

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 3, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 3, 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. ✓

President O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M.

President O'Grady asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the shooting in Las Vegas, NV.

**Resolution No. 681-17**, resolution authorizing a contract addendum with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for the Justice Reinvestment Probation Improvement and Incentive Grant Program (Court of Common Pleas) (\$192,625), presented by Kimberly Canada, Director of Finance, Court of Common Pleas.

Ms. Canada: This addendum authorizes the court to receive sixty additional days of funding for the Probation Improvement and Incentive Grant, provided by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The state is in the process of revising the performance standards associated with this grant. Once completed, the state will release the funding for the remainder of the grant cycle.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 681-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Regarding final hearing for establishing, altering and widening of Morse Road at Kitzmiller Road, Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

President O'Grady: We now have a public hearing. Can the Clerk read the public hearing? I would like to open the public hearing for this resolution. Is there anyone in the audience who would like to speak on this public hearing? Seeing none, I would like to close the public hearing.

**Resolution No. 683-17**, resolution for the final hearing for establishing, altering and widening of Morse Road at Kitzmiller Road, Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Count Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this capital improvement project is in the northeast part of the county in Plain Township. It is a cooperative project including Franklin County, New Albany, and the Ohio Department of Transportation. This resolution will allow us to move forward with appraisals and right-of-way acquisition.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 683-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Regarding final hearing for establishing, altering and widening of Smothers Road at Schott Road - Red Bank Road, Franklin County, Ohio.

President O'Grady: We now have a public hearing. Can the Clerk read the public hearing? I would like to open the public hearing for this resolution. Is there anyone in the audience who would like to speak on this public hearing? Seeing none, I would like to close the public hearing.

**Resolution No. 684-17**, resolution for the final hearing for establishing, altering and widening of Smothers Road at Schott Road Red Bank Road, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this is a similar resolution. It is for a project in the northeast part of the county. We have designed a roundabout at this intersection. This resolution will allow us to move forward and hire appraisers and begin the right-of-way acquisition.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 684-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 685-17**, resolution proposing to cooperate with the Director of Transportation to improve various intersections throughout the county, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this resolution covers three capital improvement projects, one at Morse and Kitzmiller Road, the other at the intersection of Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road and Clark State Road. The third is in the southwest part of the county on the line between Praire Township and Pleasant Township at the intersection of Norton Road and Johnson Road. All three projects are cooperative with the Ohio Department of Transportation and we will utilize safety funding for all three.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 685-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 686-17**, resolution to enter into contract with Resource International, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in preparing right-of-way and construction plans for the Borror Road 1.66 over Plum Run project, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$157,468), presented by Carla Marable, Communications Director, Engineer's Office.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution seeks authorization to enter into an agreement with Resource International, Inc. to prepare a right-of-way and construction plans for the improvement of Borror Road 1.66 over Plum Run. The project is located in the southwest portion of the county in Jackson Township. The consultant was selected using the qualifications based selection process and Resource International is an FBE.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 686-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 687-17**, resolution establishing, altering and widening of Ormond Avenue, from Walford Street to Cleveland Avenue, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: This resolution seeks to declare the Ormond Avenue improvement project. The project is located in Clinton Township. The proposed project will improve existing drainage issues along Ormond Avenue.

President O'Grady: Clinton Township is broken up. What part of Clinton Township is this located?

Ms. Marable: This is off of Cleveland Avenue, just north of Linden.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 687-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 688-17**, resolution approving street, storm and water improvement plans for Weldon Phase 1 & 2, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: This resolution seeks approval of the construction plans for the Weldon Phase 1 & 2 subdivision. This subdivision is located in Jefferson Township in the northeast part of the county. Approval of these plans will allow the developer, M/I Homes, to move forward with the construction of the streets, storm sewers, and water lines.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 688-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Commissioner Boyce: I wanted to recognize the Engineer's Office since I had my recent bridge inspection with them. It was very exciting. It gave me the opportunity to learn about the hard working staff at the Engineer's Office and learn about what they do. It is one of those jobs that you come to respect because you do not see what they do all the time, but they are keeping you safe. It was a great experience. I wanted to publicly thank you and your staff.

