

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

December 5, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

Present were: President 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; Kenneth Wilson, 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 8:42 A.M.

President O'Grady: Three times a year we recognize our state champions. A few weeks ago, we recognized our artists and scholars. We like to recognize our students academically, creatively and in sports. Today we are recognizing the fall state champions. We have the Greater Columbus Sports Commission and the Ohio High School Athletic Association. We have Linda Logan and Beau Rugg.

Ms. Logan: Good morning. Today, we are representing six sports in our area high schools. We are thrilled with the great competition. I want to thank our staff for all the work they do throughout the year.

Mr. Rugg: Good morning. I would like to thank the Greater Columbus Sports Commission for everything they do for interscholastic athletics in Ohio. I am reminded of what sports are all about when I see all of the students today. We appreciate our 832 member schools in the state and what they provide in a learning environment.

Dublin Jerome	Division 1 Boys Golf	Jackson Chandler (Junior) Nick Karlik (Senior) Davis Root (Senior) Ethan Snyder (Sophomore) Blake Solomon (Senior) Mason Wagner (Junior)	Taylor Harle (Head Coach)
Powell Olentangy Liberty	Division Girls Tennis (Doubles State Champions)	Maddie Atway (Freshman) Dani Schoenly (Freshman)	Will Thieman (Head Coach)
Thomas Worthington	Division 1 Girls Field Hockey	Sarah Charley (Junior) Althea Chan (Junior) Maya McDaniel (Senior) Isabelle Perese (Junior) Anneliese Sinclair (Junior)	Jen Martin (Assistant Coach)
Columbus St. Francis De Sales	Division 2 Boys Soccer	Captain - Chase Agin (Senior) Captain - Hector Gomez (Senior) Zach Garrett (Senior) Bryan Roach (Senior)	Domenic Romanelli (Head Coach)
Pickerington Central	Division 1 Football	Captain Grey Brancifort (senior) Captain Trent Gillison Captain Xavier Henderson (Senior) Captain Jeremiah Wood (Senior)	Jay Sharrett (Head Coach)

(each school had picture taken with Commissioners)

Commissioner Brown: To the parents that are here supporting your children. Without you, this would not happen. Thank you for being here.

President O'Grady: Thank your parents. I say this every time we have this type of celebration. Do not let this be the biggest moment of your life. Appreciate what you have accomplished, but go on to bigger and better things in your future. Make sure you remember these days, but keep going. Congratulations.

Commissioner Boyce: This is a great moment in your life. I can tell you that there is no time like your high school experience. The friends that you make, the things that you learn, the first experiences that you have and the achievements that you are able to enjoy. I would encourage you to live in the moment. Congratulations and I wish you luck in all of your future endeavors.

Commissioner Boyce moved to remove **Resolution No. 690-17** from the table, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Resolution No. 690-17 was unanimously removed from the table by roll call vote.

Commissioner Boyce moved to amend **Resolution No. 690-17**, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Resolution No. 690-17 was unanimously amended by roll call vote.

**Amended Resolution No. 690-17**, resolution authorizing a one year agreement with Criterion Pictures USA, Inc. for the nonexclusive rights to provide viewing access of motion picture DVDs for inmates in the Franklin County Correctional Center (Sheriff) (\$3,010), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution authorizes a one year contract to allow us to show movies in the Correctional Facilities to inmates. The reason it was tabled before was because we were able to negotiate a lower shipping cost. This amended resolution is approximately \$1,000 less than the previous one. This is being paid for by inmate funds and not General Funds.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Amended Resolution 690-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 862-17**, resolution authorizing a maintenance agreement with Action Target, Inc. for bullet trap cleaning and lead abatement at the Sheriff's Office firing range (Sheriff) (\$15,080), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution authorizes a contract for the bullet trap cleaning at our firing ranges. It will be conducted next week in the amount of \$15,080. The lead will be properly disposed of per EPA regulations.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 862-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 863-17**, resolution authorizing the software-as-a-service agreement with PowerDMS, Inc. to provide a document management system for the Sheriff's policies and procedures (Sheriff) (\$28,000), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution approves a contract with PowerDMS. They provide a policy management system. We are moving towards CALEA certification. This is one of the steps in the process. It is estimated that it may take between two and three years. Over the course of time, this particular software will allow us to update our policies and procedures, and track the life cycles and revisions.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 863-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 864-17**, resolution authorizing the Franklin County Dog Shelter & Adoption Center to implement a low cost spay and neuter program for the citizens of Franklin County and their dogs (Animal Control), presented by Deb Finelli, Assistant Director, Animal Care and Control.

