

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 17, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

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

Also present on the dais were Nick Soulas, 1st Assistant, 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 9:08 A.M.

On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the September 12, and September 19, 2017 General Session. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 739-17, resolution authorizing non-general fund appropriation adjustments for the Adult Probation Department (Court of Common Pleas), presented by Kimberly Canada, Director of Finance, Court of Common Pleas.

Ms. Canada: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution approves the transfer of appropriations for the non-general fund jail diversions provided to the Adult Probation Department from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. Included in this resolution is a request for supplemental appropriations for the non-general funds Community Corrections Justice Reinvestment and Probation Incentive. Both transfer and supplemental appropriations are necessary to address the year end payment for each of the non-general fund grants to complete the year.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 739-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 740-17, resolution establishing, altering and widening of Ormond Avenue from Walford Street to Cleveland Avenue, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed Engineer

to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is for Ormond Avenue. It is in the northeast part of the County in Clinton Township. This is the second resolution in a series of two to declare the project necessary. However, we have more work to do on the exhibits and will ask that this resolution be tabled indefinitely. We expect to bring it back to you on October 31, 2017.

Commissioner Brown moved to table Resolution 740-17 indefinitely, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously tabled indefinitely by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 741-17, resolution approving plans for improvements on Global Drive and Alum Creek Drive, the Village of Obetz, Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this resolution is for a project in the southeast part of the County in Hamilton Township. It is along Alum Creek Drive between Toy Road and Rohr Road. This project will build a new street known as Global Drive, west of Alum Creek. The project will be funded by Pizzuti and construction inspection will be performed by Franklin County Engineer's Office.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 741-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 742-17, resolution for final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Tax (\$5) Funds to the Village of Obetz (Engineer) (\$464,810), presented by Carla Marable, Director of Communications, Engineer's Office.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, the Village of Obetz has requested to use a portion of their permissive tax funds for the Toy Road and Alum Creek Drive improvement project. This was a collaborative project between the Village of Obetz, the County and a private developer. The County Engineer has reviewed the plans and the use of funds and has determined that they are acceptable.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 742-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 743-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Franklin County Children Services for police protection at its office locations within Franklin County (Sheriff) (\$1,250,000), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution approves a contract with Franklin County Children Services to allow the Sheriff's Office to continue to provide police services at their various office locations around the County. The terms are August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018. The contract covers the services providing nine deputy sheriffs.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 743-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 744-17, resolution authorizing a contract with MAPSYS, Inc. for Senior Application Programmer services specific to COBOL programming for staff augmentation (Franklin County Data Center) (\$206,000), presented by Julie Lust, Director of Financial Services, Data Center.

Ms. Lust: Good morning Commissioners. This is a one year contract with MAPSYS for COBOL programming services, primarily for the Probate Court's application. It is a continuation of services. It was publically bid by the state of Ohio and the Automatic Data Processing Board approved the work.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 744-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 745-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Data Systems Integration Group, Inc. for programming services associated with the web redesign project (Franklin County Data Center) (\$135,616), presented by Ms. Lust.

Ms. Lust: This is a contract that will take us through June 30, 2018. It is for Kentico programming, which is an application that we are implementing throughout Franklin County that will allow agencies to change their content on their web pages without having to go through the Data Center.

Commissioner Brown: Is there any way to monitor the content or make sure that only one person has control of changing?

Ms. Lust: There are checks and balances within the system that when someone enters it, another person will need to approve it before it goes live on the web page. It does shorten the timeframe to do that. When you had a programmer making the change without this particular software, the programmer would receive the changes, make the changes and go to the control change and then be implemented the next day.

Commissioner Brown: Ok. I wanted to make sure that there were some checks in the system.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 745-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 746-17, resolution authorizing appropriation adjustments for the operation of the animal shelter (Animal Control), presented by Deb Finelli, Assistant Director, Animal Care and Control.

