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The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

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

Also present on the dais were Ron O'Brien, Prosecuting Attorney; Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator; Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Victoria Caldwell, Acting Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

President O'Grady: This is National Re-Entry Week and so this morning we have guests from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in attendance. We have with us Major Michael Turner who leads the Jackson Pike facility and the CIT program. Major Turner and Lieutenant Edward Schillig will talk about re-entry, recidivism and the crisis intervention training (CIT).

Lieutenant Schillig: First, I am here to talk about an incident we had on March 27, 2017 for CIT training, on Cosgrave Road up in Washington Township. The information came from Northwest and mental health. They called stating that a male had a pistol in his hand, was stating he wanted to die and was going to fight to the end. He had taken an entire bottle of sleeping pills and his wife was on the scene. As units started to respond, they found out that he did not have a gun, but he did have a knife and wanted to kill himself with a knife. In that case, the medics don't go in right away; they staged on the road, they staged several of my deputies that responded. They found the male laying on the kitchen floor with a 12" butcher knife to his neck. He initially said he was distraught over recent problems in his marriage and he had been suffering from consistent back pain from an injury for years, was tired of it and wanted to die. Initially he wasn't very responsive; a couple of my deputies including Deputy Randall and Deputy Danschroeder were able to talk to him. Deputy Randall got down closer to his level, starts talking to him and was able to convince him to give up the knife. I was responding from far away, by the time I got there he was walking out peacefully to the medics where they transported him to get mental health treatment in an area hospital. Luckily this was able to be done without any type of force, no taser, less lethal.

Commissioner Brown: Lieutenant, did he have any prior arrest record?

Lieutenant Schillig: We had a couple of calls there before for domestic violence issues. I think this was the first one for that address for mental health.

Commissioner Brown: Do you know how he is doing now? Is he getting continuing treatment?

Lieutenant Schillig: That I couldn't tell you.

Commissioner Brown: Ok. I know when we talk about CIT we're talking about Crisis Intervention Training, for the public that doesn't know what that is. Can you talk about the importance of that training as your officers are out on the streets, what that does?

Lieutenant Schillig: To me and I've been through the training myself too, CIT teaches you a manner in which to talk to somebody, teaches you to have empathy and to help you talk a language they understand. Before CIT, I never knew to ask anybody who are you affiliated with, that's a big key. If they have prior interaction with the mental health system, they usually get affiliated with someone or they feel more comfortable going to a place where there's NetCare, OSU, if they're age 14 or under taking them to Children's as opposed to treating them like an adult or pawn them off on Children's Services. It opens your eyes up to some of the resources that are available for us to use and being able to interact with them. It's more of a manner which they can understand and also helps the officer understand what the person is going through with a the mental health crisis. A lot of times they are not in the same reality that we are. They're hearing things that are not there, seeing things that are there in a different manner than what we are.

Commissioner Boyce: I just want to point out that I think that illustration around mental health support and needs, is not only crucial in that situation, but as we think about the new county jail facility that we're building and having mental health resources there, how significant that will be in terms of managing folks who do end up coming through the system one way or another. I just think that's not just innovative but it's the approach of the day. It is much more needed than incarceration services or even rehabilitation services. Mental health services or mental health strategies are a critical way of dealing with those crisis situations that many times are just that, a crisis situation and can be dealt with in a unique way as opposed to this sort of corrective nature that we tend to take, so again I just want to point out how the new jail will have these resources more readily available to think about that big picture.

President O'Grady: Lieutenant, your example is a perfect example of how there's an intersection of a lot of the things that we as County Government get involved in, from behavior and mental health to law enforcement. We as County Commissioners, obviously through the Sheriff's Department, we help fund and are involved with all sorts of law enforcement activities, but at the same time we, through a lot of our agencies, we're involved with behavioral and mental health, it's like an intersection there and so the training that you guys have been involved with and how you guys handle it in the law enforcement arena is fantastic and great stuff that you guys are doing. It's fantastic how you are able to serve the community in that way. A few of our other agencies at the same time are dealing with behavior and mental health and it's part of who we are

and what we do as County Commissioners, it's a great example and we appreciate you coming here and sharing that today.

President O'Grady: Major Turner.

Commissioner Brown: Can we hear about what you're doing that is innovative and unique in county government and in jails in particular with your work in Jackson Pike and in the jails in general. You've done some very innovative work to prevent recidivism and help people stay out of the jail once they get out.

Major Turner: Thank you for that compliment. I will touch on a few things this being National Re-entry Week. We have been very fortunate to have many partnerships, so what we have done that is somewhat unique is we have aligned ourselves with community stakeholders. Homeland Security has been a big help to us. Kathy Crandall who is present today, she, along with Melissa Pierson came up with the program for a specific group of women which is the Pathways Program. This is an eight week program and they basically work with these women to try and teach them that they should think about the decision that they have made and for them to now make the right decisions. We have embedded CIT officers within that program as well, so the city has a CIT officer, and we have a CIT officer. With this Pathways Program we hope to do a soft handoff back into the community. We realize that the jails basically became the de facto mental health provider.

