

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

January 3, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

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

Also present on the dais were Ron O'Brien, 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 9:11 A.M.

President O'Grady: We would like to welcome our new County Commissioner Kevin L. Boyce. I can speak for my colleague, Commissioner Brown, when I say that we are extremely excited to have you with us. It is a beginning of a fantastic new year and we are looking forward to all of the great things we can get done this year.

Resolution No. 1-17, resolution authorizing appropriation adjustments and the acceptance of donations by the Coroner's Office for the 2017 Franklin County Opiate Crisis Summit (Coroner), presented by Dr. Anahi Ortiz, Coroner.

Dr. Ortiz: Thank you. Good morning and congratulations Commissioner Boyce. The resolution is authorizing appropriation adjustments and the acceptance of donations by the Coroner's Office for the 2017 Franklin County Opiate Crisis Summit. It will be held on March 22, 2017 at the Fawcett Center here in Columbus, Ohio.

Commissioner Brown: I know we had been working on a way for you to be able to accept donations. I am glad you were able to work that out.

Commissioner Brown moved for passage of Resolution 1-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Dr. Ortiz: Are there any questions?

President O'Grady: No. We are happy to be involved.

Dr. Ortiz: We have some great speakers coming from Baltimore and OSU.

President O'Grady: It is a big issue that we need to figure out how to tackle. Thank you for all your leadership on this.

Resolution No. 2-17, resolution approving Personnel Actions (Human Resources), presented by Rob Young, Director, Human Resources.

Mr. Young reviewed the list of personnel actions in the Resolution and requested the Commissioners' approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 3-17, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$117,259,199.55), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing the Purchasing Department. Before I present my resolution, I would like to explain the reasoning for the large dollar value of the Purchase Orders that are being requested for approval today.

At the end of each year, the Auditor cancels all open Purchase Orders from the previous year. In order for agencies to pay outstanding bills from last year and to pay for this fiscal year's bills, new Purchase Orders to encumber funds have to be approved. Consequently, January and February's General Sessions' resolutions will be for a greater number of Purchase Orders and a greater dollar amount.

Each agency is encumbering funds to pay for the supplies and services that have been approved in their budgets. This does not mean that they will be spending these funds immediately, but they are just encumbering funds so they will be available to pay invoices as they come to the agencies. As an example, I have encumbered \$1,500,000 for postage for the mail room. However, I will not expend all of those encumbered funds until October.

With that said, the Resolution before you requests your approval of 1,099 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

President O'Grady: Mr. Kuespert, what is the general number of Purchase Orders we have per week? Maybe a couple hundred?

Mr. Kuespert: Yes. Next week will be around 534 Purchase Orders for about \$30,000,000.

President O'Grady: Business will start slow, so today's agenda is light. It will get amped up soon.

Mr. Kuespert: Probably around mid-February will be the last of the big crux. Then we will go back to around one hundred or so as a normal resolution.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 3-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 4-17, resolution authorizing the 2017 commitment to the financing plan for the Public Safety Center Fund (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners, Zak Talarek with the Office of Management and Budget. This resolution will authorize a Purchase Order in the amount of \$46,000,000. This is in line with the financing plan for the new Jail and Forensic Science Center that was approved by Resolution No. 448-14. This is part of the total of \$200,000,000 from the temporary sales tax that was used to finance those facilities. Based on the debt service savings, this will avoid approximately \$100,000,000 in debt service costs by using the cash financing from the temporary sales tax rather than the issuance of debt.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 4-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 5-17, resolution authorizing a consulting services contract with Franklin Hirsch to support the County Hospital Commission of Franklin County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners) (\$16,000), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, this resolution is the annual contract with Frank Hirsch to serve as the administrative counsel for the Hospital Commission. The contract amount is \$16,000. It is the same as last year.

Commissioner Brown: Mr. Talarek, do you know how long Mr. Hirsch has been doing this work?

Mr. Talarek: I believe it is close to twenty years. I believe it has been since the 1990s when he started.

Commissioner Brown: Is he still wanting to do this work? He does such a good job.

Mr. Talarek: At the last Hospital Commission meeting we had in November, he expressed interest to continue.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 5-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 6-17, Resolution authorizing non-general fund appropriation adjustments for various bond financed projects (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, following the bond closing that happened at the end of 2016, there was not enough time to incorporate this into the approved budget that was approved at the end of the year. This resolution will approve appropriations for the Sanitary Engineer, Mon-E-Bak and Brown Road, from the note that issued for that project, as well as the parking facility bond fund, for the rehabilitation of the garages and installation of additional charging stations for electric vehicles.

President O'Grady: Anytime we are moving forward on the Brown Road, Mon-E-Bak situation is music to our ears.

Commissioner Boyce: Did our bond rating change on the bonds?

Mr. Talarek: We received a AAA rating from both Moody and Standard and Poors.

Commissioner Boyce: Remained the same?

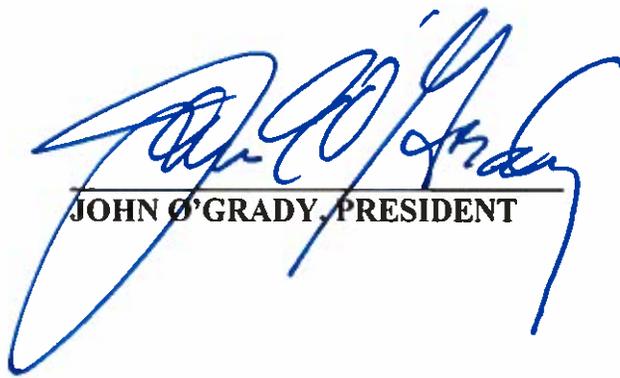
Mr. Talarek: Remained the same.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 6-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of January 3, 2017.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



MARILYN BROWN



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

Submitted by:



Antwan Booker, Clerk