

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

August 1, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

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

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

Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

Commissioner Brown: Before we begin our resolutions, we are here to give support because August is Child Support Enforcement Awareness Month. Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement, is here to talk about child support enforcement and the importance of recognizing this month. Congratulations on getting the state rule to go away for a minute.

Commissioner Boyce: I think it should be noted that Ms. Brown was successful in working with the General Assembly and Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). A formula change that they made would have cost Franklin County about \$2.2 million for child support enforcement resources. Over the last few weeks, led by Ms. Brown, we were able to have the rule put on hold temporarily. This is a big deal. Thank you for all of your work.

Ms. Brown: Thank you Commissioner Boyce and for all of the support and leadership of the Commissioners and Administration. We could not have done this without a full team.

Commissioner Brown: We put in calls to the legislators, but your leadership truly did it.

Commissioner Boyce: The fight is not over. This was just round one.

Ms. Brown: August is Child Support Awareness Month in Ohio, as well as being identified as National Child Support Month by the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement. Both the state and the county child support enforcement agencies participate in activities during this month to promote awareness and education about the child support program.

For children to succeed in life, it takes financial and emotional support of both parents. Research shows that children suffer when two parents are not involved in their life in a positive way.

In addition, evidence suggests that kids who receive support from both parents get better grades in school and have fewer behavioral problems. Child support helps families remain self-sufficient and rely less on public assistance.

Ohio parents are doing their job. Ohio provides child support services for one million children, and collects nearly \$1.7 billion in support payments. Ohio ranks fifth in the nation in the collection of support and is ranked third in distributing the most non-public-assistance money in the nation. Franklin County has a caseload of 72,000 cases. Its' total collections for 2016 was \$167.5 million for 60,000 families. Franklin County has been recognized nationally for its progressive and innovative work. In 2012 Franklin County was the first program in the NATION to get a project off the ground that applies behavioral science to child support programming. From there, Franklin County has applied for and has been awarded three more federal grants to expand our work in behavioral diagnosis and design and workforce development within the child support program – which places low income non-custodial parents into in demand, high paying job sectors.

During Child Support Awareness Month, we especially recognize all parents who are deeply committed to the success of their children.

On Thursday, August 10th from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Columbus State Conference Center at 315 Cleveland Avenue, Franklin County Child Support along with many other community and private partners will host the 2017 Franklin County Empowerment Day Resource and Job Fair. This is our biggest outreach event of the year and it brings many resources and opportunities for individuals and families together under one roof. Included is a job fair and we have 40 employers who will be there ready to hire.

With me today are many of the members of the Agency's Child Support Awareness Committee who coordinate our outreach events as well as our other recognition events during the year.

Commissioner Brown: We have a resolution for you and your team. We would like to get a picture with you all.

(group picture)

Resolution No. 528-17, resolution authorizing a loan from the Franklin County Infrastructure Bank to Grove City for their Municipal Fiber Network Project (Economic Development and Planning) (\$2,000,000), presented by Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Roth: Good morning Commissioners. This is an exciting day for me. It has been over a year since we last brought an Infrastructure Bank project before the Board. These two loans with Grove City are going to be our fifth and sixth loan since the program started in 2015. As a reminder, we have funding available that will pay for up to fifty percent of the

total project cost. Typically up to one million dollars, but if funds allow, we will exceed if the Loan Advisory Board would recommend so.

Commissioner Brown: Can you give some information on how a community can get in touch with you?

Mr. Roth: Eligible borrowers are municipalities and townships in Franklin County. If they are interested, they can contact myself or Jim Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning. My phone number is 614-525-5630. We will be more than happy to discuss any potential projects. This is financing for infrastructure that will support economic development projects. This is a job creation program. We will do some preliminary vetting. We will invite a pre-application to figure out what the project is about and whether it is a good fit for the Infrastructure Bank. The community would then be invited to submit a full application. We will then send to DiPerna for an underwriting and a credit analysis. Then the Loan Advisory Board would make recommendations whether the project should move forward.

Commissioner Brown: Does the application include the number of jobs created as a result of the project?

Mr. Roth: Yes. There must be job creation or retention.

Commissioner Brown: We have a speaker slip from Mike Turner, Finance Director, Grove City.

