

March 14, 2018

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

Chair Renoud called the meeting to order at 2:30p.m.

Roll call: Chair Randall Renoud present, Vice Chair Richard Oglesby present, Commissioner Richard Howard present, Commissioner Colton Waymire present, Commissioner Roy C. Dunn present.

Chair Renoud asked all in attendance to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation was led by Ken Morton, Elder at Rock Creek Church of Christ.

No Public Comment.

Commissioner Oglesby moved and Commissioner Howard seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: minutes from the meeting on March 7, 2018 and tax change orders in the amount of \$5,079.08. All voted "yes".

Derek Brown, County Administrator, discussed the need to solicit bids for mowing services for Franklin County buildings. The mowing contract is set to expire this year and needs to be sent out for bids. The Commissioners asked when the current contract expires and why these services are being bid before the contract expires. Administrator Brown responded with the contract ends in June and let the Commissioners know that the current contractor is not completing the job in a satisfactory manner.

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner Oglesby seconded to approve the solicitation of bids for mowing services for the county buildings. All voted "yes".

Janet Paddock, Franklin County Clerk, discussed the Community Partner Funding for 2019. Each of the Commissioners submitted their recommendations after hearing the presentations from each of the organizations. The summary provided to the Commissioners showed a chart with each Commissioners recommendations and an average the recommendations and the median of the recommendations. The Commissioners said they would like to go through each partner one at a time to gain a consensus and then vote on the list developed all together.

The Franklin Historical Society received \$71,000 in 2018 and requested \$74,550 in regular funding plus an additional \$30,000 for a capital project to replace the HVAC units at the Old Depot Museum. \$12,000 of the funding in 2018 came from Transient Guest Tax funds. County Administrator Brown suggested that the Commissioners discuss only the funds that they would like to award from levied taxes and the Commission can discuss funds from the Transient Guest Tax Fund at a later date. The Commissioners discussed that they would be comfortable awarding the Historical Society the same amount of levied taxes as the 2018 year.

Prairie Paws Animal Shelter received \$40,776 in 2018 and requested the same amount for the 2019 budget year. The Commissioners discussed the requested and came to consensus on the same amount as the 2018 budget year.

COF received \$95,000 in the 2018 budget and requested the same amount for the 2019 budget year. The Commissioners commended COF for continuing to look for additional funding. They came to consensus on the same amount as the 2018 budget year.

The Franklin County Conservation District received \$45,000 in the 2018 budget and requested the same amount for the 2019 budget year. The Commissioners discussed the funding of the Conservation District at length as three Commissioners wanted to maintain the current funding level while two wanted to decrease it. Commissioner Waymire and Commissioner Oglesby would like to see more funding go to partners that focus on human well-being. The Commissioners were unable to come to a consensus on the funding level when Commissioner Dunn lowered his recommendation to below the 2018 funding level. The Commissioners decided to come back to this after reviewing the remaining partners.

Franklin County Development Council received \$64,375 in the 2018 budget and requested the same amount for the 2019 budget year. James Oltman, FCDC Director, said that although he is not asking for an increase this year, if the current funding level stays in place and FCDC continues on the marketing plan for Proximity Park, the reserve funds that FCDC has will be depleted by 2020. Without funding, FCDC will not have funding to continue marking Proximity Park. The Commissioners came to consensus to maintain the current level of funding.

Franklin County Agriculture Society received \$17,210 in the 2018 budget and requested \$17,752 for the 2019 budget year. Of the \$17,210 received in 2018, \$3,210 was from Transient Guest Tax Funds leaving \$14,000 to come from levied tax. The Commissioners discussed the funding level and came to consensus on \$10,000 from levied taxes in 2019.

Elizabeth Layton Center received \$172,313 in the 2018 budget and requested \$180,928 for the 2019 budget year. The Commissioners discussed the request and wanted to give ELC a little more than last year to help with mental health issues in the County. The Commissioners came to consensus on \$175,000 for the 2019 budget.

Franklin County Services for the Elderly received \$199,000 in the 2018 budget year and requested \$204,970 for the 2019 budget year. The Commissioners discussed the request and wanted to give the organization a slight increase. The Commissioners came to consensus on \$201,000 for the 2019 budget.

CASA received \$4,000 in 2018 as the first time the organization received funds and requested \$25,000 for the 2019 budget. The Commissioners had a lengthy discussion regarding the drastic increase in the requested amount. They discussed how many clients that CASA serves in 2017 that were from Franklin County. More than half of CASA's caseload comes from Franklin County. The Commissioners came to consensus on \$15,000 for the 2019 budget.

The Commissioners came back to Franklin County Conservation District. The Commissioners came to consensus on \$33,313. The Commissioners did not want to see a levy increase, so they decided to award the Conservation Department the difference of the levied taxes from the 2018 budget to what they had already come to consensus on for the 2019 budget.

Janet Paddock, County Clerk, read the amounts from levied taxes back to the Commissioners as agreed on. They were as follows:

Franklin County Historical Society- \$59,000
Prairie Paws Animal Shelter- \$40,776
COF- \$95,000
Franklin County Conservations District- \$33,313
Franklin County Development Council- \$64,375
Franklin County Agriculture Society- \$10,000
Elizabeth Layton Center- \$175,000
Franklin County Services for the Elderly- \$201,000
CASA- \$15,000

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner Oglesby seconded to approve the approved amounts as read pending the approval of the 2019 Franklin County Budget. All voted "yes" except Commissioner Waymire voted "no".

A staff report was given by Derek Brown, County Administrator.

Commissioner Dunn moved and Commissioner Howard seconded to enter into Executive Session to discuss an individual employee pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, KSA 75-4319(B)(1) for 15 minutes to start at 4:25pm with the Commission and the Administrator. All voted "yes".

The meeting reconvened at 4:40pm. No action taken.

Commissioner Howard moved and Commissioner Oglesby seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:40p.m. All voted "yes".

Clerk

Chair