

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 20, 2018.

Present were: Kevin L. Boyce, President
Marilyn Brown, Commissioner
John O'Grady, 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 Victoria Caldwell, Backup Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

President Boyce: Being that March is Women's History Month, we have a special guest with us today and I'm so honored to call forward Christie Angel who is the President and CEO of YWCA. Welcome to Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

Christie Angel: Thank you President Boyce and good morning Commissioner Brown, Commissioner O'Grady, County Administrator and other distinguished county officials and guests. My name is Christie Angel and I am the new President and CEO of the YWCA, Columbus. I've been on the job for about 110 days. This is a fabulous job and I'm counting because I feel so honored to be able to serve the organization in this community. Thank you for the opportunity to have me here today to talk about the history of the YWCA Columbus and a little bit about the YWCA USA. Thank you for honoring women in our community and honoring Women's History Month. The YWCA literally began as a movement. The name came later, but the movement started in England first in 1855 and then in the United States in 1858. In each country a small group of caring women began the task of making life better for women and their community. In the 1800's factories were replacing home occupations like weaving, sewing and laundry. These concerned women addressed issues like unsanitary conditions, long hours, lack of rest periods and poor ventilation in factory work places. They also addressed, at that time, the search for affordable decent places to live especially for young women who were setting out on their own. The first YWCA opened in about 1860 in New York City. From its conception, the YWCA has been a movement dedicated to empowering women and later in our work, the YWCA moved to areas of discrimination working to eliminate racism wherever it existed by any means necessary.

In 1886, five (5) women came together in a twelve room house and offered shelter to twenty-five young women who recently moved to Columbus and were seeking a place to stay. World War I brought more women to the YWCA's door, more than we had room for at that time, but thanks to the generous donation of a community member name Mary Sessions, we soon had a facility, enough to house all of the women. In 1929, the YWCA got the building we all know down on Fourth Street with those bright orange awnings, called the Griswold Building. That building was funded by a woman named Mary Griswold. At the time Mary used her money to build the building for the YWCA. In those days women could not have their own financial accounting, could not finance buildings, so the YWCA put together a small board of men just to finance the building and of course that Board was disbanded right after (laughter). When we had to do it all over again, we renovated that building twice, in 1995 and we just completed a renovation last year. We didn't need to have a small group of men to help us finance the building, we were able to do that all on our own, but yet men were part of the work and we certainly appreciate all that men do for the YWCA. So let me give you a little bit of history about your YWCA.

In 1910 the YWCA Columbus opened the first public childcare program for working mothers in Franklin County. In 1918, the YWCA Columbus added curriculum to our childcare and began the first kindergarten in Franklin County. In 1923, the YWCA Columbus organized the Blue Triangle ranch; it was a center for African American Women over on the near east side, not far from the Eldon Ward YMCA. As I mentioned in 1929 we opened the downtown building and in 1938 we began serving African American women and men in our cafeteria, and then Rodney Allen who was the President of the Urban League congratulated us for that work. A letter that he wrote to the YWCA exists as wall paper outside of my office. Every day I get to walk into my office and read that letter. It gives me great hope and we were doing great work even in the 1930's. In 1943 we relocated Japanese American women in the Griswold Building; in 1946 we adopted an interracial charter which was a landmark policy for racial justice.

In 1952 we fully intergrated our staff for a swimming pool and residency. This is important because we were integrating the pool before a lot of pools were integrated and a lot of residency was integrated in the middle of the Civil Rights Movement. In 1970 we adopted what we call the one imperative to thrust our collective power towards eliminating racism. In 1974, Mary Miller invited a C.A. staff member, lead the way to Ohio ratification of the equal rights amendment on the third floor of the Griswold Building. In 1986 we celebrated our first 100 years, and we began Women of Achievement. I am proud to say Women of Achievement continues as you all know, we've celebrated that for more than 33 years and we will hold Women of Achievement on April 11, 2018.

1989 was a big year for the YWCA. The first school age child care program began in Westerville, we continue to operate before and after school care in Westerville, we continue to operate afterschool care in the Gahanna school district. We started serving homeless families with the inter faith hospitality network in 1989, a service we continue to provide today although we do it a little differently. In 1989 we were also awarded the first ever HUD grant with the women's residency program. In 1991 women live in our downtown building on 65 S. Fourth

Street and 99% of them come to us with mental illness, disabilities and they live in a supportive environment in the downtown building today.

In 2005 our family center opened. This is important because we stopped serving homeless families in a way that was not quite dignified. Although we had a great partnership with Interfaith Hospitality Network many of you know, many families had to get up every day at 5 am, get showered, get dressed, go to school, go to work, trying to find housing, come home every night and stay in one room that was about the size of this room we're in today, then bused to church to sleep and have dinner at night. We found that to be not a great way to take care of our families in this community. In 2000, the YWCA set out to buy land and build a building and in 2005 we opened the YWCA family center. I'm proud to say, that we continue to provide those services to families. Unfortunately as many of you know in recent articles, we continue to be full and over capacity with serving homeless families in this community. 73% of the families we serve look like me, they're African Americans with children and because we have continued to have such high instances of family homelessness, in 2015 we had to open a second family shelter.

