

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

November 14, 2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017.

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

Also present on the dais were Harold Anderson, Director of Business, Contracts and Zoning, Prosecuting Attorney; Kris Long, Deputy 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 9:32 A.M.

President O'Grady: This is National Apprenticeship Week. We have with us today Dorsey Hager, Secretary-Treasurer, Columbus/Central Ohio Building & Construction Trades Council, and Stephen Lipster, Director of the Electrical Trades Center. If you gentlemen can come up and say a few words about apprenticeship.

Mr. Hager: Mr. Lipster has put thousands of kids on the direct path to the middle class by bringing them through his training center. On behalf of the Building Trades, I want to thank the Commissioners for this resolution. Apprenticeship is so important. The theme of apprenticeship is that it puts people on the direct path to the middle class, tuition free.

Mr. Lipster: Good morning Commissioners. I am delighted to be here with you today to share a short apprenticeship story. Apprenticeship is a unique workforce development model, combining on the job training under a master craft worker and related technical instruction. It provides a direct middle class pathway with no student loan burden. When you think about the moment they become apprentices, they are earning a living wage, have health insurance and paying into a pension program. It provides a way for them to be self-sufficient and be a contributing member of society for their entire life. I want to take a moment and recognize the Commissioners' commitment towards pre-apprenticeship and providing pathways for those who may not qualify for an apprenticeship into a quality career. It is extraordinary. There has never been a consortium of apprenticeship providers we have had come together to pull this off. I want to thank Mr. Hager for his leadership on this. The vision of the County has been tremendous. We will not let you down in this effort. Thank you.

Commissioner Brown: We know you won't let us down. This is extraordinarily important for this community that has a huge disparity issue. This is a path to the middle class. There is a need for people to come into the workforce to do these jobs that are critically important. For too long, a lot of school districts have not allowed for students to consider anything other than one path and forget about this other path that is available to them. I am so glad we are able to do this with you.

President O'Grady: I was just at the Large Urban County Caucus, and it is the same conversation at every county. We have for decades focused on college prep. We have imprinted on students for years that if you do not go to college it is a failure. Not every student is meant for college nor does every student want to go to college. These trades' jobs are a fantastic career and way to provide for your family. We need to change the mindset, to make them understand that you can have a wonderful career and provide for yourself in the trades. This pre-apprenticeship program is a great way to do that. We appreciate you guys being here today.

Commissioner Boyce: I will add that the pre-apprenticeship is about preparing people for the trades. It is to work with people who may have issues or challenges to access these types of programs and provide for them a pathway. This is our effort to raise the tide so everyone can have a bite at the apple and be successful. I had the opportunity to represent the Commissioners at an outreach event for the community to come and sign up for pre-apprenticeship programs. There had to be at least 300 people attend. A lot of people had questions about the program. The attendees covered the entire gambit of the community. I think we are off to a great start and this is only the beginning of a long term relationship.

Mr. Lipster: You hit the nail on the head. One of the things, in the last thirty years, has been the movement of our public educators to prepare students for college. A large number of students have not been exposed to the trades. This is why we have adopted pre-apprenticeship programs because shop classes do not exist anymore. This is the best of both worlds.

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On the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the May 24, and September 26, 2017 Administrative Session, October 3, and October 10, 2017 General Session, and the minutes of the October 5, and October 12, 2017 Briefing Session. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 800-17, resolution approving a ditch maintenance petition for Villages at Jefferson Run Phase 4 & 5, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Drainage Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is for a subdivision in the northeast part of the county in Jefferson Township east of Waggoner Road and south of Havens Corners Road. The drainage infrastructure has been built and is ready for your acceptance.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 800-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 801-17, resolution approval of the Villages at Jefferson Run Phase 4 subdivision plat, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by W. Fritz Crosier, Chief Deputy Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Crosier: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution seeks approval of the plat for the Villages at Jefferson Run subdivision. This five acre track is located in Jefferson Township east of Waggoner Road. The approval of the plat allows the developer to move forward and begin to sell twenty-four new lots in the subdivision.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 801-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 802-17, resolution authorizing a contract with Proteam Solutions, Inc. for Senior Consultant 2 services associated with the Executive Roadmap project (Franklin County Data Center) (\$136,000), presented by Julie Lust, Financial Director, Data Center.