Mr. Robertson: We were thrilled to have you out there.

President O'Grady: While I was in Washington D.C. last week, I caught up with my colleagues from Hennepin County, Minnesota and learned more about infrastructure and bridges. We also met with the White House Staff about infrastructure.

Commissioner Boyce: I believe this underscores the importance of infrastructure. We focus on the obvious things like police and fire, but the infrastructure part is the part we do not think about until it is a problem or a disaster. It is a good thing that we do not think about it because you know it is being taken care of.

**Resolution No. 689-17**, resolution authorizing a contract with MAPSYS, Inc. for the purpose of providing Document Imaging Foundations to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Concealed Carry Division (Sheriff) (\$21,000), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution approves a contract with MAPSYS to provide a software license that will allow us to electronically scan, file and index concealed carry applications and permits.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 689-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 690-17**, resolution authorizing a one year agreement with Criterion Pictures USA, Inc. for the nonexclusive rights to provide viewing access of motion picture DVDs for inmates in the Franklin County Correctional Center (Sheriff) (\$4,160), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, I would like to ask that this resolution be tabled as we work through a slight change in contract language that will help reduce the cost of this service. We believe that we will have it worked out in the next week or so and will be able to present.

Commissioner Brown: How long would you suggest we table it?

Mr. Masterson: We may be able to get it submitted this Friday. Indefinitely would be the best option.

Commissioner Brown moved to table Resolution 690-17 indefinitely, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was tabled indefinitely unanimously by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 691-17**, resolution approving and certifying the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services Prevention, Retention, and Contingency Plan for the 2018-2019 Biennial Period (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: The PRC plan uses temporary assistance for needy family funds to provide short term crisis oriented benefits in services to our low income families moving out of poverty and achieving self-sufficiency. As you know, Ohio law requires that counties adopt and amend their plans on at least a biennial basis. Our latest plan has been reviewed by the local families service planning committee, appointed by the Board of Commissioners, and must be verified by the Board of Commissioners. It must be certified by the Board of Commissioners before we submit it to the state. Because this is such an important plan and the changes that we've made, I would like to go through the changes for the people that will be viewing this session so they will understand the plan.

In addition to meeting all of the statutory requirements, our agency has hosted a pair of community forums to solicit input from stakeholders in the community that also assist our most vulnerable. This was the first time that JFS hosted a community input forum for PRC, so we can gather more input to ensure that our plan was going to be effective to the most vulnerable. We wanted to know how to improve PRC to be more effective, and to meet one of the greatest challenges of our community is facing. Many of those challenges are homelessness, single mothers. Ninety-five percent of the families that the Community Shelter Board serves through its emergency shelter, were headed by women. 70% of them were African American.

With so many families living pay check to pay check, we know it might just take a bad turn to change a person's life. Nearly 30% of families reported at least one adult in the household working at the time of injury. It can be a car breaking down or a flood or fire,

we have attempted to address many of these crises through our plan. While we cannot turn all of the stakeholders input into policy, I am proud of what our team has accomplished. I believe these changes will make PRC more assessable and effective and effective for our most vulnerable for our Franklin County community.

Under housing and shelter services, we have expanded access for individuals and families experiencing housing instability, including those that are in a doubling up situation. The doubling up term is acknowledged by HUD. It often occurs when families lose their home, eviction or foreclosure. 18,000 families experience evictions a year in Franklin County. Under the new plan, someone in a doubling up situation can set up their own eligibility group, which will allow them to self-declare as his or her own eligibility group. This will ease the burden on host families and allow doubling up families to access one time assistance, as well as supportive services such as financial literacy classes to get back on their feet into their own homes.

