

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 31, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 31, 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; Erik Janas, Deputy 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 9:04 A.M.

Commissioner Brown moved to remove **Resolution No. 740-17** from the table, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. **Resolution No. 740-17** was unanimously removed from the table by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

Regarding the establishment, altering and widening of Ormond Avenue from Walford Street to Cleveland Avenue, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

President O'Grady: I would like to open up 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 and have the Clerk read the resolution into the record.

**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, Franklin County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution deals with a drainage maintenance project in the northeast part of the County requested by Clinton Township. This resolution would allow us to move forward with the project.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 740-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 777-17**, resolution authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into agreements with farmers to leave cornstalks in the ground as snow fence barriers (Engineer) (\$30,000), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this is the annual cornstalks for snow fence program. If approved, this will be the eighteenth season that we have done this program. We pay farmers to leave cornstalks in place as a natural snow fence along County roadways. This minimizes the blowing and drifting snow across the travel ways. This year's program will stretch 15 miles, include 53 locations and 37 farmers.

Commissioner Brown: This is a great program and a natural barrier is always better.

Commissioner Boyce: Who knew that was the reason for the cornstalks in the winter.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 777-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Commissioner Boyce: It is very innovative in cost savings. When you think about not having to clear more snow and all the costs that goes into that, the natural barrier provides some savings.

Mr. Robertson: Thanks for pointing that out. Looking at the labor and material involved, there will be at least \$100,000 in savings.

**Resolution No. 778-17**, resolution to update the Special Hauling Permit Manual for the use and protection of roadways that are under the jurisdiction of the Franklin County Engineers Office (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this resolution will allow us to update the Special Hauling Permit Manual. It was last updated in 2002. Here in recent times we have seen quite a bit of confusion by contractors and haulers with the different rules and regulations depending on what jurisdictions they drive through. This updated manual will be more similar to our neighboring counties and will mirror the manual used by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Brown: How different is our manual compared to our neighboring counties?

Mr. Robertson: There can be some confusion when they get their permits from ODOT or one of the other counties and they come into Franklin County. They might think they are already covered, but can get tripped up. There are differences in time limits and dollar

amounts. This provides for much easier planning for the companies and provides for more efficient transport of commerce through and within Franklin County, while protecting our roadways and bridge infrastructure.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 778-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 779-17**, resolution approving plans approved for the rehabilitation of the structure on Livingston Avenue over Blacklick Creek, Truro Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is for a bridge replacement project in the southeast part of the County in Truro Township near the City of Reynoldsburg. With this resolution, we ask that you approve and sign the plans. Then we will work on scheduling the bid opening for construction next year.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve of Resolution 779-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 780-17**, resolution authorizing preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of Columbus Signal Improvement (Engineer) (\$2,300,000), presented by Carla Marable, Communications Director, Engineer's Office.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, the City of Columbus has requested to use a portion of their permissive fees to upgrade signals at a variety of intersections within the city boundaries. The County Engineer has reviewed proposed use of these funds and has determined that they are eligible and allowable.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 780-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 781-17**, resolution authorizing the preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of Columbus (Engineer) (\$1,000,000), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution is similar to the previous resolution, in which the City of Columbus has requested to use a portion of their permissive fees to install and upgrade existing signage and pavement markings along a variety of roadways within the City's boundaries. The County Engineer has reviewed proposed use of these funds and has determined that they are eligible and allowable.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 781-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 782-17**, resolution in support of sustainable2050 and Franklin County Engineers commitment to preserve and protect natural resources and pursue initiatives that will have positive impact on the environment (Engineer), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, our office has been a long term member of MORPC and a support of their regional planning and sustainability efforts. MORPC has launched a new program called Sustainable2050 that replaces a program formerly known as the Central Ohio Green Pact. Sustainable2050 promotes regional sustainability and provides the framework that the partners can use to work together towards the common goal. This resolution affirms our commitment to the program and our partnership with MORPC on sustainability efforts.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 782-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Robertson: We have a project completion ceremony scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. for the Winchester Pike at Ebright Road and Shannon Road. This is in the southeast part of the County. Double Z has this project done and we are excited to showcase it to the public.