The YMCA runs that shelter and in that shelter, 73% of the families are African Americans and most of the families are female single head of household. As you can see there is work to do and this brings me to why I'm at the YWCA today. I'm at the YWCA because there continues to be a need to not only serve homeless families, not only to help the women that live in our downtown building, not only to provide support for quality child care, but to work with all of you so that we really can eliminate the barriers that keep people from being successful in this community. And that does mean knocking down and eliminating some of that systematic racism that has existed. We offer programming, racial justice programming and other types of programming, but I am here today to tell you that our work is not over, we're just getting started and I look forward to working with all of you as we try to make this community a better community. It is a great community, but we want it to be a great community for everyone. The YWCA is your partner and please considers us whenever you need assistance or you need someone at the table. We will be arm and arm, shoulder to shoulder with you and the work that needs to make this community a great place for all, especially women, people of color and families. Thank you (Applause).

Commissioner Brown: Ms. Angel, thank you. I didn't know all of the Columbus history of the YWCA, but the YWCA has been instrumental across the country at reducing racism and empowering women. In some communities, reducing racism or eliminating racism is said first and empowering women second. It doesn't matter, I think you're unique. YWCA is unique with the two prong missions of empowering women and eliminating racism, so I applaud you for your work there and those who are on your board and those you serve. It's outstanding.

Ms. Angel: Thank you very much.

President Boyce: I'll just add that we are learning a lot about the contributions of women to Central Ohio History over the last several weeks and learning that one of the first African American Mayors was right here from Central Ohio, in Urbancrest. Hearing some of the history that you laid out just now, even more illustrates the richness that Franklin County and Central

Ohio plays in Ohio's history with regard to the contribution of women. You are part of that legacy, Ms. Angel, and you've very much been a part of this community for a long time. I'm thrilled and excited about you being at the YWCA because we expect great things, we know that you're an innovator and my interaction with you, you've always been a "can do" person. If you ask you something, I've never heard you say you can't do it, it's not possible, it's let's try and figure it out. I think that's the exciting part about the YWCA's future and the contribution more importantly to Central Ohio. I'm really glad you brought those statistics about the family shelters too, because I was at the eviction court yesterday and looking at those statistics and 95% of the vast majority of those families are headed by single moms, 72 plus % are African American, so we've got some real work to do right here in Central Ohio. I know Jobs and Family Services are committed and dedicated as are the Commissioners of which we increased our funding just in March to help families and those women to be successful. Thank you for what you're doing, thank you for what you represent and we appreciate the history lesson. By the way, were those written notes?

Ms. Angel: Yes.

President Boyce: I would like a copy of those if you don't mind.

Commissioner Brown: I would too. I think what you offer was that richness of the history here nationally and internationally, some don't know. But what you do is so significant and thank you for offering your entity to be part of what we do, we need the YWCA.

Ms. Angel: To do what we do without the support of the Commissioners and many in this room, the staff and if I start naming names, I would be here all morning. But many people in this room, they've always been a friend to YWCA. When I took the job it got to me personally to say we are here, we want to work with you and that gives me great comfort, one to know that I've got a strong group of people behind me, standing with me to do this work but also knowing that our friendships and our collegiality has transformed. Some of the other work that I've done and now moving into this organization it speaks volumes to the leadership that leads Franklin County.

Commissioner O'Grady: I want to echo what Commissioner Boyce said, it's been a long rich history in leadership at the YWCA and the expectation that we all have of your leadership, we've all known you for a long time and we all know what you can do. We've had personal relationships with you and have for some time, including when I had to reach out and help you with a little business with DeSales High School which is not the easiest thing in world for Bishop Ready to do, (laughter), but Christie is a hall of famer with DeSales High School and that was something I had to hold back some old grudges (laughter), I was glad to do it just because of you.

Ms. Angel: Thank you very much Commissioner (laughter).

Commissioners O'Grady: I'm a little bitter because I'm not in the Hall of Fame (laughter). But we all know of your accomplishments and all that you've been able to do here in this

community, so we look forward to your leadership there. As I said, it's been a long history, fantastic leadership in that organization, looking forward to it.

Ms. Angel: Thank you.

Commissioners: Thank you.

President Boyce: It was my pleasure, earlier this week to accept on behalf of Franklin County this lovely award, the Espy Award from Experience Columbus. Franklin County received the award because of the NACO Conference that we hosted last summer. I really felt odd accepting it because I probably had the least to do with it of all of the Commissioners certainly in perhaps Franklin County in general and so I'd be remiss if I didn't take the time to recognize both Commissioner Brown for her work and especially Commissioner O'Grady for his leadership and work with bringing NACO here and then being sort of the leader and guider as it took place and he did an outstanding job, Commissioner Brown did an outstanding job. I was in Washington at NACO and people are still talking about visiting Central Ohio and how great the conference was and how great Central Ohio was, it was the talk of the town in Washington a couple of weeks ago. That really speaks to our level of growth here in Central Ohio. I'd be remiss too if I didn't also recognize at least one staff person, I know many staff folks worked on the NACO Conference and contributed, nearly everybody here in one way or another. I specifically wanted to point out Robin Dever because you were a stalwart, detailed, in the grind person for NACO on the ground and without you I'm absolutely certain we would not have had the success that we had with the conference. I accept this award on behalf of Franklin County, but I really want to focus on accepting it on behalf of Commissioner Brown, Commissioner O'Grady and you too Robin for your work and leadership. It's a nice award and I really want to keep it in my office (laughter).

