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COMMISSIONERS ELECT 2011 BOARD PRESIDENT

Today, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners unanimously elected Marilyn Brown to serve as the 2011 Board President.

Commissioner Brown was first elected to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners in November 2006 and most recently won reelection to a second, four-year term this past November.

Commissioner Brown's efforts have served Central Ohio residents well; fostering and strengthening intergovernmental relationships; overseeing a balanced and fiscally responsible budget which carefully supports the County's top priorities of spurring job and economic growth, protecting community safety and security, maintaining core human services, including access to affordable health care, affordable housing and emergency shelter and maintaining a commitment to environmental quality and sustainable practices.

In 2008, Commissioner Brown served as Board President during which time the County broke ground for a new baseball stadium, Huntington Park, the new courthouse was underway and the County took beginning steps towards building a new animal care center.

During today's meeting, Commissioner Brown recognized the accomplishments of the past year and thanked her colleagues for their leadership and vision at both the County and State levels.

"I am honored to serve as board president in 2011. We have a tough year ahead of us. As counties around the state brace for a potential reduction in local government funding, Franklin County has established prudent fiscal measures in an effort to negate the impact of anticipated state cuts so that we may continue to provide quality, life-saving services the residents of Franklin County expect and deserve. This year we will look at more robust ways to collaborate to maximize the County's efficiency and effectiveness."

"I am proud to nominate my colleague, Commissioner Marilyn Brown, for 2011 board president," said Commissioner Paula Brooks. "Marilyn has a distinguished record of service on behalf of Franklin County residents and has the vision and the experience to reinvigorate our economy in the coming year."

“Franklin County residents will be well-served by the leadership of Marilyn Brown. I look forward to working with her over the next year as we embark on exciting projects in our community,” said Commissioner John O’Grady. “Marilyn has been instrumental in working with each of the Commissioner agencies and county’s community partners to fill service gaps and ensure that everyone was able to do more with ever-shrinking resources.”

In addition to serving as the 2011 Commission Board President, Commissioner Brown also serves as the Vice Chair for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

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