

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

December 12, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 2:30 P.M. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

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

Also present on the dais were Nick Soulas, 1st Assistant, Prosecuting Attorney; Kris Long, Deputy 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 2:37 P.M.

On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the November 7, 2017 General Session, and the minutes of the November 2, November 9, and November 16, 2017 Briefing Session. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 872-17, resolution authorizing a contract with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grant Program (Court of Common Pleas) (\$1,819,875), presented by Jennifer Goodman, Executive Director, Court of Common Pleas.

Ms. Goodman: Good afternoon Commissioners. This resolution is a continuation of funding for state fiscal year 2018-2019 for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Justice Reinvestment and Incentive Grant Program. The grant agreement provides funding for our Power Program, which treats opioid addicted probationers from detox to outpatient services. Additionally, it provides three full-time staff members. You may recall that we previously presented two resolutions, one for 90 days and the other for 60 days. This is the continuation all the way through the end of 2019.

Commissioner Brown: Are you tracking success with the individuals that use the services?

Ms. Goodman: Yes.

Commissioner Brown: It would be nice to see a report on how they are doing as they get through the service and beyond.

Ms. Goodman: Absolutely.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 872-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 873-17, resolution authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to use County forces during 2018, for maintenance and repair projects involving County roads and bridges within limits established by the Ohio Revised Code (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good afternoon Commissioners. This resolution is also known as the 2018 force account resolution. This is an annual type of resolution that gives us permission to use our employees, equipment and materials for various road, bridge, and culver projects.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 873-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 874-17, resolution authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to renew a contract with M.P. Dory Company for the 2018 Franklin County Traffic Signal Maintenance Program (Engineer) (\$509,756), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this resolution is for the 2018 Signal Maintenance Program. We utilized the competitive bid process and M.P. Dory Company had the lowest and best bid.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 874-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 875-17, resolution authorizing the replacement or rehabilitation of various bridges and structures in Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this resolution declares necessary two bridges for rehabilitation. Both are along Olentangy River Road. The first is in Clinton Township, over Sly Run. The second is in Sharon Township, over Carhart Ditch. This resolution will allow us to move forward with planning, design and eventually reconstruction.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 875-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 876-17, resolution authorization for the Engineer to enter into an agreement with the City of Columbus for the improvement of Steelwood Road, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Carla Marable, Director of Communications, Engineer's Office.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution seeks authorization to enter into agreement with the City of Columbus for the Steelwood Road improvement project. This project will provide overhead street lighting along Steelwood Road, which is south of Kenny/Kinnear intersection.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 876-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 877-17, resolution for Cicada Street, Jayhawk Street, and Bobwhite Drive accepted for public maintenance and shall become part of the Jefferson Township Road System (Engineer), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution seeks approval of the aforementioned streets in the Villages of Jefferson Run Phase 4 Subdivision. That is located in Jefferson Township. We ask that these roads are accepted as part of the public road system and then turned over and the maintenance responsibilities to Jefferson Township.

Commissioner Brown: These are part of the new development that has been done in Jefferson Township?

Ms. Marable: Yes.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 877-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 878-17, resolution authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund Grant for the Franklin County Drug Task Force (Sheriff) (\$194,973.49), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: Good afternoon Commissioners. This resolution approves a supplemental Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund Grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services to continue the battle against drug trafficking. It is a one year agreement from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. It will be used to purchase various investigative equipment along with providing training to the Sheriff's Office and participating agencies on the Task Force.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 878-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 879-17, resolution allowing the Law Library to enter into contract with LexisNexis for a selection of eBooks (Law Library) (\$7,565.42), presented by Angela Baldree, Director, Law Library.

Ms. Baldree: Good afternoon. This is a three year renewal contract for a selection of eBooks for the Law Library. It is a cooperation with the statewide consortium where they pay for the platform and we just purchase the books.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 879-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote for one week.

Resolution No. 888-17, resolution appointing Charles A. Schneider to the Franklin County Law Library Resources Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Long: Good afternoon Commissioners. This resolution would appoint Judge Schneider to the Law Library Resources Board. This is in light of the vacancy.

President O'Grady: Judge Schneider has been a longtime advocate of the Law Library as long as I have been a County Commissioner.