Commissioner Brown: We said he couldn't (laughter).

President Boyce: But we're going to find a place where we all can enjoy it because it's quite the honor, it quite a big deal and it's certainly deserving for Franklin County.

Commissioner O'Grady: I was sad to be out of town last week and not be able to be there as well, but it was a team effort there's no question. Robin was the team leader, she worked on this, and we worked on this. We got the bid in 2012, and we worked on this for a couple of years and Robin certainly was the leader of the team and all the Commissioners, we all played a role as a team. County Administration really put a lot of effort in, there were so many people.

Commissioner Brown: And the 100's of volunteers.

Commissioner O'Grady: Oh yeah, people from Experience Columbus.

Commissioner Brown: People from the staff here, we had 100's of people every day.

Commissioner O'Grady: No question. It's great Experience Columbus recognized us, but they were such a part of what we did so they knew what went into this. When Kevin and I were both in Washington a couple of weeks ago and people were coming up to us both and saying stuff to us about it. By the way Robin, people were asking about you in Washington, asking how you were doing, people miss you.

Robin Dever, Public Information Officer: I miss them.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: President Boyce, Commissioner's O'Grady and Brown, yes there were sky blue and orange tee-shirts everywhere. We had a tremendous amount of volunteers. It wasn't Franklin County blue, but during the week in July, sky blue and orange, we had volunteers everywhere. As you noted, Robin Dever put in a lot of time, a lot of planning, and a lot of effort. I mentioned to you last week, Ms. Dever took a break, we all need that. When we were talking about the Certified Tourism Ambassador Program and that I aspire for Franklin County to be CTA of the year, I'll repeat that again (laughter). As a part of that effort we had a number of county employees go through CTA training and long after the event we will have Ambassadors all over the city promoting how great Franklin County and Central Ohio is as a place to come, work and raise a family. This effort is long lasting; it's always a pleasure to continue to give positive things as President Boyce said. I know amongst my peers of International County Administrator Association to be told that I wasn't tooting our horn loud enough, given how great of job we did with that conference, it was really a good thing.

Commissioner Brown: I wouldn't want to be next year's host.

Resolution No. 0230-18, authorizing the County Administrator to sign "The Columbus Commitment: Achieving Pay Equity" and reaffirming Franklin County's longstanding commitment to programs and policies that address gender- and race-based inequities (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator.

Ms. Long: Good morning Commissioners. The Franklin County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the injustice of gender and race-based inequity as well as the negative social and economic consequences research shows that this inequity reaps for individuals, families and our entire community. This board has long been a strong proponent of programs and policies that support the economic empowerment of all people regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, veteran status and disability in their households, neighborhoods and work places. Just a few of the policies this Board has enacted, includes a pilot paid family leave program, a living wage standard, banning the criminal record box on job applications and an inclusive fringe benefits program to name a few of the many programs this Board has embraced. The Women's Fund of Central Ohio reports that locally women earn 78 cents per every dollar earned by a man and this disparity is wider for women of color. "The Columbus commitment: Achieving Pay Equity specifically calls for Central Ohio employers to take action to promote gender and race-based pay equity. Franklin County employs 14,000 individuals and is committed to continue

equitable and fair treatment of each employee. This Board recognizes that signing the “Columbus Commitment” illustrates to both the county employees and community at large, that Franklin County is united with dozens of other Central Ohio employers in pledging our commitment to ensuring continued innovation to address the nationwide issue of pay equity. Therefore this resolution would authorize the County Administrator to sign the “The Columbus Commitment” achieving pay equity and also directs our Director of Human Resources to continue to look for innovative ways to ensure equity among its workers and bolster Franklin County’s status as an Employer of Choice in Central Ohio. We also have with us today Shelly Beiting, Executive Director, with the Women’s Commission to say a few words.

Commissioners: Good morning.

Ms. Beiting: Good morning, and thank you. On behalf of the Women’s Commission, First Lady Shannon Ginther and Mayor Ginther, thank you for your dedication and your partnership in this conversation. The Columbus Women’s Commission is committed to looking at economic security and economic position of women in our community. The pay equity is just one of those pieces; housing, eviction, workforce and health are also on our radar. As Kris mentioned, when you look at pay equity, knowing locally women make 78 cents on the dollar and that gaps widens when you’re looking at African American and Latino women, when you look at pay equity we know it’s not just one policy that we can pass for the entire community, it really takes every employer to look at their numbers, look at their policies and practices to really make changes individually, to really impact the community. As Christie Angel was saying, when you look at women’s issues here in the community, there are 52,000 households here in Columbus that are single female headed. So when we talk about pay equity, we know it’s not just a women’s issue, but it’s truly a family issue here in our community. This morning, as we talk about this resolution at Franklin County you become the 100th adopter of this resolution, which is a tremendous response we have seen from our community. We just launched the initiative last November. We know it’s going to take every employer to be at the table to be part of the conversation and we’re excited to be partnered in the work going forward, so thank you.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you. We look at our policies in this arena as a set of policies that we can use to attract the best people to work with us and stay in county government. Pay equity seems to be such a no brainer and yet we know the complexities that go into it. One of the things that I know makes a difference is when you apply for a position, if you have salary history on the box, it already discriminates and causes employers sometimes to not offer a competitive salary as they might have if the salary history was different. Women tend to not ask as directly for they aren’t feeling they deserve to get, so we have some work to do. Thank you for doing this pledge and for us to be part of it. It is part of what we do.

