

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

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

Also present on the dais were Harold Anderson, Director, Business, Contracts and Zoning Unit, 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 9:04 A.M.

President O'Grady: February is Black History Month. This morning we have a special guest with us. Ms. Keisha Gibbs is the Branch Manager for the Columbus Metropolitan Library—MLK Branch.

Ms. Gibbs: Good morning Commissioners. Thank you for having me out this morning.

President O'Grady: Can you tell us where your library is located for those in the audience and watching on TV?

Ms. Gibbs: It is at 1600 E. Long St. Really close to East High School and OSU East. The Columbus Metropolitan Library has been celebrating Black History Month all month long with a variety of performers, ranging from African Drum Circles to storytellers to first person portrayals of historic figures. We will also be having a special event on February 27, 2017 at 10am at the main library to celebrate our fourth year of our African American historical collection. It is a really awesome collection that is packed with a bunch of different resources that range from photos and images of family life, neighborhoods, politics, military, church and music history. Our event on February 27<sup>th</sup> is going to highlight former Mayor Coleman's collection. He will also be our keynote speaker. Mr. Coleman was there to kick off the event in 2013. I brought some examples of some photos.

Commissioner Brown: Is the event free to the public?

Ms. Gibbs: It is absolutely free and parking is free.

Commissioner Brown: What time is the event?

Ms. Gibbs: It starts at 10am. We will also have a member of our advisory committee, Dr. Jefferies, will be speaking and Pat Williams from the Ohio Humanities Council, who is our grant partner. We just finished a great grant with them that allows for us to have some enhancements to our collection. I have three images for each Commissioner. The first one is a portrait of Rev. James Poindexter. This is from Second Baptist Church. Second Baptist Church has its own collection that they curate, and Sandra Jamison takes care of that. We were able to meet with them and be able to add these items to our collection. This is one of my favorites from the collection.

The second photo is a fun one. It is of Rusty Bryant, who is an American Jazz musician. He is greeting Nat King Cole on one of his visits to Columbus. I thought that was pretty awesome that Nat King Cole was here in Columbus. This photo was donated by one of our members of our advisory committee, Arnet Howard, he donated quite a bit of images.

The last image is of Mt. Vernon Ave. It is a Mt. Vernon Ave. parade. It is a photograph by Marion Richardson from 1949. This was also donated from Mr. Howard.

Commissioner Brown: This is so great.

President O'Grady: This is donated by Mr. Howard?

Ms. Gibbs: Yes, he is on our advisory committee and he has donated so much to the collection.

Commissioner Boyce: There are three copies. Do we get to keep these?

Ms. Gibbs: Yes, those are for you to keep.

Commissioner Brown: Are these online?

Ms. Gibbs: They are online. I also brought bookmarks for everyone else to show where the digital collection is available.

Commissioner Brown: This is so great. I love this. Thank you.

Ms. Gibbs: You are welcome. It is so awesome because if you have family that lives out of state and is doing a project and has to look up their genealogy, they are able to access these photos as well. What we do is borrow them, scan them, add them to the collection and give them back to you. We also have a number of historical newspapers. If someone is doing research and needs different items for that, we have the resources available. Last year our biggest addition was the Palladium of Liberty Newspaper that dated back to 1843-1844. It is an opportunity to reach all generations and able to view the history of blacks in Columbus, OH.

Commissioner Brown: To get online for the collection of digital images, which website do you go to?

Ms. Gibbs: You go to our website which is [columbuslibrary.org](http://columbuslibrary.org). There is a link to My History page. You go on that link and there is a variety of other digital collections as well. It is a lot of fun. You can search by neighborhoods, time periods, subjects and other things.

Commissioner Boyce: If you have some materials that you want to donate, where would I take those?

Ms. Gibbs: You can either go to the main library in our local history and genealogy department and they can scan them for you on site. Or you can stop by any of our other twenty-three locations and we will make sure they get to the main library.

Commissioner Boyce: What if I want to donate it and never want to see it again?

Ms. Gibbs: Take it down to the local history and genealogy department. They are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. On February 27<sup>th</sup>, we will also be doing scanning on site as well and tours of the local history and genealogy department. As you know, the library just got renovated and it is looking spectacular.