Ms. Finelli: Good morning Commissioners. I am here today to ask for some additional appropriations to be moved into the fringe benefits material and services for the finishing up of our calendar year. Our funding tends to lag until December 31st when licenses come into play. I am also asking for the ability to transfer some funds from personnel services to fringe benefits and material services to capital outlays.

Commissioner Boyce: The total amount of transfer is \$100,000 or \$150,000?

Ms. Finelli: Which one are you looking at, Commissioner Boyce?

Commissioner Boyce: There are two. One is \$100,000 and one is \$150,000.

Ms. Finelli: There are \$40,000 coming from personnel services under fringe benefits. There is \$32,000 coming from material services to capital outlays.

Commissioner Boyce: What is the total amount?

Ms. Finelli: The total amount of the subsidies is \$544,000.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: Commissioner Boyce, that is an older version of the resolution you are referring to. I would ask the Office of Management and Budget to speak on the resolution that is in the record.

Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget: The supplemental appropriations include \$244,000 for fringe benefits and \$300,000 in material and services. The transfers include \$40,000 from personnel services to fringe benefits to cover workers compensation costs as well as the transfer of \$32,000 in the donation fund for materials and capital for the lighting on the track.

Commissioner Boyce: Thanks.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 746-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 747-17, resolution approving a subaward agreement with Discover U Consulting, LLC for project management services to assist in the implementation of the Comprehensive Case

Management and Employment Program (Job and Family Services) (\$57,600), presented by Charles Noble, Chief Strategy Officer, Job and Family Services.

Mr. Noble: Good morning Commissioners. As you know, there has been a great deal of work involved in launching Achieve More and Prosper in designing a CCMEP plan that tailors to sometimes competing state and federal guidelines, as well as the unique needs of opportunity youth in Franklin County. We are seeking approval of this agreement with Discover U Consulting to provide project management services to assist both our agency and the Workforce Board with the work necessary to fully implement the program. Under the agreement, the Discover U Consultant will facilitate project meetings and continue to assist agency's staff with the development and implementation of a strategic plan, service process mapping, workflow documentation, community linkages, resources and service coordination.

Commissioner Brown: This is a long time coming for this program. We have a lot to do for our opportunity youth between 14-24 age group.

Mr. Noble: Currently, according to the Franklin County youth needs assessment, there are 20,500 opportunity youth that represents ages 14-24 that are not in school and not working. This provides a strong impetus towards really working with these youths and young adults to help them move along the trajectory towards success.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 747-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 748-17, resolution approving a contract agreement with Arbor E&T, LLC dba ResCare Workforce Services for Ohio Works First work activities services and management (Job and Family Services) (\$4,014,054.07), presented by Mr. Noble.

Mr. Noble: In Ohio, nearly all adult TANF recipients must participate in work activity as a condition of receiving cash assistance. Since 2012, FCJFS has contracted with ResCare for the coordination of OWF customer work activities. Working with subcontractors like the Columbus Urban League, the Columbus Refugee Immigration Services, ETSS, Jewish Family Services and the National Center for Urban Solutions. They also conduct analysis and reporting on customer participation and demographic data, as well as employment placement and retention services. Over Fiscal Year 2016, more than 750 OWF participants obtained employment with over 70% receiving wages high enough to move off of public assistance. In June, we released a new RFP for a provision of OWF and ResCare was recommended by the scoring committee after a competitive bid process. Under the new contract, ResCare and its subcontracted partners will continue to serve an estimated 700-800 work required OWF customers per month.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 748-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 749-17, resolution approving three subaward agreements with Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., Impact Community Action, and Ohio Guidestone for services for Out-of-School Youth under the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (Job and Family Services) (\$3,706,026.92), presented by Mr. Noble.