Ms. Lust: Good morning Commissioners. This contract with Proteam will evaluate the current service offerings by the Data Center and also the proposed offerings, which will include the benefits, risks, evaluation criteria and also an implementation plan. The contract was competitively bid by the state of Ohio and will span with deliverables in both 2017 and 2018.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 802-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 803-17, resolution approving a subaward agreement with Impact Community Action for the coordination of the Columbus/Central Ohio Construction Trades Council Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program (Job and Family Services) (\$330,000), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution would approve a subaward agreement with Impact Community Action to coordinate the Columbus/Central Ohio Trades Council Building Futures Pre-Apprenticeship Program. I want to mention the breakdown of the dollars. This is in the amount of \$330,000: \$200,000 of the dollars will be coming from JFS under the TANF allocation; \$80,000 will be coming from PeopleWorks; and \$50,000 from our General Fund. This is a pilot program that we believe will impact the community in a tremendous way. I was at the same event Commissioner Boyce attended and wanted to share a story. There was a young man named Chris. Chris

walked up to me and said that he is interested in being in the trades, but had an issue as it relates to reading. Because of this issue, he finds jobs that reading is not a requirement. He is at a point in his life where he wants to be in a career. He believes the trades is where he wants to be. It gave me joy to hand him over to an organization that could assist him in overcoming that barrier. This opportunity is going to be tremendous for so many people in our community. We have about 1,200 people that come through JFS's doors on a weekly basis at one of our locations. If a small portion of these individuals had an opportunity to go into a middle class wage job, I say let's do it. I want to thank everyone involved. Keena Smith, Deputy Administrator, will talk about the operationalization of the program and how the program is going to be broken down.

Ms. Smith: Good morning Commissioners. I want to thank Ms. Bivens for that story. I have a story I would like to tell as well. There was a lady there that was trying to encourage her son to go in to talk to the trades, while she hung back. I spoke to her and she stated that she is doing better because she was there with her son. He has had some challenges, but tonight he has hope. I encouraged her to go in with him and talk to the trades. This pre-apprenticeship program is a nine week pilot program. This is aligned with our construction MOU. Within the MOU, there are labor workforce participation goals. We will be building the pipeline through pre-apprenticeship, which is something that the Commissioners and the unions always had in mind to leverage the construction of the new corrections facility. It is a unique program. It includes a stipend of \$250/week per participant. We are combining wrap around case management with a professional development mentoring coaching component. This is important for the audience we are trying to reach that we provide them with extra support to make sure that they are successful in the program. The pilot is going to be followed up with an evaluation period. We are going to measure program success, gaps, and opportunities for sustainability in both the programming and the funding. We will be seeking some grant funding. There may be some federal dollars that we possibly could use for the program. I want to thank the construction trades and all the county agencies that have been involved. We have received about sixty-five applications showing interest in this pilot program. I would like to have Bo Chilton, CEO, Impact Community Action to speak.

Mr. Chilton: Thank you Commissioners and Administrators. We appreciate your support. Impact has a mission to reduce poverty by providing hope inspiring help and real opportunities for self-sufficiency. We talked about the hope. We often have people coming through our doors that their spirit has been broken. We seek to provide the kind of help that is going to inspire them. In order for some to get a job, they need some supportive services and skills that we need to help them develop. This program is going to allow for that. I thank our partners in the unions. We believe the collaboration between us and the unions will make this program very successful.

Commissioner Brown: I was in Cleveland, visiting family, and talking about this program to a family friend. They did not have any skill or training in the trades. My mom stated that this program would have been helpful for the family's son. These wrap around services are critically important to get somebody on the path to self-sufficiency while they are seeking

the training that they need. I am so glad that we are using the funding sources we are to get people to work.

Commissioner Boyce: They say the best social service is a good paying job. That is what we are talking about. We are providing families with their own pathway to sustainability. I cannot think of a better organization than Impact to be a part of this collaboration. I hope that when we look back, years from now, that we have built something that provides hope and the pathway to achieve their dreams. We will be holding you accountable for your actions. Thanks for doing this.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 803-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 804-17, resolution approving a subaward agreement with Action for Children for quality early learning services (Job and Family Services) (\$160,215.50), presented by Ms. Bivens.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, this resolution will continue our contractual relationship with Action for Children, our resources referral agency, for families searching for quality early learning programs eligible for publicly funded childcare. This work is all the more important, as we are preparing for the state's 2020 Step Up to Quality mandate, which will require providers to maintain at least one star rating to continue participating in the publicly funded childcare program. If the rules went into effect today, approximately 28,000 children will no longer be able to be cared for by their current providers. Under the terms of the agreement, Action for Children will continue to maintain and update its database of all early learning programs and openings across the county. They will also provide pre-screening, link up to 500 families with high quality early childhood education programs, and provide information referrals for approximately 200 Ohio Workforce Cash Assistance customers.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 804-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 805-17, resolution approving a subaward agreement with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio, Inc., for Youth Mentoring Programs (Job and Family Services) (\$245,000), presented by Ms. Bivens.

