

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

January 24, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 24, 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.

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

**Resolution No. 25-17**, resolution authorizing a modification to the contract with Nikish Software Corporation approving one no-cost amendment regarding Invitation to Bid 2007-21-31 (Auditor), presented by Brian Katz, Chief Counsel, Auditor's Office.

Mr. Katz: Good morning Commissioners, Brian Katz, Chief Counsel at the County Auditor's Office. We are here this morning for the eleventh modification with Nikish to complete the transition and knowledge transfer period, extending the deadline from last week to February 3, 2017 and withholding its final payment until the completion of the February 3<sup>rd</sup> date at no additional cost to the County.

Commissioner Boyce moved for passage of Resolution 25-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 26-17**, resolution authorizing a contract with The Meeting Connection by the Coroner's Office for the provision of services in support of the 2017 Franklin County Opiate Crisis Summit (Coroner) (\$12,500), presented by Matthew Caudill, Director, Coroner's Office.

Mr. Caudill: Good morning, Matthew Caudill, Director, Coroner's Office on behalf of Dr. Ortiz. We are asking for the Commissioners to authorize a contract with The Meeting Connection to support the Coroner's Office in providing services for the upcoming 2017 Franklin County Opiate Crisis Summit. The terms of the contract would cover Summit planning, logistics, development of the schedule and the agenda, oversight and support of

the speakers, moderators, vendors and volunteers and including on site management and the various partners that participate in this. We solicited the appropriate number of proposals and what has emerged is that The Meeting Connection was judged to be the best and lowest cost. We would respectfully ask that you allow us to enter into this contract.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 26-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 27-17**, resolution approving a ditch maintenance petition for Villages at Jefferson Run, Phase 3, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Drainage Engineer), presented by Dean Ringle, Count Engineer, Engineer's Office and Cornell Robertson, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Ringle: Good morning Commissioners, Dean Ringle, County Engineer and Drainage Engineer.

Mr. Robertson: Cornell Robertson, Chief Deputy Engineer.

Mr. Ringle: Commissioners, the first resolution is a ditch maintenance petition. As new subdivisions are created, this helps get the stormwater system maintained for the first several years.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 27-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 28-17**, resolution authorizing a transfer of funds for the Stormwater Management Program (Drainage Engineer), presented by Mr. Ringle.

Mr. Ringle: This is a resolution we need to be able to expend any funds out of the Stormwater Program. This covers not only the maintenance of the waterways and drainage systems, but also stormwater funds and some of the MORPC Clean Water Programs. This is requesting \$677,750 for the first half of the year.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 28-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 29-17**, resolution authorizing a contract with Gannett Fleming Engineers and Architects, P.C., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing preliminary engineering for the Alum Creek Drive at Rohr Road improvement project, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$155,445), presented by Mr. Ringle.

Mr. Ringle: Commissioners, as you know there have been multiple projects planned and being worked on for the corridor of Alum Creek Drive as it connects Rickenbacker to the freeways and adjacent properties. This particular intersection is the next phase we are looking at to improve. We have gone through the consulting selection process and selected Gannett Fleming to assist us.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 29-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 30-17**, resolution approving a contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in preparing right-of-way and construction plans for the Smothers Road at Schott Road Red Bank Road improvement project, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$149,106), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this capital improvement project is in the northeast part of the County in Blendon Township and Plain Township. This resolution is for a design contract with AECOM to prepare right-of-way plans and construction plans. We used a qualification based selection process. AECOM is a local firm and we have worked with them in the past.

Mr. Ringle: This is in conjunction with Delaware County. They are sharing in the cost.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 30-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 31-17**, resolution authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with ms consultants, inc. for the improvement of Winchester Pike at Ebright Road Shannon Road (an increase of \$69,182.00) for a revised contract amount of \$444,949.00 (Engineer) (\$69,182), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this capital improvement project is in the southeast part of the County in Madison Township at the intersection of Winchester Pike, Ebright Road and Shannon Road. This resolution is for a contract modification to incorporate the City of Columbus' new stormwater management regulations.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 31-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 32-17**, resolution for the approval of the Villages at Jefferson Run, Phase 3 subdivision plat, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this resolution is for a subdivision in the northeast part of the County in Jefferson Township. It is east of Waggoner Road and south of Havens Corner Road. This resolution is for the final plat, which is ready for your approval and signature.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 32-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

President O'Grady: We have some special guests this morning. Last week, I was honored to be at the Columbus Blue Jackets game with our friends from Experience Columbus, the Mayor of Columbus, and City Council President to receive an award. We have Brian Ross, President, Experience Columbus and Linda Logan, Executive Director, Greater Columbus Sports Commission. Please come up and explain the award that the City received.

