

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

March 28, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

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

Also present on the dais were Nick Soulas, First Assistant, Prosecuting Attorney; Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator; and Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the February 9, 2017 Administrative Session, and the minutes of the February 7, and February 14, 2017 General Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 199-17, resolution authorizing the acceptance of FY16 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant from the Ohio Emergency Management Agency for Franklin County (Emergency Management Agency) (\$56,250), presented by Jeffrey Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Young: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is to accept a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant allowing us to move forward with updating our existing Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan that was last adopted by all jurisdictions in Franklin County in 2012. This has been accepted by our Executive Committee representing all jurisdictions. We have completed the paperwork with the state EMA regarding grant guidance. This will allow us to move forward with the RFP process and the County Procurement Office to distribute the RFP to select a vendor to conduct the meetings and do the work.

Commissioner Boyce: I would say that we talked about this in Briefing a little bit, but I think it is helpful for the public to hear this as well. Being prepared for emergency disaster management is an important thing and citizens do not often see how they were kept safe because of this planning. I do not want to overlook the importance of this work. There was an accident on Interstate 270 near Dublin that required a lot of different agencies to be a

part of it. The coordination and strategic alignment saved lives and prevented additional accidents.

Commissioner Brown: I think that is true. I was talking to Mr. Young earlier about what happened on Sunday with the weather. That was the EMA's work in getting the warning out. That took a lot of coordination. If you would like to talk about what you have done to prepare our residents would be nice.

Mr. Young: The comments are much appreciated. This resolution is designed to preempt impacts on the community. It allows us to bring forth projects that provide benefit ahead of a disaster to avoid the impact and create a resilient community. As far as for Sunday night or the tanker rollover, that goes into building the partnerships that allows for response to occur and the layering of our alerting system. This is one of the most critical elements of the agency. We have the siren system and the Alert Franklin County system, which allows people to receive text messages, emails, and phone calls. The day before, we conducted a weather spotter training for about 200 people. We do this in conjunction with the National Weather Service. During the storm on Sunday, the volunteers were reporting in various wind conditions or hail.

Commissioner Brown: This is the time of year when these storms happen.

Mr. Young: Correct, I am a little bit concerned because we had our first watch in February, which is not typical. April kinds to ramp up severe weather in Ohio.

Commissioner Brown: Do people still have an opportunity to sign up for those text messages?

Mr. Young: That is an effort that never stops. We always have new people moving into the community and out of the community. One of the conversations that took place at the conference was linking our system directly to Buckeye Alerts and Buckeye Alerts directly with ours because they have a population within their area that changes every year. This is an ongoing issue. We have put animated videos on our website to grab people's attention. The next effort is how we push that message out to the community.

Commissioner Boyce: Before we move on, who pays for the sirens? Who is responsible to maintain them?

Mr. Young: We have 196 sirens around the county. Those sirens are owned by the municipal jurisdictions where they are located. Columbus has about ninety. They are assessed a fee by our agency under contract where we operate, test and maintain them as an agent for each jurisdiction.

Commissioner Boyce: So it is a collaborative effort?

Mr. Young: Yes. The billing goes out as a proportionate share. When we receive those payments back, it goes into a separate fund for warning. On a weekly basis we test the sirens and each siren has four sirens in it. There is always a piece of mechanical equipment or circuit board that is needing replaced. That is one reason we test. We have a vendor that goes out and service the sirens on a weekly basis. We have had four sirens this year that have been relocated because of development. It is all activated primarily through our agency as one collaborative controller with several public safety answering points acting as our secondary locations if we do not have staff onsite to initiate it.

President O'Grady: I was having dinner at my in-laws when the storm was coming through and had a great conversation with my 14 year old about the sirens.

