

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

September 12, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 12, 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 Brown called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the September 5, 2017 General Session and the minutes of the June 15, 2017 Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 630-17, resolution authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for appointed counsel expenditures (Municipal Court), presented by Emily Shaw, Court Administrator, Municipal Court.

Ms. Shaw: The first resolution before you today is seeking a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$120,900 for appointed counsel expenses that are a result of conflicts that occur on public defender cases within the court.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 630-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 631-17, resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding for the continuation of support for the Franklin County Municipal Court Specialized Dockets (Municipal Court) (\$340,000), presented by Ms. Shaw.

Ms. Shaw: This resolution is requesting a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commissioners' office for the continuation of support of the Specialized Dockets. It is in

the amount of \$340,000 and goes towards the overall operations of the dockets and is matched by the City of Columbus. We receive funding from the County Prosecutor's Office, the Common Pleas Court and some grant funds as well. Honorable Morehart has a few words to say as well.

Honorable Morehart: Good morning Commissioners. As the presiding Judge for the Mental Health Specialized Docket I want to thank the Commissioners for their vision, innovation, and commitment. The Commissioners' continued support of the specialized docket department of the Municipal Court has enabled us to become the largest specialized docket department in Ohio and one of the largest in the nation. We have five (5) Supreme Court certified specialized dockets.

Each week, we serve between 300-375 high risk, high need citizens with severe substance use and mental health challenges that have contributed to their criminal behaviors. The specialized docket is largely funded by our community partners, who also believe in providing restorative justice as the model approach for reducing recidivism and stabilizing offenders' substance use and mental health issues.

We continue to seek funding from multiple sources. The consistency of the Commissioners' funding allows us to maintain our excellence, focus on the development of evidence-based programs and to serve as a beacon of innovation for the state. For example, we are one of two counties, statewide, that OMAS awarded \$1,000,000 to use over two years to pilot a program of providing injectable anti-psychotic medication to mental health court participants prior to their release from jail. This program will allow us to release stable citizens back in our community to support their ongoing recovery and to aid them in maintaining their medication compliance.

Our mission is to keep our neighborhoods safer by returning contributing citizens to their families and the community. Our graduates are remarkable citizens. They are deeply aware of the services that they have received.

Thank you to you and your staff for the support of the work release program. The work release program allows the participant to maintain his/her employment and provides the opportunity for them to pay toward their court ordered restitution, fines, costs and child support. The per diem rate for this program is \$66 compared to the almost \$80 jail per diem. The cost saving nature of the program is underscored by the fact that each participant is required to pay a contribution of 25% of their gross income, while they are in the program, to help offset costs and extend the length of the program funding.

Lastly, the work release program allows one of the County's most restrictive and costly resources, the County jail beds, to be used for the higher needs and risk level defendants. We are extremely grateful for your support.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you. As we are talking about the new jail facility, it is these types of collaborative resources that are going to make a difference in lives, the recidivism rate, and the ability for people to be successful after a bad choice.

Commissioner Brown: I just came back from a conference of data driven justice. This topic was up for discussion on how we really tackle the recidivism and the use of specialty dockets for tracking the data of success long term. This is wonderful news.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 631-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 629-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Huntington National Bank for Banking Services (Clerk Of Courts) (\$10,000), presented by Shawn Rieder, Director of Fiscal Services, Clerk of Courts.

Mr. Rieder: The Clerk's bank contract for depository and disbursement services is due for renewal. The Purchasing Department publicly advertised an RFP in accordance to the Ohio Revised Code. Four sealed bids were submitted by Huntington, Key, PNC, and US Bank. The bids were reviewed for compliance by Purchasing and independently evaluated by the Clerk's Office in response to specifications and pricing. Submitting the lowest and best bid, Huntington National Bank was selected to provide banking services for the Clerk of Courts. The Clerk's Office is recommending a three year contract with an estimated annual value of \$10,000.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 629-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 632-17, resolution authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for the purchase of medical supplies, services, and equipment (Coroner), presented by Matthew Caudill, Director, Coroner's Office.

Mr. Caudill: This year, the Coroner's Office continues to experience an increase in caseload. In 2017, we are projecting an increase of 20.6% of autopsies, an additional 218 cases. As well, the toxicology services continues to increase in quantity and complexity as we attempt to identify additional illicit drugs and their dangerous analogs. Material and service costs continue to rise. Due to these increases, we would respectfully request additional appropriations be transferred for services and materials to cover medical and testing supplies, perishable reagents, needed upgrade for our laboratory equipment and repairs, as well as continued Human Resources personnel support and transcription services.

