

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

April 2, 2019

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

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

Also present on the dais were Harold Anderson, Director of Business Contracts, Prosecutor’s Office; Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Antwan Booker, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

President Brown called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

President Brown: Today we recognize our Winter Sports championships. I would like to introduce Linda Logan, Executive Director, Greater Columbus Sports Commission to say a few words.

Ms. Logan: We are here to celebrate our winter sports, which includes wrestling, basketball, and swimming. We are proud to host all these events on an annual basis. I would like to have Jacki Windon, Ohio High School Athletic Association to say a few words.

Ms. Windon: Thank you for taking time to recognizing the achievements of these student athletes.

School	Sport	Player(s)
Columbus School for Girls	Girls Swimming (50yd Freestyle)	Nyah Funderburke
Columbus School for Girls	Girls Swimming (100yd Butterfly)	Jordan Aurnou-Rhees
Dublin Coffman	Girl Swimming (200yd IM)	Ellie Andrews
New Albany	Girls Swimming (400yd freestyle relay)	Lexi Elkovitch, Olivia Hovorka, Mia Lachey, Ava Lachey
Powell Olentangy Liberty	Wrestling (Individual 170lbs)	Carson Kharchla
Dublin Coffman	Wrestling (Individual 195lbs)	Seth Shumate
Grandview Heights	Wrestling (Individual 220lbs)	Hudson Jump
Columbus Africentric	Girls Basketball	Alexia Smith, Arianna Smith

Canal Winchester Harvest Prep	Boys Basketball	Brandon Beavers, Brian Beavers, Bryce Beavers, Andrew Tate
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President Brown: Thank you to all those who have supported the athletes. It takes a lot of people to help you out throughout your career and athletics. I would encourage the students to thank everyone who have helped thus far.

Commissioner Boyce: I would like to congratulate you all. This is the type of thing that happens because you have paid your dues. The hard work you have put into accomplishing this achievement will transfer to life. If you do, things will go well. Congratulations again.

Commissioner O’Grady: I would tell you to appreciate what you have accomplished. You do not want to be older and looking back and having this as the most important thing you have accomplished in your life. Do not let this be the most important thing you have accomplished. Use this as a springboard to more important things in your life. Use these lessons to propel you into a great life. Accomplish more in your life.

President Brown: Every 10 years the Census Bureau counts the people living in the U.S. This time next year every household will receive a questionnaire, and why it’s critical for each and every resident to be counted.

Commissioner Boyce: The 2020 census will guide policy for a decade, so it is more important than ever to make sure that every resident in our community is accurately counted. The census provides detailed data that directs more than \$33.5 billion to Ohio communities. As a result of census data, Ohio received \$352 million for CHIP in 2016. Thanks to census data, between 2013 and 2016, Ohio received more than \$580 million in federal funding for Low Income Home Energy Assistance. Ohio received more than \$1.3 billion in funding for highway construction that was authorized by the 2015 Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act and based on census data in 2015 \$1,814 was spent per person in Ohio based on data derived from the 2010 U.S. Census. City and county planners depend on accurate data to help build important services like schools, roads, and emergency services infrastructure. They also use it for economic development forecasts and neighborhood planning, and businesses use it to plan ahead for expansion and allocation of resources. Census data determine the number of representatives Ohio has in the congress. We’re likely to lose a seat this time, so it’s critically important that Central Ohio’s growing population be counted to help offset losses in other parts of the state.

It is about making sure your voice is counted. It is critical that everyone promotes this effort. We all can play a role in this effort. We have Rose Simmons, Partnership Coordinator for the U.S. Census Bureau.

Ms. Simmons: I am here on behalf of the Philadelphia Regional Census Center with our Erica Seaman, Assistant Regional Census Manager. We are charged with counting all residents of Franklin County. There is a Constitutional mandate that there is a count of all residents. It is easy, important and safe. It is easy because there are three options to complete your census questionnaire.

2020 will be the first time we have an online self-response option. You can also call. There will be 12 non-English languages for the questionnaire. There will be 59 languages for phone assistance. You can also request a paper questionnaire. We have a non-response follow up operation where we will be hiring several people throughout the County to knock on the doors of residents. Franklin County has the largest workload in the State of Ohio. There are jobs available ranging from \$13/hr to \$32.50/hr. We are hiring and you can go online at [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs).

It is important because there are more than \$675 billion dollars in federal funds allocated annually based upon census data.

It is safe because we have a cyber-security system that has been tested. We take an oath as employees that we will not divulge any information. If we do so, we risk a \$250,000 fine and up to five years in prison. We are working in an effort to make sure everyone in Franklin County is counted. We encourage you to participate in the 2020 census.

Seaman: We are committed to counting everyone. We need the community to help us in referring people to us to fill these jobs.

(group picture)

President Brown: We are celebrating National Public Health Week in Franklin County and here to celebrate and help recognize 100 YEARS of public health is our Franklin County Health Commissioner, Joe Mazzola.