Mr. Noble: Commissioners, the state originally proposed a comprehensive case management and employment program as part of the 2016-2017 biennial budget. The program blends federal temporary assistance for needy families and workforce innovation and opportunity act funds and requires a Commissioner designated lead entity to administer wrap around case management services for eligible youth ages 14-24 years old. The goal is to assist these opportunity youths and their families to overcome whatever barriers they may face, albeit education, job training, parenting support, mental health, or substance abuse and to begin a path towards self-sufficiency and break the cycle of poverty. As the designated lead entity for Franklin County, our agency works with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio, which is responsible for the administration of WIOA to develop and release a joint RFP to cover the fourteen core services, some of which includes career counseling and navigation, job readiness, work experience, occupational skills training assessments and follow up services. The three providers include Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., Impact Community Action, and Ohio Guidestone. These three were selected after a joint procurement process between JFS and the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio. Combined, we will serve an estimated 450 TANF or WIOA eligible youth. Given some of the work I have done in the community to date, these kids and young adults really need a comprehensive approach to help them overcome some of the barriers they have. I am excited to ask for approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Brown: Mr. Noble, have you worked with all of these agencies before?

Mr. Noble: I personally have worked with Impact Community Action, but not the other two.

Commissioner Boyce: These are good agencies. I noticed that opportunity youth was defined as 14-24 years old. These three contracts specifically starts at age 16. Where are the 14 year olds included in some of our strategy and service coordination?

Mr. Noble: I believe that since we are able to blend the WIOA funds and the TANF funds, the WIOA can address the 14-16 year old population and the TANF is the 16-24 year old population.

Commissioner Boyce: Which agencies would include the 14 year olds? This is the bridge age and is critical.

Mr. Noble: I can get that information back to you later today.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you. Let my staff know.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 749-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 750-17, resolution authorizing the approval of Twenty (20) Fiscal Year 2017 U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development funded grant agreements to provide community development services to Franklin County residents (Economic Development and Planning) (\$1,799,647), presented by Jim Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning, and Mark Paxson, Interim Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Schimmer: Good morning Commissioners. As you know, we apply annually for federal funds through the Department of Housing & Urban Development. This year, we did receive our funds, but this is the latest we have ever gotten them since I have been Director. We need to get these funds distributed to our vendors. I will let Mr. Paxson go through the resolution for you.

Mr. Paxson: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution represents the accumulation of the County's 2017 Department of Housing & Urban Development allocation process. Earlier this year, Resolution No. 546-17, you approved the Action Plan to HUD that details how we plan to expend the dollars allocated to us. They are allocated in three different programs: Community Development Block Grant, which benefit low to moderate income populations; Affordable Housing Opportunities; and the Emergency Solutions Grant, which addresses homelessness. Under this resolution, you will be approving twenty different contracts towards achieving different Commissioners' priorities in community development goals. I would like to thank my staff for their contribution on these contracts.

Commissioner Brown: I know we discussed these contracts in Briefing Session, and know that we have fewer dollars to work with, yet we are able to spread them throughout the entire county. We leverage these dollars more than anyone in the county and it is attributed to you and your team.

Commissioner Boyce: Can you talk about how we allocate these funds to the various categories?

Mr. Paxson: There are a list of protected programs that are mandated by the Commissioners and as long as they pass their audit in the subsequent year, their line for funding is predicated on the allocation we receive from HUD. We do have an allocation process. It started the second week of September and runs to the end of October. We provide technical assistance to different agencies. When they forward their proposal to our office, we score and rank those and we give them to the Community Development Advisory Board (CDAB) that approves the applications and scores. Based on the amount of money we have, we allocate dollars to each vendor. The Commissioners will have a chance to weigh in on the allocation requests.

Mr. Schimmer: The CDAB is our transparency piece and the public get a chance to react to the advertisement.

Mr. Paxson: HUD has approved our participation process for this year. It is a myriad number of workshops, notifications and public hearings to meet that standard.

President O'Grady: Mr. Schimmer, how does the \$1.8 million we received stack up against the highest we have received in the past?

Mr. Paxson: In regards to Affordable Home, we have taken a 40% hit over the last seven years. That is because we have such a high leverage figures as a county, which is a substantial hit to us that amounts to about two projects. We have almost a twenty-one leverage figure. In regards to CDBG, we have taken a 15% cut over the last five years. At one point, we were receiving over \$2,000,000. We have program income generated from different housing programs.

