

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

January 31, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 31, 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 9:02 A.M.

On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Organizational Meeting, the minutes of January 3, and January 10, 2017 General Session and the minutes of January 5, 2017 Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

President O'Grady: Before we get started today I want to take a moment to acknowledge something that's going on in our country. The recent ban of immigrants and visitors from certain countries based on their religion or national origin is un-American and we know that it affects many of our residents here in Franklin County.

We're going to be issuing a statement about this later today, and then Friday we're going to host a meeting of agencies that serve refugees and immigrants that will be spearheaded by Commissioner Boyce and aimed at figuring out what more we can do to help our new American neighbors.

My grandparents moved to the U.S. from Ireland, which means that I'm only one generation removed from being an immigrant myself. Many of us in this room are only a generation or two from being in the same boat as the folks who are affected by the President's recent Executive Order.

But this country gave my family the chance to work hard to help build this country and that's all that anyone else is asking for.

Franklin County is proudly diverse and has always been a welcoming place. We are a stronger nation because of our immigrant neighbors. And here in Franklin County, we're going to continue to work with them to help this community continue to be great.

Resolution No. 47-17, resolution authorizing a one year contract with Court Appointed Special Advocates of Franklin County (Domestic Relations) (\$359,200), presented by Barbara Reeves, Deputy Director, Domestic Relations Court and Kathy Kerr, Executive Director, CASA.

Ms. Reeves: Good morning Commissioners, Barbara Reeves, Deputy Director with the court. With me this morning is Kathy Kerr, Executive Director, CASA. This resolution is requesting a renewal of a contract with the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Franklin County. CASA provides volunteers and attorneys to serve as guardian ad litem on abuse, neglect and dependency cases. This contract represents an increase of \$93,517 which will allow CASA to provide additional services to youth. I would like to turn it over to Ms. Kerr to talk a little more about the CASA program.

Ms. Kerr: Good morning Commissioners, and thank you for allowing me to have a couple of minutes to talk about CASA. As you know, Ohio law states that any abused or neglected child must have a guardian ad litem. Someone that speaks for them at court. This is what CASA is all about. We work with volunteers from the community that we train and they can work with these children and be their voice in court. If we do not have our volunteers, we do not have a program. One of the things I would like to share is the fact that we are always looking for volunteers. We have three major training classes a year. If anyone is interested or has a passion to work with these children, there are about 3,000 children in Franklin County a year that are in under Franklin County Children Services and in the court system because their parents are struggling.

President O'Grady: Ms. Kerr, how do folks reach out to your organization if they want to volunteer?

Ms. Kerr: If anyone is interested, casacolumbus.org would be the best way. We are particularly in need of men. Half of the children we serve, which is around 850/year, are boys. It is about 8 hours of your time a month. The difference between CASA and getting a court appointed attorney, is that our volunteers only work with one case, where attorneys may have 40-50 cases. Because of that, the County and Commissioners expect us to take the most challenging cases. If we have the right volunteers, we can help each one of these children have a brighter future.

Commissioner Brown: Ms. Kerr, is there a phone number if someone does not have access to a computer?

Ms. Kerr: Yes, it is 614-525-7450.

President O'Grady: So the website and phone number is casacolumbus.org and 614-525-7450?

Ms. Kerr: Yes.

President O'Grady: You also mentioned some dates in Briefing Session. Can you talk about those briefly?

Ms. Kerr: One event that we are excited about this year is Arty Party. This is going to be an event where children of Franklin County do art projects that will benefit abused and neglected children. We are really excited about that. It is going to be May 5th. All of the details will be on our website. Every year we have our major signature event called Speak Up for Children, where we are able to share testimonies and more about CASA. This event is going to be September 15th. We would love for people to check us out.

Commissioner Boyce moved for passage of Resolution 47-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 48-17, resolution authorizing a one year contract with Netcare Corporation for various psychological services (Domestic Relations) (\$167,000), presented by Ms. Reeves.

Ms. Reeves: This resolution requests a contract renewal with Netcare that provides the psychological evaluations that have been ordered by the court. The rates for this contract have remained the same as last year.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 48-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 49-17, resolution authorizing a one year contract with Forum Ohio LLC for various psychological services (Domestic Relations) (\$88,000), presented by Ms. Reeves.

