

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

November 7, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 7, 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 9:05 A.M.

Resolution No. 788-17, resolution authorizing a Contract Modification with Management Technology Group, LLC (MTG) to provide a mutually agreed-to termination of the contract deliverables and to establish a final fee payment schedule (a decrease of \$90,000.00) (Clerk Of Courts), presented by Adam Luckhaupt, CIO, Board of Commissioners, and Antone White, Director of Operations, Clerk of Courts.

Mr. Luckhaupt: Good morning Commissioners, on behalf of the E-Governance Board, Management Technology Group was hired to assist with the planning and procurement of a new court case management system. This contract modification provides a mutually agreed upon termination of three contract deliverables and has been approved by the E-Governance Board.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 788-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 789-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Thoughtwell to conduct focus groups (Domestic Relations) (\$24,350), presented by Shuba Limbach, JDLJ Program Director, Domestic Relations Court.

Limbach: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is requesting a five month contract with Thoughtwell to conduct focus groups with youth and families. The goal is to gather information from the stakeholders of the Juvenile Justice system and their

perspectives, so we can continue to improve the system as we have been doing as part of JDEI for the last ten years. Funding for these focus groups has been provided by a grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Commissioner Brown: I remember when we started this work. Thank you.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 789-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 790-17, 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: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution authorizes a transfer of appropriations and the approval of a purchase order to cover the necessary expenses incurred in the pursuit and transportation of prisoners. These appropriations cover expenses for transporting fifty-eight prisoners during August and thirty-four prisoner during September. The itemized monthly reports have been submitted and approved by the Sheriff.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 790-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 792-17, resolution authorizing a contract modification to the agreement with Shelter Outreach Services of Ohio for veterinarian services (Animal Control), presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator.

Ms. Long: Good morning Commissioners. The Shelter Outreach Services of Ohio provides veterinarian services to our Animal Shelter. This resolution would allow for a contract modification to extend those services to the end of the year and into the beginning of next year.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 792-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 793-17, resolution Review of petition to annex 5.96 +/- acres from Franklin and Norwich Townships to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-21-17 (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 5.96 acres from Franklin and Norwich Townships to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property located at 3451 Trabue Road, 3459

Trabue Road, 3467 Trabue Road, 3475 Trabue Road, 3485 Trabue Road, and 3495 Trabue Road, which is south of Trabue Road, west of Riverside Drive and east of Interstate 270. The petition was filed by Agent/Attorney David Hodge, of Underhill and Hodge, LLC, who is in attendance if you have any questions, on behalf of the property owners, Jeffrey P. and Deborah K. Ferrelli, Dallas Mobile Home Village and Angelo J. Dallas. 63.7% of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Columbus and the City passed ordinance no. 2695-2017 on October 6, 2017 indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved and a statement regarding possible incompatible land uses and zoning buffer. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 793-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 794-17, resolution authorizing appropriation adjustments for various construction projects (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Interim Director, Public Facilities Management.

Ms. Reardon: Good morning Commissioners. Public Facilities Management is requesting a transfer of existing funds and supplemental funds that will support the completion of several year-end construction activities. The Office of Management and Budget is supportive of this request. Included in the various projects are funds to replace a domestic hot water boiler in the Juvenile Detention Center, upgrade radio communication equipment in JDC to remedy weak signal reception, replace the auditorium sound system in 373 S. High Street, which is no longer repairable, and a majority of funds will be used to complete the first steps required to modernize the elevators in this building. The elevators are original to this building and are recognized as being at the end of their life cycle. The monies we are asking for today will allow for the preparations of the drawings, approvals and engineering.

Commissioner Boyce: Do we have a facilities master plan where we have a standing of all the future projects needed with all of our facilities? Does this illustrate the schedule for addressing the projects?

Ms. Reardon: We have a capital improvement plan that is put together annually and have begun our discussions for 2018.

Commissioner Boyce: When I think of a capital improvement plan, I think of appropriations for larger projects, as opposed to prioritizing based on need issues. You stated that the audio system in the building needs to be replaced. Where does that fit in from a priority standpoint compared to the radio system in JDC? It is not much capital as it is facility planning.