When I took over the Jackson Pike Facility, I was able to get the NIC, which is the National Institute of Corrections, to come in and we evaluated what a program would be like for corrections because there are no programs in corrections to deal with the mentally ill. CIT has always been offered to patrol which is offered through Columbus Police Department and ADAMH Board that puts that on. When CIT came in, they showed us a program, but NIC deals with prisons, so I had to modify that to make it work within the jails. In 2015, we were able to put on our first class through NIC. Then after they left, it was up to us as the county to be able to sustain it. I've been very fortunate to have the backing of the administration as well as the Commissioners with this program. We have thirty participants that come to that class and we have various topics which is somewhat unique which makes it different from the patrol aspect with CIT. It has the same principle, works the same way. Within corrections, we're the keeper of those people, so patrol as I recognize it, they only deal with them for twenty minutes, and we have them for three week, six months, and a year. We only have three (3) clinicians in there, they work Monday through Friday and come 4:30, they're gone. We created the CIT program, so 2015 I ran one (1) class, in 2016 I ran two (2) and this year I will run three (3) classes. We are trying to get the majority of those in corrections the education on how to be able to recognize someone with mental illness, so when they come within a facility, we can possibly reach out and see if they are linked and to reach to those stakeholders within the community to try to come in and make sure that they continue to get that continuity of care that they're entitled to. We've been very successful with the CIT, so we also invited two (2) other agencies to come in, because we are trying to get other jails to start their own program. So by inviting those officers to come in, hopefully they will go back and they will sustain their own program.

We are very fortunate that last year ADAMH had a program for mental health first aid, so they had a trainer's training class, so we were very fortunate to be able to send the two (2) individuals that I have that are Sergeants, to run a CIT program. Basically that is an eight hour class and with Crisis Intervention Training, that's forty hours, but with mental health first aid it only gives you just a small amount of knowledge. It gets you interested and wanting you to take the CIT class. When January rolled around we are required to do in service training and everyone that is sworn and in a uniform receive mental health first aid. Both jails, downtown and Jackson Pike, they all received the mental health first aid. Now that will become a prerequisite since we give them a small amount of knowledge to want to take the CIT class. We try to tell them that these people in the community are the reason why to continue why to come in. So it's up to us to try and reduce the recidivism as much as we can. If we can understand them, we can get them the help that they need and keep them engaged on the outside, we won't see them as much coming back on the inside. So that's why we try to do pretty much of a soft handoff. As far as Re-entry Programs we have the Pathways Program, the other program that we have is called Life Skills. With the Life Skills what happens is we have a group of computers set up in the room and we bring inmates in and we try to teach them resume writing and how to search for employment once you get out. We've also incorporated Clean Turn, which is run by Mr. Roush. He comes in, puts on a class for the individuals to teach them about how to seek employment. Because once you get arrested and you come to jail, sometimes it's hard to find employment. There are a lot different things we are constantly doing to try to improve our interaction with the community.

Commissioner Brown: This is so important and very much appreciated, because once somebody has a criminal record it's very difficult on the outside to get a second chance. If we as a community don't give people that second chance, what other things can people do but to get back into jail. If you can't support your family with a good job, home and all of the support services, you have no choice but to go back into a situation where you're going to get picked up and end up back in jail or prison. So it's up to us as a community to give people that second chance.

Major Turner: Yes, it is very much so.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you for all that you and law enforcement are doing to help us with our goals in trying to reduce recidivism, give people second chances.

President O'Grady: Re-entry, recidivism, behavioral health and mental health, these are huge issues in our community and we appreciate all the work you guys are doing. Thank you.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you.

On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the April 11, 2017 General Session, and the minutes of March 30, 2017 Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 271-17, authorizing a contract with Data Systems Integration Group, Inc. for programming services associated with the web redesign project (Franklin County Data Center) (\$109,200), presented by Julie Lust, Financial Services Manager, Data Center.

Ms. Lust: This resolution approves a supplemental contract based off of a state contract for programming services associated with our web redesign which is a countywide project. We were able to negotiate a price slightly lower than the state price.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 271-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 272-17, authorizing a contract with MAPSYS, Inc. for staff augmentation services (Franklin County Data Center) (\$107,120), presented by Ms. Lust.