Ms. Finelli: Good morning Commissioners. I am here today to ask for your approval of this resolution for the low cost spay and neuter program to be implemented for the citizens of Franklin County for the purpose of canine population control. The initiative is twofold. The first is the reduction of unsterilized dogs in the community, which will result in lower the amount of dogs being impounded into the shelter. The second is for the reduction in the number of unwanted dogs that are euthanized.

Over population of pets cost taxpayers millions of dollars annually through animal service control programs. Spay and neuter is an important part of addressing this problem and is the only permanent and 100% effective method to control the population. In 2016, 86.5% of the dogs that are coming into our shelter were unaltered. When checking into the reason why people do not get their pets spayed or neutered, cost was the number one factor. I feel that low cost is the only way to reach this segment of the animal population. I am convinced that these people really want to do the best thing and be responsible, but do not have the funds to do it. It is critical that we offer this service to the community.

We are also going to be focusing on the pit bull population in Franklin County. Twenty-five percent of our intake are pit bulls. The program that we are proposing is a no cost spay-neuter for the dog owners. Surgeries will be performed at the shelter by our contracted veterinarians. We will provide the vaccines, microchips and do a fitness check to make sure the dog is medically sound to have the procedure. To be eligible, the owner must be

of 18 years of age, must be a resident of Franklin County, the owner and keeper of the dog, and must be a recipient of public assistance or meet the poverty level at 150%. The program will be regulated by the Ohio Revised Code section 955.201. The owners can contact the shelter by phone at 614-525-5454 or email [spayneuter@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:spayneuter@franklincountyohio.gov). The medical staff will be contacting those reaching out to make an appointment.

The funding of this program is going to be handled by a donation fund that we have been working on for several years. It will not cost the taxpayers anything. We will be providing all of these services based on the kind and generous donations of the citizens of Franklin County. I am hoping we reduce the number of stray and unwanted dogs into the community, the number of dog bites, the number coming into the shelter and reduce the threat to the public.

Commissioner Brown: This has been a long time coming.

President O'Grady: We are very excited about this. We have a speaker slip for Vicki Deisner, President of ASPCA.

Ms. Deisner: Good morning Commissioners. I am Vicki Deisner, the former State Legislative Director for the ASPCA. In that position, I covered five Midwestern states including Ohio and Indiana. I would like to thank the Franklin County Animal Shelter for their commitment to sponsor this critically important program, and respectfully urge the County Commissioners to support this program that will help Franklin County save lives and save money.

According to the ASPCA, recent data released in 2017 shows that approximately 6.5 million companion animals enter shelters in the United States, and approximately 1.5 million companion animals are euthanized. On average, over 100,000 animals are surrendered to animal shelters in every state each year, and approximately 40% are euthanized because of lack of available homes. This sad reality comes at an enormous cost to taxpayers as local governments funding municipal shelters pay the price to end the life of healthy, adoptable animals.

Ohio is lucky to have so many municipal and private animal shelters as well as rescue groups that focus their efforts on finding permanent homes for thousands of cats and dogs each year. Most of these organizations require that their animals are spayed or neutered before adopting. Increasing the practice of spay-neuter before adoption will reduce the amount of money spent on the needless deaths of our companion animals, and will allow local governments to make better use of their limited resources.

In Indianapolis, Indiana, a municipality similar in size to Columbus, a collaborative effort of animal welfare agencies worked together to raise awareness of spay-neuter and adoption services. Data reported by the collaboration shows a sharp decline in countywide euthanasia rates over the past two decades. Considered the worst year on record for Indianapolis pets, in 2000 they saw 22,000 cats and dogs euthanized in area shelters. By

the end of 2016, that rate had dropped nearly 90%, with just over 2,300 cats and dogs euthanized. At the same time, data shows more pets are being adopted in the Indianapolis area. In 2012, just over 6,200 pets were adopted, compared with 9,500 in 2016. Over the same period, Indianapolis Animal Care Services reported that 84% of animals brought to the facility were either returned to the owner or adopted. The data from our sister city of Indianapolis shows that implementing the proposed spay-neuter program in Franklin County will save lives and save money.