Commissioner Boyce: I ask because my grandmother passed away a few years ago, and all of her things are in my garage. I plan on cleaning it out this spring, but I know in there are some things that may be historical for you.

Ms. Gibbs: We would love to have it. A lot of people find things in their garage and basements that they think may not mean anything. To see the clothing from different time periods and different events that are going on tells a lot about our history. Please bring them to us.

Commissioner Boyce: Definitely.

Commissioner Brown: Thank you so much for being here today.

Ms. Gibbs: You're welcome. I have bookmarks that I will leave for anybody who wants to know anything about the collection.

Commissioner Boyce: Thanks for the photos.

Commissioner Brown: The event is on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Gibbs: Yes, Monday, February 27, 2017.

Commissioner Boyce: Do you know what they are celebrating in the parade on Mt. Vernon Ave.?

Ms. Gibbs: I do not know what they are celebrating. I know the date from the parade was from 1949 and the photograph was by Marion Richardson. There is a lot of information with each photograph, but the information is provided by the person who has loaned it. Some pictures may

have more information than others. Our staff and librarians in local history do a lot of research to find more information about it.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you.

Ms. Gibbs: I find that photo particularly interesting because our branch is close to Mt. Vernon Ave. It looks a lot different than it did back then.

Commissioner Boyce: The one thing that I am noticing on here is the electric street car.

Ms. Gibbs: Yes.

Commissioners: Thank you.

(round of applause)

**Resolution No. 96-17**, resolution amending the Procurement Card Program Policies and Procedures (Auditor), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners, Zak Talarek with the Office of Management and Budget. During the implementation of the Procurement Card Program over the last eighteen months, the Auditor's Office, Purchasing Department and the Office of Management and Budget have identified necessary updates to the policies and procedures that were initially approved by the Board in 2014. This includes the establishment of a procurement card coordinating committee that consists of the Chief Financial Officer of the Auditor's Office, the Director of Purchasing Department and the Director of Office of Management and Budget, establishment of process for clarifying and amending a list of allowable work related expenditures, and clarifying that the documents should be maintained in accordance to the agency's approved records retention schedule for accounts payable documents.

Commissioner Brown moved for passage of Resolution 96-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 97-17**, resolution approving the 2016 Annual County Highway System Mileage Report (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer's Office and Carla Marable, Project Assistant, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning, Cornell Robertson representing County Engineer Dean Ringle.

Ms. Marable: Carla Marable with the Real Estate Department.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this first resolution is the Annual County Highway mileage report. The mileage for 2016 is approximately 264 miles. That is down about four miles from the year before due to annexations, transfers, dedications and vacations of road right of ways.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 97-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 98-17**, resolution accepting Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in preparing right-of-way and construction plans for the Bridge End Dam Repair project, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$26,401), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this capital improvement project will repair deck joints at various bridges throughout the County. This resolution is for a design contract with OHM to prepare right-of-way and construction plans. We used the qualifications based selection process. We have worked with OHM before and would recommend your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 98-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 99-17**, resolution authorizing contracts with Affiliated Resource Group, Inc., Direct IT Ltd. and Halls Construction Material Testing, Inc. to provide expert consulting services (Engineer) (\$162,050), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, this resolution is for professional services contracts. The Affiliated Resource Group will help support various information system initiatives. Direct IT will help us transition into a new work manager program. Halls will help us with testing of asphalt resurfacing projects.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 99-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 100-17**, resolution authorizing the renaming of Old State Route 665. (Engineer), presented by Ms. Marable.

Ms. Marable: Commissioners, this resolution seeks authorization to rename Old State Route 665. The Hamilton Township Trustees passed a resolution on January 11, 2017 to rename that portion of Old State Route 665 in honor of a long time resident Richard Armstrong. The Armstrong resident is the only one effected by this change.

Commissioner Brown: They are the only ones who would have to do all the changes?