Ms. Reeves: This resolution is also requesting a renewal of a contract with Forum Ohio that provides the psychological evaluations that have been ordered by the court. The rates have remained the same from last year.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 49-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 50-17, resolution supporting the Sheriff's Office to continue as lead agency in the Countywide DUI Task Force, and the approval of contracts with 23 member agencies participating on the Countywide DUI Task Force (Sheriff) (\$224,574.05), 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 does support the Sheriff's Office as the lead agency on the Countywide DUI Task Force in order to help reduce alcohol related traffic accidents through sobriety checkpoints and saturation paroles. It would include the administration, implementation and oversight of a \$224,000 grant. The second portion of the resolution approves the contracts, acquired by the state for other law enforcement agencies that are participating on the Task Force. There are twenty-three contracts that will be approved with the passage of this resolution. This will be the eleventh year that the Sheriff is fulfilling the role as grant administrator.

President O'Grady: Mr. Masterson, this sets up DUI checkpoints throughout the year of 2017?

Mr. Masterson: The grant runs on the Federal fiscal year, so it actually started on October 1, 2016. It will run through September 30. We continue to see well into the future.

Commissioner Brown: I have a question about the success in reducing alcohol and driving use. You said you've been doing this for eleven years, do you have any data that shows that it actually works to do these checkpoints?

Mr. Masterson: I do not have it with me, but I can definitely get you the statistics.

Commissioner Brown: That is good for us to see.

Ms. Masterson: I will inquire of our patrol division and find out the statistics of what they are accomplishing with the grant. I do know that when they have the sobriety checkpoints, there are on average 1-2 impaired driving, and also an outstanding warrants.

Commissioner Brown: Do you get people into treatment? Or does someone in the jail get them in some sort of treatment program?

Mr. Masterson: That is a very good question and I will inquire about that.

Commissioner Brown: It is an interesting thing, when we are looking so much to divert from the jails.

Mr. Masterson: We do have AA programs in the jails that they are participating in. I will definitely get more information and get that information to you.

President O'Grady: It is also an awareness. These things go out and alert the media.

Commissioner Brown: I am not suggesting that it is a bad thing to do, but I would like to know if we are actually doing something that reduces the use of alcohol and driving.

Commissioner Boyce: The one thing I would add here is, that I have an opportunity to tour and look at our jail facility and the new jail we are in the process of building. What I understand is that there are a lot of opportunities for us to address a lot of the non-violent criminal acts in a treatment or programmatic way based on the new facility set up. This is an example connected to the new jailhouse where we are really going to have an opportunity to help citizens more than just incarcerate them and have them pay a penalty for violating the law.

Mr. Masterson: Programming is definitely one of the high points of the facility to set up as many programming opportunities for the inmates while they are there to help with recidivism.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 50-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 51-17, resolution authorizing a contract with United American Capital Corporation for investment advisory services (Treasurer) (\$126,250), presented by Ron Hagan, Treasurer.

Mr. Hagan: Good morning Commissioners. My name is Ron Hagan, Franklin County Treasurer and with me is Emily Perkins, Director of Investments. We are asking for an increase in the term of one year on this contract. They have done a great job of working with us and cannot say enough of how much we look forward to improving and continuing the improvement of our investments.

President O'Grady: You have a good team and I have known Dennis Yacobozzi and Kevin Klingel for over thirty-five years. They are professionals and great at what they do. They have a fantastic reputation.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 51-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 52-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for floodplain review (Economic Development and Planning) (\$25,000), presented by Matthew Brown, Planning Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Brown: Good morning Commissioners, Matt Brown, Planning Administrator for the Economic Development and Planning Department. This resolution is requesting authorization of a contract with Stantec Consulting Services to provide floodplain review services for the Economic Development Planning Department in the unincorporated areas of Franklin County. A request for qualifications was issued by the Purchasing Department in 2016 for a floodplain review consultant. Two qualifications were submitted. Our evaluations determined that Stantec Consulting Services was best able to provide the

services requested. The recommended contract amount has been budgeted and is not to exceed \$25,000. The contract will be for one year with the option to extend for four additional one year periods.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 52-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 53-17, resolution authorizing a IV-D contract with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (Child Support Enforcement) (\$321,883.68), presented by Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement Agency.

Ms. Torriero: Good morning Commissioners, Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement Agency. This is our annual interagency contract authorized by Section IV-D of the Social Security Act of 1974. We contract with the Sheriff's Office for two Sheriff Deputies and a part time clerical person to serve our civil, habeas and criminal warrants for obligors who are not compliant with their order.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 53-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 54-17, resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claim against the County by Mary Letner (Human Resources) (\$5,000), presented by Rob Young, Director, Human Resources and Jerry Bower, Risk Manager, Human Resources.

Mr. Young: Good morning Commissioners, Rob Young representing Human Resources. With me is Jerry Bower, Risk Manager and he will take you through the first resolution.

