

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

April 4, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Present were: John O'Grady, President
Marilyn Brown, Commissioner

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

President O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:29 A.M.

President O'Grady: We have some guests with us this morning. April is a big month. Our first guest is Sarah Pariser, Director of Grants and Programs for The Women's Fund of Central Ohio.

Ms. Pariser: Good morning. Thank you for the invitation to speak and your interest in raising awareness around Equal Pay Day. Today is Equal Pay Day, which marks how far into the following year on average women would work to make as much as an average man. At the Women's Fund, we are committed to investing in group cost solutions for positive long term social change, that ultimately increase women's economic self-sufficiency in Central Ohio. We do that through research. Our most recent research report was that pervasive power of gender norms suppressing economic opportunity in Central Ohio. What came of that is the way we are convening the community for wage week. We know that equal pay is different for all women. While today marks what a woman on average would have to work in the following year, for African American women, they would have to work until August and for Latina women it would come at the end of October. Let that sink in. This year is our fifth year of commemorating the wage gap, we are getting beyond one program on one day and we are convening community partners to have conversations over the course of the week to highlight the wage gap through an intersectional lens. The way we are having conversations is through our toolkit. It is a way for anyone to have a conversation that looks at rigid and limited gender norms. Gender norms are the social norms that we assign to what it means to be a man or woman and how that might relate to the wage gap. Why are two-thirds of all minimum wage workers are women, when women are graduating high school and college at higher rates than men? Why is it that the wage gap has not budged in ten years? If we are continuing to move on the current path as a nation, it will be another 100 years until we find parity. Within this toolkit are ways in which anyone could have a conversation around a range of topics. You will

find that you have this insert that each of our hosts will be having. We had one conversation yesterday with the Metropolitan Library. We have a number more through Saturday. Each of our hosts will be talking about their individual experience. What can the organization be doing to make a difference in the wage gap.

Also at The Women's Fund, we like to convene the community in as many ways as we can. The biggest time that we do so is in May. We are bringing in Billie Jean King to be interviewed.

Commissioner Brown: In terms of taking action, would you like to read a couple of these ideas for anybody to do?

Ms. Pariser: To address the wage gap and move the needle, we have put together some calls to action for the individuals and the community to build awareness that wage discrimination exists in Central Ohio. What does Equal Pay Day mean? To advocate for a livable wage and family friendly workplace policies that benefit women and men; to implement diversity and inclusion initiatives and programs; to conduct implicit bias or gender norms training at work or at schools; to support federal, state and local legislation to eliminate the pay gap; to encourage leaders to examine the gender pay gap within their organization and to implement solutions to close that gap if it does exist; or to publicly celebrate that it does not exist; and to ensure access to affordable and quality childcare. You can download our toolkit and have conversations from our website.

President O'Grady: The First Lady of Columbus is hosting a community conversation this morning and my wife participated in it. My wife and daughters participate in The Women's Fund event every year. Thank you for being here this morning.

(group picture)

President O'Grady: April is also Autism Awareness Month. To celebrate that, we have two special guests this morning. Michael Hartley, Autism Speaks Central Ohio and Gene and Gwendolyn Harshaw with their son Zayne.

Mr. Hartley: Thank you for the support over the years. The families effected by autism in Central Ohio greatly appreciate it. April is Autism Awareness Month. April 2nd was awareness day. What we try to do in April is to bring attention to autism. 1 in 68 children are diagnosed with autism. 1 in 45 boys are diagnosed. This is an issue where we try to bring awareness to the fact that this is a growing issue. We do not know the cause of it. We need more research, which is what Autism Speaks has been pushing. We continue to work on research. I have a son who was diagnosed in 2011 and there is a tremendous community in Central Ohio when it comes to autism and the families. We will have our 10th walk in October and one of the largest in the country. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Commissioner Brown: How old is your son?

Mr. Hartley: He is going to be ten in June. He is in public school doing fabulous.