Ms. Bivens: Commissioners, you know the impact a mentor has in a young person's life. The Big Brothers Big Sisters matches caring adult mentors with at-risk children who may be struggling academically or are in need of adult guidance, role model or friendship. Adult volunteers are recruited, pre-screened and matched with youth mentees. Of the 419 youth that participated in the county funded community and school based program last year, 94% reported an improvement in at least one youth outcome survey category and 73% improved

in at least two categories. These numbers exceeded the program's goals. At JFS, we have about 56 employees who have signed up for Big Brothers Big Sisters to be mentors.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 805-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 806-17, resolution approving a subaward agreement with The Center for Healthy Families Inc., for teen parenting and pregnancy prevention services (Job and Family Services) (\$325,000), presented by Ms. Bivens.

Ms. Bivens: The Center for Healthy Families has provided coaching and support for more than 850 teen families in Franklin County. Over the last contract, The Center for Healthy Families reported that 94% of the teens in the program gave birth to healthy babies. 72% of teen parents in the program graduated. This is over 30 points higher than the national average and 96 participants delayed a pregnancy. This work complements the CelebrateOne work that the Commissioners support. It shows that what The Center for Healthy Families is doing is working.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 806-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 807-17, resolution approving two subaward agreements with Action for Children and The Homeless Families Foundation for kindergarten readiness services (Job and Family Services) (\$556,057.93), presented by Ms. Bivens.

Ms. Bivens: We know parents and caretakers are their child's first and most important teacher. SPARK is a family focused intervention program that is designated to equip families with the knowledge and skills to ensure their children are ready to enter and to thrive into kindergarten. Under this home visitation model, professional parent partners conduct monthly lessons with families helping to evaluate children's early learning, reading language and social skills, while also educating parents on techniques that foster positive learning and development. Under the terms of the contract, Action for Children and The Homeless Families Foundation, which subcontracts with the YMCA of Central Ohio, will target approximately 340 TANF eligible 3-4 year old children and their families across Franklin County, with a special focus on youth in Linden and Whitehall.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 807-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote for one week.

Resolution No. 808-17, resolution Review of petition to annex 0.501 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City Case #ANX-22-17 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution is to consider an expedited type 2 annexation petition to annex 0.501 acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City. The area to be annexed includes property located at 4047 Casa Boulevard (Parcel ID #160-000806), which is south of Casa Boulevard, east of Harrisburg Pike, west of Haughn Road and north of Orders Road. The petition was filed by Agent/Attorney Kacie Waugh, on behalf of the property owner, Cindy Harrison. 18% of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Grove City, and the City passed resolution no. CR-42-17 on October 16, 2017, indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved and a statement regarding possible land uses and zoning buffer. The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 808-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 809-17, resolution authorizing a consultant contract with Herzog & Associates, LLC, for professional consulting services (Child Support Enforcement) (\$47,175), presented by Lori Torriero, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement.

Ms. Torriero: Good morning Commissioners. This is an annual contract with Herzog & Associates. They have designed and maintained a lot of our databases using Access as the primary program. We use these programs to drive work to the staff and generate documents using data that comes from our support enforcement tracking system. They have designed and now maintain all of the tables that are necessary. We also do a fair amount of productivity tracking through those systems.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 809-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 810-17, resolution authorizing the use of a portion of the proceeds of bonds or bond anticipation notes of the County, in the estimated principal amount of not to exceed \$7,000,000, to be issued for the purpose of modernizing and upgrading the Elevators in the Office Tower; and to reimburse the County's General Fund for moneys advanced for such purpose (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

Mr. Talarek: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution will provide financial flexibility to the County related to the elevator modernization project. This resolution is required by IRS Regulations, so that any monies provided from the General Fund could be reimbursed from any bond proceeds if the County elects to issue debt for this project.

Commissioner Boyce: This resolution is giving the County flexibility that if we use bond money, we can incorporate that into that purchase.

Mr. Talarek: Correct. Any expenditures we make before the issuance of bonds, you could use the proceeds to reimburse the General Fund.

Commissioner Boyce: Do you know if it will be competitively bid?

Mr. Talarek: Nothing has been decided yet, Commissioner Boyce. We have done this in the past with a couple of projects where we have issued bonds; Back in 2013, for the 800MHz upgrade. We ended up using cash for the project, and did not issue any bonds. This does not commit us to issuing the bonds. It just allows us the flexibility for any expenditures made up to three years after the original expenditures are paid, if the County elects to issue bonds, the County can reimburse the General Fund.

Commissioner Boyce: Sure. If they are competitively bid, my firm can bid on those and that is the reason for the question.

Mr. Talarek: There will have to be a separate resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds moving forward.

Commissioner Boyce: Is there any reason for me to abstain on this resolution?

Harold Anderson: I do not believe so on this resolution.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 810-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 811-17, resolution authorizing a purchase order for Otis Elevator Company (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Interim Director, Public Facilities Management.

