

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

May 1, 2018

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

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

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

President Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

President Boyce: I wanted to congratulate and thank all of those who ran in the Cap City Half Marathon this past weekend. It was a wonderful event. My staff ran in their first Cap City Half Marathon. I am glad that they took up my challenge. It was a wonderful showing of Central Ohio. All along the course, residents come out of their houses to encourage the runners. This was the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the Cap City Half Marathon. The organizer of this race does a phenomenal job every year.

Commissioner Brown: I have a guest I would like to introduce. Her name is Nya Hodge and she wants to learn about County government.

Ms. Hodge: I attend Gahanna Middle School South. I am shadowing Commissioner Brown today because I have an interest in government. I am taking part in our school's We the People Program and it has given me insight into this country's Constitution. Being here today will give me experiences I wanted and I am thankful for it.

Commissioner Brown: My oldest grandson, who is in eighth grade, is shadowing my husband at the court.

President Boyce: These shadowing experiences give you a good look into what we really do.

President Boyce: We have Lisa Patt-McDaniel with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio, to discuss In Demand Jobs Week (May 7-11).

Ms. Patt-McDaniel: I am before you because May 7-11 is In Demand Jobs Week across the state of Ohio. The Workforce Development Board is going to have three events that week around the county. One will be at the Grove City YMCA. The second one will be at Fort Hayes School. The third one will be at the Northeast YMCA. We will have employers from some of the key sectors of Central Ohio. We will have our jobs mobile there, so we can introduce the services of the Ohio Means Jobs Center to adults and kids. There will be activities geared towards kids to understand the kinds of decisions they will need to make regarding education and careers. These events will be in the evening. All of the information about these events will be on our website at [www.wdbco.org](http://www.wdbco.org). We will also have food trucks as well. We appreciate the partnership with the Commissioners because we know that you are interested in the residents of Franklin County having sustaining wages for jobs.

Commissioner Brown: Can you send the Commissioners dates and locations of the events by email so we can attend?

Ms. Patt-McDaniel: I can do that. They will be in the evenings from 6-8pm.

President Boyce: A strong Central Ohio is rooted in how we prepare people for the workforce, maintain them for the workforce and provide them options. The work you do is important and we hope to continue to be partners.

(group picture)

Approval of the minutes of the February 13 and February 27, 2018 General Session, and the minutes of the April 12 and April 26, 2018 Briefing Session. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 325-18**, resolution authorizing a settlement to Tamara Davis for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (Sheriff) (\$100.00), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution approves a settlement from a vehicle damage claim from an accident that occurred on February 10, 2018. It has been recommended by the Prosecutor and Fleet Management and offers payment of \$100.00 to settle the claim.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 325-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 326-18**, resolution authorizing an agreement with Vertical Communications, Inc. for telecommunications maintenance and support (Job and Family Services) (\$26,250.00), presented by Juan Torres, Deputy Director of Technology, Job and Family Services.

Mr. Torres: The agency currently utilizes a Mytell platform to manage its telephone system. Only authorized Mytell vendors can provide ongoing maintenance and support. Our agency worked with Mytell to identify Vertical Communication as an authorized vendor. It has a local office in Columbus that can support an organization of our size. Since our previous vendor discontinued their support, our team has been serving as our independent vendor. This agreement will provide unlimited remote support, onsite support if necessary, help resolve any outages, fix operational failures, and provides annual communications consultation.

Commissioner Brown: Will this make your job easier? Will it make things easier for our residents?

Mr. Torres: Yes, it will Commissioner. The 600,000 calls we get a year, this is a critical part for us. Vertical is a well-known organization and comes as a direct recommendation from the manufacturer. Having support in Columbus is great.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 326-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 327-18**, resolution authorizing the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services Director to enter into an Agreement with Northwoods Consulting Partners, Inc. (Job and Family Services), presented by Mr. Torres.

