training effort which is a \$90,000 effort and will result in over twenty people getting new skills and finding employment, a lot of the credit goes to the consultant that we've hired who acts as our MBE and Section 3 coordinator, specifically at the Poindexter project and that's Nancy Tidwell. She has done an amazing job and I know she's known throughout the community for the work she's done in this area. She's been a tremendous resource to us and so we are deploying additional resources in this effort. So you can rest assured that our commitment will remain as we move forward on the Sawyer/Trevitt project specifically. Thank you.

President O'Grady: Are there any more comments before we close the Public Hearing?

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: I would just like to add that one of the key roles of the Small and Emerging Business Coordinator position that Commissioner Boyce highlighted will be to provide greater follow-up on projects that are approved by this Board. Working along with our Deputy Administrator, Keena Smith that will be

definitely one of our goals as follow-up and this will be one of the projects pending today's vote that we will be following up on as an administration, looking deeper at these matters.

President O'Grady: Great.

Commissioner Boyce: I have one more question. I do want to focus on, I so glad and so appreciate Mr. Awls being here and I see Ms. Watson here as well both very much big leaders in the community on so many issues, so I appreciate you being here and look forward working deeper with you in this conversation. I don't want to be remiss in not focusing on this project itself and the bigness of what we're doing here. Can you talk about A: how many new units it translates into, are we reducing the number, expanding the number or they stay the same? Just a few questions and you can just answer first how many units and secondly is the infrastructure around Trevitt going to be impacted as well? Are we doing lighting upgrades, the paving, and the sidewalk upgrades that go in with sort of rehabilitation or is that good shape in that kind of thing? You see a lot of newer development with Resource Centers where folks who maybe don't have computers to look for jobs or internet access or whatever, are these going to be things that are incorporated into this redevelopment or reconstruction of Trevitt/Sawyer?

Mr. Brown: Good questions, thank you. Sawyer/Trevitt has a two hundred and fifty three family units and this rehabilitation will not impact that number. So that number will remain and this rehabilitation project is really focused as I think I said before on improvements to the physical condition of the units. So flooring, energy efficiency upgrades, toilets, water heaters and windows and things like that, that will produce energy efficiency and utilities savings for the residents at the site. Unlike Poindexter, this will not include a major public infrastructure upgrade. If you've been over to the site there's pretty good lighting there. We do have a community building where our management office and there's community space there. We do already employ Social Services at that site, so we don't provide those services directly, but we work with the County Commissioners, Job and Family Services, ADAMH and other funders to fund services like summer camp with is critically important particularly to the children who live in our community because they need structured activities over the summer and they need learning opportunities. We focus on all of those services and making sure that our residents have access to that year around.

Commissioner Boyce: Are they going to be displaced during the construction?

Mr. Brown: Another good question, thank you. The way we're approaching this is so we will stop leasing units at a certain point and that will create some vacancies over a certain amount of time. Then what we will do is we will offer a voucher to residents who would prefer just to move out and take their voucher and move somewhere else in the community of their choosing and that will create some additional vacancies which will give us the opportunity to do the renovation and a group of units and then those residents who say no, I want to stay here, then they can move into the rehab unit which will create

the vacancies we need at those other units and that's how we will complete the construction schedule.

Commissioner Boyce: Ok. Thank you.

President O'Grady: Anybody else have a public comment? Ken?

Mr. Wilson: You must have felt I had one more comment (laughter). One other thing that has come out of this discussion is jobs and I have a strong interest in seeing how we can partner with CMHA and our Job and Family Services Department. To see how we can link more individuals to receive the training for the jobs, our Job and Family Services Director, Joy Bivens is in the back of the room and she was kind of moving around as well. We both had the same itch because we really want to exercise every opportunity to give people skills, particularly if people can work in their communities in the skills trades especially that provides the type of living wage jobs we're looking for. I would love to have the opportunity to link up on there for a greater partnership.

Mr. Brown: Absolutely.

Mr. Labes: Commissioners if I may. I've been doing this type of work for over twenty years and I've worked on projects in probably more than twenty counties in Ohio. I've worked with eight (8) or ten (10) different Metropolitan Housing Authorities in the process and one of things that never ceases to surprise me is the conversation that just happened where it be privately owned project and you have a developer and a general contractor who are very interested in trying to help facilitate the advance, particularly of younger members of the minority community into these projects and you have folks like Mr. Awls in want to see that happen yet it isn't happening to the extent that anyone would like and it is about as Bryan mentioned it really is about training and apprenticeship programs. To the extent there is a body that can play a facilitator role to try and help bring those who want to be trained to where the training can take place so these folks can be trained for some of the skills that are necessary. Even in an apprentice 1 position on a construction site you literally can't just walk off the street and start working even if you're not getting into the high level complicated electrical engineering. Any job on a construction site requires some amount of training if nothing else safety training. So the fact that I see three (3) parties here, the County, CMHA and the NAACP wanting to work together to bring the individuals to where the jobs are to a group who can help facilitate the training will put this community ahead of where many of communities are because of that lack of coordination that exists elsewhere.

President O'Grady: Ok, any other comments?

No additional comments were made; President O'Grady closed the hearing.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 171-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 172-17, resolution reappointing Laura Troup and John Cardenas to the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator.

Mr. Janas: Good morning Commissioners. Pending any questions, would recommend approval of these three appointments.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 172-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 173-17, resolution appointing Dayna McCrary to the Community Research Partners Board of Directors (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Janas.

Mr. Janas: Commissioners, as you know, Dayna is our Community Partnerships Coordinator in the Office in Management and Budget here for the County Commissioners and pending any questions would recommend this appointment.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 173-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 174-17, resolution appointing Scott Hammond to the Franklin County Parks and Recreation Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Janas.

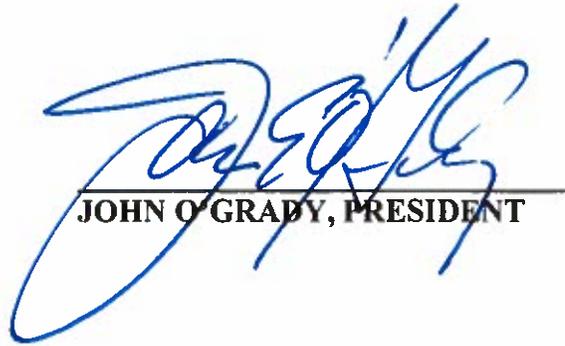
Mr. Janas: Commissioners, Mr. Hammond has served in various capacities for Local 24, pending any questions would recommend approval of this new appointment.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 174-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of March 14, 2017.



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Submitted by:



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