President Boyce: I’d just add that Franklin County in 2015 commissioned its own study and we began to implement some of those recommendations from the study, all of which includes the broad spectrum, the right pay for the right position, consistent and equitable

pay. I don't want to speak on behalf of all the Commissioners, but I say that we challenge the employers of Central Ohio, we challenge them to look at their own pay and equity, to look at their own pay scales and to review them on an annual basis to ensure that fairness and equity is current and that is something we can recognize as the Board of Commissioners, that's something that can move the needle in the right way. We challenge all those employers out there to join us in taking the right step for equity, appropriateness and all those things that strengthen families and strengthen our community overall, so thank you for your advocacy and thank you for the work that you're doing. Please give Chairwoman Ginther our best as well.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0230-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0215-18, authorizing acceptance of grant funding from the State of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, through the Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison program for FY2019 (Court of Common Pleas) (\$2,250,000.00), presented by Jennifer Goodman, Director, Court of Common Pleas and Michael Daniels, Justice Policy Coordinator, Justice Policy Programs.

Ms. Goodman: This program, which is referred to as TCAP, provides funding to local communities to supervise felony five offenders, which beginning on July 1, 2018 will no longer be permitted to be sentenced to prison. There are a couple of sections to this change in the law which include the offenses of violence, sex offenses or any offense that requires mandatory prison sentence. In addition, if an offender has a criminal history with those same types of offenses, they too are excluded. For fiscal year 2019, Franklin County has allocated \$2.25 million dollars to offset this cost of diverting those folks from prison of which 50% is allocated to utilize for the courts probation department to supervise that offender population. To focus on that supervision will be to reduce risk as well as prevent recidivism, utilizing evidence based practices. The remainder of the funding is going to be utilized to offset the cost of local incarceration and Mr. Daniels is going to speak to that aspect.

Mr. Daniels: Good morning Commissioners. The additional \$1.125 million dollars that will come to the Board of Commissioners, we anticipate approximately \$200,000 of that to be used to offset direct cost for the Sheriff, that's food, supplies, medication, etc for those F-5 felony offenders. You remember last year we did an inter-fund loan to the justice fund to support the Municipal Court work release program for \$100,000; we would be making recommendations to repay that inter-fund loan as well as to support that program for this year at a \$200,000 level. The reminder of the monies, perhaps to fund some innovative research regarding bail reform and how we look at that as that bill moves through at the state level. Also to build on the conference we went to in Bethesda Maryland a couple of years ago and look at frequent users of the system model, housing first fuse model where we could potentially take forty or fifty of our most frequent utilizers of the jail who do not need to be there, who are there because of homelessness, mental health and addiction issues and move them out thus freeing up that bed space so that we do not have to stack people up or build additional bed space for these F5

offenders. Over the course of the next couple of months, the first payment comes in May, and we will be working closely with County Administration and OMB to put these plans together and bring them forward for your review.

Commissioner Brown: I'll second, and I just want to say that the evidence based work that you're doing at the courts is incredibly important as we move forward with this effort and Michael, I would just ask that as we're looking at ways we can reduce the amount of time or any time somebody is spending in jail that doesn't need to be, I know this TCAP funding will be very important to get that research.

Mr. Daniels: That's our number one charge downstairs is to make sure that we're not keeping people in jail who don't need to be there.