Ms. Lust: This resolution is also for a supplemental contract to a state contract. It is for a COBOL programmer which is one of our legacy programming languages. This will be for services for maintenance of programs until we can retire them.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 272-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 273-17, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Colleen Jones at 1394 Rose Hill Rd Reynoldsburg Ohio 43068 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jamie Edwards, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Edwards: Good morning Commissioners. I have ten (10) resolutions this morning. First is Colleen Jones. She received \$15,000 in March of 2002. The obligation of the Housing Program has been fulfilled and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 273-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 274-17, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Sona Lunsford at 2763 Woodland Ave. Columbus Ohio 43211 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Sona Lunsford received \$4,355 in July of 2007. The obligation of the Housing Program has been fulfilled and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 274-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 275-17, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Beverly Jo Gilliland at 5444 Norton Road Grove City Ohio 43123 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Beverly Jo Gilliland received \$15,000 in March of 1989. The obligation of the Housing Program has been fulfilled and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 275-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 276-17, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Juliana M. Seipel at 4094 Franklin Street Grove City, Ohio 43123 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Juliana Seipel received \$2,892 in December of 2010. The obligation of the Housing Program has been fulfilled and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 276-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 277-17, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Della M. Crawford at 3761 Santa Maria Grove City, Ohio 43123 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Della Crawford received \$15,000 in October of 1999. The obligation of the Housing Program has been fulfilled and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 277-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 278-17, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Wayne Parr at 3832 Kenard Court Whitehall, Ohio 43213 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Wayne Parr received \$15,000 in February of 1998. The obligation of the Housing Program has been fulfilled and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 278-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 279-17, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Sharon L. Petty at 475 Elm Street Groveport, Ohio 43125 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Sharon Petty received \$20,000 in September of 1995. The obligation of the Housing Program has been fulfilled and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 279-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 280-17, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Jean A. Gary at 440 Ross Road Whitehall, Ohio 43213 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Jean Gary received \$14,996 in November of 2001. The obligation of the Housing Program has been fulfilled and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 280-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 281-17, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Diane Bowen at 3819 Missouri Avenue Columbus Ohio 43219 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Diane Bowen received \$2,120 in January of 2007. The obligation of the Housing Program has been fulfilled and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 281-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 282-17, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Everett and Ruth Emma Curry at 123 Rita Court Whitehall Columbus, Ohio 43213 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Everett and Ruth Curry received \$14,963 in September of 1997. The obligation of the Housing Program has been fulfilled and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 282-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

President O'Grady: Congratulations. This is fantastic.

Commissioner Brown: These are really good programs that we have. The people that have had these mortgages paid their taxes and have these second mortgages discharged. This is really good. This is wonderful.

President O'Grady: These people all got loans to improve their homes, they all paid them off and we're releasing their loans. This is great stuff.

Ms. Edwards: It's a relief not to have a second lien on your house.

President O'Grady: Its great stuff. They were all small loans, paid them all off, improve their homes and now they're done paying for them.

Commissioner Brown: Hooray for them.

Ms. Edwards: Everybody's happy.

President O'Grady: Great stuff.

Ms. Edwards: Thank you.

Resolution No. 283-17, authorizing the Partial Assignment and Assumption of and Fifth Amendment to the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between Franklin County and Pizzuti/Creekside XX, LLC (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Roth: Good morning Commissioners. The final resolution that we have for you today concerns a community reinvestment area tax abatement agreement with Pizzuti Land LLC and our Hamilton Township community reinvestment area. In 2015 Pizzuti completed the construction of the building at 6054 Shook Road in December and they're looking to sell this building to a subsidiary of Pinchal and Company which is a Texas based real estate management firm. The purpose of this resolution is to amend the original agreement for a fifth time and assign the rights and benefits of the agreement to Pinchal and then Pinchal will in turn assume the obligations of the program.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 283-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 284-17, to renew service agreement with Emerson Network Power/Liebert Services for maintenance of Uninterruptible Power Sources on the 800 MHz Radio Communications System (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$5,997.60), presented by Kathy Crandall, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Programs.

Ms. Crandall: Good morning Commissioners. Resolution 284-17 is a critical contract agreement to maintain the power to our 800 MHz digital Communications System and make sure that it operates without failure and interruptions.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 284-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 285-17, authorizing sub grant awards and contracts for services to provide victim services and enhance law enforcement and prosecution under the FY 2016 S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act Block Grant (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$200,252.17), presented by Ms. Crandall.

Ms. Crandall: Commissioners, this resolution authorizes the sub grant awards to the Columbus City Attorney's Office. It will support the law enforcement stalking advocate and Specialized Prosecution Unit both for domestic violence and sexual assault. There's also an award to Mt Carmel Health Systems to support individual and group therapeutic treatment for victims of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault and dating violence has been added this year. In collaboration with Franklin County Prosecutor's Office we will be updating our current multi-lingual resource guide for our victims as they work their way through the criminal justice system as a victim. We're updating that guide and improving the multi-lingual options.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 285-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 286-17, authorizing a contract with Physicians CareConnection to provide comprehensive health care services to under and uninsured Franklin County residents (Community Partnerships) (\$300,000), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. McCrary: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution funds Physicians CareConnection and supports their work in providing transportation to and from the clinic, interpretation services in addition what's really important, the coordinated care. They see people in the clinic and then provide a warm handoff to another physician so that they can receive follow-up care. They really emphasize following through on those appointments with the handoff physician so that they will not need to be seen in the clinic in the future. I had the opportunity to visit there last evening and I still really do honestly believe that they are doing God's work over in that clinic. I'm very pleased today to have Mary Mutegi here who is the Program Coordinator with Physicians CareConnection.

President O'Grady: Mary, do you want to come on up and add anything?