Mr. Young: I have had those conversations as well. As a parent you kind of smile that physics and science actually does play a role in our lives. It is also a great opportunity that the sirens are the outdoor warning system. We have conversations afterwards that people do not hear the sirens inside or in their basement. It is really designed to alert you when you are out. We use the Alert Franklin County and broadcast media. This is the first season where we have the indoor warning receivers that are tied to the system, which would alert whatever venue it is in. It is to make sure that people inside the buildings are aware that something is going on when they are responsible for a large public gathering.

Commissioner Brown: Then you have the text alerts, which is great. Is there any chance you have the phone number so people can sign up?

Mr. Young: It is all through our home page and also available at alertfranklincounty.org. One of the next steps is to work with the Public Affairs person at each of the local jurisdictions to ask them to help with our marketing and push the message. This is an effort that never stops. We will be having the same conversation years from now. We are always evolving. Most people require two pieces of confirming information before they will take an action.

President O'Grady: It was a good exercise on Sunday. My son was amazed that I knew as much as I did.

Mr. Young: Thank you. It all worked well.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 199-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

President O'Grady: We have a special presentation. Will Jim Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning and Mark Paxson, Interim Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning come up.

Mr. Schimmer: James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning and Mark Paxson. We are very pleased to present to you the National Community Development Association Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award. This is the second time in five years that we have gotten this national award. We are very proud to have gotten it for the Franklin County Food Security Initiative that we have.

Mr. Paxson: Any time you receive an award of this stature, it requires many contributors. I want to thank the Commissioners for your progressive vision that allows such innovative programs to take place. I would like to thank County Administration for the resources and guidance. Thank Mr. Schimmer, Ms. Snapp, Mr. Frase, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Lee for their passion and their expertise that brought the project to fruition.

Mr. Schimmer: This is an illustration of the good work we have been able to do, not only in this area but in our community development areas as well. We have the highest leverage of dollars in the country with our CDBG dollars. We are going to have to fight to keep our CDBG dollars to make sure that we are able to do good work in Franklin County. I do want to thank our staff because they have done a really good job of interpreting the things that I see and putting them into reality. We are pleased to present this to your this morning and get a picture with you.

Commissioner Brown: This is great work. Thanks to all the staff of Economic Development and Planning.

President O'Grady: When we were in Washington D.C. seeing our Representatives making a case for CDBG and Home dollars, I went to see Congresswoman Beatty. She was in committee and asked her staff to bring me to her committee. We discussed CDBG and told her that we leverage our dollars better than anyone in the country. She told us to sit in the front row of committee. Congresswoman Beatty asked for her time and recognizes Franklin County as being the leader in the country and how important it is. There were two Congressmen complaining that people in their districts are using money for the wrong reasons. We gave her some examples of what we do in Franklin County. She did a fantastic job of defending both the CDBG and the Home Program.

Mr. Schimmer: I really appreciate that. That is one of the things we pride ourselves on. Our work is never done. It is going to continue on. The resources may get tighter, but we have some young minds to be able to think about how we can use those in different ways.

Resolution No. 200-17, resolution authorizing a Contract Agreement with Osborn Engineering to provide Enhanced Commissioning and Support Services associated with the planning, design and construction of a New Correctional Facility as part of the Franklin County Public Safety Center (Public Facilities Management) (\$415,885), presented by Jim Goodenow, Director, Public Facilities Management.

Mr. Goodenow: Good morning Commissioners, Jim Goodenow, Public Facilities Management. As you are aware, we are constructing a new correctional facility, which will be located at 2551 Fisher Road. An important partner in the project is the firm asked to

provide enhanced commissioning support services. The new facility includes very sophisticated energy efficient building systems, HVAC, emergency power, lighting, etc. The recommended firm will assist in the planning design and construction of these systems and test the equipment to make sure it is properly installed and operating as designed and as efficiently as possible upon occupancy. We issued a request for proposals and recommend that you award a contract for these professional engineering services to Osborn Engineering. The project team believes Osborn has the staff, capacity and a resume of experience to provide the required services.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 200-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 201-17, resolution authorizing a settlement with Nghia Dinh Pham for a claim for damages to his vehicle as a result of an auto accident involving a vehicle operated by an employee of Franklin County Public Facilities Management (Public Facilities Management) (\$250), presented by Mr. Goodenow.