Commissioner Brown: The bottom line is this community's safety is of paramount importance, and there are various ways and various schools of thought on how to keep our community safe. When we get people in jail who don't belong there, they end up with a criminal record that hurts them forever and we don't need that to happen.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioner, your point is well taken, and as we've talked before, if we get people in who don't need to be there and we don't provide treatment and other options and we let them out, they're going to cycle back in the front door. Every time we do that by default we're creating a new crime victim. In order for them to come back in, they've had to commit some other crime which they almost certainly will do without this type of intervention. We consider this to be absolutely a public safety issue and an economic development issue as well as a social justice issue.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0215-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0216-18, authorizing a master terms of service agreement with Media Sonar Technologies Inc. for location-based social media investigation services (Sheriff), presented by David Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution will authorize the use of software capable of helping monitor social media services and aiding investigating critical information regarding protest, terrorism, school violence and other crimes.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0216-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0217-18, authorizing a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation to continue an inmate work program for litter removal along Franklin County roadways (Sheriff) (\$94,620.00), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, this resolution will enable the Sheriff's Office to continue its inmate litter removal program along the Franklin County roadways during 2018. ODOT will reimburse the cost of deputy services for inmate security during these duties.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0217-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0218-18, authorizing contracts to Tabb Textile Company, Inc., Walter F. Stephens, Jr., Inc., Bob Barker Company, Inc., Charm-Tex, Inc., and Victory Supply, LLC for the supply and delivery of Inmate Bedding and Linens for the Sheriff's Correctional Facilities (Sheriff)(\$201,906.00), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, this resolution is for a one year contract through March 19, 2019 to supply the jail inmates with bedding and linens. These items were competitively bid in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and includes mattresses, flat sheets, bath towels, wash cloths, wool and non-wool blankets, in addition to this contract, will allow four (4) optional one (1) year extensions.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0218-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0219-18, authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations related to an Emergency Management Performance grant award (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Jeff Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Young: It's hard to believe that the weather we're going to experience over the next 36 hours, spring weather will arrive eventually, I promise you followed by summer storms. I would like to take a brief moment to remind you that this year Franklin County will be participating in the state-wide tornado drill. Tomorrow, Wednesday at 9:50 am during that time the tornado sirens will sound for the full three (3) minute cycle, not the noon typical test on Wednesday which is two (2) twenty second cycles. This is part of the state severe weather awareness week done in conjunction with the national service. This week also represents the implementation of our new siren policy giving us the flexibility to activate our siren system through the use of 4-G graphic zones; Northwest, Northeast, Southwest and Southeast. This is done with our desired goal of more accurately warning the public that they are actually in the area under a national weather service warning. Thank you for allowing me to touch base on those two (2) points. The resolution before you currently is to approve a non-general fund appropriation. This is an additional appropriation or supplemental award from the State of Ohio. We were notified in December 2017. The state notified us that we had received a supplemental amount to our

annual Emergency Management Performance grant. This supplemental award has allowed us to fund several needed projects not included in our original 2018 budget due to the end of the year timing of that award. These projects represent new tables and chairs for our training rooms, warning lights for replacement vehicles and replacement of a failing network switch gear that we have in our agency.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0219-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0220-18, authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation related to the purchase of equipment on behalf of the City of Columbus, Division of Fire (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Mr. Young.

Mr. Young: This resolution is also to approve a second non-general fund for 2015 State Homeland Security Grant special project made available by allowing Ohio EME in February 2018 to purchase additional Nano x-ray unit for the Columbus Fire Division Bomb Squad. This is an additional unit to the previous 2015 grant project for the purchase of Nano x-ray equipment that's currently being shared by the Sheriff's Office, Columbus Division of Fire and the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0220-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Commissioner Brown: Jeff, before you leave can you give the information if somebody wants to sign up for weather alerts, how they do that?

Mr. Young: Absolutely. Through our website, FCEM&HS.org and we have a link for alert Franklin County which is our mass notification system and through that system you can receive information, weather alerts and warnings. That's part of our tier system, in today's society of social media, mass notification and the outdoor siren system to accurately warn and inform the public.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you.

Resolution No. 0221-18, allowing the Law Library to enter into a three year contract with Lexis Nexis for Patron Access (Law Library) (\$55,971.00), presented by Jennifer Jones, Public Services Librarian, Law Library.

Ms. Jones: Today we're asking that you to approve a three year Lexis Nexis contract. This is for Patron Access, it allows a patron within the library to do legal research using the Lexis Nexis platform. We locked in a 3% annual increase of the contract and we do have an open purchase order with funds available.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0221-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0222-18, review of petition to annex 20.2 +/- acres from Perry Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-05-18 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is to consider an expedited type 2 annexation petition of 20.2 – acres, more or less, from Perry Township to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property located at 5586-5610 Riverside Drive (Parcels ID Numbers 212-000060, 212-000166, 212-000421, 212-000423) which is east of Riverside Drive and the Scioto River, north of West Case Road, south of 161, and west of Sawmill Road. The petition was filed by Agent/Attorney Michael Shannon, Attorney at Law from Crabbe, Brown, and James, Esq. who is in attendance, on behalf of property owners Kerre Kammerer, Randy & Christine Walker, Gerald & Majda Horn, and Epcot Riverside LLC. 13% of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Columbus, and the City passed resolution no. 0548-2018 on February 26, 2018, indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved and a statement regarding possible incompatible land uses and zoning buffer. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0222-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0223-18, authorizing the Director of the Child Support Enforcement Agency to Sign the Office of Child Support Child Support Allocation Workgroup 2017 Report and Recommendation (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Ms. Brown: I ask your consideration this morning in approving this resolution authorizing me, as the Director of Child Support to sign the State Child Support Allocation Workgroup recommendation and report on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. This report represents the workgroup's consensus to a state allocation formula that will replace the current allocation rule. This report also represents a year of hard work developing this formula and also recognizes the work of all of the county representatives who served on the workgroup. It also recognizes and expresses the Board's appreciation for the efforts and consideration of Jeff Aldridge, the State Office of Child Support Director, Cynthia Dungey, the Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the members of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review and finally the ODJFS Office of Legislation. I would also like to personally thank the County Administrator, Ken Wilson, Deputy County Administrators Keena Smith and Kris Long, Commissioner Boyce and his office for their steadfast support all throughout this process.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0223-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0224-18, authorizing a IV-D contract with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office (Child Support Enforcement) (\$377,776.92), presented by Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Ms. Torriero: Good morning Commissioners. This is our annual inter-agency contract with the County Prosecutor's Office. The Prosecutor's Office provides two (2) Assistant Prosecutors and associated support staff to process any of those child support obligors or payors that are eligible for criminal non-support charge. This represents less than 1% of our active caseload and we only use this option where there is an ability to pay without any other method being successful.