For all of the aforementioned reasons, I respectfully urge the Franklin County Commissioners to support the implementation of a low-cost spay-neuter program. National Spay-Neuter Month is February. Let's get this program approved by Valentine's Day 2018 and commit Franklin County to improving the plight of our homeless animals.

Commissioner Brown: One of the things you said was the robust marketing and education program. I know that we are going to need to do that here in order to make sure that this gets publicized so we can make an impact in the community. People have been waiting for this program. Your advocating and the other rescue groups will have to make this work.

Ms. Deisner: Hopefully, in Ohio, we can pass a mandate spay-neuter bill. The State of Indiana passed one in 2015. It was the 33<sup>rd</sup> state to do so. Indiana has a strong spay-neuter service that helps pool money together. Franklin County can be a leader in Ohio.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 864-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 865-17**, resolution approving two (2) subaward agreements with Goodwill Industries of Central Ohio, Inc. and Jewish Family Services for workforce development services for Franklin County child support obligors (Job and Family Services) (\$144,740.68), presented by Charles Noble, Chief Strategy Officer, Job and Family Services.

Mr. Noble: Good morning Commissioners. I am going to read some excerpts from Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement Agency, testimony. As of April 2017, 69% of the debt owed by child support obligors is held by parents who reported earning less than \$10,000. In Franklin County, on the south side in zip codes 43205, 43206, and 43207, residents have significant challenges, such as chronic unemployment, underemployment, poverty, crime, incarceration and educational deficiency. These areas have the highest incidents of infant mortality in the County, according to Columbus Public Health. As of the end of last year, within these three zip codes, there were 2,165 cases with support orders, with a total almost reaching \$16,000,000 in past due child support.

For the past four years, we have partnered with Child Support Enforcement Agency through the COMPASS and Catalyst programs. The Catalyst program targets unemployed obligors who have received a new child support order. The COMPASS program provides obligors facing civil contempt charges for failure to meet payments with intervention

services in lieu of jail time. Both programs are administered by Goodwill and Jewish Family Services provide individualized career planning and vocational training in addition to job search, placement and retention services. We know that child support compliance correlates with the obligor's income. There is an 82% rate for high income orders and 30% rate for low income orders, a win. Unemployed, non-custodial parents are able to move towards self-sufficiency through employment and single parents are likely to live in poverty than two parents households. They are more likely to receive the support payment owed. This can be the difference between requiring public assistance and their own economic independence.

Over the last contract, our partners served 66 obligors, helping 40 obtain employment with a 68% job retention rate. We hope to expand our reach over the next contract year by reaching 70-90 obligors.

Commissioner Brown: We are getting these fathers into jobs and job training to provide for their children.

Mr. Noble: The better equipped the obligor is to support these payments, the better off these families will be and the child. Helping to think through some barriers, this is a great program.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 865-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 866-17**, resolution authorizing the settlement of a claim for damage to a 2016 Ford Interceptor SUV (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

Ms. Ashcraft: The resolution before you is requesting authorization to accept an insurance settlement from State Farm Insurance. On August 7, 2017, one of our vehicles, 2016 Ford Interceptor, driven by a Sheriff Office employee was involved in an accident. This accident resulted in a total loss of our vehicle. Any potential bodily injury claim will be handled separately from this property damage claim. The party at fault is insured by State Farm Insurance and they have accepted liability and have offered to pay Franklin County \$30,043.38 for our property damage. This offer has been reviewed and recommended by the Prosecutor. This fairly compensates for property damage.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 866-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 867-17**, resolution authorizing the payment of County Board of Zoning Appeals and Rural Zoning Commission members (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is to establish and authorize compensation of Franklin County Board of Board of Zoning Appeals members and Rural Zoning Commission members at a rate of \$75 per meeting or another amount as determined by the Board and authorize payment of any and all past due amounts to board members. Historically, the Board of Commissioners adopted zoning in 1948, which also established our Rural Zoning Commission and our Board of Zoning Appeals. In the past, we have historically been compensating those members of our boards without any formed policy authorizing the payments. The Board does have the power through the Ohio Revised Code 303.13 and 303.05. To our knowledge, our office has budgeted for and paid our board members per meeting. We want to formalize it in a resolution so we can continue to pay the board members.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 867-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 868-17**, resolution authorizing contract modification 1 with Elite Excavating Company of Ohio, Inc. for the Mon-E-Bak and Brown Road East Sewer Rectification/Completion Effort (Sanitary Engineers) (\$6,739,290), presented by Marie Strandwitz, Project Manager, Sanitary Engineer's Office.

