

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 27, 2018.

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

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

President Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

President Boyce: We will continue with our celebration and honoring of Women's History Month, today we have the Women's Fund of Central Ohio. Sara Pariser, Director of Grant Programs and Urvi Patel, Director of Strategic Communications.

Ms. Patel: We want to thank you for having us here today. There are a lot of opportunities for women and girls in our community and the Women's Fund is well positioned to do some great work. Our statehouse day this year marked not only the beginning of Women's History Month, but also the enthusiasm to tackle the critical issues that women and girls face in our community. What we did at our statehouse day is talk about our new strategic agenda. We took a look at the data and what it told us what we need to do for the next three years for women and girls. We focused our priorities around those issues. Our two overarching areas are economic empowerment for women and girls, and leadership for women and girls. Under those areas, we focused on specific issues we can work on. Under economic empowerment: childcare costs, reducing teen pregnancy through comprehensive sex education and improved access to contraception, paid leave policies and pay equity. Under leadership: fostering women's philanthropy, improving advocacy training and focusing on voter's rights, increasing the number of women running for office and building the pipeline for the next generation. We do our work in five key ways. We are a grant making body. We believe in building the capacity and resources of our community to tackle the work where we cannot. We work on research. Every two years, we commission research to focus on the areas that are critical in our community. We forecast with this research and determine what issues we should be focusing on that could transform the lives of women and girls in the years to come. In terms of advocacy, we discuss what issues effecting women and girls and how we can

lend our voices. We focus on partnerships because we believe that there are a lot organizations working on issues effecting women and girls. We do not want to be redundant of that work, but want to overlay where necessary and be a collective power to get the work done. We also do community education. The more that we deepen our understanding of the issues, we believe the more impact we can have. Ms. Pariser will give you a brief overview of what is on deck for this year.

Ms. Pariser: We will continue to provide capacity building with our fifteen grant partners. This fall, we will build our community focused funding model. We train over 200 men, women, and high school students to read and evaluate grant proposals. We are commissioning issue briefings to paint the picture of the data, what's the need and these will be shared on our website. We also will be looking at the concept of the wealth gap. When we talk about economic empowerment, it is more than self-sufficiency and meeting basic needs. We will be commissioning research to understand better what are the factors that contribute to a woman being able to have savings accumulating throughout the course of her life, and the factors that prohibit that. We will continue to build on community education and advocacy by bringing issue forums with a gender lens on how issues on the ballot can impact women and families differently. We will continue our work on gender bias. In the last year, we have created a toolkit called Gender By Us, to bring people together to disrupt gender bias. We are turning that into a social enterprise model, so it will be able to fund the work we are doing to fund more grants. By focusing that gender bias conversation within organizations with recommendations for policies and practices to create a gender equitable environment at work, we will continue to be that convener to bring organizations together. As we look at equal pay, we will be convening women's organizations across Central Ohio to see what we each are doing and how we can support each other to have this social change maximized.

President Boyce: Thank you for coming in today and sharing with us the direction your organization is headed. We heard from the YWCA last week and learned a lot of history about women in Central Ohio. The Women's Fund represents the future.

Commissioner Brown: There is a lot of information you have provided that we have seen online. Did you happen to see the article in today's paper about OSU Sociology's study on women that smart women in college are not being looked at as closely for jobs? It goes to the gender bias, especially in certain fields. This professor used fake profiles, and the women in the highest academic levels were not getting calls back for interviews. I know the work that you are doing is going to have an impact.

Resolution No. 237-18, resolution authorizing an addendum to the existing contract with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for the Community Corrections / Prison Diversion (407) Program of the Common Pleas Court (Addendum Increase of \$896,082 for a new total grant of \$4,480,406) (Court of Common Pleas) (\$4,480,406.00), presented by Kimberly Canada, Director of Finance, Court of Common Pleas and Susan Bedsole, Deputy Court Director, Court of Common Pleas.

Ms. Canada: This grant addendum restores the funding previously reduced from the Community Corrections/Prison Diversion Grant, which funds from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections for state fiscal year 2018-2019. It provides funding for 16.8 full time employees, who provides services for supervision for offenders. It is estimated that a little over 1,400 will be diverted from prison.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 237-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 238-18, resolution authorizing an addendum to the existing contract with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for the Community Corrections / Jail Diversion (408) Program of the Common Pleas Court (Addendum Increase of \$145,482 for a new total grant of \$727,406) (Court of Common Pleas) (\$727,406.00), presented by Ms. Canada.