Additionally, donations reserved for the 2017 Opiate Summit currently reside within our revenue in the General Fund. We would request \$38,000 which would be transferred to

host an event to fully cover the expenses from the Summit. We are fortunate to have received \$89,000 from generous donors.

Finally, we request additional appropriations to purchase a replacement nitrogen generator for the toxicology lab. This was requested in our 2018 budget. It has been recommended that we purchase it this year.

This resolution requests a transfer of \$171,762 to materials and services of capital outlays. The transfer includes \$121,762 from the Commissioners Contingency fund and \$50,000 from the Coroner's Office fringe benefits fund.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 632-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 633-17, resolution to rescind Resolution 175-16, authorizing a settlement to Mr. Gordon Champagne for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte, Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

Ms. Ashcraft: This resolution is requesting to rescind Resolution No. 175-16. On March 15, 2016, the Board of Commissioners approved this resolution in settlement of a property damage claim. The accident occurred on June 17, 2015. The other party did not sign the necessary documents to complete the claim. A change in name has been made and the claim has been resubmitted. The amount of the claim remains the same. Our claims service and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office has been involved and recommend this change. In order to proceed with the next resolution, we request the original resolution be rescinded.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 633-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 634-17, resolution authorizing a settlement to Mary Champagne for a disputed vehicle damage 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: This resolution approves a settlement of a vehicle damage claim from an accident that occurred on June 17, 2015. It replaces the resolution that was rescinded by Fleet Management. Per recommendation from the Prosecutor and Fleet Management, it offers payment of \$500 to settle the claim.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 634-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 635-17, resolution authorizing a transfer of appropriations and a purchase order for the return of prisoners (Sheriff), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution authorizes a transfer of appropriations and the approval of a purchase order for the transportation of prisoners. It covers the expenses of transporting 45 prisoners in June and 35 prisoners in July. The itemized reports have been submitted and approved by the Sheriff.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 635-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Commissioner Boyce moved to remove **Resolution No. 617-17** from the table, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was removed from the table by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 617-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Aarow Express, LLC; Blue Cab of America; Bobcat Radio Service, Inc.; Bobcat Taxi, LLC; Central Ohio German Village Taxi; Certified Network Columbus Taxi Service, Inc. dba Certified Zipmobility2go, Inc.; Metro Transportation, Inc.; Secure Transportation; Westside Taxi, LLC and Wheels To Go, Inc. for Medical Transportation Services (Veterans Services) (\$435,816), presented by Buck Bramlish, Director, Veterans Services.

Mr. Bramlish: We request to table this resolution indefinitely as we continue to work with the Purchasing Department and the Prosecutor's Office for a resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to table Resolution 617-17 indefinitely, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was tabled indefinitely by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 636-17, resolution approving four (4) subaward agreements with Community Refugee and Immigration Services, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, Jewish Family Services, and US Together, Inc. for Employability Programs under the Refugee Social Services Program (Job and Family Services) (\$729,785), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Franklin County JFS is the only County agency that receives state funding to service refugees. Last year Franklin County Collaborative was awarded a grant to help eligible newly arrived refugees across Central Ohio to address some of the barriers they may experience as it relates to employability. The ultimate goal was to move them into employment as soon as possible. Over the last year, the Collaborative has assisted more than 270 refugees. More than 60% of these families are individuals that receive jobs in a pay range of about \$11.15. This is the second year of the funding recommended in the grant, so our partners can continue to provide employability training, job placement and retention services for these individuals.

Commissioner Brown: This is the Collaborative that prompted the great editorial that was important. Thank you and the organizations that work together to provide these services.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, I wanted to mention that we normally could project how many refugees that we will be receiving this year, but we cannot do so this year because of the changes that are happening on the federal level.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 636-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 637-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Direct Effect Solutions, Inc. to provide implementing workforce and technology services (Office On Aging) (\$45,000), presented by Amy Funk, Manager of Finance, Office on Aging.

Ms. Funk: This resolution is for a contract with Direct Effect Solutions for workforce and technology services. Direct Effect Solutions conducted an operational review of the Senior Options Program as part of the levy review in 2016. The Office on Aging now desires to implement the organizational workforce and technology recommendations that were presented in the operational assessment. This contract is for six months and is in effect until March 12, 2018.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 637-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 638-17, resolution amending the County's Federal Citizen Participation Plan adopting the Department of Housing and Urban Developments (HUD) Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule (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: Mr. Paxson will take you through this first resolution.

