

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

May 8, 2018

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

Present were: Kevin L. Boyce, President
Marilyn Brown, Commissioner
John, O'Grady, 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 9:02 A.M.

President Boyce: Next week is Re-entry Week here in Franklin County and, before we move on with today's agenda, we have a couple of guests who are going to tell us a little about Re-Entry Week and what the county has planned, Director Joy Bivens of Job and Family Services and Michael Daniels of the Office of Justice and Policy Programs.

Ms. Bivens: Good morning Commissioners. As you know, one of your platforms has always been to assist those who have been involved in the justice system. JFS has taken on that initiative and partnering with Justice Policy Programs, has several initiatives planned. JFS has a reentry unit. We have case managers who assist the courts in allowing those who have been involved in the justice system to access services. This week is special because we are going out into the community about the Commissioners' challenge. Back in October 2017, the Commissioners encouraged faith communities, business communities and those who are able to assist, adopt, or provide a job for a person who has been involved in the justice system. Our outreach unit works year around to support justice involved individuals returning to the community, partner with the Sheriff's Department and Ohio Rehabilitation and Corrections to identify individuals and connect them with Medicaid and other agency programs they may be eligible for. We support the Stepping Up initiative and participate in First Friday Reentry Resource Fairs. This week, our staff are participating in different activities each day to support Reentry Week. On Monday, more than 60 staff members attended a lunch and learn session with Kysten Palmore. Today, we are doing an initiative called Suited for Success, which our staff will meet with referred justice involved individuals at My Brother's Closet and Dress for Success to assist in workplace suiting and connect them with other employability training and workforce resources. On Wednesday, we will do an employment expo. We will have a table at the Columbus State Community College conference center from 10am-2pm. Thursday is the Commissioners' challenge awareness day. Our outreach

staff will mail out information challenging landlords, employers and faith based organizations to assist justice involved individuals to help them. Many times the way out of poverty is a good job. Once our justice involved individuals have served their sentences, it is not fair for them to continue to serve an eternal sentence by not allowing them to have an opportunity. We have had a drive called LOOP hygiene bag drive. Friday is the final day of our donation drive to gather items for hygiene bags. LOOP stands for Loved Ones Of Prisoners. We will distribute them to ex-offenders upon their release. There are several partners involved in this week. We had Judge Laurel Beatty come talk to our senior staff to talk about the importance of reentry initiatives, diversion and some of the things she sees that come through her courtroom as it relates to poverty and individuals that are involved with the justice system.

Mr. Daniels: Our office is proud to do the work that we do, from diverting people with mental health issues from jail or to get them the treatment and connections they need. We are proud of the article of the front page of the Dispatch on our Stepping Up recognition. We are proud of the work we do in connecting people who are coming back from jail to those resources that they need. Our partners are critical. One of our biggest supporters is JFS. We have a meeting this week with the Office on Aging to talk about the reentry needs of seniors who are returning to the community. We are running into the three strikes mandatory sentencing and time period is coming up. We will have people who are in their 60's and 70's who spent 20 years in prison. I thank you for all your support. Hats off to Ms. Bivens. National Reentry Week was created by President Obama. The current administration has decided to not renew that designation, but Franklin County continues to celebrate and work proactively on these issues.

Commissioner Brown: I think this is great we are celebrating Reentry Week this week. We have Stepping Up day of action on May 16th. We have a public event in the Auditorium where we will be hosting public safety officials, members of the court and community partners to be a part of this Stepping Up day of action. It is about keeping people who should not be in the jail out of the jail. We have been fortunate in Franklin County that we have the right people sitting at the table to work together on these issues.

Ms. Bivens: If we could encourage every community partner, nonprofit, faith based organization to review the Commissioners' challenge. You can go to www.reentry.franklincounty.gov to review it.

PUBLIC HEARING—Resolution regarding the final hearing for the establishment, altering and widening of Norton Road at Johnson Road, Prairie Township and Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

President Boyce: I would like to open up the Public Hearing for this resolution. Is there anyone here in the audience who would like to speak on the Public Hearing? (Seeing none, I would like to close the Public Hearing and have the Clerk read the resolution into the record).