Judge Schneider: Since 1981.

Commissioner Brown: I know you have a great passion for it, so this is a great appointment. With you being here, exemplifies your commitment.

Judge Schneider: I am the Director for the statewide consortium of Law Libraries. Franklin County has the best County Law Library thanks to Ms. Baldree.

Ms. Long: I wanted to thank Ms. Baldree and Judge Schneider for the work putting on the anniversary celebration of the Law Library that occurred a few weeks ago.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 888-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 880-17, resolution authorizing a contract with LifeCare Alliance to provide home-delivered meals to low-income, chronically ill, disabled and homebound Veterans, spouses, and surviving spouses (Veterans Services) (\$48,900), presented by Buck Bramlish, Director, Veterans Services.

Mr. Bramlish: Good afternoon Commissioners. This is part of our initiative to provide nutritional support for those who are home-bound or have challenges preparing meals.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 880-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 881-17, resolution approving a contract with Action for Children for mandatory training classes and Step Up to Quality technical assistance and participation for Family Child Care Providers (Job and Family Services) (\$355,892.93), presented by Charles Noble, Chief Strategy Officer, Job and Family Services.

Mr. Noble: Good afternoon Commissioners. Under the agreement, Action for Children will provide recruitment, training and ongoing technical assistance for individuals looking to become state licensed family childcare providers. All home and center-based providers who participate in the publicly funded childcare program must obtain and maintain state licensure. In addition to providing mandatory core training classes to obtain a license, Action for Children will also offer training and technical assistance to providers pursuing Step Up to Quality star rating. The state has mandated that all licensed childcare providers obtain at least one star rating by 2020 in order to remain eligible to participate in PFCC. Today, approximately 16% of home providers and 24% of centers in Franklin County has a star rating. That means if the Step Up to Quality mandate went into effect today, an estimated 28,000 Franklin County children would need new providers and more than 10,000 workers would need to seek out new childcare.

Last year, Action for Children helped 41 providers renew or increase their star rating and secured commitments from an additional 51 providers to pursue a Step Up to Quality. Under this contract, Action for Children is doubling their Step Up to Quality outreach goals and planning to secure Step Up to Quality commitments from 125 providers, assist approximately 100 providers in registering for a star rating and ensure that at least 45 providers renew or increase their star rating. The assist that Action for Children provides under this contract will supplement an array of other JFS driven Step Up to Quality outreach efforts, including a Phase 2 media outreach contract to be presented in early 2018.

Commissioner Brown: This is critically important. As we learned at the Poverty Summit in Texas, those years for a child's brain development are important. If we do not get it right then, that child does not have a chance.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 881-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 882-17, resolution authorizing recycling of information technology equipment declared obsolete by the Franklin County Automatic Data Processing Board (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Interim Director, Public Facilities Management.

Ms. Reardon: Good afternoon Commissioners. Periodically this agency is asked by the Data Processing Board to assist in the disposal of obsolete and surplus IT equipment. We do so in a manner consistent with this Board's commitment to promote sustainable principles in our policies, decisions, and programs.

President O'Grady: We have a speaker slip for this resolution. Minister Kujenga Ashe, Masjid Al Jaami Inc.

Mr. Ashe: Good afternoon. I stand here representing my nonprofit. I am in the process of forming a public/private partnership with Columbus Micro, which recycles e-waste. This resolution is pivotal. We need to recycle all of this equipment. Instead of sending it overseas, we have a process in Columbus, invented by two men who can recycle e-waste without any smelting. They are the only people in the world that have this patent. I would like to work with the Board in getting some of this equipment at some point. We can hire over 200 people. Columbus Micro is considering moving to Michigan. I want to keep them here.

President O'Grady: We can arrange for you to have a meeting with Public Facilities Management.

Commissioner Boyce: Mr. Ashe has been in communication with my office and we have reached out to Economic Development and Planning to see if we can get someone out to Columbus Micro.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 882-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 883-17, resolution authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement with Franklin County Public Facilities Management related to the County's Parking Facilities (Public Facilities Management), presented by Ms. Reardon.