Commissioner Brown: I believe you are talking about maintenance and operations of all of our facilities. We have done some of it before. I will defer to our County Administrator to discuss this.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: Commissioners, the County does have an existing facilities master plan that was done a number of years ago. It has served as guidance when we looked at facilities and mapping out what the County's needs would be over the next couple of decades. Included in this resolution, it would authorize the County Administrator to enter into a contract modification with Pizzuti Solutions for additional master space planning and services. It will allow us to update our facilities master plan. That is part of this resolution that is being presented as well.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you for that information. I wanted to focus on the broader thought process. This goes back to our conversation about the Board of Elections and thinking of the needs as a County long term. I wanted to highlight this because I did not want this resolution to come across as rushing these projects at the end of the year. It is thoughtful and strategic.

Commissioner Brown: Since I have been a Commissioner, I think we have been very thoughtful about the way we approach master planning of our campuses. Looking at the age of the buildings is an important piece of what we do.

Commissioner Boyce: I can see the energy that has gone into this plan. I need to be more familiar with the master plan. I also think it is important for the public to know. There is value in some public exposure to some of the work that we have done. I posted on Facebook yesterday after the groundbreaking and it got a lot of feedback.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 794-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 795-17, resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Life and Safety Training Services, LLC. for provision of Basic First Aid, AED and CPR training and certification services through the JAG grant program. (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$24,000), presented by Greg Plantz, Fiscal Administrator, Homeland Security.

Mr. Plantz: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is a three year contract. These trainings are provided to our VIPSS graduates who work as volunteers to help assist our law enforcement and other County events that we have.

Commissioner Boyce: I wanted to thank Kathy Crandall, Director, Homeland Security. She was recognized on Saturday by ETSS as an advocate for New Americans and immigrant. This is one of the pieces of the puzzle that makes us so effective. When she accepted the award, she accepted it on behalf of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 795-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 791-17, resolution approving a subaward agreement with City Year Columbus (Job and Family Services) (\$120,000), presented by Charles Noble, Chief Strategy Officer, Job and Family Services.

Mr. Noble: Good morning Commissioners. City Year's Whole School, Whole Child Program takes a holistic approach to meeting behavioral and academic needs of at risk youth enrolled in Trevitt Elementary and Champion Middle School on the near east side. City Year's highly trained AmeriCorp members work with teachers to identify students who would benefit from the program. City Year staff provide individualized support, tutoring and additional resources in the classroom and help facilitate after school enrichment programs and school wide initiatives to foster a more positive learning environment. They monitor attendance, student engagement and provide behavioral support and development and track academic performance in both math and English. Last school year, 80% of the students who started in the Whole School, Whole Child Program were off track in English, which represents grades D and F, finished the program on track. This means they achieved A's, B's or C's, while 100% of students that started off track in math ended on track. Additionally, 79% of students who received social and emotional interventions over the course of the year, improved by four points or more on their strength assessment. Under the new contract, City Year will serve approximately 738 students at Trevitt Elementary and Champion Middle School through September 2018. These sorts of programs are so important. They provide hands on and wrap around exposure. Today, we have asked Collin Taylor, AmeriCorp member, to share some of his experiences with the program. Mr. Taylor is in his second year with City Year.

Mr. Taylor: Good morning. I want to paint a picture of my experience. The number one things that my job entails is relationship building. I moved from Florida looking for an organization that I could work for that would allow me to be in the classroom and build one-on-one connections with students. City Year prepared me with different practices in ways to get to know students and start pouring into their lives. I was able to get to know students in the classroom every day because I am a constant in the room. One specific student I have in mind, I would like to talk about. He was part of my leadership team. He was shy and needed that extra push for someone to speak a word of encouragement in his life. We would meet every week during lunch. Over the year, we were able to have different activities that encouraged him to build up his confidence and overcome his fear of public speaking. Last year, at our red jacket ball, he was on stage with me and spoke. Overall, this is just one example of how we are able to be there for students. Teachers are stretched thin with behavioral management and balancing. City Year is here to support them.