Mr. Goodenow: Commissioners, one of our employees, while operating a truck equipped with a snowplow, accidentally damaged a vehicle driven by another party. This will settle the claim and reimburse them for the \$250 deductible.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 201-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 202-17, resolution authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement with the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency for leased space in the Franklin County Fulton Street Building (Public Facilities Management) (\$79,118.04), presented by Mr. Goodenow.

Mr. Goodenow: Commissioners, the Child Support Enforcement Agency occupies space at 80 E. Fulton St. This is a renewal of our lease agreement that allows the agency to use the space.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 202-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 203-17, resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute a Deed of Gift to the Ohio History Connection for artifacts recovered during an archaeological excavation of the site now occupied by the Franklin County Common Pleas Courthouse (Public Facilities Management), presented by Mr. Goodenow.

Mr. Goodenow: Commissioners, in 2007 this Board contracted for the limited archaeological examination, bounded by Front Street, Main Street, High Street and Mound

Street. At that time the property was occupied by four large surface parking lots. After removing the asphalt in the testing area, archaeologists discovered building foundations, brick lined privies and other features containing significant information about early life in Columbus. Documentary research indicates that on one corner, a house was occupied by one family for at least seventy-three years and dated back to at least 1850. The testing process did recover numerous artifacts including: historical artifacts and prehistoric artifacts. The artifacts represent the human use of the landscape over hundreds of years. In an effort to preserve and share the artifacts with all of Ohio residents, we recommend that you donate these items to the Ohio History Connection, chartered by the state of Ohio to promote a knowledge of history and archaeology.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 203-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 204-17, resolution to enact a new WOSU Tower Use Agreement for the 800 MHz Radio Communications System (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$75,840), presented by Kathy Crandall, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Programs.

Ms. Crandall: Good morning Commissioners, Kathy Crandall, Homeland Security and Justice Programs. This resolution authorizes us to enter into an agreement for the continued use of the WOSU Tower owned by The Ohio State University. This will boost our new 800 MHz digital radio system. The agreement is a reduction over previous years, including last year of \$6,320, because we could remove some obsolete equipment and condense space. With over 4,000 users on the County's system and knowing the capabilities of this tower being vital to the strength of the signal that we have for the radios, I recommend approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 204-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 205-17, resolution designating positions as Unclassified and Exempt from the Classified Service. (Human Resources), presented by Rob Young, Director, Human Resources.

Mr. Young: Good morning Commissioners, Rob Young representing Human Resources. Periodically we update the list of unclassified employees. The last time we did so was in September of 2015. A few title changes and a few new positions.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 205-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 206-17, resolution authorizing a contract modification with Dunbar Armored, Inc. for Armed Courier Services (Purchasing) (\$2,500), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing Department.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing the Purchasing Department. This contract modification would provide pick-ups of commissary funds from the Franklin County Correctional Facility and deliver them to the Huntington National Bank depository. The monthly service will cost \$402.34 per month and will be effective through August 6, 2017 when this contract expires.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 206-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 207-17, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$3,453,887.61), presented by Mr. Kuespert.

Mr. Kuespert: The resolution before you requests approval of 113 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 207-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 208-17, resolution authorizing a contract with MAXIMUS Consulting Services, Inc. for the annual update to Franklin County's cost allocation plan and the Data Centers cost analysis and rate study (Board of Commissioners) (\$35,500), presented by Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator.