Ms. Strandwitz: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is for a contract modification to extend the contract time and value for unforeseen work at our two sewer project areas. The contract time will be extended until December 15<sup>th</sup> and the projected contract value increase is \$992,000. We will return next year with another contract modification that will provide final quantity adjustments.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 868-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 869-17**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$5,149,782.34), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing Purchasing. The resolution before you requests approval of 205 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 869-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 870-17**, resolution approving the issuance of Revenue Bonds (Trinity Health Credit Group), Series A 2017-MI of the Michigan Finance Authority, in an original aggregate

principal amount not to exceed \$270,000,000 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Glen Pratt, Partner, Dinsmore and Shohl, LLP.

Mr. Pratt: Good morning Commissioners. With me is Brent Justice, Mount Carmel Health. As you recall, you approved financing for hospital revenue bonds a few weeks ago. Trinity Health is making an additional request of the Commissioners, as a result of the tax reform legislation pending in Congress and the uncertainty on whether tax exempt financing will be available in following years. Because of that, Trinity is asking for approval of an additional amount up to \$270,000,000 of bonds to be issued by the Michigan Finance Authority. Approval is necessary because those dollars will finance facilities at Mount Carmel Health in Franklin County.

Commissioner Boyce: I think this is a prudent step in light of tax reform measures that have been proposed. Essentially, there is a good portion of this that is refunding. The proposed tax measures could have a dramatic effect on the capacity to do refunding. Ultimately, this is saving a lot of funds because they are financing at a lower rate with existing bonds. I appreciate Trinity Health for coming out and briefing me on this resolution.

Commissioner Brown: I know that we have been advocating on behalf of supporting changes to the negative effects of the tax bill in Congress. This is a move that makes sense.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 870-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Commissioner Boyce: Are these being done under a negotiated sale?

Mr. Pratt: Yes. Public offering with a syndicate led by Bank of America, Merrill Lynch and Goldman Sachs.

**Resolution No. 871-17**, resolution authorizing appropriation adjustments for the county's wellness incentive and public transportation benefit programs, termination payouts, workers compensation expenses, and to offset budgeted vacancy reductions (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

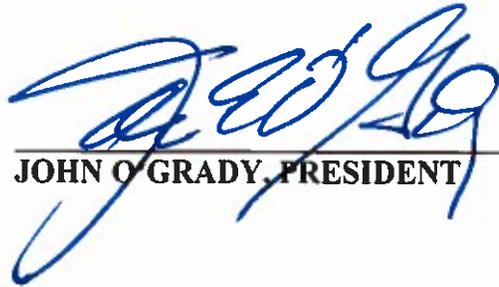
Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners. This is the annual review of the agencies appropriation levels to make sure payroll obligations are met prior to the end of the year. This year there are transfers of appropriations within the General Fund of just under \$5.7 million, while across twelve different non-general funds transfers of appropriations of \$2.4 million. There are no supplemental appropriations in the General Funds or non-general funds.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 871-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

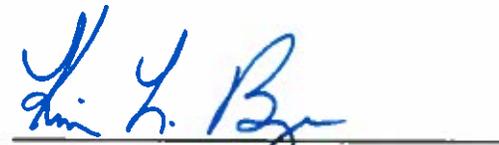
There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 A.M.

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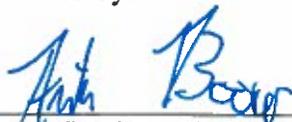
These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of December 5, 2017.

  
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**JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT**

  
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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:

  
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