Ms. Marable: Yes.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 100-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 101-17**, resolution to accept Bobwhite Drive, Cicada Street, and Bohannon Street 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 acceptance of streets in the Jefferson Run Phase 3 subdivision. These roads will now be included as part of the Jefferson Township road inventory. The Franklin County Engineer's Office has inspected the streets and determined that they have been built according to plan and according to standards.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 101-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 102-17**, resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the acknowledgement of the donation of real property associated with the establishing of Riggins Road (formerly Hayden Run Boulevard) from Avery Road to Wilcox Road, Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Long: Good morning Commissioners. Kris Long, Deputy Administrator. In April of 2014, the Board adopted a resolution declaring it necessary to establish Riggins Road (formerly Hayden Run Boulevard) from Avery Road to Wilcox Road. In June 2016, when negotiating acquisition of real property, a property owner B. Truman, Ltd, voluntarily donated real property and is seeking assistance in the execution of certain documents to acknowledge the donation of the real property. This resolution would authorize the County Administrator to execute documents on their behalf. Mr. Robertson is here to answer any questions about the road itself and Barry Robinson, attorney representing the property donor, is also here. This has been reviewed by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 102-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 103-17**, resolution approving a subaward agreement with Partners Achieving Community Transformation dba PACT for health sciences educational programming and Parent University instruction (Job and Family Services) (\$149,295.33), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Good morning Commissioners, Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services. This resolution will approve a contract with Partners Achieving Community Transformation also known as PACT to provide educational programming for children and parents on the near east side of Columbus. PACT is a collaborative partnership between The Ohio State University, Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, the City of Columbus and stakeholders who are taking a holistic approach to community development on the near east side. Improving educational outcomes is a key component of this initiative. This resolution will fund health and science programming, co-curricular experiences and develop and offer in conjunction with COSI for an estimated 2,400 students across seven different near east side schools. The schools are East High School, Champion Middle School, Eastgate, Ohio Avenue, East Columbus, Trevitt and Beatty Park Elementary Schools. It will also fund the second year of PACT's Parent University workshops, which are designed to provide parents and caregivers with resources to become educational partners with advocates for their children.

Commissioner Brown: The money that we are allocating is leveraging a lot of other funds, correct?

Ms. Bivens: Yes it is. Also, last year's contract was for 2,000 students and we have increased it to 450 more students.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 103-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 104-17**, resolution authorizing an agreement with the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging for case management services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$4,373,464.22), presented by Antonia Carroll, Director, Office on Aging.

Ms. Carroll: Good morning Commissioners. Toni Carroll representing the Office on Aging. This first contract is with the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, which is a part of the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. We have worked jointly with them all of the years we have done the senior levy program. It is a great county/city partnership. They do all the face to face visits with our seniors in addition to participating in part of our quality improvement activity.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 104-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 105-17**, resolution authorizing a grant contract between the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging and Office on Aging for services under the National Family Caregiver Support Program (Office On Aging) (\$230,186), presented by Ms. Carroll.

Ms. Carroll: Commissioners, this is a grant we get from the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging. We have had this for a number of years. It allows us to administer the National Family Caregiver Support Act here in Franklin County on behalf of the Franklin County residents who are caregivers and need some support for their caregiving activity. The funding for this has remained relatively flat, but it is a good source of funding to help with caregiver support. We get these dollars from the Area Agency.

Commissioner Brown: Ms. Carroll, is this for respite care?

Ms. Carroll: That is the way it is used a lot. It would allow for a family who wants to take a family vacation and the person they are providing care for would need to go to an institutional setting for that week. These dollars would defray costs for that. It is a wonderful benefit. It is a service that the levy does not provide. It lets us augment some of the services that the levy provides.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 105-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 106-17**, resolution authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for contract services. (Office On Aging), presented by Ms. Carroll.

Ms. Carroll: Commissioners, this will help us pay the bills for services that were delivered in 2016 without having to dip into our 2017 budget. This is money that we should have paid in 2016, but the billing did not get into our system in time. With the cutting off early in December, some of our providers did not make it in on time.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 106-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 107-17**, resolution authorizing two grant agreements to provide caregiver support services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$192,661), presented by Ms. Carroll.

Ms. Carroll: Commissioners, the rest of the resolutions you will be considering this morning are for our grants to private non-profits. We can have our guests come up at this time to speak to the specific resolutions.

President O'Grady: Ok. We have Mike Finelli, NCR Centers for Senior Health, Lisa Zurbruggen, City of Groveport, Small Group Transportation and Mardi Ciriaco, Gladden Community House. As the specific resolution comes up, you guys can speak.

Ms. Carroll: This resolution are grant agreements that provide caregiver support. This is for a contract we have with the Alzheimer's Association and Syntero to provide caregiver support.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 107-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 108-17**, resolution authorizing fourteen grant agreements to provide health promotion/wellness services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$1,201,803), presented by Ms. Carroll.