Ms. Reardon: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution authorizes a purchase order to Otis Elevator Company to complete the first steps required to modernize the elevators in this building. The elevators are original to this building and are at the end of their life cycle. The PO we are asking for today will allow for the preparation of the drawings approval and engineering. The total project will be phased over a three year period to minimize service disruption for our building residents and visitors and is estimated to cost \$7,000,000.

Commissioner Boyce: How do we actually issue the notes?

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: Initially we will start this project with General Fund dollars being used as the proceeds. That is why we needed to pass the prior resolution to give us the flexibility that if it is in the County's best interest, due to market conditions, and based upon our cash position, we will have the flexibility to use bond proceeds and reimburse us for the amount of General Fund dollars that are used to advance this project.

Commissioner Boyce: I believe I should abstain on this one. If we do go out and they are competitively bid, my firm can bid on these notes.

Mr. Talarek: This is to approve the encumbrance to move forward with contracting with Otis Elevator to begin the project.

Mr. Anderson: The logic related to 810-17, was appropriate. It was a notice of intent and not the authorization to market the bonds.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 811-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 812-17, resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute an agreement with LCPtracker (Public Facilities Management), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator.

Ms. Long: Good morning Commissioners. As you know, we are in the process of building a new corrections facility. One of the aspects of the previously mentioned MOU is the workforce participation plan, which has good faith efforts put forward that 50% of employees to be local residents and 20% of the 50% to be local, low income and underrepresented residents. The only way to track that is to have good and accurate data. As we looked at other successful projects, both locally and around the country, one of the software option companies is LCPtracker. It has been utilized across the board and does both compliance management, certified payroll and workforce reporting. Therefore, this resolution would authorize the County to enter into agreement with LCPtracker to provide those services to the Construction Inclusion Team and the Commissioners for an ongoing basis of tracking the workforce participation. The contractors will be utilizing LCPtracker on the project at no cost.

Commissioner Brown: This is a good idea so we will have accurate data. I hope we can use it throughout on other work that we do.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 812-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 813-17, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$1,131,133.55), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert representing Purchasing. The resolution before you requests approval of 100 Purchase Orders. These Purchase Orders have been pre-certified as to availability of funds by the County Auditor.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 813-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 814-17, resolution authorizing the support of the County's Small and Emerging Business Enterprise Inclusion Program and Workforce Labor Initiatives (Board of Commissioners), presented by Marleise Wicker, Small Emerging Business Coordinator, Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Wicker: Good morning Commissioners. This resolution will support the goals of the Small Emerging Business Enterprise Inclusion and Workforce Labor participation initiative programs for the construction of the corrections center. As you know, we have a labor participation goal of 50% Franklin County labor and 20% of the 50% will be underrepresented and low income residents. We also have a 12% aspirational goal of SEBE contractor goal. As the project gets underway, we have had two contractor outreach programs this year with over 125 in attendance. This past Thursday was our first workforce outreach. It was held in the Milo-Grogan neighborhood and there were over 100 job seekers interested in working in the construction trades to learn more about pathways that lead to apprenticeships in one of the nine construction union trades that were present at the event. This resolution will facilitate our ability to host community outreach events in diverse neighborhoods throughout Franklin County to raise awareness about how to participate on a project. It also gives authorization to the County Administrator to sign off on any future agreements associated with these events.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 814-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Commissioner Boyce: I do want to say you did a great job at the event last Thursday. It was well put together and I know everyone worked hard on it. This has been a lot of work. Ms. Smith has done an outstanding job as being the leader of this initiative. This is going to produce some good results.

Resolution No. 815-17, resolution authorizing communication, review and submission of material to the Ohio Department of Corrections / Bureau of Adult Detention (BAD) for purposes of ongoing compliance with BAD requirements for the new Corrections Center (Board of Commissioners), presented by Ms. Long.

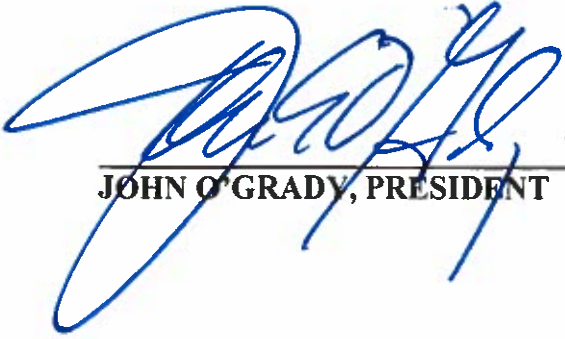
Ms. Long: Good morning Commissioners. The Ohio Department of Corrections / Bureau of Adult Detention (BAD) promotes safe and secure and humane jails to assist local officials with the minimum standards for jails in Ohio. Throughout this process and the planning, there will be a series of materials that will need to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. This resolution will authorize the County Administrator to submit such materials along the way.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 815-17, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of November 14, 2017.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



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Submitted by:



Antwan Booker, Clerk