Ms. Canada: This grant addendum also restores the funding to the Community Corrections/Jail Diversion program. It is funding a little over 4.23 full time employees that provides pre-trial services for offenders. It is estimated that a little over 1,400 will be diverted from jail.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 238-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 239-18, resolution authorizing the removal of waste materials from the Sheriff's Office Training Academy (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution authorizes the removal of residual waste materials from the firing range mining that was conducted in the fourth quarter of 2017.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 239-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 240-18, resolution authorizing a settlement to Cynthia Forsythe for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (Sheriff) (\$500.00), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, this resolution approves a settlement from an accident that occurred on October 17, 2017. It has been recommended by the Prosecutor and Fleet Management. It offers a payment in the amount of \$500 to settle the claim.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 240-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 241-18, resolution authorizing a settlement to Nicholas Flynn for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (Sheriff) (\$385.52), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution approves a settlement from of a vehicle damage claim from an accident that occurred on December 14, 2017. It has been recommended by the Prosecutor and Fleet Management. It offers a payment in the amount of \$385.52 to settle the claim.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 241-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 242-18, resolution authorizing a settlement to Muskingum County for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (Sheriff) (\$1,745.80), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution approves a settlement from of a vehicle damage claim from an accident that occurred earlier this month. It has been recommended by the Prosecutor and Fleet Management. It offers a payment in the amount of \$1,745.80 to settle the claim.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 242-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 243-18, resolution approving a ditch maintenance petition for Weldon Phase 1 and Phase 2, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Drainage Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is for a subdivision in the northeast part of the County in Jefferson Township. It is on the west side of Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road, south of Clark State Road. This resolution is for a drainage maintenance petition and is ready for approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 243-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 244-18, resolution for establishing, altering and widening of Havens Corners Road, County Road No. 16, at Morrison Farms East Drive, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This project is associated with a subdivision in Jefferson Township by Rockford Homes. This project will widen Havens Corners Road for a westbound left turn lane into the subdivision. This is the first resolution in a series of two to declare the project necessary.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 244-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 245-18, resolution authorizing contract with Michael Baker International, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing a preliminary engineering study for Winchester Pike between Hamilton Road and Gender Road, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$88,674.00), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is for a corridor study in the south east part of the County in Madison Township. It will be along Winchester Pike from Hamilton Road to Gender Road. Winchester Pike is heavily traveled and experiences situations when there are traffic problems on US 33. We want to look at this corridor to look at the intersections to see if there are any improvements we need to implement.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 245-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 246-18, resolution for the approval of the Weldon Phase 1 subdivision plat, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Carla Marable, Director of Communications, Engineer's Office.

Ms. Marable: This resolution seeks approval of a plat for the Phase 1 Weldon subdivision. The subdivision is located in Jefferson Township, west of Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road. Approval of this plat will allow the developer to move forward and begin the sale of the 39 new lots in the subdivision.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 246-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 247-18, resolution authorizing the execution of an Easement to Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., for land owned by the Franklin County Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: This resolution authorizes an easement to Columbia Gas of Ohio. They currently have a project to upgrade a 15 mile segment of existing gas service and one of the properties necessary is owned by the Commissioners. This easement will accommodate a permanent easement and a temporary easement. Columbia Gas of Ohio will compensate the Board of Commissioners in the amount of \$1,551.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 247-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 248-18, resolution authorizing the conveyance of real property located on Riggins Road for the purpose of transferring excess land from right-of-way (Board of Commissioners), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, we previously had The Wiggins Road improvement project that was a collaborative project with the City of Hilliard and a private developer. The project required the purchase of right-of-way for use and construction of the roadway. The City of Hilliard compensated Franklin County for the purchase and requested upon completion of the project that the land be transferred back to them.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 248-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 249-18, resolution authorizing a contract extension to Byers Ford, LLC for the provision of supply and delivery of Fleet Automobiles for the Franklin County Fleet Management Department (Fleet Management) (\$1,500,000.00), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

