

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 24, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

Present were: Marilyn Brown, Commissioner  
Kevin L. Boyce, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Harold Anderson, Director of Business, Contracts and Zoning, Prosecuting Attorney; Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the September 26, 2017 General Session and the minutes of the September 14, 2017 Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 766-17**, resolution authorizing appropriation adjustments for various operating costs (Domestic Relations), presented by Barbara Reeves, Director of Finance, Domestic Relations Court.

Ms. Reeves: This resolution is requesting an appropriation adjustment in the amount of \$610,101 to cover the projected deficit in our appointed counsel. These funds are used primarily to provide counsel for youth on abuse, neglect and dependency cases and guardian ad litem cases. This deficit will be partially offset by higher than expected revenues in the amount of \$184,318 from the Ohio Public Defenders Office.

Additionally, due to higher than expected revenue, this resolution is requesting a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$11,000 for our special food fund. These funds are used to pay for food service for our juvenile detention facilities.

Commissioner Boyce: I did want to note that we discussed in Briefing Session that this is the time of the year where agencies are making a lot of budget adjustments. I expect we will be seeing more of these in the future.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 766-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 767-17**, resolution authorizing a two year contract between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Columbus Health Department for a rabies control program (Animal Control), presented by Deb Finelli, Assistant Director, Animal Care and Control.

Ms. Finelli: Good morning Commissioners. I am here today with a resolution for a two year contract with the Columbus Health Department to provide a comprehensive rabies immunization and control program for the citizens in Columbus.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 767-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 768-17**, resolution authorizing a four year contract between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and Franklin County Public Health for a rabies control program (Animal Control), presented by Ms. Finelli.

Ms. Finelli: This resolution is the same as the previous resolution, but with the Franklin County Public Health for the rabies immunization and control program.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 768-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 769-17**, resolution approving a subaward agreement with Ohio Association of Foodbanks for the management of Work Experience Program for the Food Assistance Employment and Training Program (Job and Family Services) (\$707,952.36), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution will approve a subaward agreement with Ohio Association of Foodbanks to manage the Work Experience Program for our able body adults without dependents population in the food assistance employment and training program. In Ohio, able body adults without dependents must comply with federal rules in order to receive their food assistance benefits as it relates to work participation activity.

Commissioner Brown: My question is related to a previous resolution we did. Is this the transferred money that we did between the counties, when we got these employment dollars in exchange for giving the other counties their targeted monies?

Ms. Bivens: This does fall into that population. The contract does include the Title XX, which is the majority in the food assistance employment and training funding. However,

the stat has proposed changes to our food assistance employment and training participation funding. We are gathering information to determine what that means. This pot of money may change. We just do not have the information because we are still working with the state to figure out what it means to our food assistance employment and training allowance.

Commissioner Boyce: Keep us posted on that issue. We interact with these other County Commissioners and it will be good to know when we are interacting with them.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 769-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 770-17**, resolution approving a subaward agreement with the Columbus Urban League for the I Am My Brothers' Keeper Program (Job and Family Services) (\$181,699.71), presented by Ms. Bivens.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, as you know, the I Am My Brother's Keeper is a placed-based collective impact initiative that was developed as a response in the Obama Administration to communities to close opportunity gaps for boys of color. It provides education, career training, social and emotional development services for at risk youth males on the south side of Columbus. As you know, residents that live on the south side have an unemployment rate nearly 3x the County's average and incarceration rates are over 4x the County's average. The neighborhood vacancy rate is nearly 5x the average. Other challenges, such as food insecurity, means that these young men have a higher exposure to adverse childhood experiences. This particular resolution is an extension to the I Am My Brother's Keeper program. It will be effective now until January 31, 2018. We are going to work to try and develop a more intentional program that is focused on what is most effective and trying to determine what they are. We are going to work with our community partners and the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation. This resolution will allow the Columbus Urban League and the Kirwan Institute to provide programming for the estimated seventy boys until January 31, 2018. We are planning to release an RFP for this program going forward.