Mr. Torres: Our agency currently houses approximately 32 million customer document images in our system. As part of the Ohio Benefits project to consolidate eligibility systems, ODJFS and DAS will be implementing a new statewide document imaging system with a go live date of June 4, 2018. The new system utilizes Northwoods Software, so our staff will have experience using this technology. Staff will complete training sessions to familiarize themselves with the new system. Anything related to SNAP, TANF and Medicaid will be migrated to the State's EDMS. This will take several days. Our departments that utilize this system have been developing plans to manage the workflow. This will allow for our customers not to have any disruptions. We are continuing to have conversations with our childcare documents. They have not been included in this migration. We currently hold them on our premise in our current system, while the SNAP, TANF and Medicaid housed in the state. There are discussions going on to integrate Child Care, Child Support, and Children Services in a statewide EDMS.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 327-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 328-18**, resolution to adjust the boundaries of the City of Columbus and the City of Grandview Heights Case #ANX-08-18 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is to consider the boundary adjustment of 5.3 acres from the City of Columbus to the City of Grandview Heights. The area to be adjusted includes 5.3 acres of public right-of-way of Rail Street and W. Goodale Boulevard to W. Third Street (which is on the eastern edge of Grandview Yard, west of Olentangy River Road and State Route 315, south of W. Third Street, and north of Goodale Boulevard). The transfer will place Rail Street and associated infrastructure in Grandview Heights, which it primarily serves. For historical purposes, the land was purchased from the railroad years ago by Big Bear Stores to provide better access to its operations along the tracts. The railroad right-of-way is in the City of Columbus. Grandview Heights has determined that the community would be best served if it had jurisdiction for ongoing safety, traffic, street and maintenance, and plowing services.

The petition was filed by the City of Columbus and City of Grandview Heights in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 709.37. The City of Columbus passed Ordinance Number 0258-2018 on February 5, 2018 agreeing to transfer 5.3 acres of public right-of-way to the City of Grandview Heights. The City of Grandview Height passed Ordinance Number 2018-01 on March 5, 2018 consenting to the transfer of land from the City of Columbus. Both ordinances were certified to the Franklin County Commissioners for further proceedings in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 709.37. The petitioning municipalities have met all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.37.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 328-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 329-18**, resolution authorizing a one year contract with Produce Perks to provide enhanced electronic benefit transfer services for low income Franklin County residents at participating farmers' markets (Community Partnerships) (\$15,000.00), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnership Coordinator, Office of Management and Budget.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution would authorize a contract with Produce Perks to match dollar for dollar, up to \$10 per transaction, every time an EBT cardholder purchases fresh produce at participating farmer's markets. This will enhance a person's ability to access fresh fruit and vegetables.

Commissioner Brown: The EBT card is the food card that someone would usually take to the grocery store, they can use at the farmer's markets. This is great.

Ms. McCrary: Yes, Commissioner. They can have their dollars doubled to increase their fresh fruits and vegetables consumption.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 329-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 330-18**, resolution authorizing recycling of information technology equipment declared obsolete by the Franklin County Automatic Data Processing Board (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

Ms. Reardon: Good morning Commissioners. Periodically this agency is asked by the Data Processing Board to assist with the disposal of obsolete, surplus IT equipment. We do so in a manner consistent with this Board's commitment to promote sustainable principles in our policy decisions and programs.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 330-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 331-18**, resolution authorizing a Contribution Agreement to the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. (Public Facilities Management) (\$88,374.00), presented by Ms. Reardon.

Ms. Reardon: This morning we have two companion Resolutions for your consideration, each asking for your continued support of the efforts of our partners in Special Improvement Districts, or "SIDs." The County has downtown properties located within the boundaries of the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District and the Discovery Special Improvement District. Our Government Center buildings are located in the Capital Crossroads district and Memorial Hall on East Broad Street is located in the Discovery district. Our partners in the SIDs work to improve the safety and overall aesthetics in these areas. This morning with us is Lisa Defendiefer, Deputy Director of Operations & Advocacy, of the SIDs. She would like to speak to their programs and activities they will be providing in 2018.