Ms. Carroll: Commissioners, this is the category in which we provide the largest number of grants to our private non-profits covering a variety of health and wellness activities. One of those go to Gladden Community House.

Ms. Ciriaco: Good morning. Thank you for inviting us to speak. I am Mardi Ciriaco, Gladden Community House. I have been here for a number of years and luckily we have also received funding from senior options for a number of years. This allows us to provide case management services to primarily home-bound seniors in the community of Franklinton. As you know, Franklinton is a neighborhood with a high level of poverty. A lot of our seniors live with other family members, but at the same time they are at risk in terms of not being knowledgeable about resources that are available to them in the community. Our case manager is primarily meeting with them on a monthly basis and the families to link them to resources that are available and keep them in their homes as long as possible.

Commissioner Brown: We thank you for that.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 108-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 109-17**, resolution authorizing two grant agreements to provide intergenerational services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$144,969), presented by Ms. Carroll.

Ms. Carroll: Commissioners, these are grants to help seniors that are attending adult day centers to interact with younger people. It is a way to help younger people understand the aging process and hopefully find some people who want to make a career out of it. One of the recipients is National Church Residences.

Mr. Finelli: Good morning Commissioners. My name is Mike Finelli and I represent the Centers for Senior Health, the adult day program at National Church Residences. Adult day care is a senior care model that offers an alternative to nursing homes and home-bound

isolation. Adult day care also offers partnering support to the family caregivers of adult day participants. We help caregivers help their loved ones age in place. Almost 600 Franklin County seniors, approximately 1,200 family caregivers and roughly 200 children and adolescents will benefit from the programming provided by senior options intergenerational grant. This grant will allow older adults and children to spend purposeful and creative time together in a nurturing and caring environment. Our own experience supported by the research of others clearly demonstrates that intergenerational programming can and does improve a senior's quality of life. Their self-esteem improves, they feel more productive, less isolated and experience stabilization if not improvements in their overall health. Our adults find joy in the children that are not available to them otherwise and the children learn many of life's small lessons from the general persuasion of an experienced hand. Simply put, without the financial support of Franklin County senior options, the challenging business model of adult day care would not allow us to offer the clients this life enhancement benefits of this program. We are most grateful to senior options and County Commissioners for your support of this significant initiative and for all you do for Franklin County seniors.

Commissioner Boyce: As someone who went through the full process of taking care of a loved one as she aged and passed away, I cannot say enough how important those services are, not only to the client that is being served, but to the family. When they are able to stay in their homes, it puts the family in a better situation overall. It got to a point with my loved one where we were forced to take other options into account. That probably was the more difficult part of it. The anxiety that comes with that had a big effect on my loved one. I really appreciate this work. This is one of the better investments we can make in Franklin County. Thanks for what you do in administering a great program.

Mr. Finelli: Thank you.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 109-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 110-17**, resolution authorizing nine grant agreements to provide outreach services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$416,598), presented by Ms. Carroll.

Ms. Carroll: Commissioners, these nine grant agreements are in areas where we need the community agencies to help us do some client finding and outreach to populations that are hard to engage. This is where we do a lot of our work with new citizens, including contracts with Asian American Community Services as well as Community Refugee and Immigration Services. This is a place where we are trying to do outreach to difficult to reach populations. I think Gladden Community House has participation as well because the low income folks are isolated. They need someone from their neighborhood to get them engaged. We appreciate their hard work.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 110-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 111-17**, resolution authorizing five grant agreements to provide small group transportation services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$295,336), presented by Ms. Carroll.

Ms. Carroll: Commissioners, as we talked a little bit about in Briefing, transportation is a very significant and unmet need for a lot of seniors in our community. One of the ways we try to assist with that is through these five grants that provide small group transportation. The City of Groveport is one of our partners in this effort.