Mr. Turner: Good morning. I would like to thank you for your consideration of this resolution. This resolution is for the Fiber Optic Network. It is a \$2,000,000 loan. This is a \$7,500,000 project. It is seventy-five miles of fiber optics. This will connect the City of Grove City, Southwestern City Schools, Jackson Township, Prairie Township, and Pleasant Township. They are all the partners in this project. It will provide 10 gigabytes per second and ten times the speed of our current connections. To pay off this loan and the additional funding for this project, we will use the current spends from the entities. The spends will go to Grove City to be able to pay off the debt service for ten years and we have a fifteen year general obligation bond. The value of this to Grove City is that we can use different funding sources and put them together, which will eliminate the need for us to use our debt capacity.

Commissioner Brown: We discussed this in Briefing and the value of the partnership with the schools and townships and city working together.

Mr. Roth: I would add that Grove City has committed to one hundred jobs over the next three years.

Mr. Turner: For the second resolution, it is for a \$1,000,000 loan for a road project. OhioHealth is constructing an 80,000 square foot hospital and emergency room with

twenty-six beds and three operating facilities. There will also be a 40,000 square foot medical office building. That project is combined of a \$2,500,000 road project and this loan is going to fund half of the utility improvements. We are extending our water and sewer lines. 2,800 feet of sewer lines and 1,800 of water lines. This extension will also make other land ready for development.

Commissioner Boyce: I had the opportunity to tour Grove City with Mayor Stage a few weeks ago. I wanted to see how the County works with Grove City. This is a really good example of partnering with Grove City. The fiber optics really makes a difference because companies will look at whether to expand or move there. It could be a deciding factor. Those are jobs that are retained that you may not see. Infrastructure is one of the best things we can do with our tax dollars. There are so many multiplying impacts. I like this partnership with our municipalities.

Mr. Roth: I would add that this is a revolving loan fund, so the repayment of the loan from Grove City will be recapitalized and made available to other municipalities and townships.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 528-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 529-17, resolution authorizing a loan from the Franklin County Infrastructure Bank to Grove City for their Stringtown Road Improvements Project (Economic Development and Planning) (\$1,000,000), presented by Mr. Roth.

Mr. Roth: I would add that as part of the project, OhioHealth will create about 150 jobs over the next three years.

Commissioner Brown: We have helped OhioHealth in the past with other road improvements at their main campus.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 529-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 530-17, resolution authorizing a Grant agreement with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio to administer a job readiness pilot program in the Milo Grogan Neighborhood within the City of Columbus (Economic Development and Planning) (\$50,000), presented by Michael Salvadore, Workforce Navigator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Salvadore: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution will enter into a partnership with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio to run a pilot program in the Milo Grogan Neighborhood. This project came about when the City of Columbus Economic Development staff approached our staff about a potential partnership for the Milo Grogan

neighborhood to help employers in that neighborhood to hire individuals living in the area. The city has done several business retention and expansion visits to the employers in the neighborhood and they were having trouble hiring and would like to hire people from the neighborhood. The city decided to do a neighborhood specific job readiness workforce development program. The city has not attempted anything like this before, so they approached the Workforce Development Board about leading it and asked us to match their support. This resolution would do that. It would enter into a contract with the Workforce Development Board for them to put an RFP on the street, select the social service agency with city and county input and implement a job readiness training program for approximately 100 residents. That is the aspirational goal on the job training side. The aspirational goal on the employer side is to help five employers engage in the program and hopefully hire employees out of that program.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 530-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 531-17, resolution for the review of Petition to Annex 7.29 +/- acres from Madison Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-10-17 (Economic Development and Planning) presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is to consider an expedited type 2 annexation petition of 7.29 acres from Madison Township to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property located at George Page Jr. Road, which is south of London-Groveport Road and west of Port Road at Rickenbacker International Airport. The parcel contains 1.688 acres of vacant land and a 5.602 acre site that contains an existing office-warehouse building developed by Distribution Land Corporation known as Air Cargo Terminal 5 at Rickenbacker. The petition was filed by Agent/Attorney Michael Bridges of Dickinson-Wright, PLLC, who is in attendance should you have any questions, on behalf of the property owner, Columbus Regional Airport Authority. 12.6% of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Columbus and the City passed ordinance no. 1810-2017 on July 10, 2017 indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved and a statement regarding possible incompatible land uses and zoning buffer. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 531-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 532-17, resolution authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund Grant for the Franklin County Drug Task Force (Sheriff) (\$250,000), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution allows the Sheriff's Office to accept funding from the Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund Grant to continue the battle against drug possession and trafficking. The one year agreement will be used for overtime during investigations, the purchase of equipment, training and investigative travel. The Sheriff's duties will include administration, implementation and oversight of the grant involving collaboration with the police departments of Groveport, Obetz, Upper Arlington and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 532-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 533-17, resolution authorizing a publications subscription and access agreement with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (Sheriff) (\$900), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, this resolution approves a license agreement to utilize software developed by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) to allow us to start the process to become CALEA certified. CALEA certification will require an overhaul of our written rules and directives as a core function of this accreditation.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 533-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 534-17, resolution authorizing a supplemental appropriation related to the upgrades for the automated ballot processing and tracking system (Board Of Elections), presented by Ed Leonard, Director, Board of Elections.