Resolution No. 336-18, resolution for final hearing for establishing, altering and widening of Norton Road at Johnson Road, Prairie Township and Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning Commissioners. This capital improvement project is in the southwest part of the County on the line between Prairie Township and Pleasant Township. We have designed a single lane round-a-bout at this location. This resolution authorizes the County Engineer's Office to hire appraisers and begin right of way acquisitions.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 336-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 337-18, resolution for the establishing, altering and widening of Walnut Street, County Road No. 19, at Harlem Road, County Road No. 111, Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This capital improvement project is in the northeast part of the County in Plain Township at the intersection of Walnut Street and Harlem Road. This resolution is the first in a series of two and will allow our office to begin the project.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 337-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 338-18, resolution awarding contract and approving contract bond to Shelly & Sands, Inc. for the Smothers Rd at Schott Rd and Red Bank Rd Roundabout Project (Engineer) (\$1,750,238.63), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This capital improvement is in the northeast part of the County on the line between Plain Township and Blendon Township. It is a cooperative project with the Delaware County Engineer's Office. On April 10th, we had a competitive bid for construction. We had six bidders and Shelly and Sands had the lowest and best bid.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 338-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 339-18, resolution for the Wolli Creek Drive and Clemton Park East accepted for public maintenance and shall become part of the Jefferson Township Road System (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is for a subdivision known as Weldon Phase 1. It is in the northeast part of the County in Jefferson Township. It is along the west side of Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road and south of Clark State Road. The streets have been

built and are ready for acceptance for public use and maintenance can be turned over to Jefferson Township.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 339-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 340-18, resolution for the report 5th of the County Engineer establishing the sum of compensation and damages for a property owner in the matter of the improvement of the Morse Road at Kitzmiller Road project (Engineer) (\$27,820.00), presented by Carla Marable, Director of Communications, Engineer's Office.

Ms. Marable: This resolution seeks compensation for a property owner along the Morse Rd at Kitzmiller Rd improvement project in Jefferson and Plain Townships. On February 20, 2018 the Board approved a resolution allowing that this case was appropriated. During appropriations, we worked closely with the Prosecutor's office to continue to negotiate with the property owner and reached a settlement. Due to the uncertainty of a jury trial and strain on public resources we request that the board approves the resolution for additional compensation.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 340-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 341-18, resolution Preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of Bexley (Engineer) (\$45,687.01), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: The City of Bexley has requested to use a portion of their permissive fee for road improvement projects. In 2008, Bexley improved a portion of Cassady Rd and has requested their funding to be applied towards a loan used to complete the construction project. The county engineer has reviewed the proposed use of funds and has determined that they meet the allowable use of these funds.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 341-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 342-18, resolution Preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of Whitehall (Engineer) (\$55,000.00), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: Our final resolution, the City of Whitehall has requested to use a portion of their permissive fee for road improvement projects. Whitehall has requested to use their

funds to improve a portion of Main Street. The county engineer has reviewed the proposed use of funds and has determined that they meet the allowable use of these funds.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 342-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 343-18, resolution approving an amendment to the subaward agreement with Impact Community Action for coordination and program services for the Columbus/Central Ohio Building & Construction Trades Council - Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program an increase of (Job and Family Services) (\$582,386.95), presented by Ms. Bivens.

Ms. Bivens: This resolution will approve an amendment to the subaward agreement with Impact Community Action to coordinate the Columbus/Central Ohio Building & Construction Trades Council Building Futures program. We have Bo Chilton, Chief Executive Officer, IMPACT, Leland Bass, Workforce Development Manager, IMPACT and Dorsey Hager, Columbus Building Trades.

Mr. Chilton: Good morning Commissioners. We are delighted that you have invested in this partnership. Often times when we invest in programs, we hope that they work out, but this program is a winner. We had great outcomes. We started out with 26 participants and 22 graduated. All were placed in apprenticeships averaging between \$13-\$25/hour starting out. This has been a great program. Our graduation speaker said this program has been life changing. He has two young children and his family is planning for their future. We are grateful to be in partnership with the Columbus Building Trades Council. This does not work without the pipeline they created. We brought in additional recruiting, screening, finding the right candidates, and providing opportunity. At the end of the day, the best way to get people out of poverty is a good job. You need an opportunity and to take advantage of those opportunities you need the skill training. We provide the soft skill training and prepare them so they can be successful. This is not possible without the Building Trades Council.