Ms. Mutegi: I just want to say thank you so much for all the support that you provided to us before. With the health care needs still being unmet in this community we are still seeing a very large population of the uninsured, also those with a little bit of insurance, are the under insured. The Medicare folks that don't have dental coverage, we are able to provide dentures for them and it's quite a large number. We are building a lot of partnerships in the community that we can provide ongoing care for community that we serve. We really appreciate your support so much and we hope that you continue supporting us.

Commissioner Brown: I know the work that you are doing is so important and I am very happy we are able to support you as we have in the past. I know that the dental work in particular is something that is so important and needed in this community. There's a shortage of dental work for people that can't afford to pay a dentist. People don't often realize that dental care is a health issue in addition to just your teeth and gums. Poor dental care can lead to all kinds of heart issues, lung and other health issues and I'm so thrilled that you're able to do the work that you do. Thank you.

Ms. Mutegi: Thank you so much for all your support.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 286-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 287-17, authorizing a one-year contract with the Cancer Support Community of Central Ohio to provide support and education for individuals battling cancer and their families (Community Partnerships) (\$75,000), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This next resolution would support Cancer Support Community. They are unique in that they are really the only cancer serving organization in Franklin County that's really providing service not just the support to research which is really needed. When a family gets a diagnosis of cancer, they can come to the Cancer Support Community, receive education to help them make the best decisions for their particular type of cancer, the staging, all of that. They provide wonderful services including yoga and meditation exercises that may be unsafe for them to participate in if they were to go to a large gym. Even if it was safe, there may be a patient who's losing their hair, they may not feel comfortable being in that setting so they really are able to do a lot of unique work. This year they are developing online resources so that even caregivers and persons facing cancer are able to go to their website and obtain information in the event that they are homebound and can't get out.

Commissioner Brown: I don't know of a family that hasn't faced a member with cancer or themselves having cancer. I just don't know anybody.

President O'Grady: Bev Sault, and her organization do fantastic work, they're great people.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 287-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 288-17, authorizing a one-year contract with the Central Ohio Diabetes Association to provide diabetes detection, education, counseling and other support services (Community Partnerships) (\$75,000), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution would allow us to support the Central Ohio Diabetes Association. Recently LifeCare Alliance assumed operation to really help shore up that organization financially. They remain committed to their mission and in fact it was a natural partnership because LifeCare Alliance realized that at least 40-50 percent of the people they were serving had been diagnosed with diabetes, so it's a really great fit for these two organizations. I had the opportunity to visit with the staff at the Diabetes Association and they were working with a family, a young man who was about to be a freshman in high school. They were new to the community and they thought it was depression because he didn't want to go outside, he didn't know anybody and he seemed lethargic. Really what was going on was his blood sugar was elevated. It was more than 300 and he was on the verge of going into a coma. So they embraced that mother and son and provided education on disease management, how to live successfully with the disease and how to get his blood sugar under control. I know that they are really providing that important next step of support and work. When you receive that diagnosis and you receive that glucometer, people come into the Diabetes Association like a deer caught in headlights looking for what do we do now. The Diabetes Association really responds with, this is what you do now.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 288-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 289-17, authorizing a one-year contract with the Center of Science and Industry to provide increased access to science and technology education to Franklin County residents (Community Partnerships) (\$75,000), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution really does provide increased access for low income families to be able to take advantage of all of the wonderful exhibits that they have at COSI. I was there last week visiting and it was spring break for Columbus City Schools. It was busy; however they have some wonderful new exhibits. They entered into a partnership with Honda where they have whole engineering exhibits with a cut away car, and the crash test dummy. They also have, which I think is a huge plus for this community, they've added a Tech Center where there are drop-in hours; there's peer mentoring and education. Each person who comes to take advantage of the Tech Center, you can walk in off the street and go straight in. You don't have to pay an admission; you don't have to be a member. They have amazing things going on in there, they have the 3-

D printer, they have a green screen studio, they have a sound studio and any young person who is interested in science and technology can walk through those doors whenever the Tech Center is open and receive additional education and support on those issues.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 289-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 290-17, authorizing a one-year contract with Children's Hunger Alliance to provide school breakfast, afterschool meals and snacks, and summer meals to low income children in Franklin County (Community Partnerships) (\$125,000), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution helps Children's Hunger Alliance to do what they do best. They help organizations that are serving youth: schools, community centers, to access the already available federal safety net of child nutrition programs. Because of their work, children who were not receiving breakfast before school, we have increased access and we know the research is there that says, children who come to school with a full belly are able to concentrate on their learning and to be successful in ways that children who come to school hungry simply are not. They have worked to expand access to nutritious meals and snacks, but not just food, they're feeding hungry bodies and minds so they provide evidence based education to teach children how to eat healthful foods and how to get their bodies moving with physical activities. I really can't say enough good things about the work that Children's Hunger Alliance is doing, helping to make sure that kids have access to that nutritious food, not during the school year but throughout the summer as well. We are pleased and honored to have Judy Mobley from Children's Hunger Alliance. Judy is the interim CEO and Scott Neely who is the Director of Government Affairs.