Mr. Bower: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution closes out a former employee's workers compensation claim.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 54-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote with President O'Grady abstaining.

Resolution No. 55-17, resolution authorizing a contract with OptumRx PBM of Illinois, Inc. to provide pharmacy benefit manager services for members of the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (Human Resources) (\$750,000), presented by Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

Ms. Leis: Good morning Commissioners, Jodi Leis, Human Resources. This resolution would authorize a thirty-nine month contract extension with OptumRX for pharmacy benefits management services. It also converts our existing contract to one leveraging a group purchasing agreement through Employer's Health. The group purchasing agreement

is expected to provide us some significant savings of upward of \$3,000,000 a year, as a result of lower administrative fees, deeper discounts and improved rebates. We also benefit from the oversight of Employer's Health as it pertains to this group purchasing agreement in that that they conduct an annual claims audit. I think the most important piece as a result of the ever changing landscape of the pharmacy industry, is that they do a market check. They will renegotiate the terms of the contract with OptumRX to make sure we are getting the best deals that are available. I might add that all of this is being implemented without any member disruption, no pharmacy network changes, no formulary changes, clinical management programs remain the same, copays remain the same and our ID cards remain the same. Both the Purchasing Department and the Prosecutor's Office have vetted the contract documents that you will be asked to sign.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 55-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 56-17, resolution approving Personnel Actions (Human Resources), presented by Mr. Young.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 56-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 57-17, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$5,933,341.04), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing Department.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing the Purchasing Department. The resolution before you requests your approval of 171 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 57-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 58-17, resolution to designate the Official Representative and Alternate for the purpose of voting at the Annual Meeting of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio in 2017 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator.

Mr. Janas: Good morning Commissioners, Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator. This is the annual resolution designating a voting member and alternate to the CCAO annual meeting.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 58-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 59-17, resolution Authoring the Renewal Agreement for the Local Workforce Development Area Memorandum of Understanding for State Fiscal Year 2017 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Janas.

Mr. Janas: Commissioners, this is the second MOU in a row for State Fiscal Year 2017. It extends the terms of the original MOU from 2014, 2015 with all of the various actors and players involved in our workforce activities. This extension is so we can continue to reform and update the system as we transition to the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act that was enacted back in 2014.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 59-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 60-17, resolution reappointing/appointing members to the Franklin County Criminal Justice Planning Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Melissa Pierson, Grant Administrator, Homeland Security and Justice Programs.

Ms. Pierson: Good morning Commissioners, Melissa Pierson, on behalf of the Homeland Security and Justice Programs. The Criminal Justice Planning Board is responsible for system-wide justice planning, which includes development and maintenance of the comprehensive strategic plan. This helps outline a variety of our key initiatives. From this plan we are better able to allocate resources, including those received from state and federal justice grants, determine training and technical assistance needs. Per ORC, membership includes a majority of local elected officials and representatives from justice organizations. The term of the appointments are for one year. We are recommending the composition remain largely the same, with the addition of three new appointments to replace outgoing membership. Specifically, Frankie Nolan from COWIC, replacing Susan Coleman-Tolbert; Judge Michal Holbrook, Common Pleas Court, replacing Judge Stephen McIntosh; and Sheriff Dallas Baldwin, replacing former Sheriff Zack Scott.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 60-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 61-17, resolution reappointing/appointing members to the Franklin County Community Corrections Planning Board. (Board of Commissioners), presented by Ms. Pierson.

Ms. Pierson: Commissioners, the Homeland Security and Justice Programs is not the administrative agency to the Community Corrections Planning Board. However, I would consider us the sister agency, as the two boards meet concurrently. Similar to the Criminal

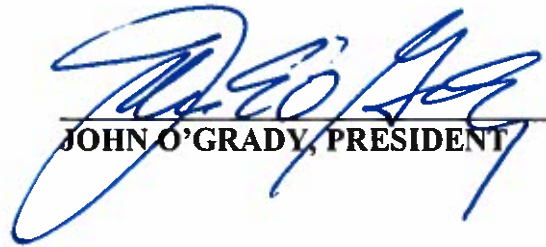
Justice Planning Board, the Community Corrections Planning Board is responsible for local community corrections, including their funding planning. Membership is detailed per the ORC and the composition is largely the same as that of the Criminal Justice Planning Board. Again, the composition recommended before you reflects the same three changes.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 61-17, 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 9:30 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of January 31, 2017.


JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Submitted by:


Antwan Booker, Clerk