

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

November 6, 2018

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

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

Also present on the dais were Nick Soulas, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant, 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 9:07 A.M.

President Boyce: Today is a very important day. It is Election Day. If you have not gotten out to vote, I encourage you to do so. The polls close at 7:30 P.M.

As you know, today is a very important day. As I'm sure you all noticed, I haven't shaved since November 1<sup>st</sup>.

I'm not shaving in November to help raise awareness and funds for men's health issues. Around the world, men die an average of six years younger than women, largely for reasons that are preventable. I know plenty of men think they're indestructible, but it's important that all of us see our doctors regularly. As we get older, we need to talk with our doctors about prostate and testicular cancer. Prostate cancer rates will double in the next 15 years. Testicular cancer rates already doubled in the last 50 years.

Mental health is another aspect of health that men tend to overlook or shy away from. 75% of all suicides are men. Half a million each year.

I encourage everyone, both men and women, to visit [movember.com](http://movember.com) to learn about how you too can grow a 70's cop mustache, and how you:

- Can use it to learn more about these preventable causes of death,
- Can get help if you need it,
- Can better support the men in your life, and

- Can help raise money for these important issues.

Approval of the minutes of October 2, and October 9, 2018 General Session, and the minutes of October 11, 2018 Briefing Session. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 750-18**, resolution authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations associated with the pathologist positions (Coroner), presented by Matthew Caudill, Director of Operations, Coroner's Office.

Mr. Caudill: Earlier this year a resolution was brought forward to approve funds and enter into a contract to recruit forensic pathologists. A challenge emerged related to the current salary being offered to potential candidates. A salary survey was conducted and coupled with feedback from the recruiting firm, Dr. Ortiz approached county administration to increase the pay band to be more competitive. In partnership with Administration and OMB, a competitive pay package with an increased salary for pathologists was approved. Since the salary change, we have been successful in recruiting to fill the vacancies. We now ask for a transfer of appropriations needed to meet personal services expenditures for the remainder of 2018.

President Boyce: What does this take the salary to?

Mr. Caudill: It is roughly \$220,000.00.

President Boyce: Is that a market rate? How did you get to that salary?

Mr. Caudill: We contracted with a national based recruiting firm that specializes in these types of services. We were unsuccessful in filling positions. Their feedback focused on salary concerns. We worked with County Administration and Management and Budget and did a salary study to similar metropolitan areas. Since then, we went from two full time pathologists, to six pathologists by the end of the month.

President Boyce: Do most counties have full time pathologists or contract those services out?

Mr. Caudill: Normally, there are a team of forensic pathologists as well as a Coroner.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 750-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 751-18**, resolution for preliminary allocation of County Motor Vehicle License Fee Funds to the City of Whitehall (\$49,000.00)(Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is a \$5 Fund resolution for Whitehall in Truro Township. They plan to use the funds to improve Broad Street from Robinwood Avenue to Hamilton Road.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 751-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 752-18**, resolution for authorization for the Engineer to enter into an agreement with the City of Columbus for the improvement of Olentangy River Road at W. North Broadway and SR315, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is for a capital improvement project in the northwest part of the County in Clinton Township. It is a cooperative agreement with the City of Columbus. This resolution will allow Franklin County to participate in the project, to improve Olentangy River Road bridge over Slyh Run.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 752-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 753-18**, resolution to fix an hour and date for the view and first hearing on the Kahler Ditch Watershed, Blendon Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Jim Ramsey, Assistant Highway Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Ramsey: Commissioners, as you know the County received a request to establish a petition ditch in the Kahler Ditch Watershed. This represents the second legislative step in the process and established the date and time for the viewing and the first hearing.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 753-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 754-18**, resolution authorizing a transfer of non-general fund appropriations related to additional caseworkers. (Franklin County Children Services), presented by Alice Maddox, CFO, Children Services.

Ms. Maddox: I am requesting that we transfer funds between our roll up areas. We want to shift dollars into the salaries from materials and supplies. The agency has

looked at our caseloads. Our child welfare has a high turnover of case workers. We have been working hard to ensure that our case workers have manageable caseloads. We are not only looking at the number of workers, but the experience level as well. It takes about two years for a child welfare case worker to be competent to provide services adequately. If we do not have an adequate number of case workers, we start losing experienced case workers because their caseloads are going up. We have worked on increasing our numbers based on the experience of the workers.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 754-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 755-18**, resolution authorizing a transfer of appropriations for the Data Center to offset the purchase of capital hardware and staff retirements (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Julie Lust, Director of Financial Services, Data Center.