Mr. Paxson: This resolution seeks to amend the County's Federal Citizen Participation Plan. This is the purpose for furthering fair housing. The Department of Housing and Urban Development issued a final rule requiring grantees to affirm the obligation to further fair housing in its communities. The County's Plan specifies how the County wants its citizen participation in regards to setting community development priorities, identifying strategies to achieve those priorities, as well as the allocation of federal funds. In regards to the plan, what is incorporated is the new rule as well as securing community participation in regards to the analysis of fair housing data and how the County will assess for housing issues identifying fair housing priorities and goals. Our receipt of dollars is mandated in compliance to this rule.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 638-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 639-17, resolution approving a Reciprocal Easement Agreement and Subordination of an Existing County Loan for the National Church Residences Avondale Woods project (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Paxson.

Mr. Paxson: This resolution seeks approving a reciprocal easement agreement and subordination for the Avondale Woods project. Back in 2011, the Board of Commissioners approved an allocation of Home Funds to the National Church Residences. This was to construct Avondale Woods, which is a one hundred unit affordable housing project on Avery Road in Dublin, Ohio. National Church Residences is now seeking a second phase to this project adding one hundred additional units. The issue is that both developments will have separate ownership entities. In order to benefit the residences through efficient operations, to have cross easements to allow them to share the amenities at both sites, this resolution is required to allow that.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 639-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 640-17, resolution Review of Petition to Annex 16.09 +/- acres from Plain Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-13-17 (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 1 annexation petition of 16.09 acres from Plain Township to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property located at 7440 and 7488 Lee Road, which is both east and west of Lee Road, south of Walnut Street and north of East Dublin Granville Road. The petition was filed by Attorney Aaron Underhill of Underhill and Hodge, who is in attendance should you have any questions, on behalf of property owners, Anthony Panzone, Phillip Gardner, and Benjamin and Janet Simms. 8.3% of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Columbus and the applicant has provided a copy of the Annexation Agreement between Plain Township and the City of Columbus. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.022 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 640-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 641-17, resolution Review of petition to annex 0.4 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City - Case #ANX- 16-17 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Snapp.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to consider a municipal annexation petition of 0.4 acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City. The area to be annexed includes portions of Stringtown Road public right-of-way, which is east of Jackson Pike and south of I-270. The petition was filed by Agent Stephen J. Smith, Law Director, on behalf of the City of Grove City. The City of Grove City has authorized the annexation of the described territory under ordinance no. C-37-17 passed on July 17, 2017. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.016 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 641-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 642-17, resolution approving the recommendations of the 2017 Franklin County Tax Incentive Review Councils (TIRCs) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mr. Schimmer and Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Schimmer: Commissioners, as you know, we are required by Ohio law to do an annual review of our tax incentive program. We have done that this year and have Mr. Roth take you through that. I want to point out that we are the second in the nation in regards to transparency according to a firm called Good Jobs First. A number of communities across the country do not have internet access or public access to records. This is one of the things that we do and we are proud that we were noticed in that regard to have some excellent transparency. This is a case where our tax incentive portfolio has been in place and is very transparent. We have a citizen group that reviews these each year.

Commissioner Brown: I think that is terrific. I appreciate that you and your team are transparent. The tax incentive review committee does their work so well. Who is number one and what do they do differently?

Mr. Schimmer: I do not know the answer to that.

Commissioner Brown: We ought to find out if there is something we ought to be doing better.

Mr. Roth: The county tax incentive review council convened on August 2, 2017. This resolution is to accept and approve their recommendations. We had two agreements reviewed by the Jefferson Township TIRC with TS Tech. We had three agreements that were reviewed by the Hamilton Township TIRC with Vision Services Plan, Exeter and Pinchal and Company. Each of these companies have exceeded the committed terms per their agreement. Here are some statistics:

- 732 jobs were created, which was 583 more than the agreement required;
- 363 jobs retained;
- \$27 million in new payroll, which is \$19 million more than required; and

- \$41 million in real property improvements, which is \$14 million more than required.

