

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

November 28, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 28, 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; Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the October 17, October 24, and October 31, 2017 General Session. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Regarding the plan approval for the improvement of Smothers Road at Schott Road Red Bank Road, Blendon Township and Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

Commissioner Boyce: 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. 840-17**, resolution for plans approved for the improvement of Smothers Road at Schott Road Red Bank Road, Blendon Township and Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning Commissioners. This capital improvement project is in the northeast part of the county on the line between Plain Township and Blendon Township. It is at the intersection of Smothers Road, Schott Road and Red Bank Road. This is a coordinated project including Franklin County, Delaware County and the Ohio Department

of Transportation. With this resolution, we are asking you to approve and sign the plans and we will be scheduling a bid opening for construction in 2018.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 840-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 841-17**, resolution authorizing a contract with Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson, Inc., consultants, to provide engineering services (Engineer) (\$8,000), presented by Carla Marable, Director of Communications, Engineer's Office.

Ms. Marable: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution seeks authorization to enter into an agreement with Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson for engineering services on Dodridge Street. Approval of this resolution would allow JMT to perform a peer review study on Dodridge Street.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 841-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 842-17**, resolution authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for the purchase of enterprise licenses and upgrade to the data storage environment (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Julie Lust, Director of Financial Services, Data Center.

Ms. Lust: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is for a transfer of funds from our wages and benefits to our capital and materials and services. The Data Center had a much higher than normal vacancy rate during the last year. We will utilize these funds to make a capital improvement of our existing storage, which will increase both speed and performance and procure normal licensing for both servers and desktops.

Commissioner Brown: I know that you have been using a lot of contract service providers, do you anticipate that changing so that the vacancies that you have will be less in 2018?

Ms. Lust: Some of those vacancies will be filled. We have a new CIO at the Data Center and have a different model that will work. I believe we will always have some contractors that work with the Data Center because we have some highly sophisticated IT equipment at this time and it takes very specialized knowledge in order to operate it. Our vacancies should substantially decrease next year.

Commissioner Brown: But for now, using these vacancy credits isn't going to hurt anything?

Ms. Lust: It will not. It has allowed us to upgrade our UCS without coming to the Commissioners and ask for supplemental appropriation.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 842-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 843-17**, resolution approving a subaward agreement with the Columbus Urban League for a men's workplace suiting program (Job and Family Services) (\$55,000), presented by Charles Noble, Chief Strategy Officer, Job and Family Services.

Mr. Noble: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is for My Brothers Closet. My Brothers Closet is a workplace suiting program targeting TANF eligible, low-income men. Everyone knows the importance of a good first impression. Over the last year, more than 200 men referred to My Brothers Closet received personalized fittings for interview suits and other professional workplace attire. That is nearly 80 more than originally targeted for the previous contract. A number of them volunteered at My Brothers Closet as one of their work placements. The Columbus Urban League houses this program and will expand this program to 220 TANF eligible job seekers and connecting them with other work readiness programs. I have had the opportunity to meet a number of men that have come through My Brothers Closet. To see these men in suits and with pride is a good feeling.

Commissioner Boyce: This is one of my favorite programs. I just donated a number of suits there myself. I love what they have done with the program. It is very organized and they also tailor the suits for the men. When you see the men that come through the program with confidence and pride and the hope that they are doing the right thing is good.

Commissioner Brown: How does someone donate to the program?

Mr. Noble: You can take them to the Columbus Urban League and drop them off. The program manager will receive them. Do you have any other insights Commissioner Boyce?

Commissioner Boyce: They come down at get the clothes from you at the front door and staff will take it from there. I would say that the suits should be gently used and not worn out. What are the funds going to be used for?

Mr. Noble: These funds will be used to expand the number of TANF eligible men for this program, the costs incurred by additional staff to handle the increased number of men.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 843-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 844-17**, resolution approving a subaward agreement with the Mid-Ohio Foodbank for the purchase and distribution of food to Franklin County soup kitchens, food pantries and emergency shelters (Job and Family Services) (\$150,000), presented by Mr. Noble.