Mr. Wilson: Good morning Commissioners, Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator. The resolution before you this morning would authorize a contract with MAXIMUS Consulting Services for the purpose of updating Franklin County's cost allocation plan to recover indirect costs associated with the federally supported grant programs in 2016, that would be paid back to the General Fund in 2018, as well as updating the Data Center's cost analysis and rates study. The contract amount proposed for consideration is consistent with the amount in last year's agreement of \$35,500. The amount under the cost plan for general County functions is \$19,500, while the Data Center's portion of this proposed contract is \$16,000. Last year's cost allocation plan identified \$4,000,000 in indirect costs that would be invoiced back to the General Fund in 2017, while the Data Center's cost analysis and rate study identified \$1,500,000 in charge backs.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 208-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 209-17, resolution authorizing appropriations adjustments in the Risk Management Fund for the settlements in State ex rel. Altman-Bates v. Public Employee Retirement Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson: Commissioners, this resolution would authorize a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000 within the risk management fund related to payments associated with a decision last year by the Ohio Supreme Court. That decision mandated service credit in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System for current and former employees of the non-profit Franklin County Public Defender's Office hired between 1985-1992. The appropriations would be supported by reimbursement to be received from the City of Columbus for employees of the municipal unit. Because a Memorandum of Understanding is required between the City and the County in order to process the reimbursement, this resolution would also request your permission for me, as County Administrator, to enter into such agreement. As background, there were 254 employees hired by the non-profit Franklin County Public Defender's Office between 198-1992. The amount of reimbursement expected from the City of Columbus, pending a Memorandum of Understanding, is approximately \$2,700,000. I would also like to thank the Prosecutor's Office as it relates to this case.

Commissioner Brown: It has definitely been a journey to get to this settlement.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 209-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 210-17, resolution approving policy guidelines for requesting budget adjustments and fund transfers (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson: Commissioners, this resolution would authorize an update to policy guidelines for request in budget amendments and funds transfers that were originally approved in 2005. Resolutions that require change in appropriations or transfer of cash between funds are prepared by the Office on Management and Budget (OMB). The guidelines include information that agencies should include as part of their request to OMB, factors that OMB would consider as part of their review and timeframe for the approval process. The update primarily eliminates reference to out of date language and unnecessary details in order to align the policy with current practices adopted by OMB. This resolution would also authorize the OMB Director, upon my approval, to make future updates to this policy as required. OMB has streamlined the process and makes a number of improvements that were made when the prior OMB Director was in charge.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 210-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 211-17, resolution authorizing an agreement with iSolved, Inc. for the acquisition of a time and attendance system (Board of Commissioners) (\$47,517), presented by Adam Luckhaupt, CIO, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Luckhaupt: Good morning Commissioners, Adam Luckhaupt representing the Board of Commissioners. This resolution authorizes the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with iSolved for a timekeeping system that would enable agencies to track time electronically. This will replace manual paper processes for timekeeping and leave requests.

Commissioner Brown: When would this be implemented?

Mr. Luckhaupt: This will be a phased rollout among the agencies that are participating. It will start as soon as two weeks, to start beginning the process.

Commissioner Brown: Great.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 211-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 212-17, resolution authorizing the approval of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Plan for the Southcentral Ohio Region (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Long: Good morning Commissioners, Kris Long, Deputy Administrator. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was passed in 2014 and seeks to align and continuously improve workforce education and economic development systems to effectively address the employment and skill needs of workers, job seekers and employers. Local Area 11 is the geographic part of the state that includes Franklin County and serves as the jurisdiction for the administration of the workforce development activities through this workforce system. The state of Ohio is requiring that Local Area 11 enter into a workforce plan. This workforce plan describes the regional economic and workforce conditions, identifies regional workforce partners and outlines workforce strategies and programs for the region. Should you have any further questions, Shirley Costantino, Chief Financial Officer, Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio, is in the audience.

President O'Grady: Do you want to speak, Ms. Costantino?

