

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

August 29, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

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

Also present on the dais were Nick Soulas, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant, 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 9:05 A.M.

President O'Grady: We have some speakers here this morning for a non-agenda item. Our rules state that we would not take speakers on non-agenda item issues, but out of respect for Treasurer-Elect Sullivan, we will suspend those rules for today and allow them to speak. We will take these speakers at the end of the agenda.

On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the July 18, 2017 General Session, and the minutes of the July 6, July 13, and July 27, 2017 Briefing Session. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President O'Grady. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

President O'Grady: August is Child Support Awareness Month. We have Judge Terri B. Jamison, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, with us to talk about the Compass Program. We also have Nathaniel Jordan, II, Kappa Foundation, Executive Director of the Fatherhood Matters Program.

Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement: It is Child Support Awareness Month in the state and nationally. We would like to recognize two of our champions of our programs. First is Judge Jamison. Judge Jamison was the catalyst for the Compass Program, a partnership between the court, the Child Support program, Job and Family Services, and a host of community partners. The program is an alternative to the traditional contempt process that provides non-custodial parents with an opportunity to connect with community resources that assist them in overcoming obstacles that prevent them from paying their child support, but also thriving and working. Research shows that unpaid child support arrears are owed by non-custodial parents with reported income below \$10,000. These parents have the largest amount of accumulated debt. Many of the

non-custodial parents in the program had their order established by default because they did not appear at their initial hearings. There is no evidence that incarceration results in more reliable child support payments that families can count on to make ends meet. Rather, incarceration can result in accumulation of additional debt and the potential to reduce future earning, erode the child's relationship with his/her parent and negatively impact family and community stability. This program provides parents with an opportunity to get their immediate child support issue behind them. An opportunity to connect with programs that can help stabilize their lives, connect with other fathers, and teach them that they are an important and necessary part of their child's life. An opportunity to transform their financial status, their employment and career paths, their co-parenting skills and the opportunity to change their lives so they can support their children both financially and emotionally. The child support program is incredibly grateful to Judge Jamison for her commitment and work toward this program. We also would like to welcome the newest member of the Compass Program who is a success and life coach for the program.

Judge Jamison: Thank you Commissioners for allowing us this time. I would like to let you know that this is impacting the bottom line of Franklin County, to the tune of over \$400,000 year in savings in jail days. It is in the best interest of children when their parents are able to financially support them. It has shown us that it takes longer to overcome some of the barriers that people have than the traditional path was giving them. We have had it take up to 18 months to find employment for someone, but we have been successful in 40% compliance with the participants in the program. Thank you for funding our success coach this year and we are looking forward to impacting the bottom line even more.

Ms. Brown: Now I would like to recognize Nathaniel Jordan, II. The Kappa Alpha Psi Fatherhood Matters Program is a 13-week education and mentoring program. It is a group based program that utilizes the nurturing father program curriculum. Beyond parenting classes, Columbus Kappa offers a full range of supportive services, including work readiness, job placement, housing, drug treatment, budgeting and pro bono legal services from local attorneys regarding visitation and parenting time issues. Columbus Kappa and Child Support program have entered into an MOU and will work together to get fathers become confident and nurturing fathers who support their children. Programs such as the one offered by Columbus Kappa enhance both the payment of support as well as increasing the involvement of fathers in the lives of their children and decreased the number of required interventions by the CSEA. Most importantly, by working with organizations like Kappa, government agencies such as Child Support can speak through the voices of trusted community leaders such as the Executive Director of the Fatherhood Matters Program. Many of the non-custodial parents with child support issues find themselves in court because they did not engage or participate early on in their cases, did not show up for their hearings. This is the top of the slippery slope that compounds their issues and parents find themselves involved in the judicial system. We need to work with leaders like Mr. Jordan in the community in order to educate parents that they need to be engaged in their cases early on in the process. That way they are in control and if parents are struggling we can connect them to Columbus Kappa or one of the many other partnerships that Child Support has that provides families with resources and stability. Our program would be lacking and incomplete without partnerships like Fatherhood Matters. Thank you Mr. Jordan for your work with us and within the community to improve the lives of children and families.