Commissioner Brown: What age was the boy you talked about?

Mr. Taylor: He is 14 years old and in the eighth grade.

Commissioner Brown: How is he doing now?

Mr. Taylor: He is doing well.

Commissioner Brown: Do you get to stay in the same school for two years or more? How does that work?

Mr. Taylor: The second year is an option that some Corp members decide to take on. It is not a guarantee that we stay in the same school.

Commissioner Brown: This is a great help for the teachers in the school.

Commissioner Boyce: Statistically, many of those families that have children attending Trevitt Elementary and Champion Middle School are facing overwhelming odds. This is an opportunity where the County can invest in a preventative measure that gives these young people, with many hurdles to overcome, additional resources to overcome those. There are a lot of things that we do to support communities that tend to be at risk. This is a good example of this.

President O'Grady: Too many of our partners focus on the core things that we do, but do not focus on the bigger picture of what County government does and miss the fact that we are involved in so many different aspects of people's lives. Thank you for coming this morning and reminding us that we need to remind people what we do in the community.

Commissioner Brown: I think working with our children and families is the basis of the prevention work that we do. If we are not working with these individuals, none of the other things we do would work.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 791-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 796-17, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$3,100,520.50), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners. Karl Kuespert representing Purchasing. The resolution before you requests approval of 153 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 796-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 797-17, resolution approving the issuance of Revenue Bonds (Trinity Health Credit Group), Series 2018OH of the County of Franklin, Ohio, in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$110,000,000 and consenting to and approving the execution of the Bond Documents (Board of Commissioners), presented by Glenn Pratt, Partner, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, and Brett Justice, Senior VP for Strategy and System Development, Mount Carmel.

Mr. Pratt: Good morning Commissioners. We are serving as issuers counsel for the Hospital Commission for this transaction. The resolution would approve the issuance of hospital facilities revenue bonds not to exceed \$110,000,000 to finance facilities of capital improvements located at various locations of Mount Carmel in Franklin County. A majority of the money will be spent at Mount Carmel East, St. Ann's and Grove City Campus. The bonds do not constitute indebtedness of the County. Trinity Health will fully indemnify the County for any costs or expenses incurred as part of the transaction.

Commissioner Boyce: Thanks for coming today. Even though this is a conduit issuance, any type of financial or issuance are serious. I do not see a financial advisor listed in your transaction team. Do you have a financial advisor as part of your bond team?

Mr. Pratt: Yes.

Commissioner Boyce: It should be listed as part of the team. There are two underwriting firms, Goldman Sachs and Bank of America. This is a quite sizable issuance. When you have a transaction of this size and only have one or two firms on it, you tend not to get the best pricing because you do not have the comparable element. When you have a grouping of underwriters, each one submit pricing, you come up with an average of them. When I see one or two firms, it begs the question if you are getting the best pricing. I am concerned about this type of structure.

Mr. Pratt: When I was alerted that this was a concern on the last transaction, I raised this with the Trinity people. What I understand from bond counsel is that while Goldman Sachs and Bank of America are the lead managers, they do plan on assembling a selling group with a significant number of investment banking firms to address some of the concerns you are raising. The transaction was originally scheduled to price in January and close in February, but because of some things, the schedule has been accelerated to close by the end of the year. I would be happy to send an email to you to let you know who the selling group is.

Commissioner Boyce: The selling group is formed at the end of the transaction and their purpose is more distribution in nature. They do not influence the pricing. It is a good response and the consideration to try and accommodate my concern. It is in the best interest of the hospital to have a grouping of underwriters and a financial advisor. The financial advisor works for the hospital. You can lose a material amount of money in this type of structure. If you do this over a series of transactions, it can become a big amount. This ultimately transfers into healthcare costs. I want us to be more thoughtful.

Mr. Justice: Your point is well taken Commissioner.

Commissioner Brown: I wonder when we have passed these hospital bonds routinely in the past, it hits us in a way that we wonder had they saved some funds on these transactions, would they had needed to come to us and other public funders.