Ms. Costantino: Thank you for the opportunity to speak. We are the Workforce Development Board for Workforce Area 11. We will be joining, at the state's directive, with Workforce Area 20, which includes Fairfield, Pickaway, Hocking, Ross and Vinton Counties. They may not be the most logical counties that we will be combined with, but these are the counties we have been assigned to. We will work together to develop strategies that work for the region rather than just for individual counties. We are very fortunate that we have fifty-nine university campuses in our region. Some areas are not so fortunate. Both workforce areas are willing to work together. We are willing to sit down together and develop policies together, so that we can have services not only for job

seekers, but also the businesses. It is important that the businesses are treated the same within the region and not by county.

Commissioner Brown: Is this requiring the board to change and be a regional board?

Ms. Costantino: No it does not. We are still a designated workforce area. WIOA required that planning regions be developed. The governor was responsible for developing those planning regions. We will still have two boards, but we will work together. We have had some joint strategy meetings and will continue to have those.

Commissioner Boyce: I had the opportunity of participating in a meeting last week with some individuals from Dublin City Council and Washington Township. A lot of the conversation was about economic development connected to workforce development and the job poaching that occurs often with cities that are adjacent to one another. There is a very logical reason for the two workforce areas working together. The County benefit from the transit employees. Everyone is beginning to think about how we can collaboratively work together to ensure that the region is strong and that we are not competing with one another and the 136,000 college students have a place to go after they graduate.

Commissioner Brown: With those fifty-nine colleges and universities, I think it makes great sense that feed this region.

Ms. Costantino: The other advantage of economic development, both workforce development boards have changed their Executive Director, and now both Executive Directors of Area 11 and Area 20 have an economic development background.

Commissioner Brown: Great. As we get into this, will you be coordinating activities with Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Committee?

Ms. Costantino: Yes. They will be one of the organizations that we need to partner with.

Commissioner Brown: MORPC has already been networking on a lot of other issues that involve infrastructure issues. It would make a lot of sense to have them in the loop on a lot of this.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 212-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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

Case #ANX-05-17 – A Regular annexation petition ANX-05-17 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on March 15, 2017. The petition is requesting to annex 0.47 +/- acres from Prairie Township to the City of

Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on May 23, 2017.

Site: 951 Doherty Road (PID# 241-000073)

From: Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3734.05(A)(2)(d), the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio is submitting a copy of the public notice for an Applicant's Meeting related to a Permit-to-Install (PTI) Application for the contiguous and vertical expansion of the existing Franklin County Sanitary Landfill. The public notice will be published on March 9, 2017 in the Communicator News. As required, the public notice is being submitted to you within 5 days of publication. The public notice was also published in the Columbus Dispatch and Columbus Post on March 2, 2017 and a separate letter dated March 6, 2017 was submitted to you with that public notice.

Please contact me at (614) 871-5100 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ty D. Marsh
Executive Director

Resolution No. 213-17, resolution to convene into Executive Session to discuss County property matters (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Boyce: I move to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of property for public purpose.

Commissioner Brown: I second.

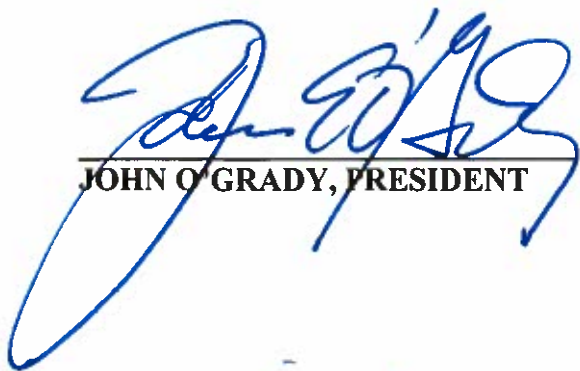
Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 213-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 9:50 A.M. Upon a motion by Commissioner Boyce and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Board of Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 11:00 A.M. with no deliberative action taken.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of March 28, 2017.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT

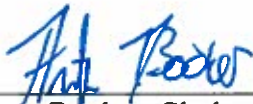


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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



Antwan Booker, Clerk