Mr. Hager: I want to thank the Commissioners for your vision and leadership and Ms. Bivens. We are looking for successes and this first group was successful. There was a young man I talked to who had a bachelor's degree and wanted to know why he was in the program. He said he was underemployed. The job where he worked did not provide benefits and was looking for something more for him and his family. He did well during the program and has been placed with a carpenters union and now has health benefits and is now on the path towards the middle class. This could not have been done without the leadership of the Commissioners. Without Impact Community Action, this would not have been possible.

Commissioner O'Grady: When we were at our National Association meeting, they asked me to discuss some of the programs we do that could be shared with our colleagues. I talked about this program. After I did, I was approached to get some more information about this

program. I know you indicated your colleagues from around the county have asked you about this program as well. This program has some strong interest across the country.

Mr. Hager: You are correct. I was at our legislative conference a few weeks ago and there were some apprenticeship directors from Minnesota and Texas that are experiencing what we are experiencing in shortage of well-qualified skilled labor and how to produce a pipeline to get people to do this work. Their program is a 3-4 week program. Our program is successful because we work on barrier removal. One of the biggest barriers we see is the hand skills. None of this works unless we have this partnership where we can remove those barriers. I have been invited to speak at a conference about this program.

Commissioner Brown: I think it is important that we have a need in this community for skilled labor jobs to be filled, then we developed a program to meet the need. I like this program because it is needed and these jobs are not going to go away. These are sustainable wage jobs.

Mr. Hager: I agree. As long as we have these agreements on some of these jobs, I think it is a win-win for everyone.

Mr. Bass: One of the things I wanted to mention is that we actually had 23 graduates. The final graduate did not have his GED upon starting the program. We challenged him to get it upon completion. He passed and became a member of the painters' union. We are grateful for the partnerships we have developed and how much of a need we are providing for the community. The next cohort has a waiting list of 160 people, without recruiting. This is word of mouth. We have a recruiting event today. This shows the success we have had and we touched a nerve in the community for people who are seeking these opportunities and addressing a need. The community will continue to support this program.

James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning: At the beginning of the year, County Administrator Wilson challenged us to collaborate with other agencies more. It adds another layer to our People Works program and there are external and internal collaboration to make this program work.

Commissioner Brown: We are getting better at collaborating internally.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 343-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 344-18, resolution authorizing a Novation Agreement with Central Ohio German Village Taxi, LLC (Office On Aging), presented by Michelle Missler, Director, Office on Aging.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging presents this resolution authorizing a Novation Agreement with Central Ohio German Village Taxi as the organization has changed its name to Central Ohio German Village Taxi, LLC.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 344-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 345-18, resolution authorizing a Novation Agreement with Wheels To Go, Inc. (Office On Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging presents this resolution authorizing a Novation Agreement with Dublin Express Transport Solutions dba Wheels to Go as the organization has changed its name to Wheels To Go.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 345-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 346-18, resolution authorizing a Novation Agreement with N&H Health Care, LLC (Office On Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging presents this resolution authorizing a Novation Agreement with N&H Health Care Services as the organization has changed its name to N&H Health Care, LLC.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 346-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 347-18, resolution authorizing a Novation Agreement with Ainecare Homecare (Office On Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging presents a resolution authorizing a Novation Agreement for Sunrise Family Home Care, LLC as the organization has changed its name to Ainecare Homecare.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 347-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 348-18, resolution Approving June 7, 2018 as Franklin County Office on Aging Day with the Columbus Clippers (Office On Aging) (\$9,825.00), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: The Office on Aging requests June 7, 2018 be proclaimed Franklin County Office on Aging Day with the Columbus Clippers and seeks approval to provide admission and 1,300 lunches, including bottles of water, to older adults attending the baseball game.

This event affords area seniors the nostalgic opportunity to rekindle their love for baseball, interact with others and receive resource information.

Commissioner Brown: This is a great event and always well attended.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 348-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 349-18, resolution authorizing a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the Connection Phase of the Mon-E-Bak and Brown Road East Sanitary Sewer Extension Project (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Stephen Renner, Director, Sanitary Engineers' Office.