Ms. Reardon: Commissioners, this resolution authorizes execution of a three year lease agreement between the Board of Commissioners and Public Facilities Management, which manages the County's parking operations: Specifically the Fulton Street garage, the Front Street garage and the parking lot adjacent to Memorial Hall.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 883-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 884-17, resolution authorizing supplemental appropriations to the Self Insurance Fund (Human Resources), presented by Rob Young, Director, Human Resources.

Mr. Young: Good afternoon Commissioners. The resolution authorizes non-general fund supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$2,000,000 within the employee benefit self-insurance fund. We had some over runs in our stop loss, which will be reimbursed next year of \$1,300,000 and higher than anticipated run out costs of Fairfield County, who is no longer in the cooperative.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 884-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 885-17, resolution authorizing the issuance, repayment and extension of various interfund loans (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good afternoon Commissioners. This is our annual resolution to review the various interfund loans and advances that are provided for cash flow purposes. A number of federal grants are on a reimbursement basis, so monies have been advanced in order to pay invoices before the revenue comes in from the federal or state. There are partial repayments for General Fund loan to the Telecommunications Fund for the replacement of the voicemail system that occurred in 2012 and some interfund loans between Sanitary Sewer and Water partial repayments.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 885-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 886-17, Resolution Supporting the Redevelopment of the Scioto Peninsula, Authorizing the County Administrator to Amend a Lease Agreement in Furtherance of the Scioto Peninsula Redevelopment Plans (the "Plans"), Designating the Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC) as Agent of the Board of County Commissioners for the Purpose of Conveying Real Property to the COCIC and to Cause the COCIC to Convey the Same to Scioto Peninsula Holdings, Ltd., the Property Holding Company for the CDDC, in Furtherance of the Plans, and Authorizing the County Administrator to Execute Any and All Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Transfer of Real Property to the COCIC (Board of Commissioners), presented by Ms. Long.

Ms. Long: Good afternoon Commissioners. Before I turn over the conversation to Guy Worley, President/CEO, Columbus Downtown Development Corporation/Capitol South, I wanted to walk through elements of this resolution. The Board has been supportive from the beginning of the Scioto Peninsula plan and continuing to support the development in a manner that best supports the residents of Franklin County. The County and the City tasked the CDDC with the planning effort to redevelop the peninsula. The CDDC

conducted a competitive process to solicit the master plan development. Mr. Worley will walk you through the current status of those plans. This resolution effectuates what was anticipated from the very beginning of this process. That was the sale of the County owned property west of Belle Street, which is west of where the National Veterans Memorial and Museum sits. This resolution would authorize going through the COCIC to effectuate that transfer to a holding company that would look at the appropriate time to convey that property. The funds from the sale of that property will go into an endowment to support the operation of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum. In the interim, the parking revenue goes to support the operation of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum. The next step in the process is to authorize the necessary legal documents to effectuate that plan. Mr. Worley will go through the current status of the plan.

Mr. Worley: Good afternoon Commissioners. I want to discuss some history before we talk about the current state of affairs and where we are. I remember in 2013, when we presented a plan to the community on how we will redevelop the Scioto Peninsula. It was a sea of parking lots. A lot has occurred since then.

The plan was to redevelop our riverfront, the Scioto Greenways, to build a new Veterans Memorial, build a new park and a new underground garage, and to add another cultural amenity. We recruited the American Museum of Natural History and brought them to Columbus. We still have a third cultural site for the future. In order to make this a true economic development entity, we wanted an 18 hour day and we wanted to create a mixed use development as well. It will be a cultural destination of the Midwest. Since that time, we have completed a lot of these projects with your help. The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is an \$80 million effort. We have gotten a lot of rave reviews from around the country about the National Veterans Memorial and Museum.

We are here today to talk about the mixed use development. We were assigned to redevelop this 56 acre site. What we decided to do is have a national competition. We sent our RFPs to about 170 developers around the country. We had 17 submit proposals for 14 different developers. We did our due diligence. We made site visits and interviews. We selected Buckingham. That is what we are recommending. (Powerpoint presentation and materials are with the Clerk)

Commissioner Brown: I have seen some of Buckingham's work.