Commissioner Brown: When this happens and somebody ends up going to jail, are you notified that child support benefits cease to be collected, so that you know not to tack on other charges?

Ms. Torriero: Yes. We are in constant communication with the two (2) Assistant Prosecutors, our litigation office and they have a back and forth that goes on so that the status of every case is updated every time something happens in that case.

Ms. Brown: I'd like to add as well that very infrequently do these parents go to jail. The first response is community control sanctions and working with these parents to get them in a better situation. Our probation department has a very robust workforce service program as well. So, it's only in very rare circumstances that these parents go to jail.

Commissioner Brown: When they are not, are you finding this to be an effective tool?

Ms. Brown: To some degree. It's unfortunate that we have to use this as our last resort, but yes, if we can get the parent to engage in the programming, then it is successful.

Commissioner Brown: Great.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0224-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0225-18, Memorandum of Understanding between Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency and Action for Children (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Ms. Brown.

Ms. Brown: Commissioners, I ask your consideration in approving this resolution which

authorizes the Franklin County Child Support Agency to enter into a Memorandum Of Understanding with Action for Children, New Beginnings for New Fathers program and the Fathers Factor program. This MOU provides the program with the opportunity to leverage funded services for our new fathers entering into the Child Support Program. The New Beginnings for New Fathers program is federally funded. It's a grant program which teaches new and expected low income fathers ages 15-25 to become more effective and nurturing parents, improve their long term economic outcomes through intensive employment training and career services. The program will connect fathers to social services when needed, help them to build strong and lasting relationships with their children, plus they will receive monetary incentives for their participation. The Father Factor program is funded in part by the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood and provides similar supportive services such as parenting classes, parenting time services and job development support. Fathers will be referred to the program during the paternity phase of their child support case, and they'll receive individualized joint case management services by a dedicated Child Support worker and an Action for Children case manager. Hopefully this program will deter anyone from having to be referred for criminal non-support in the future and also to encourage and promote a great relationship with their children. Also with us to today, Ashiko Hudson, Program Manager for New Beginnings for New Fathers and also Jeff Kramer, Program Manager for Father Factor at Action for Children.

Mr. Kramer: Thank you Commissioners for having us this morning, thank you to Director Brown for engaging us in this project. With Father Factor, what we're doing is working with fathers, a lot of the time not custodial and we're trying to teach them some positive parenting skills, some responsible parenting skills. We are in many counties and we're also in incarcerated settings, so we're familiar with lots of different backgrounds. What we've found is that giving these men a voice is really the key to moving forward with them. I think that in this collaboration, we'll have a great opportunity to work with these young fathers and this is primarily going to be Ashiko's program. We had graduation last night in my program here in Franklin County, twelve guys graduated, twelve fathers and a lot of them come in begrudgingly and some of them are mandated, as you can imagine being told to go to a parenting class may not be high on everybody's list, but through the course of the program they start to bond and understand it's a non-judgmental open forum where they're learning skills. We heard from several of them last night that they're disappointed that it's ending and can they come back later. We look forward to this collaboration.

Mr. Daniels: Good morning all. Our program really is designed to take a proactive approach to fatherhood. Getting fathers engaged in the process early on. When they're informed they become aware that they may even potentially be a father, we want to engage these young dads particularly and provide them with the tools and resources to be actively involved in their children's lives. As Jeff stated, the parenting skills and the co-parenting piece is a huge component, because often times with the population that we serve, mom and dad aren't together. What we found is that the relationship between dad and child is often impacted by the relationship of dad and mom. So what we're doing is

partly to help them navigate that relationship. We understand that also being a part of this program and being a new dad, there is obviously a responsibility to your child and we have a financial literacy component as well. We partnered with OSU extension center and they provide that financial literacy to our fathers. One important thing I'd like to mention is we advocate for these fathers in the court system. A lot of fathers come in to the process completely scared of the court system, completely scared of child support, so I believe that this partnership is in many ways is the way we approach fatherhood and the child support system. I'm excited about the work that we are doing; we have a committed case manager who will be housed in their facility so we're able to connect with these fathers in a more aggressive front end manner. Provide them with the knowledge and resources to again at the end of the day to be actively involved in their child's life. So thank you and I appreciate your time.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you and I know getting the parent involved makes a huge difference in a child's life. I know about your program and I'm really thrilled to see this partnership.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0225-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0226-18, authorizing sub grant awards and contracts for services with Buckeye Region Resolution authorizing sub grant awards and contracts for services with Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization and Ohio Health Research Institute for the provision of Court training and victim services under the FY 2017 S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act Block Grant (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$57,852.00), presented by Mr. Daniels.