Mr. Jordan: It is important to have a good team and good players around you. I want to thank this good team of Board of Commissioners, County Administration, Ms. Brown and Judge Jamison. This Board has stepped forward and taken leadership on infant mortality in Franklin County. This Board has went a step further and have recognized a father program. Dr. Alto says that a father's involvement early in a child's life will bring a healthy baby to full term and a child will start kindergarten on track. The father is critical. Once we put some resources into the fathers, we will reduce the numbers. I would like my colleague, Rodney Washington, Vice President, Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc., to speak.

Mr. Washington: A father is critical. It took other dads to mold me to be the person I am today. We want men to come in, get the training and become certified. I believe we can have a serious impact on these men over a 13-week period. It does require some funding. The first time I heard about these issues, I thought it was not Ohio or Franklin County. We have some of the worst statistics in Ohio. We need to change that. We need to train more men.

Commissioner Brown: How can someone get in touch with you if they wanted to go through the training?

Mr. Jordan: They can visit [www.kappakares.com](http://www.kappakares.com).

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**Resolution No. 591-17**, resolution authorizing a contract with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Justice Reinvestment Probation Improvement and Incentive Grant Program (Court of Common Pleas) (\$287,500), presented by Kimberly Canada, Director of Finance, Court of Common Pleas.

Ms. Canada: This resolution is for the first quarter of State Fiscal Year 2018-2019 with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections due to a delay in the state approved budget. They have made funding available for recipients for the first quarter expenditures. This grant release will be in its entirety later into the month of September, when we will be back for the full grant amount agreement.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve of Resolution 591-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 592-17**, resolution authorizing a first amendment to the 2018 grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Youth Services (Domestic Relations) (\$70,000), presented by Barbara Reeves, Deputy Director, Domestic Relations Court.

Ms. Reeves: This resolution is requesting an amendment to our 2018 grant from the Department of Youth Services in the amount of \$70,000 to add a residential program that will provide sex offender treatment for a youth.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve of Resolution 592-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 593-17**, resolution authorizing contracts for Canned, Dry, Frozen and Dairy Food products for the Franklin County Correctional Facilities (Sheriff) (\$1,300,000), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services.

Mr. Masterson: This resolution would authorize a six month contract through March 1, 2018 to supply the jail with canned, dry and frozen foods. All the 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 chosen based on price and delivery capabilities.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve of Resolution 593-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 594-17**, resolution authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations for the Franklin County Concealed Carry Program (Sheriff), presented by Mr. Masterson.

Mr. Masterson: Commissioners, passage of this resolution will appropriate the funds needed to open purchase orders to cover a licensing fee and scanner that will be utilized to electronically store concealed carry weapons application and licensing information.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve of Resolution 594-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 595-17**, resolution authorizing the ratification and approval of the renewal agreement for the Everbridge Mass Notification System (Emergency Management Agency) (\$221,000), presented by Jeffery Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Young: This resolution is requesting a final ratification of the renewal of our subscription service to Everbridge Communications for our Mass Notification System. This was previously signed by President O'Grady, allowing that service to continue. I appreciate the work of the Prosecutor's Office, Purchasing, and President O'Grady in keeping this service in place. This is not only utilized by our agency, but multiple agencies and communities throughout Franklin County.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve of Resolution 595-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 596-17**, resolution authorizing a contract with Presidio Networked Solutions Group LLC for Information Technology Infrastructure Services (Franklin County Data Center) (\$3,446,800), presented by Julie Lust, Director of Financial Services, Data Center.

Ms. Lust: I am respectfully requesting that we table this resolution. We are awaiting additional information from the state of Ohio.

Commissioner Brown: Do we know how long this will take?

Ms. Lust: I would table it indefinitely.

Commissioner Brown moved to table Resolution 596-17 indefinitely, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was tabled indefinitely by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 597-17**, resolution authorizing a supplemental contract with Prime AE Group, Inc. for consulting services for the upgrade of the OnBase content management system (Franklin County Data Center) (\$57,400), presented by Ms. Lust.

Ms. Lust: This resolution is for a contract with Prime AE Group. It is for our OnBase application upgrade. This is the first step in assisting Child Support Enforcement Agency with FTI compliance.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve of Resolution 597-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 598-17**, resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County authorizing an application to the State of Ohio to participate in the State Capital Improvement Program for the Little Farms Subdivision Waterline Replacement Project (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Stephen Renner, Director, Sanitary Engineers.

