

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

April 11, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 11, 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; 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 9:02 A.M.

President O'Grady: We will start this morning with Bruce Cadwallader, Public Information Officer, Franklin County Children Services.

Mr. Cadwallader: Good morning Commissioners. Thank you for allowing me to be here this morning to talk about child abuse prevention month. Our theme this year is Lend a Hand in Prevention. During the month of April, Franklin County Children Services, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund and the Center for Family Safety and Healing are partnering together to bring attention to this issue of child abuse and neglect appearing across the state. We will be holding our annual child abuse breakfast tomorrow, where we will be celebrating some of the success stories of the youth, families, social workers and community advocates. April 12th is Wear Blue Day. We encourage all Ohioians to wear blue. Every child deserves to grow up in a healthy and safe environment. Most children in Franklin County have that loving home, but for many it isn't a reality. Everyday Franklin County Children Services sees children whose lives are in jeopardy. Last year we received more than 32,000 referrals for service from our agency, resulting in over 13,000 investigations of child abuse and neglect. These numbers keep rising. We are able to carry out our mandate of protecting children with the help of caring individuals in the community. We are in need of more kinship providers, foster care, those who wish to adopt or volunteer. Our Director wants you to know that there are many challenges facing those we serve, including the opiate crisis. This epidemic has greatly impacted child protection agencies across the state by increasing our caseloads, putting a strain on needed resources and services for those effected. Child abuse is an all-encompassing issue that requires a community response. That is why we are excited and hope you have seen our new PSA entitled: In the next 30 minutes. We are asking each person

to consider what they might do in the next 30 minutes to lend a hand to families or children to help us prevent child abuse and neglect. For more information please check out our website.

President O'Grady: Thank you for coming this morning.

Commissioner Brown: I like the ideas: read a book to a child, mentor a child, volunteer at a local community center, encourage an overwhelmed parent, etc.

Mr. Cadwallader: We have a 24 hour hotline 229-7000. Our intake office in Whitehall is busy all the time. The Ohio Children's Trust Fund has been a great partner with us this month.

(group picture)

President O'Grady: I like this part of the session every year. We started a few years back that we also recognized not just the athletes. We take time to recognize the scholars and artists as well. Any young person that puts in the kind of time and effort should be recognized. I want to bring up Linda Logan, Executive Director, Greater Columbus Sports Commission.

Ms. Logan: Good morning everyone. Thank you for having us today. We do this three times a year recognizing all of our state champions. Columbus and Franklin County are a very proud host of nineteen state championships through the Ohio High School Athletic Association. All of the athletes here represent thousands of athletes around the community and we could not be any prouder of you and all of the work done by the County and organizations. I would like to bring up Debbie Moore, Associate Commissioner, Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Ms. Moore: I am a representative of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. I am here on behalf of all of our staff and Commissioner Ross. It is always a pleasure to do this today. This is an exciting time. It is a pleasure to recognize these young people. They are not only great athletes, but outstanding scholars. Research tells us that students that are involved in interscholastic athletics and other school activities do better in the classroom. It is our mission and core value to support them scholastically and in their athletics. We just came off five weeks of our winter sports tournaments. We start out with swimming and diving, then gymnastics, ice hockey, and then bowling, which is our newest sport. We love bowling because it gets more students involved that might not have been involved in other interscholastic sport. Then we conclude with our basketball tournament. I thank you.

Commissioner Boyce: I want to say to the state champs that are here that your accomplishment is something you will cherish for the rest of your life. Those moments are just an opportunity for you stand on the podium and receive a medal. There are moments that define your life because the same passion and fight that you put in to achieve that accomplishment works in life the same way. You will always reference the sport's experience that taught you to grind it out and fight. That is a major achievement. There are over 600 high schools in the state and hundreds of thousands of kids that are in our high schools and you were the best in your sport. That says something about you. It says something about your work ethic. A state champion does not happen every day. It is such a unique experience. You may not experience this again.

Commissioner Brown: I think that is really important to note. We have to recognize the families that support. It is tough to get kids where they need to be every single day for practice.

President O’Grady: Don’t let this be the most important thing you achieve in your life. It is fantastic, but use this as a building block. This should be a springboard to more fantastic accomplishments throughout your life. My coach used to say to me as kid, what did you do today to become a champion? What did you do today to make sure you out worked your opponent? I think about all the time. The lessons that you are learning now as an athlete, are things that are going to help you grow in your professional career. Know that the competitive edge that you have will continue to drive you in your adult life.

