

March 6, 2017

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

Chair Waymire called the study session to order at 8:30a.m.

All Commissioners present.

Public Comment:

Gene Hirt, 107 Jefferson St, Pomona- discussed the situation with public schools. The state needs to figure out funding for our schools in the county and around the state. This is a critical service.

Melissa Reed, Executive Director of Prairie Paws Animal Shelter, discussed the shelter's operations and funding needs for the 2018. The shelter showed a net income in 2016 of \$11,775. They are requesting a 3% increase of \$42,000. They have 8 full-time employees, 9 part-time employees and had 9,676 volunteer hours.

Jennifer Woolsey, Executive Director of CASA, discussed a request for \$4,000 for 2018. Services are provided in Franklin, Anderson, Coffey and Osage Counties and have been provided in these counties since 2002. 23 kids are currently represented by CASA. She is currently a 30 hour per week employee, and she would like to hire another part-time person. She cannot increase the number of kids they serve until they hire another person to supervise volunteers.

John Todd, Franklin County Agriculture Society President, discussed the 2018 funding request of \$26,000. This request is an increase of \$8,790 over the amount awarded in 2017. He said some buildings need roof repairs that have been held off.

Commissioner Dunn left the meeting at 9:15a.m.

Chris Patton, COF Training Services CEO, discussed the funding request of \$95,000 for 2018. This request reflects no increase over the 2017 allocated amount. COF helps clients case by case. They have a \$3.1 million payroll in Franklin County. They have three business ventures to help support clients with jobs. The three businesses are Thriftopia, Stan's Cleaning Service and Snackmaster.

Kari Harris, Franklin County Conservation District representative, discussed the funding request of \$46,000 which is an increase of \$1,295 over the 2017 allocation. She is the only full-time employee. They provide services to farmers and education to all ages.

The Commission recessed at 9:30a.m. and reconvened at 9:36a.m.

James Oltman, Franklin County Executive Director, discussed the \$70,000 request for 2018. The increase is a 9% increase over 2017. He reported the funds would go to support the marketing needs of the new industrial park and other operations like assisting the community in preparing the work force for new businesses.

Midge Ransom, Franklin County Health Department Director, discussed purchasing three bike racks for county buildings. The racks would be placed at the Annex Building, the Courthouse and the Justice Center. The cost is estimated at \$400 per rack. She proposed that the county pay for half the bike racks out of the general fund and the remainder would be paid out of the Health Department budget.

Midge Ransom, Franklin County Executive Director, discussed the Work Well Kansas program. The program is being offered in Franklin County in conjunction with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Pathways Grant that was awarded to Franklin County in 2017. The program has three areas of focus: tobacco, food and nutrition, and active living. She would like Franklin County to support the program by forming a team to go to the classes set up for businesses in Franklin County.

Leslie Bjork, Elizabeth Layton Center Director and Perry Chapman, ELC CFO, discussed the request of \$175,000 for the 2018 budget. That is an increase of \$2,687 over the 2017 funding. Funding from the county help with 24-hour crisis care among other services. Mental Health Care is one of the top three concerns in our area on the quality of life study.

Deb Barker, Franklin County Historical Society Director, discussed the 2018 budget request of \$71,000. The requested amount remains unchanged from the 2017 allocation. She said this is the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Historical Society in Franklin County.

Gayla Wilkins, Human Resources Director, discussed the potential of the county to allow employees to contribute to the KPERS 457 Roth plan. A representative of the KPERS 457 plan was present to give information on the plan. The plan would be after-tax as opposed to the pre-tax plan that the employees are currently contributing to.

Alan Radcliffe, Emergency Management Director, discussed the replacement options for a new countywide radio system. He said the next step would be to issue an RFP to get pricing and develop a plan to move forward. Financing options cannot be planned until we know what the cost will be for the system. By issuing an RFP, the county has no obligation to purchase the system as bid.

Alan Radcliffe, Emergency Management Director, discussed the current Burn Permit Resolution. Some changes need to be made to the current Resolution. Proposed changes would be changes to the penalty section, time to set the burn ban and trash burning provisions. He said the time to review would be June or July to have the update completed before the end of the year. The county begins issuing new burn permits in early December for the next year.

The Commission adjourned at 10:56a.m.

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