Mr. Pratt: Nationwide Children's had a financial advisor to double check.

Commissioner Brown: We are speaking, in a sense, of how our residents would feel knowing that we are approving this, that does not affect us directly, but it could on the otherhand.

Mr. Pratt: Most transactions like this of any size, typically have a financial advisor to look over the shoulder of the investment banker to make sure there is good execution.

Commissioner Boyce: That is why I found it peculiar that I did not see it on the project team.

Mr. Pratt: I will make sure going forward that they do add a line on the executive summary.

Commissioner Boyce: At the heart of what I am talking about is that we need to know that this is the last stop for hospitals if they come to us for funding. The companies need to make money and they are going to price the bonds to sell. Without that sort of grouping, it is difficult to judge it as a best pricing possible. We want the best for the hospitals and the community.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 797-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Pratt: The tax bill that was introduced at the federal level has a number of provisions. One of the provisions is that effective December 31, 2017 all 501(c)(3) organizations would no longer be able to borrow tax-exempt for their exempt purpose, which means financing for hospitals, non-profit senior living facilities, higher education facilities, affordable housing, and other P-3 initiatives would go away. In addition, they also would end advance refunding for all transactions, which would adversely affect cities, counties, states, etc. One of the things I mentioned to the hospital commission was that in light of that, they might see some activity at the end of the year that we were not expecting until last week. I had a call with bond counsel for the Trinity transaction, because of the uncertainty of tax exempt finance, they are going to accelerate this transaction. In addition, we may be asked to assist in getting approval for another \$150,000,000 improvements at Mount Carmel, but will be folded into the Michigan transaction. We have finance facilities in Franklin County through the Michigan issuer for different reasons. There are some tax and logistical reasons why it makes sense to fold that additional amount into the Michigan transaction. It will last for a longer period. I have not yet relayed this information to the hospital commission.

Commissioner Boyce: Does the firm have a write up on its perspective? If you can get that to us that would be helpful for us to get that information to other conduit issuers.

Mr. Pratt: We have reached out to all of our borrower clients. I hope other government organizations are getting the word out to their Representatives and Senators on the impact this legislation would be. Part of the issue is that it is being done so quickly and late in the year. I will forward that information to you.

Resolution No. 798-17, resolution authorizing Non-General Fund appropriation adjustments for the Wireless 9-1-1 Fund (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners. Franklin County is responsible for the administration of wireless 9-1-1 governmental assistance funds received from the Ohio Department of Taxation. The source of this funding is a subscriber fee of \$.25 per month on each wireless telephone number. This resolution will authorize supplemental appropriations of \$130,000 based on an updated funding formula approved by the Franklin County 9-1-1 Planning Committee on October 25, 2017. This will provide additional disbursement to the City of Westerville before the end of the year.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 798-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

Case #ANX-23-17 - A Municipal annexation petition ANX-23-17 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on November 1, 2017. The petition is requesting to annex 11.3 +/- acres from Franklin Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on November 21, 2017.

Site: 2090 Frank Road (PID #140-001706)

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

Resolution No. 799-17, resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent court action (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Boyce: Move to convene into Executive Session to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

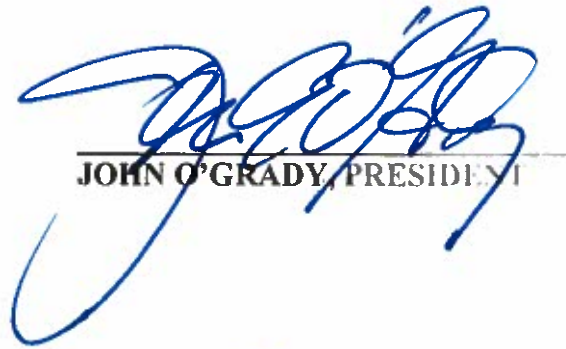
Commissioner Brown: Second.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 799-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The Board of Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 9:55 A.M. With no deliberative action taken, Commissioner Boyce moved that they come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Brown at Executive Session at 10:30 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of November 7, 2017.


JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT


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Submitted by:


Antwan Booker, Clerk