

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

September 26, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 26, 2017.

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

Also present on the dais were Nick Soulas, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant, Prosecuting Attorney; Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:13 A.M.

On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the August 22, and August 29, 2017 General Session, and the minutes of the August 17, August 24, and August 31, 2017 Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President O'Grady. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 665-17**, resolution approving a Fee Rate Increase Paid to Appointed Counsel representing Indigent Defendants in Capital Cases (Court of Common Pleas), presented by Kimberly Canada, Director of Finance, Court of Common Pleas.

Ms. Canada: This resolution increases the fee rate paid to appointed counsel representing indigent defendants in capital cases, as set by the Ohio Revised Code Section 120.33(D). The new rate of \$125.00/hour standardizes the pay rate for all stages of capital litigation across the state of Ohio, as set by the Fee Council.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 665-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 666-17**, resolution authorizing the settlement of legal claims brought in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, being Case No. 2:16-CV-1093, known as Elizabeth Giehl v. Kim A. Browne, et al. (Domestic Relations) (\$7,500), presented by Danyel Marcus, Director of Human Resources, Domestic Relations Court.

Ms. Marcus: This resolution authorizes the settlement of a claim brought by Elizabeth Giehl in federal court. It has been reviewed and approved by the Prosecutor's Office.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 666-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 667-17**, resolution authorizing a settlement to Aarifa Chitison for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (Sheriff) (\$1,600), 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 July 27, 2017. Per the recommendation from the County's claim adjuster, the Prosecutor's Office, and the Fleet Management Department, this resolution offers payment in the amount of \$1,600 to settle the claim.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 667-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 668-17**, resolution approving amendments to two subaward agreements with Community Refugee and Immigration Services and US Together, Inc. for TANF funding for refugee case management services, no increase in funding (Job and Family Services) (\$300,000), presented by Charles Noble, Chief Strategy Officer, Job and Family Services.

Mr. Noble: Recent federal actions have resulted in significant funding cuts for local refugee resettlement agencies. It has severely impacted their ability to provide services for families and children recently resettled in Franklin County. These actions have prompted staff layoffs and have already forced a closure of a smaller local resettlement agency, World Relief Columbus. In April, we contracted with CRIS and US Together to fund pilot programming using supplemental TANF dollars to help mitigate the agencies' unexpected budget shortfalls. With additional funding, CRIS and US Together have been able to continue providing case management services, language interpretation, cultural orientation, and parenting classes for recently arrived refugees. The amendment would extend the end date of those contracts from September 30, 2017 to December 31, 2017, at which point courts are expected to rule on the federal actions. Those rulings should provide further guidance to agencies for budgeting for 2018 and beyond.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 668-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 669-17**, resolution approving a contract for on-site case management services between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services and The Ohio State

University Wexner Medical Center (Job and Family Services) (\$167,312.71), presented by Mr. Noble.

Mr. Noble: In this latest contract, a case manager will be stationed at the Wexner Medical Center eight hours a day for five days a week to provide timely assistance in determining patient eligibility, primarily for Medicaid, but for also other agency programs. The onsite case manager will be located in the financial office inside the Wexner Center, but will be able to remotely serve patients throughout the campus as well as those treated at the University Hospital. Under the terms, OSU will reimburse us for the actual full time employee cost of an onsite case manager, including salary and benefits, as well as part of the cost for their supervisor and clerical support. The monthly costs are not to exceed around \$18,000 per month and not to exceed \$167,312.71 or the 12-month term of the contract. The contract also allows for two mutually agreed upon one year extensions.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 669-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 670-17**, resolution approving eighteen (18) subaward agreements for Youth Afterschool Programs (Job and Family Services) (\$4,058,150.59), presented by Mr. Noble.

Mr. Noble: Each year our agency funds enriching afterschool programs for low-income youth across Franklin County, from elementary school to high school. These programs offer academic enrichment activities and tutoring in helping students stay on track in math and reading. They also foster social and emotional development and soft skills like conflict resolution, cultural awareness and character building in a safe nurturing environment. Programs are tailored based on age and grade level and providers work with Future Ready Columbus and Learning Circle to monitor progress and outcomes. This year, the funding providers will serve approximately 1,900 youth, which is an increase of 550 from last year at forty-eight different sites across the county. The programs range in size from smaller neighborhood based to larger countywide programs. Programs are also encouraged to take a two generational approach and engage with parents to help them advocate for their child's academic development.