Mr. Renner: The resolution before you is seeking your authorization of an application to the Ohio Public Works for the rehab and replacement of a section of our water distribution system in the Little Farms Subdivision. This area is in the northwest corner of the system. Over the last ten years, it was responsible for more than a third of our water breaks. The system is old and some parts were installed in the 1920s. The system has been broken up into two phases. What we are applying for is Phase 1. It is a little more than \$8.8 million, and the application is a 75% grant and 25% loan.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve of Resolution 598-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 599-17**, resolution authorizing a Contract between the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Ohio State University on behalf of the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity to provide training to employees of Franklin County CSEA and various community partners as part of the CARE-PJAC Federal Grant (Child Support Enforcement) (\$3,600), presented by Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Ms. Torriero: This contract is part of the implementation of a federal research grant that Franklin County CSEA has received that will explore the effects of using procedural justice informed service provision to our non-compliant obligors in another alternative to the traditional civil contempt procedure. This training is part of being able to provide those services in a procedurally justice informed way. It covers training not only for our staff, but the staff of our community partners who will be working with us.

Commissioner Brown: This is great and I am glad you got the funding to do it.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 599-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 600-17**, resolution authorizing Acceptance of an Invitation to a Convening of the Data Driven Justice and Behavioral Health Design Institute (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$600), presented by Michael Daniels, Justice Policy Coordinator, Office of Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels: We wrote for and received a full scholarship for nine members of a team to attend a seminar next week in Rockville, MD, cosponsored by the Department of Justice, Lauren and John Arnold Foundation and NACo, where we will work on a solution for data sharing across multiple systems in the County, primarily targeted to serving individuals who are the most frequent users of incarceration, shelter and mental health.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 600-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 601-17**, resolution authorizing a supplemental appropriation, an interfund loan from the General Fund to Justice Programs Fund, and an agreement with the Franklin County Municipal Court to provide support of work release programming for eligible misdemeanants (Homeland Security and Justice Programs) (\$100,000), presented by Mr. Daniels.

Mr. Daniels: Commissioners, I would respectfully request that we table this resolution for one week. We still have some last minute questions to work out on the wording of the contract.

Commissioner Brown moved to table Resolution 601-17 for one week, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was tabled by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 602-17**, resolution authorizing an agreement with The Ohio State University for the purchase of Management Advancement for the Public Service (MAPS) training units for agencies of the Board of Commissioners (Human Resources) (\$36,285), presented by Rob Young, Director, Human Resources.

Mr. Young: This resolution is for the Management Advancement for the Public Service (MAPS) classes. We do one purchase for all the training units. We are doing 177 training units this year and the cost has been the same for the past two years.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 602-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 603-17**, resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Franklin County Coroner's Office for human resources services (Human Resources), presented by Mr. Young.

Mr. Young: This would be a renewal of the agreement we had last year, which is expiring. We send an employee over there two days a week to help out with their HR work.

Commissioner Brown: We are doing this with several agencies, correct?

Mr. Young: Yes. With EMA, Coroner's Office, MORPC and the Board of Elections.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 603-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 604-17**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$1,142,035.30), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing the Purchasing Department. The Resolution before you requests your approval of 91 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 604-17, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 605-17**, resolution approving the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kyle O’Keefe, Director of Innovation and Programs, Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio.

Mr. O’Keefe: This resolution is to approve SWACO’s revised solid waste management plan. Every five years, SWACO must revise its plan by statute to outline its activities and services to achieve waste reduction and recycling goals. As of 2015, Franklin County achieved a 45% diversion rate of material from the landfill, which is excellent but more can still be done. Annually, residents and businesses landfill over 1 million tons of waste, a majority of which can be reduced, reused, recycled or composted. This new plan outlines new initiatives and existing programs to achieve those goals.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 605-17, seconded by President O’Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

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**Resolution No. 606-17**, resolution reappointing Abigail S. Wexner to the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation Board of Directors (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Long: Commissioners, pending any questions, we recommend approval of this appointment.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 606-17, seconded by President O’Grady. The Resolution was approved by roll call vote.

Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board, read one (1) Journalization into the record:

**Case #ANX-12-17** - An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition ANX-12-17 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on August 24, 2017. The petition is requesting to annex 1.065 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on September 26, 2017.

**Site: 5070 Haughn Road (PID# 160-000208)**

President O’Grady: We have four speaker slips. We generally do not take speakers that are not germane to the agenda, but out of respect for Treasurer-elect Brooks-Sullivan and the situation that we are working through, we are going to hear from today’s speakers. We ask that our speakers confine their remarks to three minutes, so we can hear from everyone. Our first speaker is Norman Whiteside. Before our first speaker, our County Administrator would like to speak about the bonding procedure.



Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: Before making statements to the bonding matter, I would respectfully request a point of personal privilege for thoughts and prayers to go out to the residents of Harris County, TX and the City of Houston. Through the NACo, we have been hearing from the officials in Harris County, TX. There is a lot of stress on the state of Texas right now. I learned this morning that one of their main shelters and the Brown Convention Center is full. The City of Dallas is beginning to help out and have upwards of 500,000 people that are being directly impacted in the fourth largest city in the United States. We have to keep them in our thoughts and prayers. As we go through this strategy, we are reminded that in times like these, Americans can step up and show their best. You are seeing examples of this when you turn on the TV or online. At a time where we have so much political polarization, it is good to see that the residents of the City of Houston and the state of Texas are coming together and not letting these types of things divide them. If individuals wish to contribute, they can reach out to the United Way of the City of Houston. They can text uwflood to 41444. That is one way you can give.

Commissioner Brown: The American Red Cross is taking donations as well. Thank you for mentioning this Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson: Before we hear from our speakers today, I would like to take the opportunity to address a couple of misunderstandings that have been viewed on social media over the last several days. I want to make clear that the Commissioners' office has been working diligently with Treasurer-elect Sullivan to get her bonded and sworn into office. We remain committed to doing that. The Ohio Revised Code requires the County Treasurers be bonded and charges the Board of Commissioners with the fiduciary responsibility of setting the amount of the bond at an appropriate level to protect the taxpayers. The amount of the Franklin County Treasurer's bond has not been updated in many years. Looking at historical records, it has been at least a decade or more. County Administration and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) periodically reviews different financial policies, just as this, and recommends changes when they are warranted. After the OMB conducted a metro county review of Treasurer bonding amounts, it was determined that given the County's financial stature, its own top tier bond rating, and the growth of the investment portfolio over the years, we needed to bring our Treasurer's bonding level more in line with that of other large counties. Since this was not ideal to be done in the middle of someone's term, when the former Treasurer resigned last year, we took the opportunity to raise the bond amount. Since September of 2016, two individuals has been bonded at the higher amount. The current Treasurer serving has been bonded at the higher amount. Our surety has told us that the amount of the bond would not change based on their decision on whether or not to issue the bond for a particular person. Their decision would be the same if we remained at \$200,000 versus being at \$1,000,000 right now. The price of the bond is based on the amount of the bond, not the person being bonded. We started this process more than a month ago. The first surety we applied to declined to provide the bond. We are committed to continue to work with Treasurer-elect Sullivan so that she can take office. As of right now, we have one more surety company application that was submitted late yesterday and another one we are waiting on a question to be answered from our Prosecuting Attorney's Office to get that one submitted. We will continue to look for additional options. We have reached out to surrounding counties, including Cuyahoga, Lucas and the City of Columbus to see what other additional surety companies there are out there that we do not traditionally work with to obtain a bond. County Administration is committed to working over the next several days

to diligently work to get a bond for the required amount for Treasurer-elect Sullivan. Zak Talarek, Director of OMB, is our point person and I am in contact with him several times a day to get updates on where we are. To the viewing public and the rest of the County, we are taking this seriously and we are working diligently and want to see Treasurer-elect placed in office.

President O'Grady: Please remember to keep your remarks to three minutes.