President O'Grady: Judy and Scott, come on up.

Ms. Mobley: Good morning Commissioners. Thank you for having us and giving us this opportunity to talk to you just a little bit about the work we're doing. As Dayna mentioned, we have over 600,000 children in the State of Ohio that are food insecure, which is roughly 1 in 5. When we think about a classroom of twenty-five children, we know that five (5) of them probably didn't have breakfast. I'll share with you a couple of examples without going too deep. I can talk about this for hours because it's a mission that's not hard to get behind. In Southwest City Schools, which is the sixth largest school district in the State of Ohio, this year for the first time we've been able to make inroads in their breakfast program. We helped them pilot breakfast in the classroom, which is in our opinion the best way to get the most kids fed and the easiest, quickest amount of time so it doesn't take away from the learning. They piloted it in four (4) of their schools earlier this year and since implementation more than 1,300 additional children are eating breakfast everyday, which is 6,500 meals a week. That's pretty impressive considering that they only started the first of this school year and anything takes time to get started.

Some of the things that we've overcome in breakfast in the classroom is, sometimes the janitorial staff think it will cause more problems, sometimes teachers think it will cause more disruption. In fact what we've found and when I've gone out and visited schools (and we welcome any of you that would like to do that, to join us some morning), we found that teachers now say their kids actually start in a more calm manner. There's a whole lot less jostling and interaction that might not be positive when it's a first grader just going to their first grade class and eating versus a first grader trying to get food in a line with sixth graders. Some grades that had it a different way, they might have been feeding their kids, but some children would just choose not to deal with the hassle. So again, that's breakfast. I would say our breakfast program is not funded Federally, that is a program that the work that we're doing is truly just adequacy work so we have to find funding from individual donors, community, Commissioners and other corporate partners. So that is totally self-funded. Our after school program, not the same. We do get Federal Funds through the USDA and then administered by the Ohio Department of Education. But those Federal funds don't cover the full cost, so we still go out and look for other funding to be able to do that work. I am happy to say that in Franklin County we have about 100 after school sites which are an increase of about forty percent over last year. We are finding that the libraries right now in Franklin County are interested in snacks only. They don't have the staff or the facilities to deal with a food program for afternoon hot meals which is what we provide to all of our other locations. But they're saying that in their homework help areas, the kids just getting a snack before they start some of that tutoring has made a huge difference. Thank you again for your previous support and your consideration of this additional support and Dayna, thank you for your support also.

Mr. Neely: I just want to thank each of the Commissioners, I thank you all for your support. Commissioner Boyce, I know your staff is coming out for the afterschool visit next month and any of you are welcome at anytime. We really do appreciate all of your support.

Commissioner Brown: It's a great program and so important for the kids to get the nutrition they need and especially in the summer. I think those kids that don't get regular meals really need that summer programming. I've been out to those summer programs; I've been out to Reynoldsburg School for the breakfast program. That summer program is critically important.

Ms. Mobley: Let me share that up to now, we've only been an advocate for the summer program. This year we are applying to become a summer sponsor. We will probably only sponsor roughly five (5) sites, but all here in Franklin County just as a pilot for us to get our feet wet. The problem we find with summer is, we need to go find somebody that's willing to host it. We can get the reimbursement for them, but if somebody doesn't want to host it, we cannot help that particular area. Summer is so critical, because the kids whose families rely on breakfast and lunch don't have anything when it comes to summer.

President O'Grady: Over the years I've spent time in schools because my mom was a librarian, so whenever they ask me to read I also like to go out and do that, I don't know, my mom. I spent a lot of time going out and doing that. I've spent time with some of the principals in the morning and you're there when they're feeding the kids breakfast. I remember being down there on the Southside in the morning there were a handful of kids standing out in front of the school and I asked the principal what are the kids there for, it was like twelve kids. She said those are the only kids that don't qualify for breakfast in the morning. The entire population of the school qualifies for free lunch, those are the only kids that didn't qualify for breakfast and there were twelve kids in the entire school. The point being, you've got an entire population of the school that's qualifying and they've got to be able to feed these kids breakfast and lunch. I have a nine year old who I can't get to eat breakfast in the morning and she's got an entire kitchen full of food and I can't get her to eat breakfast and you got kids who would love to have something every morning. This stuff is the real deal and we have to force our nine year old to eat something before she leaves, but she's more than happy to take a snack with her to school. It is true, they have to have something, got to eat something, they study better, they learn better and they're in a much better place at school if they're well fed. Keep up the great work, it's important.

Commissioner Brown: It is important. How do we hook up with some of our summer programs that we fund, the summer camps with meals? Do we do that at all?

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: Commissioner Brown, President O'Grady and Commissioner Boyce, I think that it hadn't been something that had been brought to my attention. We do have a network through our Department of Job and Family Services; we have a network of providers that we work with in the summer. A few years ago we added a physical fitness component through our RFP process. Certainly we should be able to make a connection. We did a number of years ago when we were working with the Make Summer Count Program. We linked Learn for Life at that time into the lunch and summer feeding program. I would love to try to facilitate a discussion between your organization and our Department of Job and Family Services and our network of providers. I'm pretty confident that we should be able to work with you to certainly ensure success this summer.

