

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 2, 2018

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 2, 2018.

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

Also present on the dais were Harold Anderson, Prosecuting Attorney Office; Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:11 A.M.

President Boyce: We have with us today Sue Villilo with Lutheran Social Services, CHOICES recognizing National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is estimated that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime; and here to help us recognize National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is Sue Villilo, Executive Director of Lutheran Social Services, CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence. Join us at the microphone, Sue; and help educate us on domestic violence and please share with our audience the excellent work you do at CHOICES that offers hope to our Franklin County residents; Thank you, Sue.

Ms. Villilo: Good morning, Commissioners. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is a national effort to educate the community about this pervasive social problem. Domestic violence affects people from all walks of life. It does not discriminate based on socio-economic class, background, educational background, race, religion or nationality. We know that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. For most people, there will be more than one episode. In addition, every day in the United States three women are murdered at the hands of a former or current intimate partner. At the end of this domestic violence awareness month, 93 women will be murdered as a result of domestic violence. It is imperative that we continue to discuss this issue, identify it as the crime that it is and assure victims that there is safety and support for them.

LSS CHOICES exists to provide safety and services to victims and survivors of domestic violence. We offer a variety of services to meet the unique needs of each family. Our crisis hotline provides immediate access to CHOICES services, referrals to other services offered by community partners, safety planning and emotional support. As you know, our shelter is the only domestic violence shelter in Franklin County. It is old and undersized. We have 51 beds, and average more than 70 people in shelter every single night. LSS CHOICES has a new shelter under construction and we anticipate it will open before the end of the year. The shelter capacity increases from 51 to 120. One of the many features designed in the building to create a safe dignified environment for healing. In addition to these services, CHOICES provide community advocacy, individual counseling, legal advocacy, and peer support groups throughout the community. These programs combined serve more than 2,000 Franklin County residents annually.

As a result of the support of Franklin County, LSS CHOICES have two new initiatives underway. The first is a transitional housing program that will provide victims fleeing violence with high barriers to safety and stability, and long term assistance without having to remain in the shelters. Services will be provided in their own home. The second is a community analysis of programs designed to serve victims, perpetrators and children impacted by domestic violence. It will identify the continual services available in the community, gaps in that continuum, and plan for future expansion of services to help provide safety for residents.

Domestic violence is a pervasive community problem and requires involvement of the community to respond. It is with deep gratitude and appreciation for the involvement and dedication of the Commissioners in addressing this problem and recognizing the work of LSS CHOICES.

Commissioner Brown: I know we have been working with you over the years, and we know that men and women fail to report because of fear, afraid of losing their children or pets. With the new facility, I know there will be changes that will impact the safety for the families. What will change with the new center?

Ms. Villilo: The first change is the increase in size. Today, we maintain a waitlist. If you think about a family fleeing violence, that has to wait a couple of days, is frightening. The increase of capacity will eliminate the need for a waitlist. It is designed for additional capacity, should we need it in the future. It will not require new building. The other feature will allow for the families to bring their pets with them and be sheltered in the same location.

President Boyce: I want to thank you for the work that you do and the advocacy you represent for many men and women who experience domestic violence. It is unfortunate that it is a part of families. Your work allows for those individuals to rebuild their lives when they have been in those situations. I am sure you are giving someone hope from being here today. Since I have been a Commissioner, this is one of the easiest things to support. We are with you in this fight and encourage you to continue.

Commissioner O'Grady: Thank you for everything that you do. This gets a lot of notice in the news. While you are here, can you give us some information about how you can be reached?

Ms. Villilo: I can give you the crisis hotline number. It is the access to all CHOICES services and referrals to other community services. It is 614-224-4663.

Commissioner Brown: This is an issue that my two colleagues take seriously and have been great supporters of CHOICES.

Approval of the minutes of September 11, 2018 General Session. Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 659-18, resolution authorizing CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, Inc. to receive the fees collected in 2019 for the support of shelters for victims of domestic violence (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

President Boyce: What portion of the marriage fees, divorce fees and annulment fees are allocated for this purpose? How does that work? How long has this been in place?

Mr. Talarek: \$17 of every marriage license and \$32 of every action for divorce or dissolution is allocated for the benefit of domestic violence shelters in Franklin County. I believe this has been in place since the 1980s.

Commissioner Brown: How do we work on increasing that amount?