Girls Swimming	Columbus School for Girls	Girls 50 Yard Freestyle and 100 Yard Freestyle— Miranda Donley Girls 200 Yard Freestyle Relay— Miranda Donley, Jordan Aurnou-Rhees, Alicia Donley, Maggie Wagenbrenner	Coach Stephanie Donley
Girls Swimming	Dublin Coffman	Girls 100 Yard Breaststroke— Hannah Bailey	Coach Steve VonSchriltz
Girls Bowling	Columbus Briggs	Girls Bowling DI— Dakota Fink	Coach Martiny
Boys Bowling	Westerville Central	Boys Bowling Team—Devon Richardson, Ryan O’Connor, Alex Fleetwood, Wesley Minke, Nick Owsick, Cameron Gonce, Ben Lorenz, and Zack Gonzalez	Coach Julie Wells

On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the March 14, and March 21, 2017 General Session, and the minutes of March 16, 2017 Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to

approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 233-17, resolution authorizing non-general fund appropriation adjustments for the Adult Probation Department (Court of Common Pleas), presented by Susan Bedsole, Deputy Court Director, Common Pleas Court and Mike Pifher, IT Director, Common Pleas Court.

Ms. Bedsole: Good morning, Susan Bedsole, Deputy Court Director, Common Pleas Court with Mike Pifher, IT Director. This resolution approves the transfer of appropriation from our non-general fund grants that the Adult Probation Department receives from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The transfer would allow us to purchase a smart board for one of our conference rooms, two (2) biometric kiosks, which will be used by probationers to check in following sentencing which will greatly increase our efficiency of our intake process, and purchase a nimble SAN data storage unit, which will replace one that is nearing the end of life. The resolution also includes a request for supplemental appropriation from a non-general fund from our jail diversion program. This increase in the appropriation will allow us to have our one time purchases towards the end of the year, which will include items such as safety equipment and items for our labs. Both the transfer and supplemental request will allow these funds to address our yearend payments to complete the fiscal year which ends on June 30th.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 233-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 234-17, resolution authorizing a third amendment to the 2017 grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Youth Services (Domestic Relations) (\$328,517), presented by Barbara Reeves, Deputy Director of Finance, Domestic Relations Court.

Ms. Reeves: Good morning Commissioners, Barbara Reeves, Deputy Director. This resolution is requesting changes to our 2017 grant agreement. These changes are due primarily to the increase in youth referrals to our mental health services, life skills and diversion program. Additionally, an adjustment needs to be made to the After Care Program to purchase a computer and add a line item for the payment of term wages.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 234-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 235-17, resolution authorizing appropriation adjustments related to various carryover expenditures (Domestic Relations), presented by Ms. Reeves.

Ms. Reeves: The court is requesting the supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$25,933.97 to expend the remaining balance in an Annie E. Casey. Additionally, the court

is requesting a transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$26,076 for the court's contribution to the Franklin County Family and Children's First Council. These funds were originally encumbered in 2006, however the payment could not be made because the MOU was not completed until 2017.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 235-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 236-17, resolution authorizing a contract with TEKSystems, Inc. for staff augmentation services (Franklin County Data Center) (\$153,408), presented by Rick James, Chief Operating Officer, Data Center.

Mr. James: Good morning Commissioners, Rick James, Chief Operating Officer, Data Center. This is a supplemental contract associated with the Ohio term contract to provide .NET programming staff augmentation for the County website refresh project. The vendor is located in Franklin County and the Automatic Data Processing Board has approved this augmentation.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 236-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 237-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Presidio Holdings for staff augmentation services (Franklin County Data Center) (\$575,608), presented by Mr. James.

Mr. James: This contract is also a supplement to a state of Ohio contract and is for IT infrastructure staff augmentation services. The vendor is located in Franklin County and the Data Board has approved this staff augmentation as well.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 237-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 238-17, resolution approving an amendment to the contract with Dress for Success, an increase of \$52,000.00 (Job and Family Services) (\$104,000), presented by Charles Noble, Chief Strategy Officer, Job and Family Services and Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Mr. Noble: Good morning Commissioners, Charles Noble, Chief Strategy Officer, Job and Family Services and Joy Bivens, Director. This resolution will approve an amendment to our existing contract for Dress for Success Columbus for workforce readiness, suiting TANF eligible women seeking employment. Dress for Success Columbus has already met its target of serving 260 women and this amendment will allow them to provide their free career and interview services for an additional 260 women, for a total of 520 women.

