

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

January 9, 2018

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

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

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

President Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:18 A.M.

Approval of the minutes of the December 5, 2017 Budget Hearing, the minutes of the December 19, 2017 General Session, and the minutes of the November 30, and December 14, 2017 Briefing Sessions. Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 9-18**, resolution authorizing a contract with Q A Group, LLC dba Quantum Analytics for the provision of the supply and delivery of a Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer (Coroner) (\$100,854.80), presented by Matthew Caudill, Director of Operations, Coroner's Office.

Mr. Caudill: Good morning Commissioners. With the need to replace an aging Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer in our forensic toxicology lab, the Franklin County Coroner's Office has partnered with the Purchasing Department to bid for a new machine. The current equipment is past its point of usefulness and is no longer supported, technologically, by our service providers due to its age. To sustain our current work load, a new machine is needed. The Request for Proposal was competitively bid through the Purchasing Department. The bid was opened on November 28, 2017. We have reviewed the bids for compliance and specifications to determine our lowest and best bid. I respectfully ask for your approval of this contract.

Commissioner O'Grady: Mr. Caudill, can you introduce yourself and explain what a Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer is?

Mr. Caudill: I am the Director of the Franklin County Coroner's Office under the County Coroner, Dr. Anahi Ortiz. A Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer is an integral part of

our forensic toxicology equipment. It runs the samples related to the cases we bring in every day. We look for illicit drugs, drugs that may have been abused by prescription.

Commissioner O'Grady: The need for a new one is because it is outdated?

Mr. Caudill: Correct, it is a replacement.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 9-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 10-18**, resolution authorizing a settlement to Trisha Lawhun for a disputed property claim due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (Sheriff) (\$500), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution approves a settlement of a vehicle damage claim from an accident that occurred on October 18, 2017. It has been recommended by the County Prosecutor and Fleet Management. It provides payment in the amount of \$500.00 to settle the claim by covering the deductible of Ms. Lawhun.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 10-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 11-18**, resolution authorizing a settlement to Zachary Molnar for a disputed property damage claim due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (Sheriff) (\$2,638.31), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, this resolution approves a settlement of a vehicle damage claim from an accident that occurred on November 8, 2017. This accident has been recommended for approval by the County's claim adjuster, the Prosecutor and Fleet Management. It provides a payment of \$2,638.31 to settle the claim. This individual only had liability coverage on their insurance, thus the higher amount.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 11-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 12-18**, resolution authorizing receipt of Franklin County's FY 2016 Title II Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act block grant and planning awards (Homeland Security and Justice Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Justice Policy Coordinator, Justice Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Good morning Commissioners. The resolution before you requests your acceptance of our FY 2016, Calendar Year 2018, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency

Prevention block grant and corresponding planning grant from the Ohio Department of Youth Services. It also authorizes the President of the Board to sign any necessary acceptance and waiver documents.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 12-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 13-18**, resolution approving a Paid Family Leave program on a two year pilot program basis (Human Resources), presented by Sue Hamilton, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

Ms. Hamilton: Good morning Commissioners. For your consideration is the approval of a Paid Family Leave Program on a pilot basis for two years.

President Boyce: Is there a cost that you are estimating for this program over the two year pilot period?

Ms. Hamilton: Not a hard cost. There will be a cost associated with people being gone and other people having to fill in those duties. I do not expect we will have to pay temporary workers or overtime to fill that need.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 13-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 14-18**, resolution authorizing the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO, Local 2049 (Human Resources), presented by Ms. Hamilton.

Ms. Hamilton: After collective bargaining, we are requesting your approval of the AFSCME contract that will extend to December 31, 2020.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 14-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 15-18**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$26,857,001.41), presented by Megan Balonier, Assistant Director, Purchasing.

Ms. Balonier: Good morning Commissioners, Megan Balonier representing the Purchasing Department. In following Director Kuespert's explanation last week, the large dollar value of purchase orders that are being presented for your consideration and approval today is due to the end of year process whereby the County Auditor cancels all open purchase orders and does not carry forward encumbrances from the previous year.

The agencies have to open new purchase orders to encumber funds to pay for the goods and services that are needed for the current fiscal year. Consequently, the January and February general session resolutions will be for a greater number of POs and a greater dollar amount.

With that said, the resolution before you requests your approval of 527 purchase orders. These purchase orders have been pre-certified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 15-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 16-18**, resolution authorizing an application to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas for the employment of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, LLP, as lead counsel, to assist the Prosecuting Attorney in the investigation and pursuit of civil litigation to abate public nuisance of opioid abuse caused by opiate drug wholesale distributors and manufacturers (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Long: Good morning Commissioners. The Ohio Revised Code provides that the Court of Common Pleas, upon the application of the Prosecuting Attorney and the Board of Commissioners, may authorize the employment of outside legal counsel to assist the Prosecuting Attorney and the Board of Commissioners in matters of public business coming before the Board. The Prosecuting Attorney and the Board have determined that it is necessary to hire and obtain outside legal counsel to assist it in the investigation and pursuit of civil litigation to abate or cause to be abated the public nuisance of opioid abuse, addiction, morbidity and mortality caused by drug wholesale distributors and manufacturers. This resolution would authorize the Prosecuting Attorney to request application to the Court of Common Pleas for the employment of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, LLP, with David Butler as lead counsel and Greene, Ketchum, Farrell, Bailey & Tweel, LLP, as co-counsel. This is a two-step process. This first resolution authorizes the Prosecuting Attorney to make application to the court. Once the court has approved the application, we will be back before you with a resolution authorizing the firms aforementioned.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 16-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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

**Commissioner O'Grady – *Alternate/Designee denoted in red***

- \* Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC) -- *Eric Wagenbrenner*
- \* Franklin County Emergency Management Agency – *Erik Janas*
- \* Franklin County Investment Advisory Board – *Erik Janas*

\* Franklin County Planning Commission – *Annie Ryznar*  
\* Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)†  
Franklin County Data Board – *Adam Luckhaupt, Zak Talarek*  
Franklin County Family and Children First Council – *Lauren Rummel*  
Franklin County Microfilming Board – *Antwan Booker*

**Commissioner Brown– *Alternate/Designee denoted in red***

\* Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC) - *James Schimmer*  
\* Franklin County Emergency Management Agency – *Michael Hochron*  
\* Franklin County Investment Advisory Board – *Kenneth Wilson*  
\* Franklin County Planning Commission – *Nancy White*  
\* Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)†  
Central Ohio Communications Advisory Board (COCAC) – *Cecelia Weirick*  
Franklin County Enhanced 9-1-1 Board†  
Franklin County Criminal Justice Planning Board/Community Corrections Board  
Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC) -*Erik Janas (designated by Resolution 043-17)*

**Commissioner Boyce– *Alternate/Designee denoted in red***

\* Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC)- *Tamara Howard*  
\* Franklin County Emergency Management Agency –*Ken Wilson*  
\* Franklin County Investment Advisory Board – *Zak Talarek*  
\* Franklin County Planning Commission –*Tamara Howard, Jessica Sullivan*  
\* Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)†  
Franklin County Records Commission†  
Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC)†  
Board of Revision – *Kris Long, Rob Bisciotti, Jamie Riley, Tamara Howard*  
Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) – *Jessica Sullivan*

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of January 9, 2018.

  
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**KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT**

  
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**MARILYN BROWN**

  
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**JOHN O'GRADY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:

  
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**Antwan Booker, Clerk**