Mr. Schimmer: The truth of the matter for the Affordable Home program, it is painful to us because that helps support a lot of infrastructure associated with housing projects.

Mr. Wilson: Mr. Schimmer, is it true that this could potentially be the last year for funding for this program based upon proposals that are out there?

Mr. Schimmer: That is entirely possible. We got through this year relatively unscathed, but the proposal is to eliminate the program.

Mr. Wilson: I was in meetings last week and I understand that HUD, from a staffing standpoint, is being downsized as a result of the plan for the eventual elimination of the agency and its programming. A former official from GSA was speaking to how space allocations have been impacted for HUD.

Commissioner Brown: That is consistent with what we have heard. I do not see any change in the last several months to say otherwise.

Mr. Schimmer: I am an eternal optimist, but the truth of the matter is that our programs across the board are being pushed down to the local level.

President O'Grady: Congresswoman Beatty is on the committee and we had a chance to talk to her about it. We will have to continue to fight.

Commissioner Boyce: I appreciate the way you expounded upon my first question. How do we determine what the allocation is in light of the potential of the elimination of the program? I want to make sure the Commissioners have an opportunity to weigh in on the allocations.

Mr. Schimmer: We have gone through the normal process that we used, but the Commissioners will have the decision making power.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 750-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 751-17, resolution authorizing a subordination agreement with Sally Wellman to allow for the refinancing of her home mortgage for the property located at 2050 Agler Road Columbus Ohio 43224 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jamie Edwards, Business Service Officer, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Edwards: Sally Wellman received \$3,612.00 on August 9, 2010. She is requesting a subordination to refinance her home mortgage with Carrington Mortgage Services LLC. The refinance would lower the monthly mortgage payment by \$79.86. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I request your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 751-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 752-17, resolution authorizing a subordination agreement with Glen and Kimberly Coble to allow for the refinancing of their home mortgage for the property located at 4154 Seigman Street Columbus Ohio 43213 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Glen and Kimberly Cobel received \$15,000.00 in April 2002. They are requesting a subordination to refinance their home mortgage with DiTech Financial Services LLC. The refinance would lower the monthly mortgage payment by \$358.44. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I request your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 752-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 753-17, resolution authorizing a subordination agreement with Diane Mays to allow for the refinancing of her home mortgage for the property located at 3819 Missouri Ave. Columbus Ohio 43219 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Diane Mays received \$4,815.00 in April 2016. She is requesting a subordination to refinance her home mortgage with USAA Federal Savings Bank. The refinance would lower the monthly mortgage payment by \$291.87. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I request your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 753-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 754-17, resolution authorizing a subordination agreement with Diane Bowen to allow for the refinancing of her home mortgage for the property located at 3819 Missouri Ave. Columbus Ohio 43219 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Diane Bowen received \$15,000.00 in May 2003. She is requesting a subordination to refinance her home mortgage with USAA Federal Savings Bank .The refinance would lower the monthly mortgage payment by \$291.87. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I request your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 754-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 755-17, resolution to review of Petition to Annex 26.3 +/- acres from Blendon Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-20-17 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is to consider an expedited type 2 annexation petition of 26.3 acres from Blendon Township to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property located at Walnut Vie Boulevard, Wildrose Drive, 5710 Walnut View Boulevard, Cherry Bottom Road, 5677 Cherry Bottom Road and 5669 Cherry Bottom Road, which is south of S.R. 161, and west of Brendon Woods Metro Park. The petition was filed by Agent/Attorney Laura MacGregor Comek, of Comek Law, who is in attendance should you have any questions, on behalf of the property owners, BZ Management Partners, Edwards L. & Jane Lehnert, Clark D. Baltzell & Gloria J Zaharoff, and Glennis L. Corder. 55% of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Columbus and the City passed ordinance no. 2500-2017 on September 18, 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.

President O'Grady: I see Ms. MacGregor Comek in the room, but I also have a speaker slip from Christopher Reinhart.