Ms. Lust: Good morning, Commissioners. This supplemental appropriations and transfer is to offset the procurement of a refresh to the iSeries platform, which houses 39 vital applications. It is also for vacation term payouts for some of our tenured employees that have retired.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 755-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 756-18**, resolution authorizing a transfer of non-general fund appropriations related to overtime associated with the processing of Medicaid, Open Enrollment, and Childcare applications (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Good morning, Commissioners. Our agency is requesting a transfer of \$93,000.00 to offer additional overtime hours to process Medicaid pending applications, as well as childcare applications. Our current overtime budget is projected to be fully utilized by the middle of November. These additional hours will allow overtime to continue through December. Open enrollment began November 1<sup>st</sup> through December 15<sup>th</sup>. During this window, we will receive between 8,000-9,000 additional applications on top of the work that we currently have. Our plan is to continue to work this overtime throughout the rest of the year, in hopes to manage that workload.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 756-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 757-18**, resolution establishing the Franklin County Reentry Advisory Board (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Justice Policy Coordinator, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: This resolution asks the Commissioners to reimagine the Reentry Coalition and elevate it to a Board of Commissioners level appointed entity. Established in 2009, the Coalition has served as a volunteer membership organization addressing the rise of ex-offenders returning to the Franklin County community. The new Franklin County Reentry Advisory Board will continue and expand on this work for the next decade with 27 Commissioner appointed members tasked with deeper research, community engagement and annual reporting and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners to enhance services for residents returning from incarceration. I would like to thank Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator, in helping us craft this resolution.

Commissioner Brown: I am glad we are going in this direction.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 757-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 758-18**, resolution authorizing receipt of Franklin County's FY 2018 Title II Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Block and FY 2017 Planning grants (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Mr. Daniels.

Mr. Daniels: This asks for your approval of our annual allocation from the Department of Youth Services for Title II Delinquency Prevention. Most of these dollars are spent on youth who have contact with the Juvenile Detention Center in Columbus. Our Block Grant for programming is \$110,000 and our planning grant for administration is \$10,000.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 758-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 759-18**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,872,492.29)(Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Assistant Director, Purchasing.

Ms. Balonier: Good morning Commissioners, Megan Perry-Balonier representing the Franklin County Purchasing Department. The resolution before you requests your approval of 147 purchase orders. Included in this resolution are 70 eligible purchase orders. Eligible POs are those in which Small & Emerging Business Enterprises are likely to participate. 24 of these eligible POs were awarded to SEBES, which is 34.2% of the eligible PO volume. The sum of these 24 POs is \$384,845.98, which is 71.1%

of the eligible PO dollar value. These purchase orders have been precertified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 759-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 760-18**, resolution appointing Lauren Rummel as a Member-at-Large to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator.

Mr. Janas: Pending any questions, I request your approval of this resolution.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 760-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 761-18**, resolution appointing and reappointing members to the Workforce Development Board pursuant to the requirements of the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act 2015 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Janas.

Mr. Janas: Commissioners, we have six reappointments and two new appointments. Four of these eight appointments are joint appointments with the City of Columbus. They are supportive of those.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 761-18, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

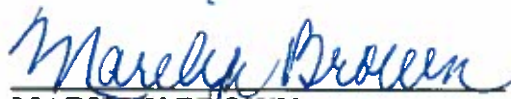
There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 A.M.

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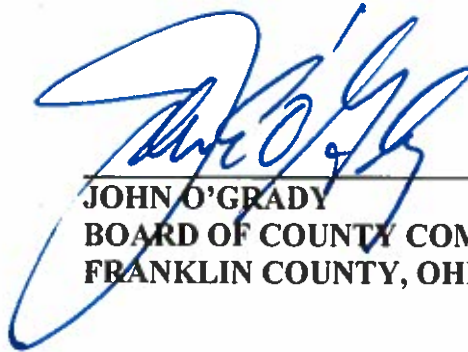
These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of November 6, 2018.



**KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT**



**MARILYN BROWN**



**JOHN O'GRADY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



**Antwan Booker, Clerk**