Mr. Whiteside: Good morning. One of the things that appears on the seal of Ohio is "With God all things are possible." One of the statements President Harry Truman said, "it is amazing what can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit." We're only concerned that the right of the voters prevail. We are not only asking that Ms. Sullivan be installed, but we are asking that the right of a vote is protected. We appreciate the comments of Mr. Wilson and the diligence that has been applied in this situation. This is about a right thing. We are asking that righteousness prevails when it is all said and done, so that the person that was voted for does assume office in a timely manner. While I can appreciate the things that Mr. Wilson said about the bond, the one point is that we elect the Treasurer. It is not about the propriety that has taken place, it is about the timeliness.

President O'Grady: We have Jodi Ann that would like to speak.

Ms. Ann: I am a community activist organizer here in Columbus. I am here because Ms. Sullivan inspired me with her story. I have been following her story since day one. I too, one day may run for office. A lot of the younger generation struggle with the voting issue. If my generation see that we voted and our votes does not matter, then we may lose some voters because of that. We are already struggling to get the younger generation out to vote and to see something like this happen, it would not look good. We all have a past and I believe in second chances. I wanted to thank Ms. Sullivan for being an inspiration to me and other young ladies who may be looking at running for office. I hope that the Commissioners do whatever you can do to make it possible that she is the Treasurer of Franklin County.

President O'Grady: We have Byron Potts who would like to speak.

Mr. Potts: Good morning Commissioners. It was good to hear that Mr. Wilson is looking at alternative ways to bond Treasurer-elect Sullivan. The concern of the community that this has the look of impropriety, because of the timeliness of when this issue was brought forth. The young people already do not have a lot of confidence in the electoral system and want any excuse not to vote. We got a lot of calls on the radio show that they are up to their old tricks again. Some people believe that this issue is happening because Ms. Sullivan upset the apple cart. She was not supposed to win and won. The perception in our community is that it is game playing and the Democratic Party is not supporting her the way they should be. It is my understanding that Ms. Sullivan has found someone who is temporarily willing to issue a bond to her. She has been working on her own diligently. We all have issues we have to overcome. What we do not want is the perception that their vote does not count. Most people's perception is their reality. We have a fiduciary duty to act accordingly.

President O'Grady: We have Tyrone Thomas that would like to speak.

Mr. Thomas: I agree with everything the prior speakers have said. My concern is that Friday is a deadline and we need to get this done. I too spent time on the radio, on social media and in the community. I get people in the community telling me to fix this. This is not something I can fix. The timing is wrong. This should not have never happened. She was elected in November. It does not look good for us as a county and voters. This is a chance to win over the young voters. It only takes one vote to determine who will be elected. Please do not let this run until Friday. I have talked to every one of the Commissioners' staff and expressed some concerns. I just want to see Ms. Sullivan on Monday and sworn in as the next Franklin County Treasurer. We are spending millions of dollars on reentry into our communities. To have Ms. Sullivan go into office will be an encouragement to them and not to be a burden to our society. Thank you for your time and letting us speak.

President O'Grady: I wanted to raise a couple of questions. Mr. Potts and Mr. Whiteside, you both mentioned the issue of timeliness. We voted on this issue back in September 2016, previous of the outcome of the general election. We did this based on the knowledge that our bond was too low at that point. The bonding companies have indicated to us that their decision on this issue had nothing to do with the number or level of the bond, with Franklin County having the largest portfolio in the state of Ohio.

Mr. Potts: With respect to timeliness, that is not the issue I am talking about. To me, it is unconscionable that you wait a month to secure a bond. That is the timeliness we are talking about. Why did you wait a month to secure the bond?

President O'Grady: From what I can tell, this is relatively precedential. I have not been given an example of this, an elected official not being bonded in the past. The Ohio Revised Code is clear for the need of an elected official bond. The idea that you could win an election and not be seated in office because you cannot secure a bond is strange that it would happen. We are trying our best to secure a bond. When we first heard about this issue, we said we have to get a bond for Ms. Sullivan.

Commissioner Brown: It was routine of getting a bond for an elected person during this time. We assumed that we were not going to have an issue. We typically do not take six months to look for a bond because it has not been something we needed to do.

Mr. Wilson: I would like to speak to the point around timeliness. Typically, for any of the other Constitutional offices, if there is a change in office, that election is held in November. Then that individual takes office a couple of months later. The window we worked in on this case is the same window we would have for any other office. The office of Treasurer is unique because there is a September start date. We did not have reason to believe that we would encounter these types of difficulties. The window of time is the same.