Mr. Daniels: Good morning again Commissioners. This resolution requests your approval of two (2) additional contracts under our 2017 S.T.O.P Violence Against Women Act Block Grant. This first one is a grant for \$2,852 to the Buckeye Region Organization (BRAVO) to support the provision of culturally specific training to court personnel, including Judges, Prosecutors, Public Defenders, Probation Officers and Bailiffs on the specifics of LGBTQ interpersonal violence and assessment for who is the primary aggressor. It's often difficult to determine without the appropriate cultural competence training. The second grant in front of you is for \$55,000. This is an ongoing grant we've had for several years with SARNCO, the OhioHealth Resource Institute to support increased community awareness of sexual violence and to provide quality and consistency of education for sexual assault advocates and service providers, specifically regarding the neurobiology of sexual violence and trauma involved care.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0226-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0227-18, authorizing a one-year contract with Columbus Humane to investigate cases of animal cruelty, neglect, and abandonment in Franklin County (Community Partnerships) (\$35,000.00), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnership.

Ms. McCrary: Good morning Commissioners. The first resolution is with Columbus Humane. Our funding provides support for the cruelty investigations officer who is really out in the community investigating all types of incidence, animal cruelty, abandonment, neglect, animal hoarding situations and things of that nature.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0227-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0228-18, authorizing a one-year contract with the Franklin County Public Health Department to provide influenza vaccine to Franklin County residents in need (Community Partnerships) (\$52,800.00), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: Commissioners, this resolution supports the purchase and distribution of influenza vaccine through a mass flu clinic which the Franklin County Public Health Department operates and also in partnership with various community agencies that reach out to underinsured and uninsured adults making sure that every Franklin County resident who would like to have the flu vaccine has the opportunity to receive it. We are very fortunate to have our Health Commissioner here with us, Joe Mazzola from Franklin County Public Health and because the flu season this year has been so extraordinary and frankly deadly, I thought this would be a good opportunity to have Joe come and to speak to the importance the flu vaccine.

Mr. Mazzola: Good morning Commissioners. We couldn't be more pleased to continue our partnership with the Board of Commissioners and the Community Partnership grant. As mentioned earlier, I would imagine no one in this room would be surprised that it has been a fairly rough flu season, for not just Franklin County, but the country. This type of opportunity we were able to collaborate with to make flu vaccine available to our community continues to be of importance to Public Health. So, we thank you for this opportunity. As mentioned, what we try to do is really take the spirit of this grant program and really partner with other organizations so making vaccine available to partners like Columbus Public Health, LifeCare Alliance, Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio and we put on an annual mass flu vaccination clinic as well. We're already planning for that come October and last year we vaccinated over 300 individuals in a matter of two hours, and so it helps us not only make the flu vaccine available to those who may not have that the ability otherwise, but also as far as the health department, improves our capabilities to make sure that we're ready to make response if needed in those types of situations. Again our appreciation and our thanks for this continued partnership.

Commissioner O'Grady: Joe, are these funds for the 2018-2019 flu season?

Mr. Mazzola: Yes sir.

Commissioner O'Grady: I receive a flu shot annually I'm a heart patient and I've said this before, you guys have all heard me say this many times, get your flu shot. I've been getting the flu shot now for the last 19 years and I have not had the flu. I take that back, I had it one year, but it was because I was unprotected for the one strain of flu that came that season. We had a particularly bad flu season this year as you say, this particular year we had strains of flu that came that we were unprepared for based on the vaccine that everybody received this year, correct?

Mr. Mazzola: The effectiveness for this year's vaccine according to the CDC was right around 31/32%. It was a little lower than we would hope; we've seen previous flu seasons where it's been significantly higher, so at the federal level they've already created the flu vaccine for next year and we hope that match will be better. It's their best guess to make sure that they have captured those most prevalent strains, but regardless, I would just reiterate something I heard from HHS just a few weeks ago, kind of the analogy; if you're 32% less likely to die in a car accident, you put your seat belt on, so whether it's 32%, 40%, 50% the message is get your flu shot, stay home when you're sick and make sure that you are washing your hands as much as possible. Always take those preventive steps.

Commissioner O'Grady: As a heart patient, it's just a good idea for me to get a flu shot every year so I've been doing that religiously for the last nineteen years, but as your employer, as your employer we tell you it's a good idea from a healthcare perspective to get your flu shot. As Joe said, it's just a smart idea, if you're a parent, get your flu shot, if you're a parent have your kids get your flu shot, keep your household from bringing that into the household. My wife runs around the house every year with handi wipes, wiping down the house, wiping all the doorknobs and refrigerators handles. Whatever you can do to keep that flu strain from being around the house is a good idea and it's just a smart idea and it doesn't take much to go see your doctor while you're in there for any other reason. You can get it at the grocery store, the minute clinic, CVS, or the pharmacy. It's an easy thing to do.