Ms. Zurbriggen: Good morning. My name is Lisa Zurbriggen. I am the transportation coordinator for the City of Groveport. We run a senior transportation program that brings people 60 or older or 18 and older with a disability to medical or personal appointments throughout Franklin County. Senior Transportation has been a program for the City of Groveport for over two decades. For nearly that entire two decades we have been in collaboration with Franklin County senior options. For many years, we have applied and been awarded a senior options grant supporting the operations of our senior transportation program. In receiving this grant money to support the program, we are able to be responsible stewards of our residents' tax dollars, in order to continue to offer this service, and make sure that it stays free of charge for our clients. We are very proud to be one of the very few small communities in Central Ohio that are able to offer this type of service to our residents. Senior options support is key to our success. In addition to funding for our senior transportation program, senior options serves as a referral organization that helps our clients gain support from agencies and organizations throughout Franklin County that they are eligible for. Serving seniors in our community is important to me, the administration and city council of the City of Groveport. We appreciate and value our senior residents as they play an important role in the prosperity and health of our community. We are grateful to senior options and the Board of Commissioners for your long standing support of the Groveport Senior Transportation program.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 111-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 112-17**, resolution authorizing seven grant agreements to provide supportive services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$693,001), presented by Ms. Carroll.

Ms. Carroll: Commissioners, the supportive services activity is one that prior to the senior levy we were not able to offer in our community in every zip code. Now because we serve some zip codes, the Area Agency on Aging serve others. We have the entire County covered with supportive services. These are individuals who will go into the homes of

seniors who may or may not be enrolled into senior options, but seniors who need assistance. Helping fill out the Medicaid application, make a trip to the Social Security office and the like. This will provide any hands on activity that will enable a senior to stay in the community. This is a way that we spread outside of those enrolled for our services. We cover part of the County and the Area Agency on Aging covers the rest of the County.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 112-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 113-17**, resolution authorizing five grant agreements to provide volunteer services for Franklin County Senior Options (Office On Aging) (\$244,172), presented by Ms. Carroll.

Ms. Carroll: Commissioners, this is the one area for this coming budget year where we have a new grantee. The others are continuing relationships we have had in the past. The National Volunteer Office was looking for a new provider for the foster grandparent program. Catholic Social Services applied and were chosen to be the new administrator in our community. They are going to focus their activity on working with Columbus City Schools and other school districts to help the kids. The volunteers themselves are low income seniors. We see it as a wonderful pairing. It is in our volunteer category, but could also be in our intergenerational category because it has that component. We are excited to be working with Catholic Social Services on this new project.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 113-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 114-17**, resolution authorizing a IV-D contract with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch (Child Support Enforcement) (\$1,262,607.30), presented by Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Ms. Torriero: Good morning Commissioners, Lori Torriero on behalf of the Child Support Enforcement Agency. This resolution seeks approval for an interagency with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch. The contract is authorized by our enabling federal legislation, section IV-D of the Social Security Act. We contract each year for three full time magistrates that are dedicated to hearing child support cases in actions that are either initiated by our agency or where the client has objected to an action that the agency has taken in their case. In addition, we also fund the CSEA Liaison Officer in the court, which is a vital service for our agency and clients. The liaison position helps them fill out forms, pleadings, who to file and what to file. We estimate that we will have around 7,500 hearings during the course of the year. The contract is well within the range of change we expect to see from year to year.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 114-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.









**Resolution No. 115-17**, resolution authorizing a IV-D contract with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office (Child Support Enforcement) (\$367,245.61), presented by Ms. Torriero.

Ms. Torriero: Commissioners, this contract supports two Assistant County Prosecutors dedicated to the criminal non-support filings that are associated with our caseload. I am pleased to report that the number of referrals for criminal non-support has been going down over the years. They now represent about .4% of our cases because we are doing better outreach. There is still that small percentage of our population for whom criminal non-support is in fact the best support option we have for collection.

Commissioner Brown: I am glad you mentioned that the numbers are going down and is the last resort that you have.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 115-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 116-17**, resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Columbus Kappa Foundation (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Ms. Torriero.

Ms. Torriero: Commissioners, we are very excited about this new relationship. We have Byron Potts, Attorney/Kappa Foundation and Nathaniel Jordan, Executive Director of Fatherhood Matters Program. This is a community organization that offers among other things a fatherhood program. We are thrilled to be starting this relationship.