Commissioner Brown: I appreciate the attention that you are putting on this program and the others you are doing.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 770-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 771-17**, resolution authorizing the execution of a subgrant agreement with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to receive funds under a pass-through grant to enhance visitation (parenting time) between children and non-custodial parents (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners. The agency has provided programming under the Access Visitation Grant since 2012. Research has shown that parents that are more engaged with their children are more likely to pay child support. In 2017, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services issued a new request for grant applications and the agency was successful in receiving those awards. These funds will be used to provide mediation services to parents through a contracted mediator that will assist parents in creating parenting time orders, either at the time the child support order is established or anytime thereafter. The resolution also authorizes the County Administrator to sign any subsequent subgrant agreements during the upcoming five year grant period.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 771-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 772-17**, resolution approving the subordination of a restricted covenant to a Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Loan to Homeport for the Bending Brooks apartments. (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mark Paxson, Interim Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Paxson: Good morning Commissioners. In 2006, the Board of Commissioners approved a home loan to then, Columbus Housing Partnership, now Homeport, to renovate and rehab the Bending Brooks apartments in Urbancrest. Part of the loan was a restrictive covenant to make sure the houses remained affordable. In connection to that project, Homeport has secured a loan of \$1.9 million dollars from the Department of Housing & Urban Development. Those proceeds will be used to make repairs to the property and lower the interest rate on the existing mortgage. As such, HUD requires that the loan be subordinated to the restrictive covenant clause. This resolution is making sure that the restrictive covenant is placed under the mortgage to ensure the affordability of the projects going forward.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve of Resolution 772-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 773-17**, resolution in support of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commissions sustainable2050 program and Franklin County's commitment to preserve and protect natural resources and pursue initiatives that will have positive impact on the environment (Public Facilities Management), presented by Jim Goodenow, Director, Public Facilities Management.

Mr. Goodenow: Commissioners, since 2007 Franklin County has been one of the charter members of the central Ohio jurisdictions that developed and signed the Central Ohio Green Pact. Members pledged to implement policies and practices in the Green Pact to make our region more sustainable. This past summer, MORPC approved a proposal to rebrand and reorganize the Green Pact into a new sustainability focus program called

Sustainable2050. Joining us today is Kerstin Carr, MORPC, Director of Planning and Environment, who is asking for your support in adopting this resolution.

Ms. Carr: Good morning Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to speak about the Sustainable2050 program. Last year, MORPC approved a four year regional sustainability agenda, which was put forth by our Sustainability Advisory Committee. This agenda is organized by five major goals related to reducing energy consumption, protecting our natural resources, creating sustainable neighborhoods, providing economic opportunities and increasing collaborations. Each of these goals have several objectives with clear measureable targets, so we can see the progress that has been made over the years. The Sustainable2050 Program is a way to recognize the amazing work our local governments are already doing in the realm of sustainability and to provide more technical assistance, best practices sharing and information sharing. We are officially launching the Sustainable2050 Program at our Summit on Sustainability, which is our annual environmental premier conference on November 14, 2017 at the Hilton Downtown. Every local government that has passed a resolution by the end of October will be recognized at this event. I appreciate you considering being part of the Sustainable2050 Program and the work you have already done with the SolSmart Program.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 773-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 774-17**, resolution authorizing a Right of Entry Agreement with Resource International, Inc. to perform geotechnical testing on property generally described as located at 1600 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus, Ohio (Public Facilities Management), presented by Mr. Goodenow.

Mr. Goodenow: Commissioners, the County has a small strip of property on Alum Creek Drive. An engineering firm is seeking access to the site to perform geotechnical testing associated with the inspection of a sanitary line maintained by the City of Columbus. This will grant them approval to go in on the site, perform the testing and restore the property.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 774-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 775-17**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$338,995.64), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing Purchasing. The resolution before you requests approval of 66 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 775-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 776-17**, resolution authorizing General Fund supplemental appropriations related to the arena lease (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners previously approved Resolution No. 938-11 that authorized an agreement with the Convention Facilities Authority and the City of Columbus for the purpose of financing the purchase of the Nationwide Arena. As part of that resolution, the lease payment would equal 27% of casino tax receipts in calendar year 2017. The 2017 budget initially anticipated a decline in casino tax receipts, but in actuality they will come in relatively flat from last year, approximately \$542,000 above the estimates. As a result, this resolution would authorize a supplemental appropriations of \$146,353 or 27% of that increase to be able to make the final lease payment for 2017.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 776-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

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

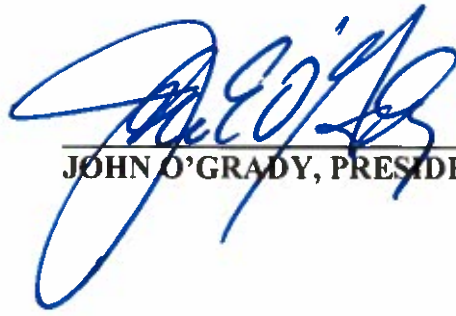
**Case #ANX-22-17** - An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition ANX-22-17 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on October 12, 2017. The petition is requesting to annex 0.501 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on November 14, 2017.

**Site: 4047 Casa Boulevard (PID# 160-000806)**

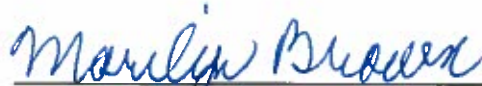
There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of October 24, 2017.



**JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT**



**MARILYN BROWN**



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

Submitted by:



**Antwan Booker, Clerk**