Mr. Reinhart: Good morning Commissioners. I am here on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Whisler. I respectfully disagree with Ms. Snapp in regards to compliance with Ohio Revised Code 709.023. I outlined those objections in a letter to the Commissioners. I would ask that in your review of the approval or disapproval of this petition that you take into consideration the concerns that have been raised by the Whislens and add the correspondence to the record.

President O'Grady: I would have Ms. Comek come up and respond, then have our legal counsel weigh in.

Ms. Comek: Good morning Commissioners. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. This Board is vested with jurisdiction to hear and decide this matter pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 709.015. There is a typo in the annexation petition that we do not believe is substantive to the overall submittal. We do not believe that it is prejudicial in any way or misleading in any way or fails to adequately identify the property that is being annexed. I will defer to your counsel in regards to any other statutory elements that may exist.

Commissioner Boyce: Ms. Comek, you represent the property owners?

Ms. Comek: Yes.

Commissioner Boyce: Who does Mr. Reinhart represent?

Mr. Reinhart: I represent Ronald and Ramona Whisler, which is one of the neighboring property owners.

Mr. Soulas: Pursuant to Ms. Snapp's request, we did review this annexation petition. We also reviewed Mr. Reinhart's objection letter. It is my opinion that the petition is sufficient in all respects for purposes of your consideration. As Ms. Comek points out, there was a typo, but it was not fatal. The petition does contain all of the signatures of all of the property owners in the subject property. An unincorporated area that is completely surrounded by the territory sought to be annexed is not created. The City of Columbus has adopted a service ordinance that does specify and is consistent in the City of Columbus service ordinances that they always pass. Services will be provided when made available. Furthermore, according to our County Engineer, the roadways will not be divided or segmented as such that they will create a maintenance problem. It is my opinion that the petition is in accord with the statute.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 755-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 756-17, resolution authorizing the purchase, as contemplated in the LeasePurchase Agreement between NMRD Limited and the County, of the site housing the operations of the Franklin County Board of Elections and the Franklin County Purchasing Departments Print Shop (Public Facilities Management), presented by Jim Goodenow, Director, Public Facilities Management.

Mr. Goodenow: Good morning Commissioners. In 2013, the County entertained proposals for space to relocate the Board of Elections and the County's Print Shop. At that time we identified space at 1700 Morse Road. We executed a lease with an option to purchase. It is a combination of office and warehouse space. That location, which formerly housed a Kohl's Store, has approximately 90,000 square feet. Subsequently, in 2014 we signed an option in the lease to incorporate an additional 8,547 square feet of contiguous space.

Today, the Board of Elections and Print Shop occupy almost 99,000 square feet. The originally underlined agreement included an option that allows the County to purchase the site after three years. We took occupancy in the location in advance of the November 2014 general election. Today, we are recommending that the County exercise their option to purchase the site. This resolution would authorize the County Administrator to execute the documents required to effect the transfer ownership to the County. We believe the consolidation and relocation of the Board of Elections and the Print Shop has been a success with greater efficiencies and operational savings. In the last general election, almost 90,000 voters cast their ballots at this location. In terms of the final payment for the location, after we work through the details on the payment on any pro-rata rent related costs, the purchase payment will be approximately \$7,500,000.

Commissioner Boyce: There are a number of issues with parking and the waiting lines. When we have a big election, both parking and the waiting lines extend beyond the property. Is this something that we are working on internally to figure out or address?

Kris Long, Deputy Administrator: It is an ongoing discussion and we have collaborative discussions with the property owner. It is something that we will continue to monitor because each election is different. As election processes change, we need to continue to reevaluate what the parking needs are. There are properties on both sides of the Board of Elections that are contiguous to our space and we will constantly monitor these needs.

Commissioner Boyce: I would encourage a deeper dive in this element of a plan. I believe it can impact voter frustration and apathy. There are safety concerns as well. The lines were in a snake shape, but it was not designed that way. We need to be thoughtful about this in future years.