Ms. Mobley: We would love to do that. I will leave my card with Dayna and she can give it to you. Thank you.

Commissioner Brown: Wonderful. Thank you.

Ms. Mobley: Thank you very much.

Commissioner Boyce: I was having that conversation at breakfast this morning about the deeper elements of poverty and how you get families out of poverty. When you think of some of the most critical factors to getting out of poverty, its education and if we start with young people when they're in school and providing them with the basic elements to

be successful in education, like a good hearty breakfast to start the day off. You think about a real systemic effort and strategy to turn poverty. That's what I think of, what you do and provide. I just want to again encourage you and we're so grateful to be able to provide this for the residents of Franklin County through the programs and services that work with you. Thank you for your work and looking forward to continuing working with you.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 290-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 291-17, authorizing a one-year contract with Heart of Ohio Family Health Center to provide under and uninsured Franklin County residents with increased access to quality healthcare (Community Partnerships) (\$95,000), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution would really extend the reach of Heart of Ohio Family Health Center in being able to follow women to assure that they're receiving their pap smears as they should and following up with them to really make sure that if there's an abnormal screen that they connect them with the services they need. Another issue that they will be able to address with this funding is their hypertensive patients, is making sure that they get the hypertension under control. When you have uncontrolled high blood pressure it never leads to anything good. Another issue they'll work on is their patients who come in and test with an A1c level that measures the overtime snapshot, like a three (3) month window of the average of what your blood sugar has been. So for people who present in their clinics with an A1c level that's high, they work with them to make sure they get it down consistently under nine (9) and they will also work with pregnant moms to reduce the number of low birth weight babies.

Commissioner Brown: They are a federally qualified health agency?

Ms. McCrary: Yes.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 291-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 292-17, authorizing a one-year contract with Ohio Alliance for Arts Education to provide high-quality arts education to children from low income families and schools (Community Partnerships) (\$300,000), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution really strengthens the Ohio Alliance for Arts Education to really be able to reach out in the county with three (3) programs; Art in School, Art in the House and Transit Art. I had the opportunity to observe the Arts in Schools programs, it really takes place during the afterschool hours and it really compliments the art education that the children would be receiving during the week. One of the things, speaking to the issue of really linking our community partners, they have a fantastic program. The

children were very interested in art. It's really a privilege being able to participate in the class, so they had zero behavior issues. If children don't behave well in the afterschool art program, then they can't attend it anymore and so they were all absolutely right on point with their manners. I noticed when I was visiting the afterschool program, it was one of the ones that they had in partnership with the Community Development for All People on the Southside. They said they used to have afterschool meals but we don't have them now and I don't know why, so of course my mother antennas came right up out of my head and I made that connection with Children's Hunger Alliance. I reached out to John Edgar at Community Development for All People and connected him with Shannon Amos at Children's Hunger Alliance and I said if somebody dropped the ball, this is a site where there are plenty of children afterschool and they are used to receiving a meal, they all qualify in this building. We were able to make that connection with two (2) of our community partners.

Commissioner Brown: That's great. Thank you for doing that.

Ms. McCrary: You're welcome. It was my pleasure.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 292-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 293-17, authorizing a one year contract with SID Public Services Association to provide enhanced EBT services for low income Franklin County residents (Community Partnerships) (\$15,000), presented by Ms. McCrary.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution is a win-win-win all the way around. It allows low income Franklin County residents who have an EBT card to go to participate in Farmers Markets and they receive a dollar for dollar match. Every transaction up to \$10.00 to be able to access fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, so how can you find fault with that? It's great all the way around, supports our local farmers, our farmers markets, and it really helps to make that connection, to give that extra encouragement to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables with that EBT card. We are very fortunate this morning to have Adam Schroeder who is the manager of the Pearl Market and we also have Rachael Tayse who's here from Harmonious Homestead and they are available to answer questions, if there are any.

President O'Grady: Come on up guys. Welcome.

Mr. Schroeder: Good morning Commissions, thank you for having us today. I'm thrilled to be here. It's hard to believe that about four (4) years ago I sat here and we sought initial funding for six (6) markets. This year we're back and ready to go. The growing season is looking great after what looked like a very shaky winter. I spoke with one of my farmers yesterday and he's thinning his peach trees because he's expecting such a bumper crop this year. So hopefully you'll be able to walk over to Pearl Market and get

some peaches, some of Champ Henson's corn. We're expanding to thirteen sites this year, eleven in Franklin County. Rachael will speak more to that in just a minute, but on behalf of SID Public Services, Pearl Market and Veggie Snaps, we thank you for not only your previous support and hopefully continued support, but just the access to fruits and vegetables that this money is providing to people that need it. We are hearing it over and over, this morning and I'm sure you guys do all year long. The need for food access is so prevalent, not only in Franklin County, but nationwide. The money that you provide Veggie Snaps goes such a long way in doing that, so thank you.