Mr. Potts: Good morning. Glad to be here. I am the President of the Columbus Kappa Foundation. What we have proposed is to provide some assistance in mentoring, help and pro bono legal services for the young men that are going through the program. We are located on the near east side in the PACT area. We have a house there and have been there for over ten years. We are committed to this infant mortality piece that is effecting the African American community. We got our first referral from the Child Support Enforcement Agency last week. What we are offering is that we have fourteen members of our fraternity who are lawyers. What we have offered to do, pro bono, is individuals that go through our Nurturing Fathers Program, to give free legal services to them when they have child support issues, visitation issues and custody cases. Young men get frustrated when they are not able to see their children, but still obligated to pay child support. We have stepped forward to do that. I will let Mr. Jordan speak to some of the things that we are doing.

Mr. Jordan: Commissioners, thanks for having us. Our Nurturing Fathers Program is a 13-week educational based program. One of the main things we are trying to do is look for reunification of the family. One of the things we want to talk about, since we have been in the community, we have been able to garner trust and respect with the constituents in our

area. Sometimes these situations are hard to address because of the lack of trust factor. Since we have been in the community for over a decade doing various events, the trust level is there now that they approach us for help. We are happy to be in this relationship with the Child Support Enforcement Agency. We are committed to helping fathers, children and families thrive and succeed, whether it be by successful reunification, acquisition of appropriate services, programming that will assist them in assimilating into a safe living environment, promote self-sufficiency, independent health and safety. I want to thank you for giving us an opportunity to continue to make an impact in our community. We have just scratched the surface.

Commissioner Boyce: I am often asked what Commissioners and the County do. It is great to highlight partnerships like this. Statistically, over 70% of African American children are being raised in single parent homes, of which, some 98% are single moms. When you corner it off to the near east side, where the majority of the population is African American, the numbers are even higher. These kinds of partnerships are critical to helping those who are most in need. You used an important term, reunification of family. I definitely want to learn more about what you are doing and be as active as I can personally in working with you to address this issue because it is major. I wish Ms. Bivens were here to see this. There might be some value in walking through some of the course work that you are doing in the 13-week program. I hope that you keep in touch with us over time.

President O'Grady: When we did the event at Whitehall Yearling High School, was this part of the presentation we did? If not, it should be in the future.

Ms. Torriero: I believe we talked about fatherhood programs in general, but I am unsure if we highlighted any specific one.

Commissioner Brown: I know Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement, has been very involved with fatherhood programs.

Ms. Torriero: We have fatherhood agreements with Columbus Urban League as well as Action for Children.

President O'Grady: We did a symposium back in the fall, so Ms. Bivens could reach out. It was a conversation we had with the faith community with ministers from all over town. We are going to continue to do this in an ongoing way. I think this is a fantastic program that we ought to be working with the ministers as we go forward.

Ms. Torriero: I can tell you one of the quotes that has always stuck with me from one of our graduates of the Father-to-Father program at the Urban League. He said that the jobs program gives me how to pay the child support and the fatherhood program gives me why.

Commissioner Brown: What you do is so critical to families.

Mr. Jordan: We have twenty-six professional Kappa men that went through an intense nurturing father training program. All twenty-six are certified and ready to serve.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 116-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 117-17**, resolution authorizing a supplemental appropriation and the addition of four full-time positions related to the receipt of federal Procedural Justice Informed Alternatives to Contempt grant funds (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Ms. Torriero.

Ms. Torriero: Commissioners, this grant was awarded to Franklin County last fall. It is a grant that is fully funded by the federal government. Thirty-four percent of the funds are the grant funds and those are matchable with other federal funds for the other sixty-six percent expenditure. The approved budget for the grant includes three additional Child Support Officers to provide the intensive case management that is necessary to serve this population. The population to be served are those clients that are eligible to be referred for contempt of court, but situations that we have determined that there is an inability to pay that we can address by accessing other community resources for those clients. The staff would be hired in the second half of this year and remain on grant activities through March 2021. They are needed because this grant anticipates serving 1,500 clients over the life of the grant. The fourth position is a Social Program Developer who would be the site director for Franklin County. This person would coordinate all of the activities of the support officers, as well as locating and engaging in contracts as needed with any of the additional community partners we may need to bring on board to address those client's needs. Once the grant funds are exhausted the positions would either be absorbed into an existing vacancy in that classification or trade off another vacant position as needed. The grant funds would increase our allocation by \$586,764 for this year in part to pay for those positions.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 117-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 118-17**, resolution authorizing a supplemental appropriation and the addition of two full-time positions related to the receipt of private Families Forward Demonstration grant funds (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Ms. Torriero.