Mrs. Harshaw: Thank you for having us. We are thrilled. We are one of the recipients of all of the services that Autism Speaks offer. I want to introduce my son Zayne and tell you a little bit about our story. He was diagnosed at four years old. We heard a lot of negative reports at that time. They said that he would never be able to read and had severe dexterity issues. His talent has taken him all around Ohio. He is part of a band with another member that has autism and they have played on Beale Street in Memphis, TN. They were chosen to represent the Columbus Blues Alliance in 2016. It has been really exciting. It has transformed our lives. One of the mottos of the band is that life is not viewed through the single lens of a diagnosis, but to be lived through the spectrum of potential, promise and purpose.

(Zayne Harshaw playing guitar)

(round of applause and group picture)

On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the March 7, 2017 General Session, and the minutes of March 2, and March 9, 2017 Briefing Session. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President O’Grady. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

President O’Grady: April is National County Government Month. All month, we’re going to be highlighting some of the great things going on here in Franklin County and some of the reasons that county government is so important nationwide.

There are more than 3,000 counties in the US. They employ more than three and a half million people, and spend more than \$550 billion each year to keep our communities strong.

We are especially proud to celebrate National County Government month this year, as we prepare to host the National Association of Counties’ Annual Conference in Franklin County this summer. We can’t wait to show off our community to county officials from all over the country. All this month, look for some exciting new things from this office—we’re going to be unveiling a new website, publishing our annual State of the County Report, and much more.

Resolution No. 214-17, resolution awarding contract and approving contract bond to Complete General Construction Company, for the Big Run Road 0.27 over Big Run Project (Engineer) (\$667,134.11), presented by Dean Ringle, County Engineer, Engineer’s Office and Cornell Robertson, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Ringle: Good morning Commissioners. Dean Ringle, County Engineer.

Mr. Robertson: Cornell Robertson, Chief Deputy Engineer.

Mr. Ringle: Commissioners, we have a bridge project that we look forward to rebuilding this year. This was the company that came in lowest and best out of four bidders. We look forward to starting this project this year.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 214-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 215-17, resolution authorizing a contract agreement with E.P. Ferris and Associates, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing a preliminary engineering study for the Agler Road over Alum Creek structure, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$87,791), presented by Mr. Ringle.

Mr. Ringle: Commissioners, the Agler Road bridge over Alum Creek is in need of some rehabilitation. This is the first step in assessing the limits of what we need to do to improve it. We have gone through the qualifications based selection process to select E.P. Ferris to help us.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 215-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 216-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Carpenter Marty Transportation, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in preparing right-of-way and construction plans for the Morse Road at Kitzmiller Road improvement project, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$249,286), presented by Mr. Ringle.

Mr. Ringle: Commissioners, this is an upcoming road improvement project in northeast Franklin County. It is primarily an intersection improvement, but there is a bridge that needs to be replaced at the same time. We went through the qualifications based selection process to ask Carpenter Marty to help with the design.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 216-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 217-17, resolution authorizing contracts with Ibel Agency and Draft-Co., Inc., to provide consulting services (Engineer) (\$79,040), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this resolution is for professional services contracts. One with Ibel, who will help us update and maintain the County Engineer's website. Draft-Co. will help us update and maintain the imagery databases that we have. Draft-Co. is a certified Small Business Enterprise and veteran owned.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 217-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 218-17, resolution authorizing the Final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Tax (\$5) Funds to the City of Hilliard (Engineer) (\$2,100,000), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this resolution is for \$5 funds for the City of Hilliard. They will use the funds to improve the intersection of Wilcox and Riggins Roads, as well as improve Wilcox just north of Hayden Run Road. Wilcox is on the approved list for use of such funds.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 218-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 219-17, resolution accept Preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Tax (\$5) Funds for the City of Bexley (Engineer) (\$48,655.17), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Ms. Robertson: This is also a \$5 funds resolution. This is for the City of Bexley to improve Cassidy Avenue from Broad Street to Delmar Avenue. Cassidy Avenue is on the approved list.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 219-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 220-17, resolution for Petition filed for vacation of a portion of North High Street, Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This is the first resolution in a series of three to vacate an unimproved portion of North High Street. This is in the southwest part of the county in Galloway. We received a petition and have confirmed that it is valid.