We also are proposing to change the benefit cap and eligibility limits. As you know, there are several different benefit categories for PRC like rental assistance, home repair, work boot purchases and auto repairs. Under the previous plan, families could only apply for benefits under assistance categories, each with its own monetary limits on a single application. On top of that, the same family could not apply for assistance under the same category in consecutive years. If you applied for housing in 2016, you could not apply for housing in 2017. You would have to apply for a different entity in 2017. Under the revised plan, families can now apply for multiple categories in the same application and the individual caps have been lifted in favor of a \$1,500 cap across all categories. This will really assist those families that are living in homeless shelters or doubling up. This will not mean all applications will meet the \$1,500 threshold and applicants cannot access the balance of any financial assistance they received.

We know that a lack of transportation is a barrier to obtaining employment. The new plan extends eligibility for assistance for auto repairs for maintenance to individuals with job offers and not only those who are currently employed. If you can provide a credible letter from your employer that you have a job, this plan will assist you in getting your car repaired.

The plan creates a onetime benefit category to help pay driver's license reinstatement. It provides individuals with access to bus passes to support their employment for job search and participation in workforce training or education for up to four months. We are extending it from one month to four months because we know you will be playing catchup with their first few paychecks. PRC is not an entitlement and in addition to meeting eligibility guidelines, families who apply for onetime shelter assistance, must provide a thirty day sustainability budget. This ensures that we can spread out our limited PRC dollars to have the greatest impact and make families, who face deep rooted barriers are connected with longer term supportive services such as food assistance, and work experience programs to begin their journey towards self-sufficiency. We believe that this

PRC plan will allow us to better support families living on the edge of homelessness, while remaining diligent stewards of our taxpayer dollars.

I want to tell you some of the statistics:

- 95% of the 1,098 families served in the shelter had a female head of household.
- 49% of families served were newly homeless.
- 20% of families had at least one adult working at the time of entry.
- 17% were opportunity youth ages 18-24 years old and was designated head of household.

To compliment this plan, we will be coming back to you with a resolution to place a case manager in the eviction court from Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 12:00pm. That is to assist our families when they go before the judge, that they may know that this benefit is available.

Commissioner Brown: I want to thank you. I know we struggled over time to make sure we were meeting needs in the community. I think this plan is going in the direction we need to go. I also know that this program is not what everyone wants it to be. Your comment about PRC not being an entitlement program was spot on. It is a patch to get families through a rough time. This is a great improvement to meet current needs.

Ms. Bivens: We understand that this is not a cure. There are limited funds that go into the plan. There is no allocation for this. Some counties do not even have a PRC plan.

Commissioner Boyce: I can appreciate that when there is a leak in the boat, there is something to stop the immediate leak and get you to the other side. I appreciated that you talked about sustainability. The whole idea is that it is undergirded by sustainability. It is not about plugging the leak when it is there, but ensuring that you can go on without the support eventually and be sustainable for your family.

Ms. Bivens: It is part of the eligibility so that in order for a person to apply, if you cannot show sustainability, we cannot approve the dollars because we want to make sure to compliment the work you are doing.

President O'Grady: Too often we are tasked with helping people find employment and there is a barrier to that. It is a great plan. This is our ability to be able to help people go that extra step to get out of the situation they are in.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 691-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 692-17**, resolution authorizing a Contract between the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency and Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions FL, Inc. to assist the CSEA in

location and research (Child Support Enforcement) (\$60,000), presented by Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement Agency.

Ms. Torriero: This resolution is a contract this is supplemental to the Law Library's contract with Lexis Nexis for legal research. This contract allows us to use a product that Lexis Nexis created called Accurint. It accesses many different types of databases and helps us in location of custodial and non-custodial parents. Because the Law Library has the main contract, we got some good pricing and I would like to thank Harold Anderson in helping us negotiate a good price.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 692-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 693-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Tara Stewart at 800 Lescar Lane, Galloway OH 43119 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jamie Edwards, Business Service Officer, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Edwards: Tara Stewart received \$6,000.00 in July 2015. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 693-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 694-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Ciera Lindsey at 720 Cedar Run Dr. Blacklick, OH 43004 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Ciera Lindsey received \$6,000.00 in October 2013. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 694-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 695-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Christopher and Mary O'Neill at 547 Daventry Lane Gahanna, OH 43230 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.