Commissioner Boyce: With afterschool programs, we know statistically that kids that have a constructive program do better in general. This is a tremendous investment. All of the agencies you are working with are great and reach a segment of our population that are in need of these resources.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 670-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 671-17**, resolution to authorize an application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and Ohio Water Development Authority Water Pollution Control Loan Fund

for the Oakhurst Knolls Wastewater Treatment Improvements Project (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineer.

Mr. Stowe: This loan that we are requesting includes a current award from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund for engineering and design of approximately \$368,000. The remainder of the loan is to supplement construction costs that were identified up to the 90% review. The biggest driver was 12,500 foot force main that will be drilled, instrumentation and controls for the new pump station and realignment of the incoming sewer to the new pump station.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 671-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 672-17**, resolution to review of Petition to Annex 1.065 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City Case #ANX-12-17 (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 1.065 acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City. The area to be annexed includes property located at 5070 Haughn Road, which is south of Stringtown Road, north of Orders Road and west of Interstate 71. The petition was filed by Agent/Attorney Kacie Waugh of Waugh Law LLC, which is in attendance, on behalf of property owners, Jerry and Doris Plotts. 13.5% of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Grove City and the City passed resolution no. CR-39-17 on September 5, 2017 indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved and 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 Resolution 672-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote for one week.

**Resolution No. 673-17**, resolution to review of petition to annex 0.6 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City Case #ANX-17-17 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Snapp.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to consider a municipal annexation petition of 0.6 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 west of Jackson Pike and south of Interstate 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-13-17 passed on April 17, 2017. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 673-17, seconded by President O’Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 674-17**, resolution authorizing receipt of the FY 2016 Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$829,725), presented by Jessica Yuzwa, Homeland Security and Justice Programs.

Ms. Yuzwa: This resolution is to accept a Department of Homeland Security grant for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks in the amount of \$829,725. Funding is specifically to develop and implement effective, sustainable and regional approaches for enhancing preparedness for these types of attacks. The focus is on the whole community approach and regional partnerships through collaboration across jurisdictional boundaries and multiple discipline entities. Franklin County is the only jurisdiction in the state of Ohio and one of the twenty-nine nationally competitively awarded grants.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 674-17, seconded by President O’Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 675-17**, resolution authorizing a contract with Aetna Life Insurance Company to provide Dental Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plan administration services and a Dental Health Maintenance Organization (DHMO) program for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (Human Resources) (\$1,120,000), presented by Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

Ms. Leis: The resolution before you today approves a three year contract with Aetna Life Insurance Company for dental benefits administration. They are our current dental benefits administrator and through competitive bid, we elected to continue them in that role. This contract improves the administration and network fees that were being charged and guarantees them over the course of the three year contract. We have negotiated operational, discount and provider recruitment performance guarantees and that puts 30% of Aetna’s administration fees at risk for those performance guarantees. In coordination in both our medical and dental benefits administrator, we will begin focusing on evidence-based care for dental members in 2018.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 675-17, seconded by President O’Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 676-17**, resolution authorizing the acquisition of human resources software from NEOGOV(Human Resources) (\$78,500), presented by Robert Young, Director, Human Resources.

Mr. Young: The current system used to manage Human Resources process was homegrown and has become unreliable. The platform is fragile and applicant data is often not retrievable without Data Center intervention. NEOGOV is a proven HR software package that is utilized by the City of Columbus and MORPC who gives the application high recommendations. The Data Board approved the proposal on September 11, 2017. The cost of the system is \$78,500 and we could begin implementation within three days of approval.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 676-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 677-17**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$1,796,666.98), 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 677-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 678-17**, resolution authorizing an adjustment in the per diem charge for the housing of prisoners. (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: The County currently charges \$79 per day to municipalities for individuals charged under City Code that are housed in the Franklin County Corrections Center. Based on our review of the actual costs of the jail, it has been recommended that the rate should be \$88. Given the time period and the impact on municipalities, the recommendation is to phase that cost in over a three year period at \$3 per year. In 2018, the rate would go from \$79 to \$82 and by 2020, the rate would be at \$88.