Commissioner Boyce: Mr. Worley, can you talk about the comparison of what economically we were generating before we tore down Vets Memorial to what you are projecting once we complete this redevelopment? What were we doing before?

Mr. Worley: We haven't done a study of that because we have just got to this point on mixed use development. That will be something that we should do. If we only did the cultural amenities, that would only be one piece of the pie. We want people to live there, work there and spend their dollars there. There is 150,000 sq. ft. of retail space for food and beverage. Retail follows rooftops. Creating 1,700 residential units will help create

more opportunities. The museum will draw people to the peninsula to go to the restaurants. It will significantly help the redevelopment of East Franklinton, which is growing organically.

Commissioner Boyce: I like the way you illustrated that. If you look back ten years ago at downtown Columbus and the Columbus Commons, it was a much different look. There was an economic growth in Central Ohio. That is what we are talking about here. I love the role that Franklin County is playing in these projects. Historically, the County has been limited in its role. Over the last several years, the County has had a really great investment impact on some of these economic development projects and we will continue to do so. This is an example of being strategic about the access of resources that we have as a catalyst. This is a prime example of what happens when the City, County and private sector work together to do something that is big and important. Great work.

Mr. Worley: The entire River South District, the City Center Mall, an empty 1.2 million sq. ft. empty mall. The Commissioners made an investment, from an economic development point of view, of \$5,000,000. Columbus Commons then emerged and the green space, and now \$400,000,000 worth of new development has occurred between Columbus Commons and the Scioto Mile. The investment that the Commissioners made in the Scioto Mile, Scioto Greenways and the Columbus Commons has created and leveraged about \$400,000,000 worth of private development on what was a sea of parking lots. If you go back ten years, there was nothing but parking lots between the Statehouse and the Courthouse. That seed money that the Commissioners provided enabled us to put together that public/private partnership to do all of that work. We are taking the lessons we learned from the River South District neighborhood and applying that to the Scioto Peninsula.

Commissioner Brown: I think what is really important is the strategic investment in a neighborhood that will create jobs for everybody. That is where our dollars leverage so much more to make the community better for so many people.

President O'Grady: Over the last ten years, we have a different economic development focus in Franklin County. We decided that we wanted to be more impactful, have more partners and that we were making a difference. We wanted to bring projects forward that were going to make an impact. We are trying to do projects that are helping to create a community that are driving jobs and the economy. At the end of the day, we are a social service provider. Jobs are the best way to help those that are the most in need. We had the conversation about this project back in 2009. Don Brown and Jim Goodenow showed me the Construction Improvement Plan, saying that we could not continue to afford to fund the Veterans Memorial. It was too expensive for us to maintain. We were not generating enough dollars. I saw the numbers that it would take to maintain Veterans Memorial and it did not make any sense. The visionaries with ideas about this project met and we began talking about what the Veterans Memorial site could be. It took a long time to get to this point.

Mr. Worley: Thank you for your partnership as well.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 886-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 887-17, resolution authorizing the Data Sharing and Confidentially agreement between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Local Area 11, for the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Ms. Long.

Ms. Long: Commissioners, this is the annual Data Sharing and Confidentially Agreement between JFS and Local Areal 11 for the Workforce Development Board. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) seeks to align and continuously improve workforce, education, and economic development systems to effectively address employment and skill needs of workers, job seekers and employers. As you know, Local Area 11 is the geographical area that the state created. This annual resolution allows the data sharing to effectuate the end goals and results for outcomes of participants of WIOA.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 887-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 889-17, resolution appointing Trudy A. Bartley to the Franklin County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Ms. Long.

Ms. Long: Commissioners, this resolution would request your approval to appoint Trudy Bartley to the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Board to replace a vacancy that currently exists.

President O'Grady: We have a speaker for this resolution. Mr. Ashe, please come up and speak.

Mr. Ashe: I do not know who thought that appointing Ms. Bartley to the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Board, but it was a stroke of brilliance. Ms. Bartley helped my organization save two of the Poindexter buildings. Ms. Bartley is a woman of integrity. She is a community minded person. This is a wonderful opportunity of the County. I want to support Ms. Bartley in this appointment.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 889-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of December 12, 2017.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



MARILYN BROWN



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

Submitted by:



Antwan Booker, Clerk