Ms. Ashcraft: The resolution before you is requesting authorization to extend the Fleet's automobiles contract for one year. The original contract with Byers Ford was approved on March 1, 2016 under Resolution No. 0136-16. The original contract was for two years, with an option to extend for three one year periods. This is the first extension.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 249-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 250-18, resolution authorizing an Economic Development Agreement with Columbus 2020 to conduct economic development activities on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (Economic Development and Planning) (\$1,000,000.00), presented by Jim Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Schimmer: I am here this morning to ask for your approval of a resolution that is our annual agreement with Columbus 2020 to conduct economic development services on

behalf of the County. This is a contract made between the Board of Commissioners and Columbus 2020 to support our regional economy. The economic development activities that go on in Franklin County focus in on new business, development, job creation and job retention. We have four main categories that we base our contract on. The first is a national and international marketing program for Franklin County and the Columbus region. Columbus 2020 does proactive industry outreach for us. They promote and facilitate entrepreneurship and have been helpful in civic infrastructure, as well as international business development. I am pleased to tell you that this contract has lead to the following results in 2017:

- Columbus 2020 has announced 54 projects in Franklin County;
- 4,851 new jobs;
- \$560,000,000 in new capital investment;
- Created over \$221,000,000 in payroll;
- 24,000 jobs have been retained;
- The jobs they worked on have an average wage of \$52,000.

We are getting a tremendous return on our investment. We have Kenny McDonald, President and CEO, Columbus 2020 to say a few words.

Mr. McDonald: Thank you, Commissioners, for the investment support. It is a fantastic time to be in Franklin County. We have been a top 10 region for the last six years. Columbus 2020 did not exist in 2010 and this past year, we were selected as the number one brand in economic development around the country. That is thanks for your investment in our organization. We are making the Amazon list, which I think helps us and being on the Smart Cities effort. When we arrive around the world to meet with companies, they know where we are from and who we are. The census bureau is proving that it isn't just marketing, that we are the most powerful economic region in Ohio. Your investments are being leveraged. We have over 300 private investors who are investing every day in this effort. For every dollar invested in our organization, the return is over \$470 per \$1. We were in 54 missions last year. 21 cities around the country. Eight different countries and hosting delegations. The Dubai delegation that we met with earlier is also joined by a delegation from 25 Japanese companies. We are beginning an economic analysis and work with a focus on: not to forget our mission, a renewed focus that the economic development gets to every community across our 11 counties. I applaud you as you do your own planning. We have to work together for our future.

President Boyce: It was a pleasure to sit with the group from Dubai and see Columbus 2020 in action. It is one thing to see results, but you don't necessarily appreciate the work that goes into the results. In any part of Central Ohio, you will see growth. This is a very appropriate investment. The return on investment is as solid as they come.

Commissioner Brown: The work focus is really important. It is important for us to acknowledge the hard work that it takes to bring all of the pieces together, so we can have a healthy community. Columbus 2020 has been seeing that for the last few years. We need

to focus on the workforce piece because if we do not have the people to do the work, it does not matter who we bring in.

Mr. McDonald: We partnered with the Dispatch for a free ad.

President Boyce: It is interesting how Rickenbacker factors into this equation. The partnership with Franklin County and the City of Columbus and it really created an explosion in our growth. Hearing the delegation from Dubai talk about the importance of that, goes to show that the growth is not accidental. We coordinate our efforts to make sure the entire net is touching everyone.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 250-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 251-18, resolution authorizing a New Employee Training Grant agreement with the Fortuity Calling, LLC to provide employee training for low income Franklin County residents as part of the company's commitment to begin operations within Franklin County (Economic Development and Planning) (\$500,000.00), presented by Michael Salvadore, Workforce Navigator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Schimmer: Commissioners, you talked about the notion of focusing on workforce and sometimes it takes a little bit of effort and work to get the deal done. This is the perfect example of that and we are pleased to bring this project to you this morning.

Mr. Salvadore: This project is a long time coming. Fortuity Calling is a startup call center operation that relocated in Franklinton. They intend to hire 300 low-income individuals over the next five years. This is part of Phase 1 of the grant project that will hopefully create a multi-site operation. Our grant agreement will provide \$500,000 in reimbursable funds. The company is not going to get paid until they have hired and trained an individual and paid them a certain wage threshold that is set out in the contract. There are three different wage thresholds; \$11/hour, \$13/hour and \$15/hour. We designed the contract that way to incentivize the company to keep their word. The company is to give these individuals a career path in the company. We will provide training dollars along the way as each individual progresses through the company. We have Fred Brothers, President and CEO & Katie Robinson VP, both with Fortuity Calling, LLC, Beth Gifford, President and CEO, Columbus Works, and Gina Ginn, Executive Director, Columbus Early Learning Centers, to explain the ins and outs of this project.