Ms. Torriero: Commissioners, this grant is similar in nature. Some differences include the source of the funding. For this grant, the thirty-four percent share is coming to us from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. These funds have been approved to be matched with federal funds for the sixty-six percent of the cost of the expenditures. This grant will serve a slightly different population. This grant will serve a population that we know is struggling to pay or partially pay. They pay either sporadically or a portion of their allocated support throughout the year. They never get to the point that they are eligible for contempt, but

they are not fulfilling the full financial obligation. The grant budget supports two additional Child Support Officers who would provide the intensive outreach and services needed for this population. The positions would end March 2021. Once the grant funds are over, these positions will be likely to be absorbed into whatever vacant support officers positions we have.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 118-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 119-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Ashley Luebben at 4516 Dungannon Drive Grove City OH 43123 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jamie Edwards, Business Service Officer, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Edwards: Ashley Luebben received \$6,000.00 in April 2010. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 119-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 120-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Arminda Click at 6912 London Groveport Rd., Grove City OH, 43123 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Arminda Click received \$2,612.00 in March 2006. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 120-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 121-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Diana Tedder at 4250 Mayflower Blvd. Whitehall OH 43213 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Diana Tedder received \$15,000.00 in March 2002. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 121-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 122-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Jesse Francis at 7180 Avon Drive Grove City OH 43123 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Jesse Francis received \$1,775.00 in July 2006. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 122-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 123-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Fannie Collins at 2822 Main Street Grove City OH 43123 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Fannie Collins received \$1,775.00 in 2005. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 123-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 124-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Milisa Wheeler at 1086 Columbus St. Harrisburg OH 43126 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Milisa Wheeler received \$6,895.00 in November 2011. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 124-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 125-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Genea Miller at 2178 Leah Lane Reynoldsburg Oh 43068 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Genea Miller received \$6,000.00 in September 2008. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 125-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 126-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Christopher Litteral at 6971 London Groveport Road Grove City OH 43123 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Christopher Litteral received \$1,410.00 in November 2007. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 126-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 127-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Howard Hazlett at 2161 Aberdeen Ave. Columbus Oh 43211 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Howard Hazlett Received \$15000.00 in October 1995. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 127-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 128-17**, resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached Discharge of MORTGAGE instrument for Virginia Engler at 2718 Claridon Rd. Westerville OH 43231 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Virginia Engler received \$2,685.00 in March 2010. All obligations of the housing program have been fulfilled, and the mortgage should be discharged. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I ask for your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 128-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 129-17**, resolution authorizing a subordination agreement with Linda Ensign to allow for the refinancing of her home mortgage for the property located at 3667 Santiago, Westerville, Ohio 43081 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Edwards.

Ms. Edwards: Linda Ensign received \$15,000.00 in October 2009. She is requesting a subordination to refinance her home mortgage with Bank of America. The refinance would lower the monthly mortgage payment by \$297.15. The taxes are paid and current, pending any questions I request your approval.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 129-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 130-17**, resolution authorizing a Contribution Agreement to the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. (Public Facilities Management) (\$69,000), presented by Darla Reardon, Assistant Director, Public Facilities Management.

Ms. Reardon: Good morning Commissioners, Darla Reardon, Public Facilities Management. This morning we have two companion resolutions for your consideration, each asking for your continued support of the efforts of our partners in special improvement districts (SIDs). The County has downtown property located within the boundaries of the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District and the Discovery Special Improvement District. Our government center buildings are located in the Capital District and Memorial Hall on E. Broad St. is in the Discovery District. Our partners in the SIDs work to improve the safety and the overall aesthetics in these areas. This morning with us is Cleve Ricksecker, Executive Director, SIDs. He would like to speak to you about their programs and their activities they will be providing in 2017.