President O'Grady: I share Commissioner Boyce's concern. I have watched us go from Veterans Memorial to Memorial Hall to the current location. I have seen how PFM has handled it and the Sheriff's Office. I think we get better each time on how we deal with the parking and waiting lines. We have to continue to plan and prepare for it better.

Commissioner Brown: I wished people would see the importance of voting every year and not only during the presidential election.

President O'Grady: When I talk to kids in school, I tell them that the impact in their everyday lives are in the municipal elections, but no one shows up in those elections.

Commissioner Brown: We need to keep an eye on how we can manage the crowds in the future.

Commissioner Boyce: I think the parking lot was restriped recently, but it may take some outside assistance to evaluate the way the parking spaces are set up and drawing in waiting lines. PFM did a fantastic job of managing the crowds. The easiest way to turn back is seeing a long line and not wanting to wait.

President O'Grady: The tough answer is that the owner wants us to buy the Kroger building, but we do not have a need for it at this time.

Commissioner Boyce: Maybe a consultant can help us evaluate that in the long term need perspective. On the flip side, who is going to buy the Kroger building, knowing that you have the Board of Elections next door that will take up all of your parking?

Ms. Long: We were fortunate in this last election that Kroger was in the process of moving and we had access to all of the parking spaces. The extra 8,543 square feet was vitally needed with the amount of people we have come vote at the location. Depending on the type of business that buys the properties next to the Board of Elections, we need to ensure that we have the parking spaces that are required at the time that we need them.

Mr. Wilson: Commissioners, each time we take in feedback and lessons learned in each prior presidential election and make efforts to improve the logistics. We want individuals to be able to efficiently place their vote. We look at the security issues. We have surprises along the way as well. This requires coordination between County Administration, the Board of Elections, the Sheriff's Office, the Prosecutor's Office and Public Facilities Management. We continue to deal with these issues. We talked about these issues yesterday on how we prepare for the next presidential election. We are fortunate enough to have a Board of Elections administration that is not shy to share feedback on how we can improve and make investments to operate more smoothly. We are looking at investing more money in advertisement of what voters options are i.e. early voting. We are preparing to replace our voting machines.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 756-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 757-17, resolution authorizing receipt of an FY 2017 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program cooperative agreement from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to support a combination of approaches for reducing the number of overdose related fatalities (Homeland Security and Justice Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Justice Policy Coordinator, Justice Programs.

Mr. Daniels: Good morning Commissioners. Even before the City of Columbus and Franklin County put out their opioid action plan, our office was well aware of the issue. I have to give credit to Melissa Pierson, Deputy Director, Justice Policy and Programs, who had the foresight to write for this Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based cooperative agreement. We were just awarded in the amount of \$399,999. We will go through a comprehensive planning phase. We plan on working with the City of Whitehall. We will be working with the Mayor of Whitehall and the Public Safety Services to create an opioid-based specialty docket in the Mayor's Court. We will also be expanding the efforts of the Hope Task Force into the City of Whitehall, as well as doing some harm reduction efforts

in terms of needle exchange, red med boxes, distribution of naloxone and community meetings and town halls to alert people to the issues regarding opioid use and the resources available. We are excited to do this and will be working directly with the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Ohio State University and Kirwan Institute will be the program evaluator to help us with efficiencies. The grant starts October 1, 2017 and runs through September 30, 2020.

Commissioner Brown: I saw the Mayor of Whitehall and she is excited about this program.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 757-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 758-17, resolution authorizing a supplemental appropriation to support the production of affordable housing units (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. McCrary: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution would authorize a supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$212,841 to the Affordable Housing Trust of Columbus and Franklin County. Our initial projection has been exceeded at this point, so this will allow us to make the funds available to reflect the actual permissive real estate conveyance fees.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 758-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 759-17, resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claims against the County by Willie Partridge (Human Resources) (\$10,000), presented by Jerry Bower, Risk Manager, Human Resources.

