

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

August 8, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 8, 2017.

Present were: John O'Grady, President
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 Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the June 6, and June 27, 2017 General Session, and the minutes of the June 22, 2017 Briefing Session. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 539-17, resolution awarding contract and approving contract bond to Elite Excavating Co. of Ohio, Inc., for the Melrose Avenue and Lamont Avenue Drainage Improvement Project (Engineer) (\$592,740), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office, and Carla Marable, Communications Director, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this first resolution is for a capital improvement project in the northeast part of the County in Clinton Township. This is a drainage improvement and we held a competitive bid on July 13, 2017, where we had three bidders. Elite Excavating had the lowest and best bid.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve of Resolution 539-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 540-17, resolution proposing to cooperate with the Director of Transportation for the improvement of Smothers Road and Schott Road Red Bank Road, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this capital improvement project is also in the northeast part of the County between Blendon and Plain Townships and on the line between Franklin and Delaware Counties line. This is a cooperative project that includes Franklin County, Delaware County and Ohio Department of Transportation. This resolution is a cooperative agreement so we can work with the Director of Transportation.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve of Resolution 540-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 541-17, resolution authorization for the Franklin County Engineer to enter into an agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company, its subsidiaries, lessees and various agencies regarding the improvement on Trabue Road (Engineer), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution seeks authorization to enter into a cooperative agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company for the improvement of Trabue Road Bridge. As part of this bridge rehabilitation project, we will provide additional clearance to meet the current railroad standards, the height requirements and it will be widened to accommodate a future shared use path. This is a coordinated project with Norfolk Southern, the City of Columbus, United Parcel Service, and Franklin County.

Commissioner Brown: This is a great partnership. It is rare that we partner with the railroads and a business and the community.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve of Resolution 541-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 542-17, resolution requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on Clark State Road, County Road No. 95, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: In this resolution, the County Engineer received a request to study the speed limit on Clark State Road from Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road to the Licking County Line. The study determined that a speed reduction would be appropriate. The existing speed limit on this section of road is 55mph and the recommended speed limit is 45 mph. Approval of this resolution would request that the Ohio Department of Transportation investigate this section of roadway and determine a safe speed limit.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve of Resolution 542-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 543-17, resolution authorizing a transfer of appropriations and a purchase order for the return of prisoners (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution authorizes the transfer of appropriations in the approval of a purchase order that covers the necessary expenses incurred in their pursuit and transportation of prisoners. The appropriations cover the expenses for transporting 45 prisoners during April and 49 prisons during May. The itemized monthly report has been submitted and approved by the Sheriff.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve of Resolution 543-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

President O'Grady: Director Bivens, come up and introduce the graduates of the Emerging Leaders Program.

Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services: The Emerging Leaders Program was established in 2012 with the goal of providing professional development as well as skills training to better prepare future Job and Family Services employees for leadership. Today is the eighth class that will be graduating. This new Emerging Leaders Program changed from a biannual format to an annual format to allow for more in depth exploration of several topics. The curriculum was expanded to include the following sessions: fostering a motivating environment through management skills and correcting and learning from mistakes of the past. The class of twelve employees attended the program over a five month period and participants were introduced to topics ranging from structure of County government, impact of public policy, developing budgets, contracts management, ethical leadership and interviewing skills. With this particular class, we wanted to work in depth with them. Some of our methods were not traditional. We tried to hone in on with this class on what we thought were weaknesses or barriers they wanted to overcome. This group of individuals are passionate about the community and the work. They did a project that focused on bettering our customer service. It keeps our customers engaged at our centers. There are a lot of leaders in this group. I am interested on where they will go within the agency or County government.

Commissioner Brown: Can we get a copy of the video?

Ms. Bivens: Absolutely.

(Each of the Emerging Leaders participants gave a brief statement about what going through this class meant to them.)

Commissioner Brown: We know we have stars working in County government. It is incredibly important to focus on who we have working with us and how we can support you in doing this important work.

Commissioner Boyce: As the newest Commissioner, I have been getting exposed to the various agencies of Franklin County. I think the work that you do is the most important. You impact lives. Continue to grow in your jobs to do more to impact more people. Congratulations.

President O'Grady: I enjoy this day every year because it reminds me how great the employees of Franklin County are, and you guys make us look good every day. You guys do the work and I appreciate your hard work. We are reminded every day that we are here doing this for the 1.3 million people that live here. We want to get a picture with you and give you your certificates.