Mr. Brothers: Fortuity Calling is a social enterprise that offers good jobs and wage advancements to low income Franklin County residents who want to work their way out of poverty. Philosophically, we believe that poverty can only be broken with sustained employment. You have to find someone who is willing to work, help them gain the skills that are worth more money, help them find a job where they can apply those skills and get paid for them, and help them stay employed. Over time, this will enable them to gain more

skills and more work experience, earn advancements and gradually work their way from poverty to economic self-sufficiency. That is our goal. Fortuity Calling began three years ago, to bring a career path back into the inner city, close to the people who need a better opportunity. We founded this company to create hundreds of jobs that are readily accessible on public transportation. These jobs can be obtained with a high school equivalency and demonstrated willingness to work. We expect 75-80% of our employees to be women and the vast majority of them to be moms. We are focused primarily on women who are raising children in our inner cities. Our leadership team has 100 years of experience managing large corporate call centers. We service customers for Bank of American, Wells Fargo, the Limited, Pottery Barn, MedChoice. Call centers have a defined career path. Part of the business is to continue to invest in individuals. We have six different promotional opportunities. This is different from the entry level job. There are 25,000 call center jobs in Ohio. We have been in communication with the Ohio Mid-Ohio Foodbank. You cannot address one dimension of poverty and expect to sell. Ms. Ginn mentioned to me that if we do not address the childcare needs, they are unlikely to keep the job. That is going to be a recurring theme. You can get them the job, but there is a horrible turnover rate because of factors that have little to do with the job. If we do not address what happens when the child gets sick, the parent is unlikely to keep the job. Columbus Works is a nationally recognized program that has helped 6,000 families rise from poverty to economic self-sufficiency through sustained employment. Last year, Columbus Works graduated nearly 100 Franklin County residents that were living in poverty and placed them in good jobs. 80% of individuals that were living in poverty that were not working enough that they could go to a one week class, are still in the same job one year later. We have not found another program that has this kind of effectiveness and retention. We want to thank the Commissioners and the Economic Development and Planning Department. We could not have done this without you and welcome you to come visit our site.

Commissioner Brown: This is the main reason we started the People Works program. This project is what People Works is designed to do and to be. Thank you for all you are doing. This is a way out of poverty and getting people into sustainable jobs.

President Boyce: There is a saying that goes "The best social service is a good paying job." I remember the day that my mom was hired at the Post Office. A job with benefits and a steady pay check. That job changed our lives. The project is one thing, but the concept is another. Can you tell the viewing audience, where can someone go to apply for a job?

Mr. Brothers: We will be setting up another Columbus Works location at 750 Mt. Carmel Mall in Franklinton and columbusworks.org.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 251-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 252-18, resolution to review of petition to annex 3.814 +/- acres from Mifflin

Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-06-18 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to consider an expedited type 2 annexation of 3.814 acres from Mifflin Township to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property located at 3756 Agler Road. North of Agler Road, west of Interstate 270, and east of Stelzer Road. Petition was filed by Agent Aaron Heydinger of Gandee Heydinger Group on behalf of the property owner, Agler Properties. 6.7% of the site's perimeter is contiguous with the City of Columbus and the City passed resolution no. 0625-2018 on March 5, 2018 indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved and a statement regarding incompatible land uses and zoning buffer. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in ORC 709.021.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 252-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 253-18, resolution authorizing acceptance of reallocation funds from Franklin County Public Health for treatment, education and naloxone distribution (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$40,000.00), presented by Michael Daniels, Justice Policy Coordinator, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: This resolution is in collaboration with Franklin County Public Health, and is in regard to an application for public health reallocation funding awarded through the Ohio Department of Health in the amount of \$40,000. The overarching goals of the initiative is to reduce the number of opioid related overdoses and fatalities and to expand treatment capacity and compliance of justice involved individuals. We specifically intend to use this funding to support the expansion of our Pathways Program to include a hiring of a Peer Support Specialist who will work nights and weekends and to procure and distribute naloxone to individuals being released from Franklin County jail, who are at high risk of overdosing upon their release. The funding expires August 30th, but we hope to serve at least 100 justice involved individuals.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 253-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 254-18, resolution authorizing a consultant contract with Fred C. Bowditch for continued professional services related to critical infrastructure protection and private/public partnerships (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$50,000.00), presented by Cece Weirick, Homeland Security.