Commissioner Brown: What are the next two steps?

Mr. Robertson: The next step will include a viewing of the vacation area. The next resolution will state that the viewing has taken place and can comment as to whether other people showed up and any input from the community. The third resolution would include a public hearing to give individuals another opportunity to speak for or against the vacation.

Commissioner Brown: We are just starting the process?

Mr. Robertson: Yes.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 220-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 221-17, resolution authorizing the County Drainage Engineer enter into a cooperative agreement with Pulte Homes of Ohio, LLC for the improvement of the Joseph Carr Ditch (Drainage Engineer), presented by Mr. Ringle.

Mr. Ringle: Commissioners, the Joseph Carr Ditch is a petition ditch in northwest Franklin County. We have been working on it for several years and different sections. This particular portion of it is having a development improvement that needs to do some work on the ditch. This is a cooperative agreement to allow them to work on the petition ditch.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 221-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 222-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Proteam Solutions, Inc. for staff augmentation services (Franklin County Data Center) (\$236,880), presented by Julie Lust, Director of Financial Services, Data Center.

Ms. Lust: Good morning Commissioners, Julie Lust with the Data Center. This is a staff augmentation contract. It is a supplemental contract with State of Ohio contract that was drafted by our Purchasing Department. This is specifically for an Information Data Storage Specialist.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 222-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 223-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Data Systems Integration Group, Inc. for staff augmentation services (Franklin County Data Center) (\$320,352), presented by Ms. Lust.

Ms. Lust: This is also for staff augmentation services, specifically for a .net Programmer and an Infrastructure Support person. This is also a supplemental contract based on a state contract.

Commissioner Brown: Ms. Lust, are these augmentation services, which is adding contractors, are these temporary positions?

Ms. Lust: The Data Center is currently funded for seventy full-time employees. Currently we have forty-nine full-time employees. We are waiting for a decision on which direction the Data Center and Information Technology should take, whether that be a managed service agreement, continue with contractors or hiring full-time employees. I do not believe at this time that decision has been made. These people are to get us through until that decision has been made.

Commissioner Brown: Ok.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 223-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 224-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Unicon International, Inc. for staff augmentation services (Franklin County Data Center) (\$604,608), presented by Ms. Lust.

Ms. Lust: This is for two Desktop personnel and two Infrastructure personnel, one with the firewall expertise. This is also a supplemental state term contract.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 224-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 225-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Intellinetics, Inc. to complete the migration of specialized workflows to the new document imaging GX environment, decommission the existing environment and assist with the development of the Experience Portal (Franklin County Data Center) (\$22,726.03), presented by Ms. Lust.

Ms. Lust: This is for the County's imaging application. Currently sixteen agencies are using that application. Some of them have very specific workflows within the application. When we upgraded to a web-based GX version, we need these additional services to bring those specialized workflows over. This is also a supplemental contract with a state term contract.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 225-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 226-17, resolution approving a contract for on-site case management services between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services and OhioHealth (Job and Family Services) (\$41,275.03), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Good morning Commissioners. We have a resolution to approve a contract with OhioHealth that will allow Franklin County Job and Family Services to provide onsite case management services at Grant Medical Center. Per the contract, Job and Family Services will be stationed at Grant Medical Center with a case manager eight hours a day, five days a week to provide timely assistance in eligibility programs, primarily for Medicaid, but for our other benefit services as well.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 226-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Ms. Bivens: If I could mention real quick, tomorrow is our employee recognition ceremony. Joe DeLoss will be with us. We will also be dedicating the Community Room to Lance Porter.