(group picture)

Resolution No. 544-17, resolution property identified as obsolete and not needed for public use (Franklin County Children Services), presented by Alice Maddox, Chief Financial Officer, Children Services.

Ms. Maddox: We recently remodeled our Frank Road facility after twenty-five years. At the end, there are always some extra items. This resolution is giving us permission to dispose of those items.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 544-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 545-17, resolution approving a contract for on-site case management services between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services and Nationwide Children's Hospital (Job and Family Services) (\$82,498.85), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: I want to thank my staff for assisting with the Emerging Leaders Program this year. This contract is the latest of case management staff that will be stationed at Nationwide Children's Hospital. This is a twenty year relationship with JFS and Children's Hospital. This is a contract that will provide case management services to assist in determining eligibility for Medicaid and our other services. Over the last twelve months, our onsite case manager has addressed over 4,200 inquiries and has received 1,800 new applications for Medicaid.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve of Resolution 545-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 546-17, resolution adopting the 2017 Housing & Urban Development Annual (HUD) Action Plan and amending the County's 2016 Annual Action Plan (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jim Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning, and Mark Paxson, Interim Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Schimmer: Commissioners, this is our resolution to adopt the 2017 Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan. This is critical to how we provide other services to Franklin County, in terms of the social service arena, housing and job creation programs.

Mr. Paxson: This action plan is the annual plan that we send to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. It details how the County plans to allocate and spend the dollars issued to it through three different programs: The Community Development Block Grant Programs, which benefits low and moderate income populations; The Home Partnership Program, which is for affordable housing opportunities; and the Emergency Solutions Grant, which addresses homelessness. This plan does adhere to the consignment plan, which was approved by the Board of Commissioners in 2015. As such, it meets all local community priorities established by the Board of Commissioners. Under this plan we plan to allocate \$2.54 million dollars.

- \$1.4 million dollars for housing.
- \$345,000 for economic development.
- \$242,000 for public services.
- \$236,000 for homelessness prevention
- \$95,000 for fair housing services.

The plan has met all participation requirements. We have a guest in the audience from the Economic Community Development Institute. We have Inna Kinny, CEO, EDCI, and Elisa Cooke, Deputy General Counsel, to speak on the criticalness of the program to the community.

Ms. Kinny: Good morning Commissioners. Our partnership with the County has been ongoing since 2004 when EDCI started. EDCI provide services that are critical to the residents of Franklin County. We help people start and expand their businesses. There are three programs that I want to discuss and they are all supported by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. It is important for us to support economic development. The first program I want to discuss is the CDBG Loan Fund. The majority of the clients are low to moderate income individuals. To date, Franklin County has invested \$2.7 million dollars in the Loan Fund and we have been able to leverage an additional \$4,000,000 dollars of capital that has gone to residents of Franklin County. That has created 344 new jobs, retained 512 jobs, 170 individuals has been low income, 146 minority-owned business and 114 women owned businesses. These are phenomenal statistics. We are grateful for the support to ensure that people are able to start and expand businesses in the County.

Commissioner Brown: I like the map because it shows the impact throughout the County.

Ms. Kinny: These public/private partnerships are critical to the success of the residents. The second program we want to discuss is our incubator, Food Fort. We started our incubator about seven years ago. Out of our kitchen, many businesses have started. One of those individuals has a food truck and is located in the North Market.

President O'Grady: We had the opening event of the NACo conference at The North Market.

Ms. Kinny: All of these businesses are here because of your support. The last program is our minor home repair. This program is a God-send for our senior citizens and disabled. We want to keep them in their homes. We have assisted 721 individuals through this program. Franklin County has contributed \$501,000 towards this program. These jobs are between \$1,000 and \$5,000. This program has been able to leverage an additional \$300,000 from outside sources. We began this program in 2008 when a lot of construction businesses were going out of business. This program assists small business owners to fix these homes. Thank you for all of your support.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve of Resolution 546-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 547-17, resolution to review of Petition to Annex 1.4 +/- acres from Jefferson Township to the City of Gahanna Case #ANX-11-17 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to consider an expedited type 2 annexation petition of 1.4 acres from Jefferson Township to the City of Gahanna. The area to be annexed includes property located at 4297 Johnstown Road, which is east of N. Hamilton Road, south of Beecher Road, and west of E. Johnstown Road. The petition was filed by Agent/Attorney Jackson B. Reynolds, III of Smith and Hale, LLC, on behalf of the property owner, J. Ernest Wells. 100% of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Gahanna and the City passed resolution no. RES-0005-2017 on July 17, 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 Brown moved to approve Resolution 547-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 548-17, resolution approving the Community Housing Networks Briggsdale II Joint Declaration of Covenants and Easements (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Paxson.