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: It is a statutory change. The Ohio General Assembly will have to increase those fees. It is estimated that these fees will generate approximately \$315,000.

President Boyce: It should be noted that we put other funds into CHOICES to support their efforts.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 659-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 660-18, resolution authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for physician recruitment services and tuition reimbursement (Coroner), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: This resolution authorizes a transfer from the Commissioners' contingency in the amount of \$88,395. This will back fill the appropriations within the Coroner's Office for materials and services for physician recruitment services for recruiting pathologists and tuition reimbursement that could not be absorbed within their current budget.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 660-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

President Boyce: We have a Public Hearing. Can the Clerk please read the Public Hearing?

PUBLIC HEARING— Resolution regarding the establishment, altering and widening of Borrer Road from Quail Creek Boulevard to State Route 104, Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

President Boyce: I would like to open up the Public Hearing for this resolution. Is there anyone here in the audience who would like to speak on this Public Hearing? Seeing none, I would like to close the Public Hearing and have the clerk read the resolution into record.

Resolution No. 661-18, resolution for establishing, altering and widening of Borrer Road from Quail Creek Boulevard to State Route 104, Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Fritz Crosier, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Crosier: On September 4, 2018, the Commissioners declared necessary the improvement of Borrer Road from Quail Creek Boulevard to State Route 104. This is a collaborative project between Franklin County, Grove City, and Jackson Township. The project will improve Borrer Road and multiple intersections along the corridor. This resolution represents the second step in the development process. This authorizes the Engineer to enter into agreements as necessary for the completion of the project.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 661-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 662-18, resolution for establishing, altering and widening of Bevelhymer Road from Walnut Street to Central College Road, Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Carla Marable, Director of Communications, Engineer's Office.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution seeks to declare necessary the improvement of Bevelhymer Road from Walnut Street to Central College Road. This is a collaborative project between the County Engineer, the Drainage Engineer and Plain Township. It is located in the northeast part of the County. The project will rebuild a portion of Bevelhymer Road and improve drainage in the area.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 662-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 663-18, resolution authorizing a transfer of appropriations and a purchase order for the return of prisoners (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution authorizes a transfer of appropriation and the approval of a purchase order to cover the expenses incurred in pursuit and transportation of prisoners. It covers the expenses for transporting 42 inmates in May; 38 in June; 50 in July; and 38 in August. The itemized monthly reports have been submitted and approved by the Sheriff.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 663-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 664-18, resolution authorizing a novation agreement with Meeder Public Funds, Inc. DBA United American Capital for investment advisory services (Treasurer), presented by Cheryl Brooks-Sullivan, County Treasurer, Treasurer's Office.

Ms. Brooks-Sullivan: We are here today for the final step in the approval of a merger between United American Capital Corporation, in which we have a long standing relationship with, and Meeder Corporation. They will have a combined total asset capacity of \$10 billion. The combined firm will currently be managing 41 Ohio Counties totaling about 5.4 Billion (or roughly 70% of the total amount of Ohio County funds). We are secure in the research we have done and this approval will allow us to continue with a corporation we have had great success with.

Commissioner O'Grady: I feel pretty good about this after having a conversation with the company's representative.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 664-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 665-18, resolution authorizing appropriation adjustments for the operation of the animal shelter (Animal Control), presented by Kaye Dickson, Director, Animal Control.

Ms. Dickson: The recommendations from the University of Wisconsin have come in from their study and we have begun to implement those recommendations. One of them was to add an additional Assistant Director position. The resolution will approve that increase and will increase appropriations by \$774,800 for payroll, materials, and services.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 665-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 666-18, resolution supporting the development of and authorizing the Franklin County Administrator to enter into an agreement with The Ohio State University College of Nursing and Columbus Public Health on behalf of CelebrateOne for a pilot of the Building Health Care Futures Program (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Franklin County and our Agency have played a critical role in CelebrateOne's efforts to curb infant mortality across central Ohio since its inception, whether that is through our support of safe sleep initiatives or work to connect eligible women and families with Medicaid and other supportive services. With the success of our Building Futures pre-apprenticeship pilot, the Agency has also sought to develop additional career pathways for TANF-eligible customers to obtain good jobs that pay a living-wage, moving them off public assistance and into middle class wages. The Community Health Worker program model in place at the Ohio State College of Nursing aligns with those objectives. The 12-week certificate program provides residents from low-income communities – including CelebrateOne's eight high-priority communities with the skills and training to become a licensed community healthcare worker, in addition with a weekly stipend. These are in-demand jobs that pay a living wage (some median wages over \$18 dollars an hour). They also build individual and community capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities such as outreach, community education, informal counseling, social support and advocacy.