Ms. Weirick: This resolution allows the Office of Homeland Security to continue a current contract with Fred Bowditch. Mr. Bowditch is a retired Lieutenant from the Columbus Police Department. His intelligence and experience in terrorism, and the risk assessments

that he provides here are critical. He has a significant impact with the Jewish community. He does his job very well.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 254-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 255-18, resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Alvis, Inc for the provision of case management and peer support services through the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant and Public Health reallocation funding (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$9,500.00), presented by Mr. Daniels.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioners, now that you have approved Resolution No. 253-18, we are asking to spend the first \$9,500 of that with Alvis, Inc., through their operation of Amethyst. We are hiring one Peer Support Specialist who will work between 10-15 hours a week to meet the ladies at jail when they are released. They will provide transportation and other support activities. Alvis, Amethyst, and the Peer Support Specialist will take the lead on the distribution of naloxone.

President Boyce: Can you explain to me how the naloxone distribution is going to work?

Mr. Daniels: There is a short training for doing this. The naloxone that we distribute looks like a nasal spray. They will be self-deployed. Everyone who receives these will go through a short training about how to use it.

President Boyce: I am trying to understand the practicality of self-administering naloxone.

Mr. Daniels: I don't think the idea is that you are going to self-administer to yourself. I believe the idea is that if you are at a high risk of overdosing, you are going to leave it with people you live with. If for some reason you were to slip up and overdose, it will be there for someone to administer to you. Many of the women that we are working with have an addiction, and it is possibly that their friends have an addiction, and is possible that they might need to administer to their peers.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 255-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 256-18, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Franklin Park Conservatory to provide programs that foster environmental understanding and increase tourism (Community Partnerships) (\$500,000.00), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Office of Management and Budget.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution supports the overall operations of Franklin Park Conservatory and many of the exciting projects that they have embarked on over the last

several years. They have opened the doors of the Wells Barn. One of the new developments they are going to embark on this year is the development of the Children's Garden. I have Jenny Pope, Director of Community Outreach, Franklin Park Conservatory to tell us about this project.

Ms. Pope: On behalf of the Conservatory, we cannot thank you enough of your support. We are entering into a new era of the Conservatory by expanding our experience from three acres to thirteen acres, we can welcome in so many more Franklin County families, out of town guests and create world class gardens. What has us excited the most is our Children's Garden. It is a two acre garden that reflects Ohio's diverse landscape and built for kids to get outside, play, to have fun and to connect them with nature and plants. We know that there is a positive impact to our health and happiness as human beings. We involved a lot of kids in the design process and one of the things that came out of the work is rainbows. As you enter the garden, you will see a stained glass arch that is embedded with crystals. When the sun is shining through it, you will see many rainbows. There are sixteen garden galleries with a canopy walk, rope bridge, hammock lounge and things that interpret Ohio's wildlife and ecosystems. There is a 150 foot creek that the kids can have a great time in.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 256-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 257-18, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Franklin Park Conservatory in support of the Green Corps Program (Community Partnerships) (\$25,000.00), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution is in support of the Green Corps Program. It is a workforce development program that helps young people to learn skills they need to be successful in gaining jobs in the landscape business.

Ms. Pope: The program helps young people, ages 18-24, to develop rudimentary skills in landscaping, horticulture, greenhouse production and tier scape. This year, we have eleven trainees. They come to us through Impact Community Action Network and Eckard Connections. It is such a rich program. They have hands on experience in the morning and in the afternoon, they are receiving college level education in plant science. Most of our trainees are offered a job before graduating. We will be bringing in seven companies this year to do interviews with our trainees.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 257-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 258-18, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Mid-Ohio Foodbank to provide healthful foods to low income Franklin County residents (Community Partnerships) (\$100,000.00), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: Commissioners, this resolution supports the work that we do with the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. They reach thousands of Franklin County residents with fresh foods through produce markets, and food pantries. They will be bringing millions of pounds of fresh produce and dairy products so they can make healthful choices for their families when they shop at the food pantries.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 258-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 259-18, resolution authorizing the County Administrator to exercise option to extend the term of the Lease with The Ohio State University for leased space to house the morgue and associated laboratory and office operations of the Franklin County Coroner (Public Facilities Management), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Long: The County is in the process of designing and constructing a new Forensic Science Center, which will house the operations of the Coroner's Office. The Coroner's Office has been on The Ohio State University campus since 1975. In 2014, the County entered into a three year lease with OSU with two consecutive options to extend the term of the lease. This will authorize the County Administrator to authorize the extensions of the lease. This is an administrative process as we go forward with the new build.