Mr. Paxson: In 2005, the Board of Commissioners allocated Home Funds to the Briggsdale Apartments. This is a 35 unit permanent support housing located at Harrisburg Pike. It house formerly homeless individuals. Earlier this year, the Commissioners approved Resolution No. 0427-17. This allowed part of the land from Phase I to be given to Phase II, which is pending. Both of these entities has two distinct ownership entities, which prompted the need for this declaration. This will allow the operations of the apartments to

be more efficient and allow the residents to use both premises and all of the amenities inclusive to the properties.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 548-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 549-17, resolution responding to the notice received concerning four proposed Tax Increment Financing Districts, the Schleppe Road Incentive District #1, the Schleppe Road Incentive District #2, the Schleppe Road Incentive District #3, and the Schleppe Road Incentive District #4, in the City of New Albany (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Schimmer: As you know Commissioners, we received notice of the creation of four new Tax Increment Financing Districts in New Albany. I will have Mr. Roth take you through this resolution.

Mr. Roth: Good morning Commissioners. The rate and terms of the districts were proposed at thirty years and 100%. This is to support a 94.6 acre primarily residential development north of New Albany. The project would consist of approximately 240 single family homes and 25,000 sq. ft. of neighborhood commercial and just under twenty-five acres of park land. Because these are primarily residential TIFs, it places a burden on the County's social service levy agencies that primarily industrial and commercial TIFs do not. The residents might use the services that they provide. We would recommend that the Board vote in the affirmative to object to the proposed term and allow the County to enter into negotiations for a mutually acceptable compensation agreement.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 549-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 550-17, resolution authorizing the donation of right-of-way needed for the widening of Fisher Road, Franklin County, Ohio in support of the construction of a new Corrections Center (Public Facilities Management), presented by Jim Goodenow, Director, Public Facilities Management.

Mr. Goodenow: Good morning Commissioners. We are constructing a new Corrections Center on Fisher Road. This action would allow for a donation of a portion of that frontage that would allow for the widening of Fisher Road.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 550-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Goodenow: I would like for our viewing public to be made aware that our first bid packages associated with the construction of the new Corrections Center has been

advertised. These deal with site improvements, utilities and foundations. If you are interested, I would encourage these contractors to visit our Purchasing Department's website to see the opportunities that are available. This is going to be a good job generator for the community.

Resolution No. 551-17, resolution approving Personnel Actions (Human Resources), presented by Rob Young, Director, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 551-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 552-17, resolution authorizing a contract extension with Leo Meyers, Inc., for Staff Uniforms for Various County Agencies (Purchasing) (\$70,000), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners. This contract extension is to provide for the supply and delivery of staff uniforms primarily used by the Public Facilities Management and the Engineer's Office. The contractor continues to perform at the satisfaction of the using agencies with adequate responsiveness to orders, communication and delivery. The increases for this contract extension have been shown to be passed through to the contractors' suppliers. There are two one year extension periods remaining on this contract.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 552-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 553-17, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$1,159,535.53), presented by Mr. Kuespert.

Mr. Kuespert: The Resolution before you requests your approval of 102 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 553-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 554-17, resolution appointing Cornell Robertson and Ted Beidler to the District 3 Public Works Integrating Committee (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator.

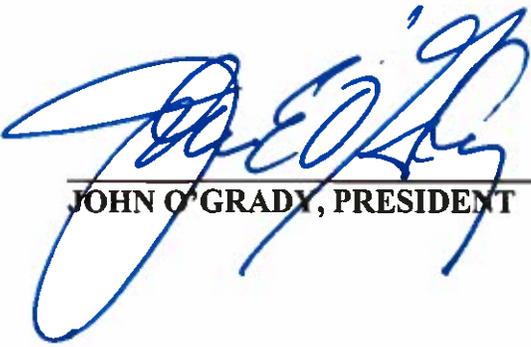
Mr. Janas: Good morning Commissioners. With the resignation of former Engineer Dean Ringle and the appointment of Cornell Robertson, this appointment reflects that change. Ted Beidler will remain the Engineer's alternate to the Public Works Integrating Committee.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 554-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 A.M.

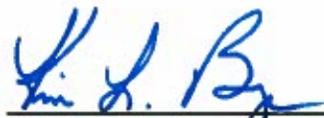
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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of August 8, 2017



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT

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Submitted by:



Antwan Booker, Clerk