Commissioner Brown: We were also talking about health issues, diabetes and other health concerns and nutrition goes a long way towards mitigating those issues as well, so thank you.

President O'Grady: Rachael, I'm anxious to hear about this expansion.

Ms. Tayse: Thank you. I'm an urban farmer in Clinton Township of Franklin County and I serve as the manager for Veggie Snaps. We're doing a couple of exciting new things this year. We are trying to go deeper into the existing markets and provide better service to the existing markets because we've seen a lot of growth where we stay consistent. Farmers Markets are kind of fly by night entities, where they pop up on the corner for three or four hours and then they're gone. So for a customer whose an EBT customer, who needs fruits and vegetables daily hopefully, but at least weekly, we really want to go deeper into the existing customers who are there and we're going to offer a "bring a friend" campaign later in the summer where it's really the height of the season. We have the tomatoes and corn to try to help get the neighbor to neighbor interaction to get the people to engage with their neighborhood markets. The other thing that's happening, there's development of a statewide network for these incentive programs, so Veggie Snaps serves Central Ohio, but there's similar programs in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Stark County and the Statewide network could receive a large sum of funding from the Ohio Department of Health to develop capacity so that we can begin to offer these kinds of incentive programs throughout the state and including at retailers, like grocers where the majority of people we know get their food, we want to incentivize Snap customers and really all people to choose the healthier options and the locally resourced option. Because the exciting thing is not only are we giving essentially incentive dollars to customers but the farmers are receiving those incentive dollars. In Central Ohio we were able to increase the purse for local vegetable growers by \$18,000 last year and we have sites above \$20,000 this year. So like you said, there's a triple bottom line and we really appreciate your support.

President O'Grady: This is great stuff. I talk about Veggie Snaps all year long and so the fact of this expansion and you guys looking to go deeper is just fantastic and hopefully will serve more and more folks. We've been working on this thing for a while now and it's great stuff. Commissioner Henson's a good friend, Champ, not only is he a grower, he's not only at Pearl Market but also at the Clintonville Farmers Market as well. He's also a County Commissioner in Pickaway County and so he gets this issue better than

most. He and his family have been growing produce for generations now. He's a good friend of mine and we talk about this stuff all the time and I love going down to his farm.

Ms. Tayse: I saw you last year at Westgate.

President O'Grady: Yes.

Ms. Tayse: We appreciate visits and are always welcome to tour anyone around.

President O'Grady: That was something else going out there for the first day. I couldn't believe the crowd out there, I couldn't believe how successful it was on its first day out there. That was something else. I was disappointed this spring, Champ is under construction down at his farm and we didn't get to go down and butcher hogs this year. (Laughter). I have casings in my freezer that I don't know what I'm going to do with, so we got to make sausage. We're going to have to figure that out, but I'll definitely be down this summer making pickles and stuff. Well anyway, it's that time. We're getting ready to start planning I guess. It's exciting to have you guys here. Thank you.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 293-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 294-17, authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claims against the County by Jason Ronk (Human Resources) (\$3,000), presented by Rob Young, Director, Human Resources and Jerry Bower, Risk Manager, Benefit and Risk Management.

Mr. Bower: This resolution settles a denied Workers Compensation claim for the minimum amount of \$3,000.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 294-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 295-17, approving the updated Franklin County Board of Commissioners Employee Handbook (Human Resources), presented by Mr. Young.

Mr. Young: Commissioners, the Employee Handbook was last updated in March 2015. We have some clarifications from current practice and some new things. I think it's attached to your resolution.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you for the needed updates.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 295-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 296-17, authorizing May 16, 2017 as the Franklin County Commissioners Employee Recognition Day (Human Resources) (\$2,000), presented by Mr. Young

Mr. Young: It's that time of year again; our Employee Recognition Program will be May 16, 2017 at 2:00 pm downstairs. This resolution is to approve, not to exceed \$2,000 on refreshments, flowers and auxiliary items that will be used that day. Regarding the food, we had three (3) bids and AVI came in at the lowest.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 296-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 297-17, approving Personnel Actions (Human Resources), presented by Mr. Young.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 297-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 298-17, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$610,898.60), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing

Mr. Kuespert: The resolution before you requests approval of 99 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 298-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 299-17, authorizing the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with the University of Wisconsin Shelter Medicine Program for Review, Recommendations, and Ongoing Consultation for the Franklin County Dog Shelter and Adoption Center (Board of Commissioners) (\$50,000), presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator.

Ms. Long: Good morning Commissioners. Following the outbreak last fall, the Board called for an outside independent professional review of the event and an overall review of shelter policy and practices in order to provide national best practices in an ongoing forward looking manner. The board was fortunate to receive a proposal from the University of Wisconsin Shelter Medicine Program. The University of Wisconsin Shelter Medicine Program is nationally respected. Their program has assisted more than 166 shelters nationally and internationally with an objective to provide shelters in

communities with life-saving practical and cost effective advice that supports animal health and welfare. We're looking forward to their engagement and believe that the ongoing consultation which is a part of the proposal will ensure the successful implementation of the recommendations and will be very valuable going forward.