Mr. Ricksecker: Good morning Commissioners. 800 property owners assess themselves the cost of managing the public realm in downtown and outside the arena district. There is only one property owner in the arena district and can manage their own public realm up there. We provide services north of Mound St. There are some limited services we provide south of Mound St. for the Commissioners as well. It is a holistic approach to maintaining order and keeping the environment clean. For example, we have fifteen safety ambassadors. People that are on patrol downtown who provide assistance, deal with quality of life issues and provide safety escorts. During all of our hours of operations, we have special police officers who are available to our ambassadors. If there is a situation that requires a police presence, it might not be one that the general dispatcher would respond to, but minor infractions would get a quick response. They really take a strict enforcement approach to downtown because disorder and minor infractions can kill a downtown more than more heinous crimes. We have two full time outreach specialists. Their job is to engage people on the streets, people that are homeless, etc. They moved eighty people into housing this past year. We have five people in Capital Crossroads who clean the environment every day. Litter control, weed control, graffiti control, washing sidewalks and the like. There is a security network that the County participates in that connects all of

the security operations downtown, about 60, on a common radio system with a security website that people could log onto so they can stay abreast of what is going on. We do marketing and community building with DowntownColumbus.com, Pearl Market, newsletters and programming. We do quite a bit of landscaping. We worked with the City of Columbus to do capital improvements. All of the bike parking and shelter, were paid for by city funds, planners in Cap Square, rebuilding Nationwide Boulevard, and now Pearl Alley. We maintain these projects under contract with the city. Your contribution is a huge help to all of us.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 130-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 131-17**, resolution authorizing a Contribution Agreement to the Discovery Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc. (Public Facilities Management) (\$10,769), presented by Ms. Reardon.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 131-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 132-17**, resolution authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement with the Franklin County Sanitary Engineering Department for leased space in Franklin County Memorial Hall (Public Facilities Management) (\$36,210.90), presented by Ms. Reardon.

Ms. Reardon: Commissioners, our Sanitary Engineering Department maintains an office in Memorial Hall on E. Broad St. This is a renewal of our lease agreement that allows for the department's use of that space.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 132-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 133-17**, resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for human resources services (Human Resources), presented by Rob Young, Director, Human Resources.

Mr. Young: Good morning Commissioners. Rob Young representing Human Resources.

Mr. Bower: Jerry Bower, Risk Management.

Mr. Young: The first resolution is a MOU with MORPC. This is a renewal of a previous MOU we had last year.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 133-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 134-17**, resolution authorizing the settlement of Workers Compensation claims against the County by Darrell Stewart (Human Resources) (\$34,000), presented by Jerry Bower, Risk Manager, Human Resources.

Mr. Bower: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution settles two claims. One is a retrospective rated tail claim and the other is a self-insured claim.

Commissioner Brown: Has the Prosecutor approved?

Mr. Bower: Yes.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 134-17, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 135-17**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$6,465,676.81), 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 126 purchase orders. These purchase orders have been pre-certified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 135-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 136-17**, resolution authorizing the Data Sharing and Confidentiality Agreement Between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Local Area 11 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator.

Mr. Janas: Good morning Commissioners, Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator. Local Area 11 is the collective designation for the Workforce Development Board and the local elected officials in our Workforce area, which is the Board of Commissioners and the Mayor of the City of Columbus. This is a data sharing agreement with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. It allows us to share information related to wage and unemployment insurance data that would allow the Workforce Development Board to continue in its workforce activities. It has been reviewed by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 136-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 137-17**, resolution authorizing a consultant agreement with Ice Miller, in an amount not to exceed \$280,000, for legal and consulting services (Board of Commissioners) (\$280,000), presented by Mr. Talarek.

Mr. Talarek: This resolution is the annual contract with Ice Miller for legal counsel in various labor relations matters, primarily collective bargaining and worker's compensation cases. The amount of \$280,000 is monitored by OMB and is the same limit as last year's contract.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 137-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board, read three (3) Journalizations into the record:

**Case #ANX-02-17** - An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition ANX-02-17 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on February 14, 2017. The petition is requesting to annex 0.24 +/- acres from Hamilton Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on March 21, 2017.

**Site: 1110 Maplewood Road (PID# 150-001528)**

**Case #ANX-03-17** - An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition ANX-03-17 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on February 14, 2017. The petition is requesting to annex 0.697 +/- acres from Sharon Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on March 21, 2017.

**Site: 1859 Snouffer Road (PID# 250-001482)**

**Case #ANX-04-17** - An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition ANX-04-17 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on February 15, 2017. The petition is requesting to annex 2.355 +/- acres from Franklin Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on March 21, 2017.

**Site: 2154 Gantz Road (PID# 140-003741)**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of February 21, 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