Mr. Mazzola: We do have regular clinics around Franklin County for child vaccinations and we always have the flu vaccine available during flu season at those regularly standing clinics around Franklin County and at the Memorial Hall at our clinic, we always have that available as well.

Commissioner O'Grady: You can get it basically starting in late summer, early fall correct?

Mr. Mazzola: We'll have the vaccine in late August, early September, our mass vaccination clinic will be in early October, but you're correct. Flu season will start

around that time and it will go through all way through May, so it still isn't too late to get your flu shot.

President Boyce: Let's say hypothetically I knew someone that didn't get theirs this year, I'm just saying maybe I know somebody that may not have gotten theirs (laughter), should they still go and get it?

Mr. Mazzola: Absolutely.

President Boyce: I have to call that person and let them know (laughter).

Mr. Mazzola: We are still at moderate intensity in terms of flu activities. It's still very active.

Ms. McCrary: Commissioner Boyce, I had the opportunity to go out and observe the mass flu clinic this past fall, and I will say I did not see anyone from the county except the people that worked at the Health Department. I just want to add that I do drive a minivan (laughter).

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0228-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0229-18, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$21,816,956.22), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing the Purchasing Department. The resolution before you requests your approval of 148 purchase orders. Commissioners, of the total purchase orders, there are 16 purchase orders for the Small Emerging Businesses which equals 10.8% of the purchase order volume. Commissioners, in order to have equitable evaluation of this PO dollar volume, I would need to adjust the total PO dollar amount. The significant dollar amount of the PO was caused by a 19.1 million dollar disbursement to the Columbus Zoo for the zoo levy. By taking that amount away, the total PO dollars available to SEB's, was \$2,716,956.22. When you compare that to total PO amounts that were awarded to SEB's, \$463,984.57 it equals 3% of the purchase order dollar volume. If you left it in there, it would be less than half of a percent. In order to have equitable evaluation of the PO's available to the SEB's in what they spent, it would be 3%. That's why in order to have a clearer evaluation with taking out those 19 million dollars to the zoo levy which would not be available to the SEB's for a comparison amount. These purchase orders have been pre-certified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0229-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0231-18, establishing a pre-qualified pool of firms eligible to provide investment banking and underwriting services and authorizing an underwriting syndicate for the upcoming inaugural issuance of sale tax revenue bonds (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners. On February 6, 2018 firms were invited to submit proposal to provide investment banking and underwriting services to the County. The County received proposals from twenty –five firms and seven (7) were identified to be interviewed for the upcoming senior lead on the sales tax issuance. After a comprehensive examination of qualifications and experience of all firms that submitted proposals, the County has identified a pre-qualified pool of thirteen firms to provide underwriting services through December 31, 2020, including six to serve as part of the underwriting syndicate for the upcoming inaugural issuance of sales tax revenue bonds.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0231-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0232-18, authorizing the agreements between Franklin County and the Public Safety Answering Points for the disbursement of Wireless 9-1-1 grant dollars. (Board of Commissioners) (\$2,010,425.00), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, on October 25, 2017 the Franklin County 911 Planning Committee authorized funding to four (4) wireless Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP’s) that are operated by the City of Columbus, the City of Dublin, the City of Grove City and the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0232-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0233-18, authorizing a transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Wireless 9-1-1 Fund for the payment of interest earnings from calendar year 2017 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioner, this is the annual resolution in which we calculate the interest earnings on the balance in the Wireless 9-1-1 fund on a transfer from the General Fund to the Wireless 9-1-1 fund. Pursuant to statute, funds have to be deposited in the General Fund first.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0233-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0234-18, appointing Paul Chodak III to the Columbus Regional Airport Authority Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator.

Mr. Janas: Good morning Commissioners. Mr. Chodak is a Vice President of American Electric Power, Vice President of Utilities.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0234-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0235-18, appointing Randi Good to Rural Zoning Commission (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Janas.

Mr. Janas: Mr. Good is an employee of Prairie Township, also a trustee of Pleasant Township.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0235-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Victoria Caldwell, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read one (1) Journalization into the record:

Case #ANX-07-18 An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition ANX-07-18 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on March 14, 2018. The petition is requesting to annex 1.00 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on April 17, 2018. Site: 4175 Casa Boulevard (PID# 160-000814).

Resolution No. 0236-18, Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner O'Grady: I move to convene into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, promotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

Commissioner Brown: Second

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0236-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

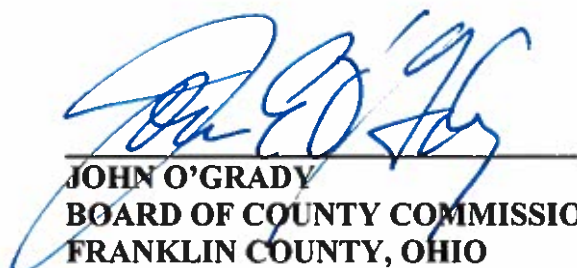
The Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 10:18 A.M. With no deliberative action taken, the Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 11:23 A.M. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 A.M.

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


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Submitted by:


Victoria Caldwell, Clerk