Similar to what we did with our Building Futures Program, we will have three cohorts for this program with 25 people in each cohort. Commissioner Brown and I were at The Ohio State University College of Nursing last week with President Drake. We have Alicia Leatherman, CelebrateOne if you have any questions about the program.

Commissioner Brown: This is a great partnership. The Community Health Workers going into the homes of their neighbors is the best way for people to see what is going on in the families and refer them to other services as well. It is a win for everyone.

Ms. Leatherman: On behalf of Mayor Ginther and Director Erika Clark Jones, we would like to thank you for supporting this effort. Through private funds, we have trained 72 men and women over the last three years and are thrilled to continue this partnership. It is a workforce development effort in our CelebrateOne neighborhoods. Our community health workers are in grocery stores, JFS offices, WIC offices talking to families about the resources that are available to them.

Ms. Bivens: It is one thing for organizations to come into a neighborhood or a person's home that they do not know. It is another thing for a person that is trained from the neighborhood. It develops a greater trust. They will be more able to assess other needs in that home.

Commissioner O'Grady: I served on the Infant Mortality Taskforce a few years ago. It is great to see that there is some progress being made. You are doing great work.

Commissioner Brown: The benefit of this program being sponsored by OSU College of Nursing is that those who go through the program get the benefit of building upon that certificate. This is a great program.

Ms. Bivens: For those interested in this program, they can go the CelebrateOne's website to sign up.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 666-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 667-18, resolution authorizing the approval of Twelve (12) Fiscal Year 2018 U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development funded grant agreements to provide community development services to Franklin County residents (\$1,383,431.00)(Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mark Paxson, Community Development Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Paxson: Good morning, Commissioners. This resolution seeks the approval of twelve (12) federally funded contracts. The funding for the contracts was approved by way of Resolution 461-18 on June 26th which submitted the County's 2018 action plan to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. The action plan communicates to HUD how the County intends to expend the funds granted it under the community development block grant, HOME and emergency solutions grant programs. The 12 contracts total \$1.38 million:

- \$848,000 to housing
- \$190,000 in public services
- \$234,000 towards homelessness prevention services and
- \$110,000 in fair and affordable housing programming

Additionally in your packets is the action plan hand-out which summarizes the 2018 action plan and was previously provided to the Commission in conjunction with Resolution 461-18 back in June.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 667-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 668-18, resolution authorizing a Contract between the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency and Capital Law School to assist the CSEA in the development of domestic violence, screening, referral and education services as part of the CARE-PJAC Federal Grant (\$31,095.53)(Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Ms. Brown: The Agency was awarded a federally funded research grant to study the impact of using principles of procedural justice along with other supports and services to improve the payment of child support by obligors who are otherwise eligible for contempt of court due to non-compliance with the child support order.

Part of the grant's design includes engaging the custodial parent in the process and providing supports while the obligor is participating.

Another part of the grant's design is the requirement that all grantees work with a domestic violence expert to develop a DV plan, provide training to staff and assistance for individual situations as they arise. The grant budget allowed \$70,000.00 for this purpose and the Agency contracted with Capital Law, Family Advocacy Clinic and the Family and Youth Law Center, for this purpose. The original contract was not fully spent and there is still work to be done to refine the DV plan, continue staff training and create plans to ensure the safety of all parties to whom we provide services. CSEA requests a new contract to continue to use grant funds as the engagement of clients in the process continues.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 668-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 669-18, resolution authorizing professional services contracts with Valerie Coleman and Bailey Stobart and an extension of contract with Marcia White for peer support and recovery coaching services (\$36,000.00)(Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson, Deputy Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Ms. Pierson: The Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs was fortunate enough in 2017 to be able to hire three peer support and recovery coaches to work with our Pathways to Women's Healthy Living program participants. The addition of this component to our program services has been a true game changer and

aligns with all the best practices encouraging supportive linkages between individuals in early recovery and peers with lived experiences, be they in recovery themselves or a history of justice involvement. In addition to providing support and exposure to the recovery community, our peer support team provides facilitation of recovery management groups in both the jail and community setting.