Ms. Defendiefer: Thank you for this opportunity. In 2017, our personnel continued to work to maintain a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for residents, employees, students and visitors to enjoy. Our cleaning team assists in projects such as the High Street full mounted baskets, district-wide litter control, and power washing and leaf removal. Our safety team teams up with the Division of Police to address quality of life issues and teams up with our homeless outreach specialist to interact with individuals that are in need on the street and connect them with services. Last year, our outreach team helped 83 people move off the downtown streets into temporary shelter and permanent housing. This is remarkable because of the challenges around affordable housing. We have about 30 ambassadors on the streets, and I tell them that the work that they do has helped with the resurgence we have seen downtown. In addition to cleaning and safety services, we operate the Pearl Market. Thanks to the support of Franklin County, we have been about to distribute over \$10,000 worth of EBT tokens and \$5,000 in Produce Perks since 2015.

We are grateful for our partnership. Offices such as Homeland Security and Justice Programs, Sheriff's Office, and Public Facilities Management have been remarkable. The

County has incredible staff that are dedicated and motivated. In 2018, we will continue to move forward with our programs and will be launching our C-Pass Program as well.

Commissioner Brown: I see a lot of the ambassadors downtown and they are so good talking and listening to people they come in contact with and I appreciate that.

Ms. Defendiefer: The team is terrific. Their challenges have increased over the years. We are focusing on a holistic approach to addressing issues. Sometimes it is enforcement or outreach.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 331-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 332-18**, resolution authorizing a Contribution Agreement to the Discovery Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. (Public Facilities Management) (\$10,769.00), presented by Ms. Reardon.

Ms. Reardon: This Resolution is the companion agreement for the Discovery SID and Memorial Hall is located within this district. I would just like to add that the SID staff have been great ambassadors for the City and partners for the County.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 332-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 333-18**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$3,493,230.97), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing the Franklin County Purchasing Department. The resolution before you requests your approval of 115 purchase orders. For Small Emerging Business Enterprises there are 16 purchase orders which equals 13.9% of the purchase order volume; their total dollar amount is \$802,064.87, which equals 23% of the purchase order dollar volume. These purchase orders have been precertified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 333-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 334-18**, resolution authorizing expenditures for meetings, convenings and community outreach (Board of Commissioners) (\$6,000.00), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Long: The Board of County Commissioners provides services to the community, and the Board supports the ongoing dialogue among elected officials, staff, professionals, and community engagement as it relates to topics of importance to County's priorities and principles. On occasion, it is helpful for such gatherings to provide for the provision of food and non-alcoholic beverages and ancillary items for the furtherance as such meetings, convenings and community outreach. This resolution will authorize the provision of those items.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 334-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 335-18**, resolution appointing Molly Gauntner to the Franklin County Community Based Correction Facility Governing Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator.

Mr. Janas: Good morning Commissioners. Ms. Gauntner is the Chief Probation Officer for Franklin County Municipal Court's Probation Department.

Commissioner Brown: Ms. Gauntner sits on our Reentry Coalition and has been a good participant there. This is a good fit.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 335-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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

**Case #ANX-09-18** - An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition ANX-09-18 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on April 25, 2018. The petition is requesting to annex 1.387 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on May 29, 2018.

**Site: 1230 Stringtown Road (PID# 160-001096)**

**Case #ANX-10-18** - An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition ANX-10-18 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on April 25, 2018. The petition is requesting to annex 68.55 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on May 29, 2018.

**Site: 5273 Haughn Road (PID# 160-000184 and 160-001906)**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of May 1, 2018.

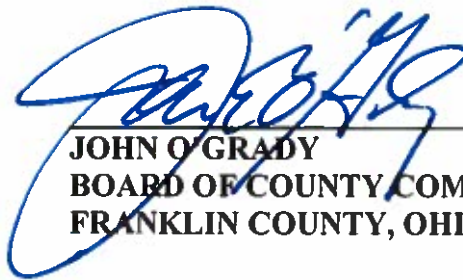




**KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT**



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Submitted by:



**Antwan Booker, Clerk**