Resolution No. 227-17, resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claim against the County by Sasaun Lane (Human Resources) (\$1,000), presented by Jerry Bower, Risk Manager, Human Resources.

Mr. Bower: Good morning Commissioners, Jerry Bower for Human Resources. Ms. Lane is settling her claim for \$1,000, and this closes it out permanently. This is good for both indemnity and medical treatment.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 227-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 228-17, resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claim against the County by Barbara Cunningham (Human Resources) (\$45,000), presented by Mr. Bower.

Mr. Bower: This resolution settles the Disabled Worker Relief Fund (DWRP) costs, which the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation assesses the County as a self-insured employer. By settling this claim, the County is avoiding roughly \$75,000 in future costs.

Commissioner Brown: Mr. Bower, do these individuals that we are settling with still get their care from Workers Compensation?

Mr. Bower: This claimant is settling her entire claim with the Bureau of Workers Compensation and we are settling just the DWRP portion. The DWRP is a cost of living increase paid to persons who have been awarded permanent and total disability status by the Industrial Commission.

Commissioner Brown: If she needed care, would she still receive it?

Mr. Bower: There is a certain percentage of her settlement that would go towards future medical care.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 228-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 229-17, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$993,255.94), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing Department.

Mr. Kuespert: Karl Kuespert representing the Purchasing Department. The resolution before you requests approval of 89 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 229-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 230-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Bricker & Eckler for services associated with arbitrage, rebate, and yield restriction compliance during 2017 (Board of Commissioners) (\$10,000), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners, Zak Talarek with the Office of Management and Budget. When the County issues tax exempt debt, there are certain limitations on the amount of interest that could be earned on the bond proceeds per the Internal Revenue Code. This contract will ensure that we are in compliance with those limitations as well as to be able to report to the Auditor of State that we have no liability.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 230-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 231-17, resolution 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 2016 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: Pursuant to Section 135.351 of the Ohio Revised Code, interest earnings need to be deposited in the General Fund, rather than a special revenue fund such as the Wireless 9-1-1 Fund. This resolution, like we have had in the past few years, transfers the equivalent interest earnings from the General Fund to the Wireless 9-1-1 Fund to the distribution of the municipal public safety answering points.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 231-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 232-17, resolution authorizing a contract with MAPSYS Inc. to upgrade the Commissioners' Resolution Management System (Board of Commissioners) (\$77,859), presented by Adam Luckhaupt, CIO, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Luckhaupt: Good morning Commissioners, Adam Luckhaupt on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. This resolution authorizes \$77,859 for the upgrade of the Commissioners' Resolution Management System, which is a central application used by the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners in preparing the agendas for General Session and

Briefing. This contract will update the programming architecture, increase the stability of the system, and enhance the public search capabilities.

Commissioner Brown: How long has it been since this has been updated?

Mr. Luckhaupt: It was rolled out in 2008. It has been a long time.

Commissioner Brown: This will be quite an upgrade to what we had since 2008.

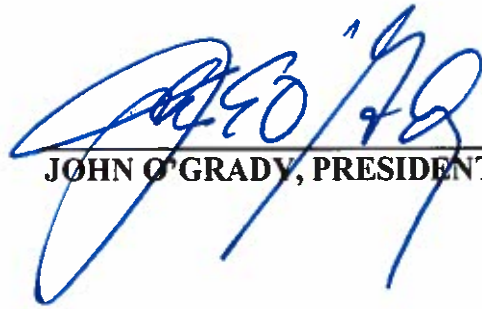
Mr. Luckhaupt: Correct. The entire programming language will be updated. It will be a .net programming language, which is more secure and more stable. The public search capabilities will be a lot easier for public information requests. They will be able to conduct my key word searches to show any number of resolutions by topic.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 232-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of April 4, 2017.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Submitted by:



Antwan Booker, Clerk