**Resolution No. 783-17**, resolution authorizing recycling of information technology equipment declared obsolete by the Franklin County Automatic Data Processing Board (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Interim Director, Public Facilities Management.

Ms. Reardon: Good morning Commissioners. Periodically the Data Center asks this agency to assist with the recycling of obsolete IT equipment. We do so in a manner consistent with the Board's commitment to promote sustainable practices in the county's programs.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 783-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote for one week.

**Resolution No. 784-17**, resolution authorizing a Contract Agreement with Four Seasons Environmental, Inc. to provide Enhanced Commissioning Support and Documentation Services associated with the planning, design and construction of the Forensic Science Center (Public Facilities Management) (\$89,980.06), presented by Ms. Reardon.

Ms. Reardon: Commissioners, as you are aware, we are constructing a new Forensic Science Center at 2090 Frank Road. An important partner in the project is the firm asked to provide commissioning support services. The new facility includes very sophisticated

energy efficient building systems, HVAC systems and their controls, lighting systems, emergency power systems and etc. The recommended firm will assist in the planning, design and the construction of these systems. They will also test the equipment to ensure that it is properly installed and is operating as designed and as efficiently as possible. We issued a request for proposal and we are recommending that you award a contract for these professional engineering services to Four Seasons Environmental, Inc. Four Seasons is very experienced in working with laboratories and scientific facilities. For example they have worked with the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA. The project team believes that Four Seasons have the staff, the capacity and resume of experiences to provide the required services.

Commissioner Brown: In constructing this facility, we have a lot of specialized services to provide for.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 784-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 785-17**, resolution approving Personnel Actions (Human Resources), presented by Rob Young, Director, Human Resources.

Mr. Young reviewed the list of personnel actions in the Resolution and requested the Commissioners' approval.

President O'Grady: We have one speaker, Hodan Mohammed with Our Helpers.

Ms. Mohammed: Good morning. I am mother of seven kids, a community activist and the founder of the non-profit organization, Our Helpers. Our mission is to help immigrants overcome social and economic obstacles through advocacy, education, job placement and connecting them to community services. The services provided by this agency is needed in the community and we want them to have closer access to the community. There are elderly people that are left behind and not receiving a fair share of those services by the County.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 785-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 786-17**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$1,300,686.71), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing Purchasing. The resolution before you requests approval of 135 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 786-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 787-17**, resolution authorizing the issuance of Notes in the amount of not to exceed \$6,500,000 in the anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose improving and equipping certain sewer facilities known as the Mon-E-Bak and Brown Road East Sewer project; authorizing related documents and agreements; and retiring notes previously issued for such purpose (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners. Last year, as part of the County's debt issuance, it included a one year note for \$6,500,000 for completing the Mon-E-Bak and Brown Road projects. This resolution would authorize us to issue another one year note.

Commissioner Boyce: Are these going to be competitively bid?

Mr. Talarek: Yes.

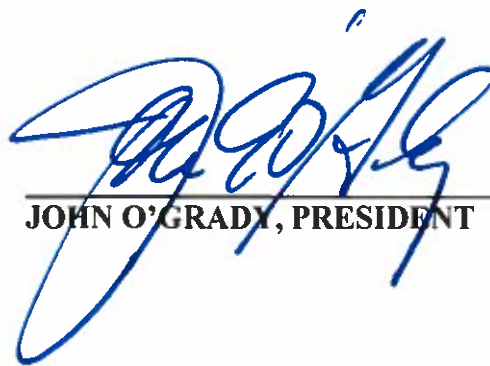
Commissioner Boyce: Ok. I am going to abstain from voting on this resolution.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 787-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of October 31, 2017.



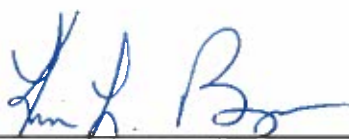
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**JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT**



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**MARILYN BROWN**



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

Submitted by:



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**Antwan Booker, Clerk**