

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

November 13, 2018

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

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

Also present on the dais were Harold Anderson, Director of Business and Contracts, 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 9:02 A.M.

President Boyce: Good morning, everyone. Before we get started, I'd like to bring your attention to an event that we're looking forward to later this week. Thursday, November 15th is America Recycles Day. Franklin County's recycling rate exceeds the national average, and it's something we at the county work hard at in our own waste management plans. Recycling also supports more than 5,000 jobs in our community. Visit SWACO.org to learn more about how to recycle right in Franklin County. It helps me to recycle because of the blue bin I have inside my house. Recycling cuts down on the waste in our trashcan. Visit the SWACO website to learn about what you can and cannot recycle. They produce magnets to remind you what you can and cannot recycle. It is important to know what you can recycle, because the machinery that processes the recyclables can be damaged. It will make a difference in our community and world if we all recycle.

Commissioner O'Grady: I believe we are above the national recycling average. Growing up, my family recycled. Recycling is a big deal in my house.

Approval of the minutes of October 23, 2018 General Session, and the minutes of November 1, and November 8, 2018 Briefing Session. Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 762-18, resolution authorizing the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services Director to enter into a contract with Columbus State Community College for on-site case management services (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: As the human services landscape continues to change, our Agency remains committed to forging new, integrated partnerships across sectors to better meet the needs of our shared customers. In the spirit of that collaboration, our Agency is pursuing a new partnership with Columbus State Community College that we are calling the Franklin County Student Success program. This program will provide on-site access to case management services for the school's 20,000-plus students, many of whom are low-income or come from traditionally underrepresented communities. FCDJFS would station 1 case manager full-time (40 hrs/ week) at Columbus State Student Central to determine eligibility for SNAP; TANF; Medicaid; and Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC).

Similar positions are utilized at Michigan State, Penn State, Dartmouth, University of Colorado and University of California to name a few. We believe that when you place services at the customers' point of contact, it will alleviate the disruption of the student not being successful at the college. If the student is able to access the services at school, they do not have to go online and apply or get on a bus to one of our centers. We will have a case manager onsite where the customer needs the service. We have Dr. Rebecca Butler, Executive Vice President, Columbus State Community College, to share more about this partnership.

Ms. Butler: Thank you for having me here today. As you know, Columbus State is a microcosm of Franklin County. At CSCC, our mission is to ensure that students do not have to tell their story more than one time. This partnership allows us to do just that. Many of our students are food insecure, housing insecure, and have childcare needs. All of these out of the classroom needs are important to student success. When those needs are alleviated and those barriers are reduced, it is national evidence that student success increases. What this partnership will do is allow us and Franklin County to come together and learn from each other. I am excited about this partnership. It is our desire for all students at CSCC to have an academic plan, financial plan and a career services plan. This partnership is an integral foundation to the financial stability plan for all of our students.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, I wanted to mention that we will be working together with both of our organizations to utilize data to track students. If a student engages with our agency, we are going to track the student's education disruption.

President Boyce: What percent of your students are first generation college students?

Ms. Butler: That is hard to track because students do not self-disclose that information. We estimate that about 40% of our students are first generation.

President Boyce: I ask because if you are dealing with generational poverty and economic mobility, the slightest thing can deter you and send you backwards. It is obvious that this will be a helpful resource for those students.

Ms. Butler: That is right. We will have about 17,000 students who will get to 30 credit hours and will drop off. Many will not come back because of the non-academic barriers to success. Doing actual case management on campus is a game changer for our students.

Ms. Bivens: I want to thank Ms. Butler because if a client of JFS is on campus, but is not a student, they will have an opportunity to engage with the case manager on the campus.

Commissioner O'Grady: Education is one of the barriers we find to success. This is a partnership we value. What is the enrollment right now at CSCC?

Ms. Butler: We are at about 27,000 students. That includes our regional centers and online. At any one time, there are about 17,000 students.

President Boyce: I was with Dr. Harrison, and he raved about the partnership. He spoke at length about this partnership.

Ms. Bivens: For those who are watching this session, the partnership is effective January 2019. CSCC are going to immerse our case manager into the culture so everyone on campus will know about the case worker.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 762-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 763-18, resolution approving a subaward agreement with Central Community House, on behalf of the Columbus Federation of Settlements, for case management and barrier removal services (\$180,000.00)(Job and Family Services), presented by Ms. Bivens.

Ms. Bivens: As you know, Ohio Works First cash assistance customers are required to participate in a work activity in order to receive their benefit. While our staff and contracted partners work closely with customers to ensure compliance, some fail to meet their work participation requirements and face sanctions, including removal of cash or food benefits. For the past 4 years, we've worked with the Central Community House, the Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resources Center and St. Stephens to help sanctioned families address the underlying causes contributing to noncompliance through the Family Advocates Program. Under the proposed terms,

we will continue to refer sanctioned families to Central Community House and its partners.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 763-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 764-18, resolution approving a subaward agreement with Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio (\$280,000.00)(Job and Family Services), presented by Ms. Bivens.

Ms. Bivens: Earlier this year, our Agency partnered with Community Mediation Services to provide support for TANF-eligible customers facing eviction as part of our broader strategy to help combat homelessness. Their 2-hour Eviction Prevention Education Workshops target tenants at high risk of eviction and those experiencing homelessness who would be seeking housing in the future. The funding will allow CMS to continue to provide both tenant-landlord mediation and eviction prevention trainings for TANF-eligible residents at the courthouse and through community-based trainings.

We changed our PRC plan. We extended some of the services, so that we can plan a case manager in the eviction court so the customer can have onsite case management services at the time of being faced with.