Mr. Bower: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution settles two Workers Compensation claims filed by Mr. Partridge for a total of \$10,000.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 759-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 760-17, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$1,045,435.99), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing Purchasing. The resolution before you requests approval of 101 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 760-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 761-17, resolution approving the issuance of certain Hospital Facilities Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds of the County of Franklin, Ohio in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$150,000,000 and consenting to and approving the execution and delivery of a Ninth Amendment of Base Lease and an Eighteenth Supplemental Lease relating to such bonds (Board of Commissioners), presented by Drew Linnenbom, Legal Counsel, Dinsmore and Shohl LLP, and Luke Brown, Vice President and Controller, Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Mr. Linnenbom: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution gives your approval as the applicable elected representatives of Franklin County. It is required under federal tax law to the issuance by the County through the Hospital Commission of revenue bonds for the benefit of Nationwide Children's Hospital. Proceeds will be used to fund certain capital projects and also to refund a prior bond issuance by the County for the hospital. The Hospital Commission unanimously approved the bond issuance at its September meeting, after holding the required public hearing. As you are aware, these bonds are not general obligations of the County or any other political subdivision and no taxpayer dollars will be used to pay the bonds. They are payable solely by Nationwide Children's Hospital. The bonds do not affect the County's credit rating or the ability of the County to issue its own debt.

Mr. Brown: \$100,000,000 of construction money will fund portions of several projects. The most significant project is the ground breaking of the behavioral health pavilion on the west campus. The hospital is thrilled to be able to bring that asset to the community. It is going to be a state-of-the-art facility providing a continuum of behavioral health services, inpatient, crisis and emergency services and outpatient services under one roof. In addition to this project, we have a power plant on the western campus that we are constructing to support the pavilion and our new outpatient care center at the corner of Livingston Ave. and Grant Ave. We have some reimbursable proceeds from that project as well.

Commissioner Boyce: Franklin County has a Hospital Commission and we make appointments to that board where they are issuing the debt that is connected to the hospital. It will show up in our debt portfolio, but those do not reflect our credit in terms of credit ratings.

Mr. Linnenbom: That is correct. These are not obligations of the County and payable by the hospital.

Commissioner Boyce: There is a lot of hospital debt on the County's portfolio and I wanted to make sure I fully understood it. Is this a negotiated transaction?

Mr. Linnenbom: It is done in two series. One series of bonds will be publically sold at a fixed rate that is underwritten by J.P. Morgan Chase. Another piece will be variable rate bonds that are being privately placed with TD Bank.

Commissioner Boyce: What are the splits?

Mr. Brown: \$100,000,000 is the portion that are fixed rate. J.P. Morgan is helping us market the transaction to the institutional and retail investment communities. \$45,000,000 will be privately placed with TD Bank for a period of eleven years. We did a competitive bidding process and TD Bank offered the best rates for this transaction.

Commissioner Boyce: The idea of having one underwriter for \$100,000,000 in bonds for a transaction is unique. This kind of transaction brings a lot of questions. That affects the pricing, when you have one firm pricing the entire transaction, as opposed to having more than one. This is a question to the Hospital Commission. When one company is underwriting such a large volume, it does not support the best pricing.

Mr. Wilson: Your point is well taken, Commissioner Boyce. Mr. Talarek and Mr. Soulas are on the Hospital Commission.

Commissioner Boyce: The County will never do a transaction this way. We will have a syndicate that will give us multiple pricing scales and we will take the average that will benefit our own pricing. When there is one firm, you do not have that.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 761-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 762-17, resolution authorizing CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, Inc. to receive the fees collected in 2018 for the support of shelters for victims of domestic violence (Board of Commissioners), presented by Susan Villilo, Executive Director, CHOICES.

Ms. Villilo: Good morning and thank you for having me here. It is timely that I get to speak to you during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The funds from this resolution support the activities of CHOICES Domestic Violence Shelter and Crisis Hotline. It is the only domestic violence shelter in Franklin County. We are a fifty-one bed shelter and we average seventy-three people in the shelter each day. The need is huge in this community. Domestic violence continues to be the number one cause of arrests in Franklin County. In the last two fiscal years we have had an agreement with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Columbus Police Department and nineteen other police municipalities within Franklin County to implement a special program. The police do a brief screen with the victim of the crime. If the victim screens in as in high danger, the police calls the crisis hotline. We are averaging between five and six calls a day. The need for these services are important to this community so people will have a safe place to go to get the help and support they need to get out of a domestic violence situation.