Mr. Noble: Commissioners, Operation Feed is a community wide drive to help recognize the Mid-Ohio Foodbank's vision of a hunger free and healthier Franklin County. Even though central Ohio has experienced significant economic growth in recent years, the need for emergency food has remained at record levels. One in six Franklin County residents and one in four children are food insecure, meaning that they do not have reliable access to nutritious food. In 2017, the Mid-Ohio Foodbank distributed over 70 million pounds of food and groceries, including 32 million pounds of fresh produce. That is enough to provide more than 130,000 meals each day. In total, they reach about 290,000 Franklin County residents. They are able to make that impact thanks to their network of more than 300 partner agencies across Franklin County, including 132 foodbanks, 38 soup kitchens, and 7 emergency shelters. This agreement will support the purchase and distribution of an estimated 600,000 meals for eligible low-income Franklin County within the network of partners.

Commissioner Boyce: I know what it is like for a family to need food. It is a basic element of life and we sometimes take it for granted. The Mid-Ohio Foodbank is doing a good job.

Commissioner Brown: Over the last 8 years ago, they have moved towards more fresh foods.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 844-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 845-17**, resolution authorizing the First Amendment to Agreement 0586-16 with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to extend Term of the Agreement (Economic Development and Planning) (\$115,000), presented by Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Roth: Good morning Commissioners. On August 9, 2016, the Board passed Resolution No. 586-16, which authorized the funding agreement with MORPC to carry out the Franklin County Energy Baseline Study. A draft was published in September for public comment. A significant portion of the comments received revolved around the development of recommendations and next steps following the base line study. In order to ensure that those comments have been addressed sufficiently, MORPC has requested to extend the term of the agreement to March 31, 2018. This extension will allow for enough time to gather input from stakeholders and ensure a thorough and valuable deliverable for the County.

Commissioner Brown: I wondered about this study as well because there were no real recommendations. I am happy that we are going to get a set of recommendations.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 845-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 846-17**, resolution authorizing the First Amendment to Loan Agreement 0346-16 from the Franklin County Infrastructure Bank to the City of Grandview Heights for their Goodale Boulevard Improvements Project (Economic Development and Planning) (\$1,000,000), presented by Mr. Roth.

Mr. Roth: Commissioners, this was a project from the Franklin County Infrastructure Bank to the City of Grandview Heights for the Phase 3 of their Goodale Boulevard Improvement Project. This was a project that was passed by Resolution No. 346-16 on May 10, 2016. This is the stretch of Goodale Boulevard that runs between Northwest Boulevard and Grandview Avenue. This was to help with the egress of the Grandview Yard development. The city committed to facilitating the creation of 247 jobs as a result of this project. Due to some unforeseen circumstances, the city was unable to request full disbursement of the loan funds. The project was completed on time. The contractor was slow in submitting pay applications. They have since received those and are prepared for this full disbursement, but we will need to do an extension to the final disbursement deadline in order to do so. On November 6, 2017, we convened the advisory board for the Infrastructure Bank and they recommended to the Commissioners accepting that request.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 846-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 847-17**, resolution authorizing a subordination agreement with Matthew Mawhorter to allow for the refinancing of his home mortgage for the property located at 216 Buena Vista Avenue Columbus Ohio 43228 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jamie Edwards, Business Service Officer, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Edwards: Matthew Mawhorter received \$15,000.00 in July 2012. He is requesting a subordination to refinance his home mortgage with Quicken Loans LLC. The refinance would lower the monthly mortgage payment by \$311.45. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I request your approval.

Commissioner Boyce: Can you tell me about the loan program?

Ms. Edwards: This is a rehab program through MORPC. They received \$15,000 to do substantial rehab to their property. This is a grant.

Mr. Roth: The County will then have a lien on the property.

Ms. Edwards: This person is refinancing their home mortgage and they have to get our permission to take second place again.

Commissioner Boyce: Thanks.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 847-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote for one week.

**Resolution No. 848-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Karen McVey at 1955 Hopkins Ave. Columbus, Ohio, 43223 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Karen McVey received \$15,000.00 in May 2007. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 848-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 849-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Jennifer Reed at 1401 West 2nd Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, 43212 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Jennifer Reed received \$15,000.00 in September 1989. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 849-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 850-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Paulo Salazar at 326 Dunchurch Road, Gahanna, Ohio, 43230 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Paula Salazar received \$6,000.00 in April 2006. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 850-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 851-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Emanuel Torres-Sifuentes at 7955 Chapel Stone Road, Blacklick, Ohio, 43004 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Emanuel Torres Suifuentes received \$6,000.00 in June 2010. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 851-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 852-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Karen Clemons at 7162 Crofton Court, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 43068 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Karen Clemons received \$2,900.00 in August 2010. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 852-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 853-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Wanda Strapp at 2028 Agler Road Columbus, Ohio, 43224 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Wanda Strapp received \$3,672.00 in August 2010. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 853-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 854-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Gwendolyn and Robert Travis at 240 N 21st street Columbus, Ohio 43203 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Gwendolyn and Robert Travis received \$13,690.74 in March 2012. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 854-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 855-17**, resolution authorizing a Settlement and Release Agreement with International Fidelity Insurance Company related to a lawsuit captioned Board of Commissioners for Franklin County v. Deer Creek Excavating, LLC. et al., Case Number 16 CV 012053 (Sanitary Engineers) (\$5,000,000), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator and Stephen Renner, Director, Sanitary Engineers.