Mr. Leonard: Good morning Commissioners. We entered into a lease for this equipment in 2012 and the lease is now up and we now own the equipment. We no longer have the \$280,000 lease payment, but there is a need to do some upgrades to the equipment. Some are technological in nature and some are printing components that need to be replaced. Others are functional to allow us to process balance in a finer degree that will allow us to meet deadlines. This will extend the life of the equipment for ten years.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 534-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 535-17, resolution authorizing a one-year agreement with the Ohio State University Extension, Franklin County to provide educational activities and other programming (Community Partnerships) (\$175,000), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution would authorize a one year contract with The Ohio State University Extension of Franklin County to provide evidence based education related to agriculture, natural resources, home economics, family living and 4-H programs for Franklin County residents, as well as promote human behavior that leads to a prosperous, healthy and financially solvent lifestyle. We have Mike Hogan and Brian Klienke, OSU Extension.

Mr. Hogan: Good morning Commissioners. I wanted to thank you for your continued support. As a reminder, our programs reach more than 60,000 residents per year and your partnership is vital to our three way partnership. What we have been able to do with your support is hire a new full time agricultural and natural resources educator. Mr. Klienke is a recent graduate and hire here in the county. That doubled our capacity for agricultural and natural resources program. We appreciate the opportunity for that to help the city/county food action plan.

Commissioner Brown: Are you expecting any cuts from the federal government?

Mr. Hogan: It is stable right now. It is stable now. That is fluid. A lot of the funding that comes to us, comes through the Farm Bill. We will probably not see any major changes until the next Farm Bill is passed.

Mr. Klienke: I would like to thank the Commissioners for their support.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 535-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 536-17, resolution authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for the purchase of a copier (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$12,000), presented by Greg Plantz, Fiscal Officer, Homeland Security and Justice Programs.

Mr. Plantz: Good morning Commissioners. As you are aware, our office has expanded and moved into additional space. We needed an additional copier and scanner. I would like to thank the workers at Public Facilities Management for assisting in the move.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 536-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 537-17, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$1,406,928.06), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing the Purchasing Department. The Resolution before you requests your approval of 118 Purchase Orders.

These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 537-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 538-17, resolution submitting names to the State Emergency Planning Commission for final approval and appointment to the local emergency planning committee, known in Franklin County as the Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator.

Mr. Janas: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution would make the recommendation of the following twenty-eight names to the state for the appointment of the local CEPAC.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 538-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

Commissioner Boyce moved to remove **Tabled Resolution 520-17** from the table, seconded by Commissioner Brown. **Tabled Resolution 520-17** was removed from the table by roll call vote.

Tabled Resolution No. 520-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Integrated Solutions Consulting, LLC to provide services for updating and improving the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (Emergency Management Agency) (\$74,280.42), presented by Jeff Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

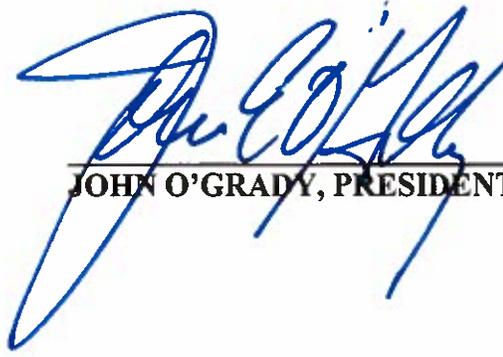
Mr. Young: We are asking for approval of this resolution which is awarding a contract to Integrated Solutions Consulting for our pre-disaster mitigation plan for updating our pre-disaster mitigation plan. This is traditionally a five year plan, as a pre-requisite for applying for any pre-disaster programs through FEMA or Homeland Security.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Tabled Resolution 520-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of August 1, 2017



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT

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Submitted by:



Antwan Booker, Clerk