The Transition in Place program is a new program that we are excited about. It fills the gaps for services that are lacking in this community. It identifies people that are high or long term users of our shelter. The households with five or more children or limited English speaking skills tend to stay in shelter in excess of two hundred days. This creates a problem for the family and it creates a bottle neck for people getting into a shelter. We implement this program as a rapid re-housing model and helps move these families out quickly and into houses that are sustainable for them long term.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you. What you do is so critical for the families. The new center will be even better. Pets are often a reason people stay in their homes, and allowing pets in the new shelter will hopefully help.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 762-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 763-17, resolution authorizing appropriations adjustments in support of the CHOICES Transition in Place program (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 763-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 764-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Frost Brown Todd for services associated with bond counsel and provide advice in public finance matters during 2017 (Board of Commissioners) (\$36,500), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution would authorize a contract with Frost Brown Todd to serve as bond counsel for the upcoming issuance of a renewal of a note for \$6,500,000. Frost Brown Todd also serves to provide training for post issuance compliance to make sure we meet all of our obligations for the issuance of debt.

Commissioner Boyce: Is this resolution connected to the next resolution?

Mr. Talarek: Yes.

Commissioner Boyce: Since Frost Brown Todd is our bond counsel and Umbaugh is our financial advisor, are they our ongoing counsel and advisor respectively?

Mr. Talarek: Yes.

Commissioner Boyce: Not just for this transaction?

Mr. Talarek: Correct. In this case, pursuant to the statute, there is a requirement that we work with the Prosecutor's Office and come up with a joint appointment, then apply to the Court of Common Pleas for a court order. That identifies bond counsel service for the current year. We present a resolution annually for these services. In the case for Umbaugh & Associates, this is an engagement for two years. Previously, the Commissioners approved a resolution in 2015 through the end of 2016. Before that we worked with Prism Financial Advisors.

Commissioner Boyce: When do we put out an RFQ to open it up to other firms to engage us in this process? It is good to open it up to get some new ideas and experiences so we can get more bang for our dollars.

Mr. Talarek: At the end of 2018, we can look at the RFQ if that is the desire of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Boyce: It is not unusual to have multiple financial advisors and bond counsels.

Mr. Talarek: We do use Bricker and Eckler for our arbitrage calculations.

Commissioner Boyce: I just want to make sure we open it up to other firms.

Commissioner Brown: That makes sense. We often have found that when we go to a new firm that we get better ideas.

Commissioner Boyce: I wanted to let the audience know that these companies are paid per the transaction. It is based on the amount of the transaction.

Mr. Talarek: Correct. For Umbaugh, it is based on the par amount. With Frost Brown Todd, the portion is part of transaction based and the post issuance compliance is a fixed amount that will be paid from the general fund.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 764-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

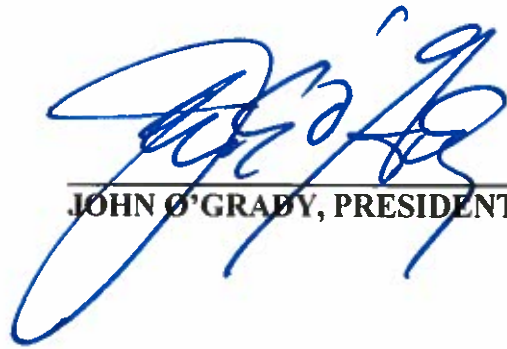
Resolution No. 765-17, resolution authorizing the engagement of Umbaugh & Associates as financial advisor to the County in connection with the issuance of bonds and notes (Board of Commissioners) (\$10,000).

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 765-17, 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 10:34 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of October 17, 2017.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



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Submitted by:



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