Ms. Edwards: Christopher and Mary O'Neill received \$5,630.00 in March 2009. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 695-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 696-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Sara Dorsey at 7465 Oliver Winchester Dr. Canal Winchester, OH 43110 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Sara Dorsey received \$3,270.48 in January 2003. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 696-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 697-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Richard and Athena Wasmus at 808 Cherry Dale Dr. Columbus OH 43207 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Richard and Athena Wasmus received \$15,000.00 in 2005. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 697-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 698-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Glen Hawkins at 1083 Maple St. Harrisburg OH 43216 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Glenn Hawkins received \$5,825.00 in November 2011. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 698-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 699-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Robert and Rebecca Arnett at 510 Amesbury Drive Gahanna OH 43230 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Robert and Rebecca Arnett received \$12,250.00 in May 1998. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 699-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 700-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Robert and Rebecca Arnett at 510 Amesbury Drive Gahanna OH 43230 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Robert and Rebecca Arnett received \$7,750.00 in May 1998. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 700-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 701-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Lawrence Claar Jr. at 2076 Agler Road Columbus Ohio 43224 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Lawrence Claar Received \$6447.00 in August 2013. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 701-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 702-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Joyce Simmermon at 8607 Edgewater Ave. Galloway Ohio 43119 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Joyce Simmermon received 15,000.00 in November 1996. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 702-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 703-17**, resolution for the review of petition to annex 55 +/- acres from Blendon Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-14-17 (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 55 acres from Blendon Township to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property located at 0 Ulry Road, which is both east and west of Ulry Road, south of Central College Road and north of 161. The petition was filed by Agent/Attorney Laura MacGregor Comek, of Comek Law on behalf of the property owner, McCorkle Soaring Eagles, LLC. 56.7% of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Columbus and the City passed ordinance no. 2343-2017 on September 11, 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 703-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 704-17**, resolution for the review of petition to annex 0.7 +/- acres from Perry Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-15-17 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Snapp.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to consider an expedited type 2 annexation petition of 0.7 acres from Perry Township to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property located at 1831 W. Case Road, which is south of W. Case Road, west of Godown Road and north of Bethel Road and east of Sawmill Road. The petition was filed by Owners/Agents Nicholas and Rachel Brown. Mr. Brown is in attendance should you have any questions. 50% of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Columbus and the City passed ordinance no. 2344-2017 on September 11, 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 704-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 705-17**, resolution authorizing acceptance of a scholarship from Unifying Solutions to support employee training (Homeland Security and Justice Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Policy Coordinator, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Our staff continues to do good work without spending any General Fund money. Dr. Palmer has received a scholarship to take some course training, here in Columbus, regarding how to deal with social and personal trauma.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 705-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 706-17**, resolution to rescind Resolution 0644-17 authorizing a professional services contract with Courtney Benner for provision of reentry data collection and administrative services through the FY 2015 JMHC grant program (Homeland Security and Justice Programs), presented by Mr. Daniels.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioners, this and the next resolution are companion resolutions. This resolution is requesting to rescind Resolution 644-17. Upon looking at the scope of work document as it was written and reviewed by the Auditor's Office, we wanted to make sure that there was no possible confusion about whether this was an independent contractor agreement or an employment agreement. The first set of language was ambiguous, so we decided to tighten it up. In order to implement the new language, we needed to rescind the old contract.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 706-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 707-17**, resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Courtney Benner for provision of reentry data collection and analysis through the FY 2015 JMHC grant program (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$10,000), presented by Mr. Daniels.

Mr. Daniels: This is the contract with the revised language. It has been signed off by the Prosecutor's Office and the Auditor's Office.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 707-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 708-17**, resolution authorizing acceptance of an invitation to a convening sponsored by the National Resource Center on Justice Involved Women and the American Jail Association (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$100), presented by Mr. Daniels.