President Boyce: I would love to shadow a case worker during the next couple of weeks. This is the type of stuff I look for in the budget.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 764-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 765-18, resolution authorizing a contract between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Corporation for Supportive Housing to provide a Frequent User System Engagement program (\$660,776.56)(Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Justice Policy Coordinator, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: For the last three years, we have been focusing on making sure we do not have folks in jail that do not need to be there. In our Stepping Up Initiative, this is a complement to that. This will engage up to 50 frequent users of the jail system, into supportive housing and connection to wrap around services. This will give them the foundation they need to be stable. We know that stable housing, affordable housing is a social determinant of health. It is difficult for people to break that cycle of incarceration, homelessness and hospital stays without stable housing. We have the funding to address this issue now. We had two bidders and Corporation for Supportive Housing was the lowest and best bid. We have Katie Kitchen, Corporation for Supportive Housing, to describe the program for us.

Ms. Kitchen: This initiative was developed in New York about seven years ago. We are delighted to partner with the County. We are hopeful that this can be a model across Ohio.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 765-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 766-18, resolution authorizing a professional services contract with Karen Leffler for peer support and recovery coaching services (\$20,800.00)(Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Mr. Daniels.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioners, Ms. Leffler has been working for us about a year as a peer support specialist. She does an amazing job. The current contract has expired and we are asking that you approve this resolution through the end of next year so she can continue this work.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 766-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 767-18, resolution authorizing a contract amendment with the Affordable Housing Trust for Columbus and Franklin County to support the production of affordable housing units (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. McCrary: This resolution will allow us to amend the contract we have with the Affordable Housing Trust. This community partnership is funded through the permissive real estate conveyance fees. Thus far, the collection of those fees have exceeded our projections. This resolution will allow us to pay the Affordable Housing Trust the additional \$324,610.00 that we have collected from conveyance fees.

President Boyce: We have a public speaker for this resolution. Will Jacob Cunliffe, BREAD Organization, come up and make your remarks?

Mr. Cunliffe: Good morning, Commissioners. We are a nonprofit/nonpartisan organization founded in 1996. We provide direct action in addressing community problems. We do this every year. Out of our annual listing process, we heard about the true need of affordable housing. As we started looking at what could be done about housing, we looked at the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. We believe that it has been effective and efficient. As we look at other strategies being considered to addressing housing issues, we are concerned that many of the current strategies are exclusively targeted to people who make 80% of the median income. We are

concerned that there are not enough solutions in place to effect the 54,000 low income households targeted by the Affordable Housing Alliance. From the 20,000 people in our congregations, we have been hearing about how difficult it is to find safe, decent, affordable housing. We are glad to hear about the increase in the trust fund, but would like to know when the conveyance fee will be increased?

President Boyce: Thank you for joining us today. The BREAD organization is well known in the community. Whenever we consider raising fees or taxes, there is a process that must take place. I understand that there is a need for affordable housing in Central Ohio, how we get there is where the rubber meets the road. That is what we are doing with the Affordable Housing Coalition to help this community think through what role we all have to play. It is not just Franklin County's role to provide affordable housing. It will include all the municipalities in Central Ohio. We want to be thoughtful about a long term plan and strategy and how to mitigate the cost to everyone. When you raise a fee or tax, there will be an effect to people. Thank you for your advocacy.

Mr. Cunliffe: It is our understanding that a one dollar increase in the conveyance fee would bring in about an additional \$6,000,000 revenue. Thanks.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 767-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 768-18, resolution authorizing appropriation adjustments for capital purchases (Purchasing), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert Director of Purchasing. This resolution is requesting additional appropriation adjustments for capital purchases for General Services. The Fleet Management division of General Services is requesting a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$71,112 within the Fleet Capital Fund to purchase three hybrid vehicles and supplies. The Purchasing division of General Services is requesting appropriations in the amount of \$14,339 in order to close out an existing lease agreement and for a new lease agreement on three mail machines. It is also requesting appropriations in the amount of \$7,845 in order to purchase the final equipment necessary to complete the equipment requirements of the print consolidation project between the Data Center and Print Shop. The Purchasing division has sufficient appropriations within Materials & Services to transfer to Capital Outlays for the purposes described above.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 768-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 769-18, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,518,163.51)(Purchasing), presented by Mr. Kuespert.

Mr. Kuespert: The resolution before you requests your approval of 120 purchase orders. For Small Emerging Business Enterprises, there were 62 eligible purchase orders of which 12 went to SEBEs which equals 19.3% of the eligible **purchase order volume**; their purchase order dollar amount is \$105,553.20 which is 23.19% 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 769-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 770-18, resolution authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations and a transfer of funds for the payment of debt service (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: This resolution will authorize the necessary appropriation adjustments and transfer to make the County's December 1st debt service payment. I included in that payment the redemption of the one year note that was issued for the completion of the Mon-E-Bak Brown Road project; the redemption of the Series 2009 that was authorized last month; and the first interest payment from the excess premium for the sales tax backed bonds issued in June.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 770-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 771-18, resolution reappointing Terrance Williams and William R. Heifner to the Columbus Regional Airport Authority (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator.

Mr. Janas: Commissioners, one of these two appointments is a joint appointment with the City of Columbus. Pending any questions, I recommend approval.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 771-18, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 A.M.

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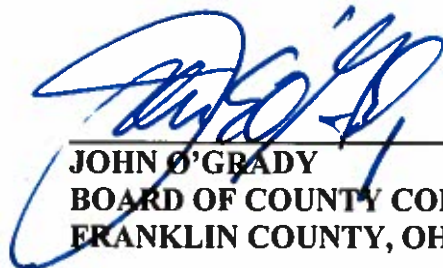
These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of November 13, 2018.



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