Mr. Renner: We are finally at the connection phase of the Mon-E-Bak and Brown Road East project. We went through an application process for those communities. We received 133 applications and 2/3 of them qualified. Going forward, we needed to go back to the state. This is the application. We will need \$1,400,000 to complete this phase.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 349-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 350-18, resolution authorizing a Participation Agreement between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and Columbus Public Utilities for a comprehensive assessment of the County's utility assets (Sanitary Engineers) (\$500,000.00), presented by Mr. Renner.

Mr. Renner: This resolution is for the participation agreement. We will work directly with the staff of Columbus Public Utilities to evaluate and select a contractor to perform a comprehensive assessment of our department. The work will be in two phases. Phase one will be exploratory in what documents we have, maps, and data for the evaluation of our department. Phase two will be the physical labor involved of both water and sewer aspect.

President Boyce: Does this contract cover both phases or will there be another resolution coming forward?

Mr. Renner: It covers both phases.

President Boyce: What is the turnaround of the assessment?

Mr. Renner: We do not have a specific deadline in mind, but based on experience, phase one would last about 8-12 months. Phase two will extend it out to 18 months.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 350-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 351-18, resolution authorizing a one-year contract with Star House to provide drop-in services to youth experiencing homelessness (Community Partnerships) (\$150,000.00), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Office of Management and Budget.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution is for Star House. It is a wonderful agency that we are fortunate to have in our community. This contract will provide drop-in shelter services for more than 900 youths this year. Some of the services include having a safe place for them to cook a meal, take a bath, a place to store their belongings, access to a computer and phone, on site medical and counseling services and on site job training. They have recently added a third shift, so youth can drop in 24/hours a day.

Commissioner Brown: This is so important. I am glad they added job training. Do they have a My Brother's/Sister's Closet and get some clean clothes?

Ms. McCrary: They do have clothing on site. On their website, they have a list of items they are interested in collecting and the youth will use.

Mr. Wilson: The Star House has a laundry facility that is highly utilized. A lot of these youths are transient so being able to wash their clothes is vital. I cannot say enough of what they do with the resources they have. They are turning to social entrepreneurship to look for partners in the community to give the youth some job skills. They are the only drop-in center that is providing this service. I hope there is more public awareness and visibility to increase the number of partners to give them financial support.

Ms. McCrary: The way they are operating their social entrepreneurship is flexible to the population they serve. They fit it into the schedule of the youth's day.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 351-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 352-18, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$2,979,076.10), 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 92 purchase orders. For Small Emerging Business Enterprises there are 16 purchase orders which equals 13.9% of the purchase order volume. Commissioners, there is a significant PO in the Proof list for a \$1.575 million disbursement to United Healthcare for the County Healthcare plan. By removing that amount we can determine a true comparison of the SEBE effort. The Total PO dollars that were available for SEBEs was \$1,404,076.10; and when you compare their total dollar PO amounts of \$28,064.84 it equals 2% of the purchase

order dollar volume. These purchase orders have been precertified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 352-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 353-18, resolution authorizing a second modification of a contract with Calfee Halter & Griswold for legal services for the drafting of construction management contract documents (Board of Commissioners) (\$20,000.00), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Long: The Board of Commissioners previously approved a contract with Calfee Halter & Griswold for assisting in the drafting of contract documents involving the construction manager at risk delivery system. This resolution is a modification to that agreement to continue to assist in the development of those contract documents.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 353-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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

Case #ANX-11-18 – A Regular annexation petition ANX-11-18 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on May 1, 2018. The petition is requesting to annex 12.0 +/- acres from Washington Township to the City of Dublin. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on July 10, 2018.

Site: 7599 Fishel Drive North (PID# 272-000594)

7575 Fishel Drive South (PID# 272-000590)

Cosgray Road (PID# 272-000632)

Cosgray Road Right-of-way (PID# 274-000010 & 272-000243)

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 A.M.

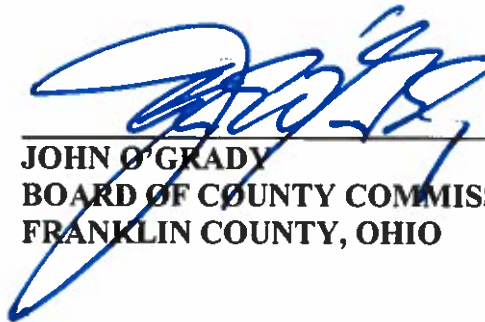
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KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT

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Submitted by:



Antwan Booker, Clerk