Women in the program are able to access professional development training, soft skills workshops, one on one career counseling and more through Dress for Success career center. They are also paired with a personal stylist who helps them to select professional outfits, accessories, personal care products and more from the suiting boutique so they can look and feel their best for an upcoming interview. After they get hired, that is the goal, they have another chance to work with their personal stylist to learn how to mix and match outfits for their new workplace wardrobe. Whether that is more professional attire, business casual clothes, medical uniforms or more.

Commissioner Brown: I am so happy we are doing this. I know the great work that they do in counseling and really preparing women for jobs. The name is Dress for Success, but they do so much more. This is such a good program. They prepare women well for the job.

Ms. Bivens: They have been very innovative in their workforce training. It is amazing what they have been able to do. I think they have assisted women with scrubs and work boots for those types of jobs.

Commissioner Boyce: I read a recent report that said that soft skills for graduates today are what employers look for. Timeliness, work ethic, appropriate dress, etc. I think what Dress for Success does in totality is a real important resource in preparing young people for the workforce.

Ms. Bivens: Dress for Success is celebrating their 10 year anniversary as well.

Commissioner Brown: They are celebrating their growth and development, which has been incredible.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 238-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 239-17, 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), presented by Kathy Crandall, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Programs.

Ms. Crandall: Good morning Commissioners, Kathy Crandall, Homeland Security and Justice Programs and Fred Bowditch. This resolution requests you to approve a continuation contract with Mr. Bowditch so he can continue his role as your private/public outreach liaison for homeland security and criminal justice. This is the seventh year that he has supported and extended the specialized services needed in the community with our private sector partners that include security assessments, emergency planning, training, and exercising.

Commissioner Brown: I would like Mr. Bowditch for all of the work you have done in the Jewish community that I am personally aware of. I know you have done far more in the larger community. The Jewish community has been so thankful and we appreciate the support.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 239-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 240-17, resolution approving Personnel Actions (Human Resources), presented by Rob Young, Director, Human Resources.

Mr. Young reviewed the list of personnel actions in the Resolution and requested the Commissioners' approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 240-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 241-17, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$824,538.90), presented by Megan Balonier, Assistant Director, Purchasing Department.

Ms. Balonier: Good morning Commissioners, Megan Balonier representing Purchasing. The resolution before you requests approval of 70 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 241-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted unanimously by roll call vote.

Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board, read one (1) Journalization into the record:

From the Franklin County Board of Elections. They submitted an estimated cost of preparing and conducting a special election on August 8, 2017. The total estimated cost of the election is \$1,343,000.

Commissioner Brown: What election is in August? Does anyone know?

Mr. Talarek: I am not sure if there is any issue on the ballot for this special election, but pursuant to statute there is a requirement that the Board of Elections has to notify the Secretary of State and the Board of Commissioners what the cost of a special election would be in case anyone decides to submit a question for the ballot.

Commissioner Brown: This is just for if there is something for a special election?

Mr. Talarek: Correct. This was part of the change in the state budget a couple of years ago.

President O'Grady: This could be potentially for if someone is collecting signatures for something.

Commissioner Brown: Is there anything now?

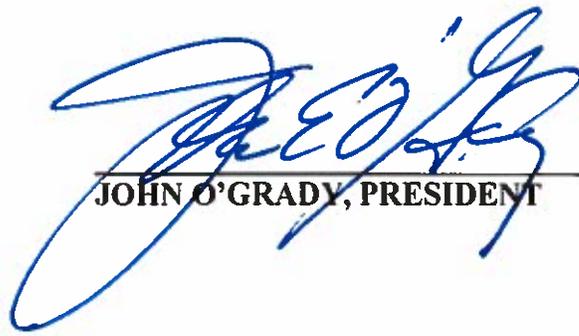
Mr. Talarek: Not that I am aware of.

Mr. Wilson: If there is something that is proposed for the ballot for the special election, we will again hear because there will have to be a pre-payment of 65% of the expenditures.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of April 11, 2017.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Submitted by:



Antwan Booker, Clerk