Mr. Ross: Thank you Commissioners. We are excited to be here. This is a community award. This award we won for being the best visitor satisfaction destination in the Midwest. It is always nice when you can beat out Chicago, IL. We were also able to finish in front of Minneapolis, MN; Kansas City, MO; St. Louis, MO; and Cincinnati, OH. It was something that we all should be very proud of. JD Power is a very prestigious, global market research company. For us to receive this award, it continues to raise our brand and awareness nationally and internationally. It also continues to show that we are an emerging destination for the tourism economy. We know we would not be in that position and have in place some of the initiatives without the County Commissioners' support and personal involvement. We are very appreciative of that. On behalf of the tourism industry, we present you with this JD Power Award to give to you.

(round of applause)

Commissioner Brown: What does JD Power look for when they do their assessment?

Mr. Ross: There are different categories. It is the ease of getting to the destination and getting around. The food and beverage offerings in the destination. The hotel offerings in the destination. Also the entertainment options, things to do in the destination.

President O'Grady: There were four of these awards given around the country, correct?

Ms. Logan: Yes, New Orleans, LA; Las Vegas, NV; Orlando, FL; and Austin, TX. We are in great company with some great tourism destinations.

Commissioner Brown: In this part of the country, for us to get it is so incredibly wonderful.

Ms. Logan: With all of the excitement of CTAs in this room and the community and all of the great work being done throughout Franklin County.

(group picture)

**Resolution No. 33-17**, resolution authorizing a contract with the Columbus Health Department for limited laboratory services for incarcerated inmates (Sheriff) (\$30,000), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Masterson: Good morning Commissioners, Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services for Sheriff Dallas Baldwin. This resolution authorizes a contract with the Columbus Health Department to perform STD testing services as needed for the inmates in the County Correctional Facilities. It is a one year contract through the end of 2017.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 33-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 34-17**, resolution authorizing contracts for Canned, Dry, Frozen and Dairy Food products for the Franklin County Correctional Facilities (Sheriff) (\$1,300,000), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, this resolution authorizes a six month contract through August 1, 2017 to supply the jails with the aforementioned canned, dry, frozen and dairy foods. All items have a firm and fixed price through the contract expiration and are part of the certified menu for the Corrections Division. It was competitively bid through County Purchasing and the vendors were selected based on price and delivery capabilities.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 34-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 35-17**, resolution declaring intent to proceed with the question of a tax levy for the support of senior citizen services to the electors of Franklin County at the May 2, 2017 election (Office On Aging), presented by Jesse Hemphill, Chair, Human Services Levy Review Committee.

Mr. Hemphill: Good morning Commissioners. Jesse Hemphill, Chair, Human Services Levy Review Committee. The Committee has reviewed a request for a tax levy of the Office on Aging. I have with me Antonia Carroll, Director, Office on Aging. The Committee consists of seven members that are appointed by the Commissioners over the years. The Committee has met over the last three months and reviewed the request for the Office on Aging. The request contains a renewal of the existing 1.3 mills, plus an additional .45 mills for a total of 1.75 mills. The levy is something that we feel is necessary to service the growing population of older adults in Franklin County. It will be placed on the May 2, 2017 ballot for tax collections commencing on January 1, 2018. The levy will require an additional increase of an owner of \$100,000 house in Franklin County, \$15.75 per year. The total amount will be \$55.45. The prerequisites for this to be placed on the ballot that a

certificate of estimated resources be obtained by the County Auditor and that the ballot language be approved by the County Commissioners.

President O'Grady: This past Saturday I went before the screening committee of the Franklin County Democratic Party and asked them to make a recommendation to the central committee for the endorsement of this levy. That will happen tomorrow night, hopefully. Hopefully we will get this ball rolling and get it approved today, endorsed tomorrow night and passed in May.

Commissioner Brown: We do not ask for an increase lightly. We know that taxes are tight and finances are not easy, but this is necessary. Ms. Carroll, can you talk a little bit about why this is necessary at this time?

Ms. Carroll: We are experiencing a significant growth in the number of older adults in our community that are needing home and community based care services. Without this modest increase of \$15.75, which I generally refer to as a pizza and a beer, an annual pizza and a beer. We could not support going forward with the caseload I anticipate we will end up with at the end of 2017. What this modest increase would allow us to do is continue to grow a little bit for each of the next five years, starting in 2018, so that services such as home delivered meals, medical transportation, emergency response buttons, adult day health, and personal care can continue to be made available. So folks who are able to and want to stay at home will be able to do so. It is much more cost effective and it responds significantly to everyone's personal preference, which is to stay at home as long as possible.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you Ms. Carroll. I think that is the message we need to get out because it is a necessary levy. We have to keep people in their homes longer. We have more and more baby-boomers aging and we have more people in our community as we are growing.

President O'Grady: It is considerably more affordable for people to stay at home.

Ms. Carroll: When people are housed in an institutional setting, when they do not really need to be there, we as taxpayers end up paying that bill as well, if they go on Medicaid. It is in our best interest to help people stay at home as long as possible.

Mr. Hemphill: Commissioners, I would like to say that the Committee really struggled with the increase component of the request. After doing due diligence and listening to the workers at the Office on Aging, we concluded that it should be part of the request.