Commissioner Boyce: That is how I was bonded when I came into the Commissioners' Office. In my experience in this transition process, it has been fairly smooth. I would tell you that the process

that the bonding company uses, it is easy to have an issue. If you have something on your credit report that can be an issue because it is automated, this is not as uncommon as you might think. As far as the bond being raised, we have to look at everything from a finance standpoint. We have to ask ourselves if this is a prudent financial decision? When you consider the amount of the portfolio and compare it to other portfolios of similar size, the financial decision is a prudent financial decision. I think we all want to see Ms. Sullivan do well. We are going to work together to ensure that it is the best it can be.

Commissioner Brown: I do think it is good that you were able to come out and speak to the issue. There has been a lot of misinformation out there. We did want the opportunity for you to come in to hear from County Administration and us. We do want to make this happen. We do support the right of the voters. We do support doing what we can do to get Ms. Sullivan bonded. It is important for you to hear us as a team.

President O'Grady: I would like to address a question that Mr. Potts brought up about upsetting the apple cart. Ms. Sullivan was part of a team that was put together by a group of individuals that I was opposed to. The former Treasurer and myself were good friends. Right after Ms. Sullivan won the primary election, she reached out to me at an event. That had an impact on me. That started what I think was a good relationship. I reached out to Ms. Sullivan after the general election and had lunch. I talked to her about how to best approach her term of office in a way to help her succeed in office.

Commissioner Boyce: If I may interject, the former Treasurer endorsed her and encouraged everyone in the party to support her.

President O'Grady: While there is no question that Ms. Sullivan upset the apple cart, Ms. Sullivan has done an amazing job of making that transition within the party. I do not think that the apple cart is still upset. Ms. Sullivan has a four year term to grow in these relationships and do her job. The part that bothers me the most is the notion that we are trying to not get her bonded. We are trying to get her bonded. I do not know what Friday is going to bring. We are working.

Mr. Thomas: This is a holiday weekend. This is a people matter and we have to think the way people think. You say you do not know what Friday is going to bring. That is why this should be taken care of on Wednesday at noon. A bonding company is bonding an individual. Have you heard the things that we have said about Ms. Sullivan? If you want to be a bonding company and deal with the County, the Commissioners should check the bonding company. If you could bond three people under this bond, it needs to be done. The bonding company needs to get over Ms. Sullivan's past. Determined people can solve anything. Ms. Sullivan has been an outstanding citizen in the community and should not have to go through this.

Ms. Ann: What would happen if we do not meet the deadline? I read that if Ms. Sullivan is not bonded, she would have to vacate her position and someone else is going to be thrown into office. Is she still going to have her position while you work for the bond?

President O'Grady: I think the Ohio Revised Code says that if we do not have a bond before she is supposed to take office, then we will have to appoint an interim Treasurer.

Commissioner Brown: Then do an election the next year.

Ms. Ann: If we do not meet the deadline, then Ms. Sullivan will have no position?

Mr. Wilson: Pursuant to ORC 321.02, it states that if a Treasurer fails or refuses to give such sureties the office will become vacant and the Board of Commissioners are charged with making an appointment. The appointment is in place until the Democratic Party Central Committee would appoint someone to fill the position.

Commissioner Brown: We do not want to go down this road.

Ms. Ann: Thank you.

Mr. Whiteside: As it relates to ORC 321.02, promulgated on June 28, 1984. The ORC does not outline the policy and procedure that the Board should take in any circumstances. There is no history of the Franklin County Treasurer on the website. We want to see the process. We need policy and procedure in place to let the public know what the elected officials are doing.

President O'Grady: Thanks to all the speakers today. Ms. Sullivan, do you want to speak today?

Ms. Sullivan: Once we have completed the process, I will speak. I want to thank all the speakers as well.

**Resolution No. 607-17**, resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Brown: I move to convene into Executive Session for the purpose to discuss matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes.

Commissioner Boyce: Second.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 607-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 10:30 A.M.

With no deliberative action taken and there being no further business before the Board, the Board came out of Executive Session at 11:23 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of August 29, 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