President Boyce: Ms. Long, I would like to request a briefing on the Forensic Science Center. I have not had that opportunity to learn more about this project.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 259-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 260-18, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$3,656,717.03), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing the Purchasing Department. The resolution before you requests approval of 100 Purchase Orders. Of the 100 Purchase Orders, there are 5 Purchase Orders for the SEBE, which equals 5% of the Purchase Order volume. There is a significant proof list for the County Landbank. By removing that amount, we can determine the true comparison of the SEBE efforts. The total amount PO dollars available for SEBEs were \$992,716.95. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 260-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 261-18, resolution authorizing the issuance of sales tax supported bonds from time to time for the purpose of paying the costs of permanent improvements or refunding debt issued by the County for that purpose and authorizing the execution and delivery of a Master Trust Agreement providing for the rights of the holders of the bonds and pledging certain revenues and funds to secure those bonds (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: We have with us County's bond counsel, Emmett Kelly and David Rodgers, Frost Brown Todd. This resolution sets the framework for the issuance of sales tax backed bonds. The County has previously had only issued limited tax general obligation or special obligation bonds. This is part of the master trust agreement and will set the issuances going forward.

Mr. Kelly: The resolutions you have before you allow for flexibility through respective financing structures.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 261-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 262-18, resolution authorizing the issuance of sales tax supported bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$266,000,000 for the purpose of financing the construction of a new jail facility owned by the County of Franklin, Ohio and certain other improvements to County facilities, including but not limited to financing modernization upgrades to all of the Elevator units in the office tower owned by the County of Franklin, Ohio, and other permanent improvements; and authorizing related documents and agreements, including a First Supplemental Trust Agreement, an Official Statement, a Bond Purchase Agreement, a Continuing Disclosure Agreement (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, this resolution would authorize the issuance of bonds up to \$266,000,000 in sales tax backed bonds. Of that amount, approximately \$200,000,000 will be related to the new Corrections Center. An additional \$50,000,000 will be for various facilities improvements, including the elevator modernization project that is underway. There are a number of larger scale projects that could potentially be supported with bond financing, including various roof replacements and a number of systems may be reaching the end of their life cycle in the County building. This will give us flexibility to include these projects in the upcoming issuance. We are looking to close this deal in early June. The remaining amount will provide any monies required for a debt service reserve fund, if required to insure the bond rating and security on those bonds.

Commissioner Brown: This is an up to amount?

Mr. Talarek: Correct, that does not mean this will be the amount that will be issued. This gives us the most flexibility going forward.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 262-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 263-18, resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 for the purpose of renovating and improving certain facilities owned by the County of Franklin, Ohio; and authorizing related documents and agreements (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: This resolution will allow for the bonds to be issued for facilities improvements to be issued as limited tax general obligation instead of sales tax backed bonds. That will be dependent on market conditions at time of the sale. If it is a lower cost to issue bonds, it will be limited tax general obligation, and the County can proceed that way. It does not require us to issue the full \$50,000,000.

President Boyce: Will we do these in one transaction or will there be multiple transactions within one transaction?

Mr. Talarek: I believe it will be multiple within the same transaction. There would be several official statements.

President Boyce: Frost Brown Todd is the bond counsel, who is our FA for these transactions?

Mr. Talarek: Umbaugh and Associates.

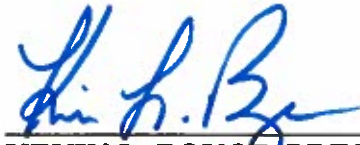
Mr. Kelly: Commissioners, the \$50,000,000 is not in addition to the \$266,000,000. It will be a portion of it.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 263-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 A.M.

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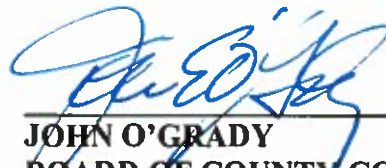
These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of March 27, 2018.



KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT



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Submitted by:



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