Ms. Long: Good morning Commissioners. We are pleased to bring before you today this resolution. This is in regard to the sewer project on Brown Road East and Mon-E-Bak. It has been a project that the Commissioners have been working through for quite some time. The original contractor had some difficulties and the surety stepped in. Deer Creek was no longer in business and we were working directly with the surety. After a number of years of ongoing negotiations, the County put forward its own money to make sure the project would continue moving forward while we engaged in settlement negotiations and then a lawsuit. We recently entered into a non-binding mediation with this dispute. I am pleased to say that we were able to reach a fair settlement to move forward, have money in hand and complete this process. This resolution would authorize the County Administrator to sign any documents to resolve this matter and dismissal of the lawsuit.

Commissioner Brown: I know that the work was completed in the meantime. Your staff worked hard to get this done. Can you talk about the current state of the project?

Mr. Renner: Marie Strandwitz has done a fantastic job of structurizing a lot of the problems at the site. She kept the residents in the area informed during the project. The project is near completion. There is a little bit of paving that must occur. Once we get through that, we will begin the connection phase. We sent out letters to all of the residents a couple of weeks ago. We are hosting two public meetings next week to talk about how this is going to work.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 855-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 856-17**, resolution approving Personnel Actions (Human Resources), presented by Sue Hamilton, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

Ms. Hamilton reviewed the list of personnel actions in the Resolution and requested the Commissioners' approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 856-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 857-17**, resolution authorizing the County Administrator to perform certain administrative functions (Human Resources), presented by Ms. Hamilton.

Ms. Hamilton: After a review of our administrative processes, we come to you today to allow the County Administrator to sign off on personnel actions, workers compensation papers and binding insurance and requesting quotes. This will add some efficiencies and shorten our timeframe in these matters.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 857-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 858-17**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$2,479,361.76), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing Purchasing. The resolution before you requests approval of 123 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 858-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 859-17**, resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into agreements for the acquisition of human resources software from NEOGOV by County entities (Board of Commissioners), presented by Adam Luckhaupt, CIO, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Luckhaupt: Good morning Commissioners. On September 20, 2017 you approved a resolution to acquire software from NEOGOV for the Board of Commissioners' Human Resources Department. NEOGOV is a secure cloud-based platform for hiring, onboarding, and performance tracking that is also used by the State of Ohio and the City of Columbus. Other county entities have expressed interest in the solution and this resolution would give the County Administrator to sign agreements with NEOGOV on behalf of those entities.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 859-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 860-17**, resolution authorizing non-general fund appropriation adjustments for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution would authorize the appropriations adjustments due to higher than anticipated revenue from the zoological park levy, which will be distributed to the Columbus Zoo prior to the end of the year.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 860-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 861-17**, resolution appointing Catherine Strauss to the Board of Trustees of the Columbus Metropolitan Library (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator.

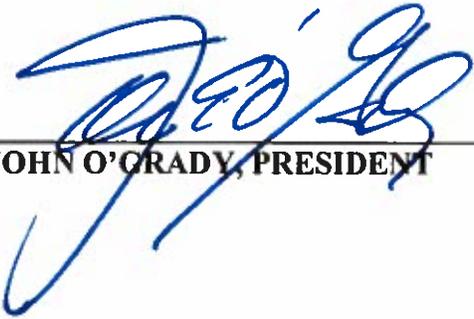
Mr. Janas: Good morning Commissioners. Ms. Strauss is Of Counsel for Ice Miller and has served as co-chair of the library capital campaign steering committee.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 861-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of November 28, 2017.

  
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JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT

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

Submitted by:

  
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Antwan Booker, Clerk