Ms. Carroll: I would like to thank the members of the Committee for taking the time to dig into this with us and OMB that helped shepherd us through this process. It was rocky to the extent that we were asking for an increase, but we had a good message and it was heard.

Commissioner Boyce: The only thing I would add is that the beauty of the democratic process is that it is now up to the voters. This action allows us to put it before the voters and allow them to be a part of the democratic process that sets the policy, as in terms of how much tax they pay. I am very supportive of this action because at the end of the day we are giving the people the real power to be the decision makers.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 35-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 36-17**, resolution authorizing a consultant contract with Linda Norris, M.A., for professional mediation services (Child Support Enforcement) (\$11,000), presented by Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Ms. Torriero: Good morning Commissioners, Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement. The resolution before you today authorizes a contract with an experienced mediator, Linda Norris. This contract financially is supported by federal grant dollars. The federal grant is called Access and Visitation. There is a long body of research that shows that non-custodial parents that are involved in the day-to-day lives of their children find paying their financial child support easier. There is a direct relationship. Having mediation services at our facility and at the time that the parents are in our offices to establish a child support order is one way for us to facilitate that kind of ongoing interaction between parent and child. Ms. Norris is also a contract mediator with the Franklin County Juvenile and Domestic Court. She has a lot of experience mediating in this area.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 36-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 37-17**, 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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 37-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 38-17**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$13,852,790.36), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing. Commissioners, like the previous three weeks, these purchase orders are also new purchase

orders to encumber funds to pay for the agencies' goods and services needed this fiscal year. The resolution before you requests your approval of 346 purchase orders. These purchase orders have been pre-certified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 38-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 39-17**, resolution authorizing an application to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas for employment of Bricker & Eckler to perform services associated with arbitrage, rebate, and yield restriction compliance during 2017 (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. The Revised Code requires an application to the Court of Common Pleas for the hiring of outside counsel before we can bring forth a contract. This is the annual request for the court order to hire Bricker & Eckler for rebate calculations to ensure that the County is in compliance with IRS requirements related to our tax exempt debt, as well as to ensure that there is no liability owed for earning interest on debt proceeds that we provide for the Auditor of State.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 39-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 40-17**, resolution authorizing an application to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas for employment of Ice Miller to serve as legal counsel regarding labor relations matters during calendar year 2017 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: Similar to the previous resolution, this would be for legal counsel to assist with collective bargaining negotiations as well as workers' compensation cases.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 40-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 41-17**, resolution authorizing an application to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas for employment of Frost, Brown and Todd to serve as bond counsel and provide advice in public finance matters during 2017 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: This is the final of the court orders, which would allow for appointment of legal counsel for bond counsel as well as update to our post issuance compliance policy.



Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 41-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 42-17**, resolution reconciling 2017 Non-General Fund appropriations to align with the amended certificate of estimated resources (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: Commissioners, when the 2017 Budget was approved in December of 2016, it was based on beginning cash balances that were estimated for the year. Now that we have the actual balances, there is one fund that requires a decrease in appropriations since expenditures were higher than anticipated. There are supplemental appropriations in four funds required for invoices that weren't paid prior to the end of the year for carryover expenses primarily.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 42-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 43-17**, resolution appointing member Kevin L. Boyce and alternate Erik J. Janas to the District 3 Public Works Integrating Committee (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator.

Mr. Janas: Good morning Commissioners, Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator. This is in accordance with your annual board appointment assignments that you make. This would clarify that Commissioner Boyce is the representative to the Public Works Integrating Committee and I will be the alternate.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 43-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 44-17**, resolution reappointing Peggy S. Anderson, LISW-S to the Franklin County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Janas.

Mr. Janas: Commissioners, this will be for the reappointment of Peggy Anderson, who has been a board member in very good standing and is scheduled to be the next Chair of the ADAMH Board.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 44-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 45-17**, resolution appointing James Schimmer to the Workforce Development Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Janas.

Mr. Janas: Commissioners, this appointment of Director Schimmer would be for the seat previously held by Rollin Seward, who retired back in October.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 45-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 46-17**, resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Franklin County Family and Children First Council (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Janas.

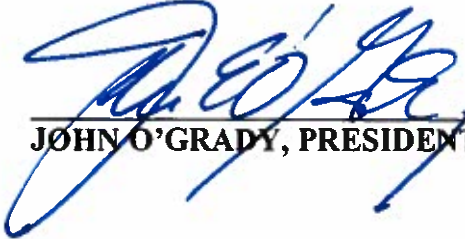
Mr. Janas: Commissioners, this resolution would allow for the Board President to enter into and sign the MOU with the Franklin County Family and Children First Council with the other partners. This MOU would be through June 30, 2018. There were a couple of slight changes. Largely language assuring that there will be at all times appropriate parent representation on the Council.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 46-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.


There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of January 24, 2017.

  
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**JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT**

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**MARILYN BROWN**

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

Submitted by:

  
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Antwan Booker, Clerk