Commissioner Boyce: What kind of feedback have we gotten from the municipalities that will be affected?

Mr. Talarek: The City of Columbus is the largest and about 80% of the revenue is from Columbus. I have talked to their finance director and they have incorporated that into their budget planning for 2018. I have talked to four of the other five largest municipalities beforehand and have had no negative feedback.

Commissioner Boyce: I wanted to make sure that we have been communicating with them and they are expecting the increase.

Mr. Talarek: The contracts that we have in place only requires 60 day notice, but given that we are preparing for our 2018 budget, we wanted to get ahead of it and be able to communicate with the municipalities so they can plan for their own 2018 budget process.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 678-17, seconded by President O’Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 679-17**, resolution to amend the Method of Selecting Suburban Mayor Appointees to the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority and Related Matters (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator.

Mr. Janas: Commissioners, this resolution amends prior resolutions by the Board of Commissioners in accordance with Section 351.02 of the Ohio Revised Code to set forth the process by which the two suburban municipalities’ appointments would be made to the Convention Facilities Authority. With the advent and standing up in regular meeting of the Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association (COMMA) this resolution would allow COMMA to make recommendations to this Board for those two appointments.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 679-17, seconded by President O’Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 680-17**, resolution reappointing Craig P. Treneff to the Central Ohio Transit Authority Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Janas.

Mr. Janas: Pending any questions, I recommend passage of this appointment.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 680-17, seconded by President O’Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

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

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF 401 APPLICATION**

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Division of Surface Water (DSW) has received an application for, and has begun to consider whether to issue or deny, a Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification for a project to develop a rental car with support facilities and a new terminal. The application was submitted by Columbus Regional Airport Authority. The project is located at the John Glenn Columbus International Airport in Franklin County. The Huntington District Corps of Engineers Public Notice Number for this project is LRH 2016-889-SCR. The Ohio EPA ID Number for this project is 175457A.

Discharges from the activity, if approved, would result in degradation to, or lowering of, the water quality of two tributaries of Alum Creek and sixteen associated wetlands. Ohio EPA will review the application, and decide whether to grant or deny the certification, in accordance with OAC Chapters 3745-1 and 3745-32. In accordance with OAC rule 3745-1-05, an antidegradation review of the application will be conducted before deciding whether to allow a lowering of water quality. No exclusions or waivers, as outlined by OAC rule 3745-1-05, apply or may be granted.

Starting September 11, 2017, copies of the application and technical support information may be inspected at Ohio EPA-DSW, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio, by first calling 614-644-2001. Copies of the application and technical support information can be made available upon request at Ohio EPA District Offices by calling the same number.

Persons wishing to 1) be on Ohio EPA's interested parties mailing list for this project, 2) request a public hearing, or 3) submit written comments for Ohio EPA's consideration in reviewing the application should do so by email to [epa.dswcomments@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:epa.dswcomments@epa.ohio.gov) or in writing to Ohio EPA-DSW, Attention: Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 within thirty days of the date of this public notice.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF ISOLATED WETLAND PERMIT APPLICATION (LEVEL 2)**

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio EPA-DSW has received an application for an Isolated Wetland Permit for a project to develop a rental car facility with support facilities and a new terminal. The application was submitted by the Columbus Regional Airport Authority. The project is located at the John Glenn International Airport in Franklin County. The Ohio EPA Number for this project is 175458W.

Ohio EPA will review the application, and a decision whether to grant or deny the permit will be made, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 6111.02 to 6111.028 and other applicable provisions of state laws.

Copies of the application and technical support information may be inspected on Ohio EPA-DSW website: [www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/401/permitting.aspx](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/401/permitting.aspx).

Persons wishing to 1) be on Ohio EPA's interested parties mailing list for this project, 2) request a public hearing, or 3) submit written comments for Ohio EPA's consideration in reviewing the application should do so by email to [epa.dswcomments@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:epa.dswcomments@epa.ohio.gov) or in writing to Ohio EPA-DSW, Attention: Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 within twenty days of the date of this public notice.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 A.M.



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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of September 26, 2017.

  
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**JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT**

  
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**MARILYN BROWN**

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

Submitted by:

  
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Antwan Booker, Clerk