Mr. Daniels: Melissa Pierson, Deputy Director, Justice and Policy, has been invited to attend a national convening of meeting the needs of women in jails to reduce their involvement in the criminal justice system, specifically dealing with mental illness, co-occurring substance use disorder and implementation of gender responsive practices. The American Jail Association, as well as, the National Resource Center on Justice Involved Women has invited Ms. Pierson to participate and they are covering all of her costs.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 708-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 709-17**, resolution approving Personnel Actions (Human Resources), presented by Sue Hamilton, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

Ms. Hamilton reviewed the list of personnel actions in the Resolution and requested the Commissioners' approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 709-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 710-17**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$1,633,120.50), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing Purchasing. The resolution before you requests approval of 131 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 710-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 711-17**, resolution supporting the rights of Ohio residents to collectively bargain and opposing any and all right to work legislation to come before the Ohio General Assembly that weakens collective bargaining laws and rights in the State of Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Long: Since 1983, Ohio's collective bargaining laws pertaining to public sector organizations have provided a framework for ensuring the effective use of taxpayer dollars through local decision-making. Franklin County Board of Commissioners has long been a strong supporter and proponent of these laws and the rights of Ohio's public employees to organize and bargain as collective units, and it has both informally and formally expressed this position on many occasions, including in 2011 opposing the passage of Ohio Substitute Senate Bill 5. The Franklin County Board of Commissioners recognizes the high quality public services that county employees render daily to residents and taxpayers and believes

that preserving their right to negotiate benefits, equipment and other issues is paramount to protecting both their welfare and that of the public they serve. There appears to be a renewed effort at the state legislature to take another look at right to work pieces of legislation. Legislation recently introduced in the Ohio General Assembly removes requirements that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, prohibits public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, and prohibits employee organizations from being required to represent public employees who are not members. These provisions are designed to weaken unions and the public employees they represent. While these and other similar proposals are often referred to “right to work” legislation, these measures do not protect the rights of workers or do anything to guarantee anyone a job or protect individuals who has a job from losing it. Rather they have been shown to lower wages and benefits for those same workers whose rights they claim to protect. This resolution would declare a strong opposition to any effort by the Ohio General Assembly to pass legislation that attempts to weaken organized labor in the state of Ohio and its strong support for public sector employees that strengthen our communities in our state. I would request the Clerk to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to Franklin County’s Legislative Delegation and the Leadership in both the Ohio House and Senate.

Commissioner Brown: I think it is important to note that it is the right to collectively bargain that builds the middle class in all of our communities. Anything we do to weaken those rights is taking steps backwards. I am happy that this Board supports all rights to collectively bargain.

Commissioner Boyce: I agree completely with you Commissioner Brown. It should be noted that many of the standards that we enjoy as workers, no matter what job you hold, is a result of labor leadership. The eight hour work day and the 40 hour work week are rooted in organized labor contracts and negotiations. You are benefiting from the work that they represented. I am 100% supportive of this resolution and I hope that our public recognizes our support and why for this resolution.

President O’Grady: I agree with my colleagues and thank you for your hard work in putting this together.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 711-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners has received a proposal from the Franklin County Recorder’s Office for funding the Recorder’s Technology Fund. The Board of Commissioners will hold an Administrative Session mandated by Section 317.321(D) of the Ohio Revised Code to discuss the proposal on Thursday, October 19, 2017 immediately following Briefing Session in the Briefing Room.

President O'Grady: I apologize, we have one speaker for Resolution No. 711-17, Rob Dorans, Legal Counsel, ACT Ohio.

Mr. Dorans: I do not have much to say, but want to thank the Commissioners and Ms. Long for the comments about how organized labor makes up the backbone of the middle class. I did want to mention that it is helpful for allies, like the Commissioners, to stand up at this moment. Over the past year, you have had Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia all adopt "right to work" laws. In the past week, we have seen the U.S. Supreme Court accept certiorari for a case that is likely to have ramifications for collective bargaining for public employees. Having allies like yourselves that recognize what organized labor does for the middle class, ensure workers the ability to earn a living wage and have a safe workplace every day. We cannot thank you enough for doing so at times like these.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of October 3, 2017.

  
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**JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT**

  
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Antwan Booker, Clerk