Also, we had two TIRCs convene to review pre-1994 CRAs. There were 84 jobs created as a result of tax abatements in those two zones.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 642-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 643-17, resolution authorizing a Contract between the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency and Jewish Family Services, Inc. to provide work readiness services as part of the CARE-PJAC Federal Grant in an amount (not to exceed \$292,000.00) (Child Support Enforcement) (\$292,000), presented by Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Ms. Torriero: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution approves the contract between the County and Jewish Family Services to provide work readiness and other services to clients who are participating in the Procedural Justice Grant the agency received in 2016. The grant focuses on child support obligors who are in danger of referral to the civil contempt process and therefore potentially would face jail time. To determine whether other types of intervention such as personal outreach, case conferencing, work readiness services, including ancillary services that may be needed by that client, would be more effective in gaining compliance with the child support order. Jewish Family Services was a named community partner in our grant application and our contract was prepared by the Purchasing Department and reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office. We have opened a purchase for \$25,000 to cover costs for the remainder of 2017 and will open additional purchase orders as grant activities ramp up.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 643-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 644-17, resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Courtney Benner for provision of re-entry data collection and administrative services through the FY 2015 Justice and Mental Health Collaborative (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$10,000), presented by Melissa Pierson, Grants Administrator, Homeland Security and Justice Programs.

Ms. Pierson: Good morning Commissioners. At your direction and your guidance, Franklin County is committed to the bold goal of reducing recidivism by 30% by 2020. This commitment to moving the needle does require some personnel time in order to monitor recidivism information very closely. As you know, we need to monitor both city, state, and county level information systems; none of which are easily searchable. The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration grant awarded to Franklin County, does allow for funding to support this type of robust data collection and analysis. We request your approval of a

professional service contract with Courtney Benner. Ms. Benner is being asked to provide 8-10 hours of data collection, analysis and other administrative services.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 644-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 645-17, resolution authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for various operational expenditures (Homeland Security and Justice Programs), presented by Greg Plantz, Fiscal Administrator, Homeland Security and Justice Programs.

Mr. Plantz: Good morning. This resolution would authorize supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$77,000 to support basic operational expenses throughout the year with our unit's expansion, such as temporary staffing, tuition reimbursement, travel expenses and office supplies.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 645-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 646-17, resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claims against the County by Julie Whitney- Scott (Human Resources) (\$25,000), presented by Jerry Bower, Risk Manager, Human Resources.

Mr. Bower: Good morning Commissioners. This first resolution settles the open workers compensation claims for the former Job and Family Services employee.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 646-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 647-17, resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claim against the County by William Patterson (Human Resources) (\$10,000), presented by Mr. Bower.

Mr. Bower: This resolution authorizes the settlement of one claim for the former Sheriff employee.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 647-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 648-17, resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claims against the County by Dennis Steele (Human Resources) (\$2,000), presented by Mr. Bower.

Mr. Bower: This resolution settles four claims for the former Sheriff employee.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 648-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 649-17, resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claims against the County by William McCoy (Human Resources) (\$5,000), presented by Mr. Bower.

Mr. Bower: This resolution authorizes a settlement of two claims for the former Sheriff employee.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 649-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 650-17, resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claim against the County by Alex Hawkins (Human Resources) (\$20,000), presented by Mr. Bower.

Mr. Bower: This resolution settles the claim of the former Animal Care and Control employee.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 650-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 651-17, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$2,151,418.07), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing Purchasing. The resolution before you requests approval of 119 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 651-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 652-17, resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission for collection in calendar year 2018 and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is the annual authorization that is required pursuant to Section 5705.34 of the Ohio Revised Code that has to be completed by October first. This will allow for the levying of the various property tax levies for the County for collection in 2018.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 652-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

Case #ANX-18-17 - An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition ANX-18-17 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on September 6, 2017. The petition is requesting to annex 7.3 +/- acres from Truro Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on October 10, 2017.

Site: 198 McNaughten Road (PID# 263-000913)

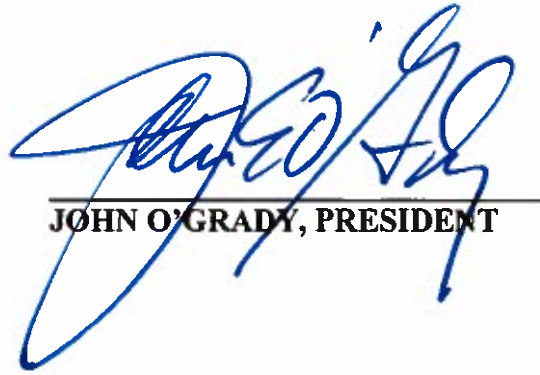
Case #ANX-19-17 - An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition ANX-19-17 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on September 6, 2017. The petition is requesting to annex 1.858 +/- acres from Jefferson Township to the City of Gahanna. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on October 10, 2017.

Site: 4200 Johnstown Road (PID# 170-001834)

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of September 12, 2017.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



MARILYN BROWN



**KEVIN L. BOYCE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



Antwan Booker, Clerk