

March 24, 2016

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

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

All Commissioners present.

Public Comment:

Gene Hirt, 107 Jefferson Rd, Pomona- Just wanted to thank Jim Haag, Public Works Director, and the other county employees for the repair work on the pot holes on Colorado Road. The materials used for the repairs was outstanding and seems to be holding up well.

Megan and Shawn Dickinson, SWAN Arts Foundation, are requesting \$4,000 for 2017. The goal of the foundation is to make the art accessible for all. They strive to meet five goals 1. Arts Education 2. Highlight Local Talent 3. Arts Based Economic Growth 4. Extend the Reach of Arts 5. Improve Quality of Life. They in vision this request as being an ongoing request. They support many art events. The Swan Arts Festival has an estimated 1500 attendees with 55 vendors.

Chris Campbell, Franklin County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board Member, discussed the \$165,000 funding request for 2017. The organization is in charge of promoting and marketing local events.

Deb Barker, Franklin County Historical Society Director, discussed the \$80,000 funding request for 2017. The Historical Society takes care of preserving, presenting and promoting the history of Franklin County.

John Todd, Franklin County Agricultural Society, discussed the \$20,000 funding request for 2017. The Franklin County Agricultural Society manages the Franklin County Fair Grounds and puts on the Franklin County Fair annually. He said the fair costs an estimated \$95,000 annually to put on the fair.

Chris Patton and John Griffin, COF Training Services, discussed the \$95,000 funding request for 2017. The request reflects no increase over the 2016 year. They are in a transition to offer employment services for its clients. They are looking for opportunities to employ clients in our area.

Leslie Bjork, Director, and Perry Chapman, CFO, with Elizabeth Layton Center discussed the \$185,809.80 funding request for 2017. The increase is \$16,892 over 2016. They discussed challenges in funding at the state level especially considering Osawatomie State Hospital's moratorium.

Public Comment on the request from Elizabeth Layton Center:

Gene Hirt, discussed the importance of child services that are offered by ELC.

The Commission recessed for five minutes at 10:02a.m.

The Commission reconvened at 10:08a.m.

Sharon Geiss, Services for the Elderly, discussed the \$198,139 funding request for 2017. The request is \$1 less than the 2016 funding.

Keri Harris, District Manager of Franklin County Conservation District, discussed the 2017 funding request of \$46,000. The request is an increase of \$1,370 over the 2016 approved budget amount. She discussed all the community outreach programs they offer, many offered to school children.

Melissa Reed, Prairie Paws Executive Director, discussed the \$41,200 funding request for 2017. The request is an increase of \$480 over 2016. She talked about the programs to the shelter is working on to control the pet population and find homes for animals at the shelter. Franklin County intakes at the shelter represented 14% of the 178 animals received up until the end of February. They also receive funding from the City of Ottawa.

Matt Heyn, Franklin County Development Council Chairman, discussed the request of \$67,500 for 2017. The request is an increase of \$3,625 over the 2016 budgeted amount. The City contributes the same amount as the County annually, and FCDC will be asking the city for \$67,500 also.

Jon Holmes, County Administrator, gave a brief wrap-up on the funding requests that were heard today. The additional funding requests would result in an increase of \$38,682 if they were all approved as presented. This does not include Franklin County Convention and Tourism Bureau. They are paid out of the Transient Guest Tax Fund, and therefore not included in this total since they are not funded by property tax revenue. It was strongly recommended to the Commission that no increases should be given due to the considerations listed in the management summary.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29a.m.

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