Commissioner Boyce: Deputy Administrator, I wasn't here for Briefing, so this may have been answered in Briefing, what's the time frame in terms of a report back from the University of Wisconsin, and does that include recommendations and what should we expect?

Ms. Long: It will absolutely include written practical recommendations and then an ongoing, up to one year and if needed beyond that, an ongoing consultation. We are working through final elements of the agreement with the University of Wisconsin. As soon as they are up and running, when they physically come, they will have some recommendations even before they leave so they can start that ongoing engagement and then they will reduce those into written ongoing, recommendations.

Commissioner Boyce: Do we have a timeframe and turn-around? When should we expect the initial recommendations?

Ms. Long: Yes, certainly in terms of the in person recommendations, immediate and then, I believe, the initial proposal has within 120 days for the full report and recommendations. But we will be having that immediately and ongoing throughout that entire process. They've also indicated and we've requested in the proposal that upon request they will be able to be here for either in person or ongoing phone consultations and certainly consultations with the shelter staff in an ongoing way.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you so much.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 299-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 300-17, establishing the Franklin County Advisory Council on Economic Inclusion for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (Board of Commissioners), presented by Keena Smith, Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Smith: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution establishes the Franklin County Advisory Council on Economic Inclusion as an enhancement to the Board's commitment to supporting and growing small and emerging businesses. The members of the new council will make policy recommendations to this Board on breaking down barriers to full economic and workforce participation by all our residents. We do see the prosperity gap and fostering a more competitive Franklin County.

Commissioner Boyce: I just want to add that I'm really grateful that the County is taking a leadership role in this conversation, one being able to evaluate ourselves but also to participate in a broader conversation. The City of Columbus is also doing a study right now to look at their own inclusionary policies and I think it's fitting for the County in a timely manner to begin to think about it for ourselves as well. So I appreciate the support of my colleagues, but also the work of our staff in being able to diligently put this together and began the process in thinking about ways to be more inclusive, so thank you for bringing this resolution forward.

Commissioner Brown: I would like to also add my thanks to everybody involved, and Commissioner Boyce thank you for bringing this to the forefront right away. We've been looking at ways to be inclusive but not in a strategic way and I think this gives us the opportunity to be far more strategic in our approaches to how we look at inclusion of all of the people in our community and how we as a county look at our policies as we look at employment and other things. This is a good step, so thank you and thank you Keena for doing work that you've done to bring this forward.

Ms. Smith: Thank you, thank you for your support.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 300-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 301-17, authorizing an agreement with Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services to serve as fiscal and administrative agent to assist the New American Advisory Council (Board of Commissioners) (\$5,000), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution would authorize the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with ETSS (Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services) to service as fiscal and administrative agent to assist the new American Advisory Council in carrying out its mission including the convening of the 2017 New American forum on May 10, 2017.

Commissioner Brown: I have one question about what fiscal services you anticipate needing to be done. I was not here in Briefing. What is anticipated in terms of expense and fiscal services?

Mr. Talarek: I think some of it is to coordinate with the New American forum, if there are any donations that come in to handle any of the finances there, just to help the Council out.

Commissioner Boyce: I'll add a little bit to that. That's exactly right. For the New American Advisory forum, there have been a number of private entities that have illustrated interest in sponsoring the event. Most of it will be paid for through private

funds, but we need a fiscal officer to manage the fiscal receiving of those funds and spending of those funds and so ETSS agreed to do that and so these funds are for those services. The event will be paid for by funds that are raised privately.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 301-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 302-17, appointing Nathan P. Wymer to the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator.

Mr. Janas: Good morning Commissioners, pending any questions I would recommend approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 302-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 303-17, appointing members to the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Janas.

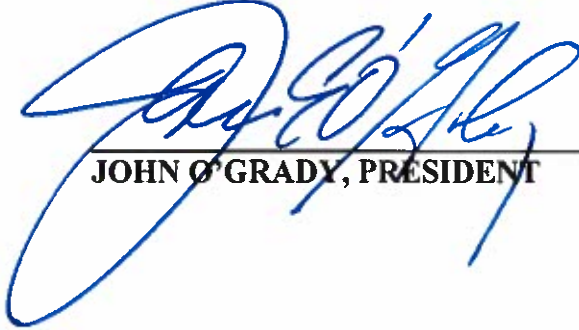
Mr. Janas: Commissioners, last November you adopted the Columbus and Franklin County Local Action Plan. It's a guiding strategy for strengthening the local food economy, improving access to healthier and affordable food and preventing, recovering and recycling food waste. At that time you also established the structure for a local Food Board to prioritize and to guide that implementation. The Board is to be comprised of twelve members, six (6) appointed by the City of Columbus, six (6) appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. This resolution makes the first five (5) of those six (6) appointments to the council.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 303-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of April 25, 2017.



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