This resolution requests your approval to continue or extend 2nd year contracts with Marcia White for \$8,000, Valerie Coleman for \$8,000 and Bailey Stobart for \$20,000. These contracts will be supported with federal grant funds.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 669-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 670-18, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,020,935.99)(Purchasing), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing Department.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning, Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing the Franklin County Purchasing Department. The resolution before you requests your approval of 126 purchase orders. For Small Emerging Business Enterprises, there are 26 purchase orders which equals 34.6% of the eligible **purchase order volume**; their purchase order dollar amount is \$60,814.14 which is 66.5% of the eligible **purchase order dollar value**. Eligible purchase orders are those where the SEBEs are likely to participate. These purchase orders have been precertified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 670-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 671-18, resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into agreements for the acquisition of countywide cybersecurity training (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator and Adam Luckhaupt, CIO, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Wilson: Good morning, Commissioners. We would like to discuss Cybersecurity this morning. This coincides with a national effort to celebrate Cyber security Month. This is the 15th year that the federal Department of Homeland Security has brought the public attention to cybersecurity. It is important to our national security. I would like to discuss how cybersecurity is present in every aspect of our lives. There are five tips I would like to highlight, that the public should use every day. We are mobile. It is important that we lock down our login information. You can go to www.lockdownyourlogin.com to find more information as to how you can have strong authentication.

Also, you should make your passwords long and strong. If it is simple to you, it is likely simple for someone else. If you use common names, that creates a risk.

You should keep your machine clean. The best way to do so is to update your security software. Do not ignore the updates when they pop up.

When in doubt, throw it out. Links and emails often open the door for cyber criminals to compromise your computer. Smart criminals will use an email you are familiar with to trick you. If you are suspicious, do not be curious to click on it.

Lastly, share with care. Do not be paranoid, but limit the amount of personal information you share online. When you do, you should make sure that your privacy settings are set in a way that you avoid the information to be widely shared. These are five simple tips.

Commissioner Brown: Can you make sure that these simple tips are shared online on our website for our employees?

Mr. Wilson: We can do that Commissioner.

Commissioner Brown: I think it would be helpful. People just might not know what is ok to share and what is not.

Mr. Luckhaupt: This year's theme is that Cybersecurity is our shared responsibility and we all must work together to improve our Nation's cybersecurity. According to the Online Trust Alliance, cyber incidents targeting businesses nearly doubled from 82,000 in 2016 to 159,700 in 2017 with the primary method of attack being ransomware, which is malicious software designed to block access to a computer system until a sum of money is paid. One recent breach in the City of Atlanta shut down government operations for 5 days and cost millions of dollars to rectify.

93% of all breaches could be been avoided by regularly updating software, blocking fake email messages, and training employees to recognize phishing attacks where targets are contacted through a fraudulent email.

Within the County, the Data Center has worked with Public Facilities Management to distribute informational posters to raise staff awareness such as the first slide you see before you. They will be releasing a different poster each week and will be updating the portal with tips on protecting the County's information.

The second slide contains links to educate the public with resources for individual residents, businesses, and government. All of the educational resources are free and many of the services offered are free as well. Some of the main sites are:

- National Cyber Security Alliance at StaySafeOnline.org
- StopThinkConnect.org

- Center for Internet Security at CiSecurity.org

I would like to thank the Board and County Administrator, Kenneth Wilson for your continued support in protecting the County's data and assets.

Commissioner O'Grady: We should not think that this could not happen to us. Our friends in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina were out of commission for a number of days and it costs a lot of money to get back up and running. We do not want to be in that situation.

President Boyce: We have had several requests from fake emails in my name requesting a dozen debit cards. I am amazed at the boldness of these people. I have talked to the Sheriff's Office about our own cyber investigation resources to go after these individuals. They are so sophisticated and we need to have our line of defense and security standards. This is important. We live in a cyber-world.

Mr. Luckhaupt: The resolution before you authorizes the County Administrator to sign agreements related to Cyber security Awareness training for all Franklin County staff. This training is one of the keys to securing the County's resources and this training is necessary to maintain our County-wide cyber insurance policy. Thanks to Brad Boroff the Data Center CIO and the Nikki Milburn for their assistance in researching and identifying this training.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 671-18, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of October 2, 2018.



KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Submitted by:



Antwan Booker, Clerk