Mr. Mazzola: Thank you for the opportunity to talk about National Public Health Week. I would like to recognize my team. This is our centennial year and we are going to take this week to talk about this and culminate in an event on October 24, 2019, which is our anniversary date. It is the quality of work that my staff does that makes this possible. We have just released our new strategic plan. We are moving toward an idea health equity and making sure our funding, data, and policies reflect health equity. We are excited about what we are doing.

(group picture)

**Resolution No. 226-19**, resolution authorizing appropriation adjustments for providing salary and wage increases to non-bargaining employees for the remainder of 2019 (Auditor), presented by Michael Stinziano, County Auditor, Auditor's Office.

Mr. Stinziano: Good morning, Commissioners. Resolution No. 0024-19 was passed on January 15, 2019 authorizing appropriation adjustments of 2% for unclassified employees and an additional 1.5% to address wage compression and merit. That resolution only included increases for six pay periods for unclassified employees. This resolution is appropriates the remaining 2% for unclassified employees and the 1.5% for wage compression.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 226-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 227-19**, resolution for plans approved for the 2019 Resurfacing Program for various Franklin County roads, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by James Jewell, Chief Deputy of Operations, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Jewell: This resolution seeks the plan approval for the 2019 Resurfacing Program for various Franklin County roads. The plans, specifications and estimates have been prepared and approved by the County Engineer. The next step will be to schedule a bid opening. The project is scheduled to begin spring 2019.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 227-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 228-19**, resolution authorizing a settlement for disputed property damage claims involving a Franklin County Engineer's Office employee (\$35,000.00)(Engineer), presented by Mr. Jewell.

Mr. Jewell: On March 15, 2017, while in route to a job site, a Franklin County Engineer employee was involved in a vehicle accident at US 33 and Riverside Drive. The Franklin County vehicle struck a vehicle owned by Whistler Dukes. We have worked closely with the Prosecutor's Office and they have recommended a total settlement of \$35,000.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 228-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 229-19**, resolution to approve right of way plans approved for the replacement of the structure on Braun Road over Snyder Ditch (MAD-TR232-1.02), Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is to approve the right of way plans for Braun Road over Snyder Ditch, which is in the south east part of the County in Madison Township. This bridge is 91 years old and is ready for replacement. This resolution will allow us to move forward with right of way acquisition.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 229-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 230-19**, resolution authorization for the Franklin County Engineer to enter into an agreement with Prairie Township and the State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the construction, improvement, and operation of a left-turn lane into the Galloway Sports Complex, Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This is a cooperative project and will allow for the construction of a northbound left turn lane into the new sports complex.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 230-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 231-19**, resolution authorizing contracts with Draft-Co, Inc. and Hall's Construction Materials Testing, Inc. to provide consulting services (\$117,080.00)(Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is for professional services. One to Draft Co., Inc, which is an SEBE and veteran owned. Hall's Testing is a WBE. We have worked with both of these companies in the past.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 231-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 232-19**, resolution authorizing report (4th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Norton Road at Johnson Road improvement, Prairie Township and Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$5,661.00)(Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: This resolution is for a right of way acquisition. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> report for the Norton Road at Johnson Road roundabout. It includes one property and the price was based on fair market value.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 232-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 233-19**, resolution appointing Transportation Improvement District (TID) Board of Trustee members, Franklin County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Robertson: Commissioners, on March 12<sup>th</sup>, you set up the Transportation Improvement District for Franklin County. That resolution appointed four of the five voting members. This resolution takes care of the last appointment. We recommend Zach Woodruff of Whitehall.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 233-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 234-19**, resolution authorizing contract extensions for Title Insurance Services (\$400,000.00)(Prosecuting Attorney), presented by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson: This resolution asks for approval of contract extensions for Alban and Alban, Columbus Title of Westerville and Paramount Title and is related to the filing of foreclosure cases by the County. Last year, we filed 561 cases on 668 parcels. Each of those parcels generally require individual title work. This year we estimate approximately 700-750 cases on approximately 750-825 parcels.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 234-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 235-19**, resolution approving a subaward agreement with the Columbus Urban League for intervention services for at-risk young males of color (\$50,000.00)(Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Bivens: As you remember, we did the I Am My Brother's Keeper pilot since 2016 with the Columbus Urban League through the Young Men's Leadership. That program has changed and is now calling it the Young Men's Leadership Academy. The Columbus Urban League will remain engaged with a number of boys and young men who have participated in the initial pilot. We have Stephanie Hightower, CEO, Columbus Urban League to discuss more about this program.

Ms. Hightower: I continue to be in awe by the Commissioners' continued work and support of young men of color in this community. We are committed to this work, even though we have not had funding for the past year. Our young people remain committed to the Columbus Urban League. Our coaches stay committed to the boys. This summer is going to be an important summer for our community with not having the same summer youth employment opportunities that used to exist. This will give us an opportunity to keep these young boys engaged. We have over 400 kids who have called the Columbus Urban League since January that are looking for summer employment. We are trying to take some of those boys and get them engaged in the program. This is a county-wide program.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 235-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 236-19**, resolution authorizing a Novation Agreement with Nurse Medical Home Healthcare LLC (Office On Aging), presented by Michelle Missler, Director, Office on Aging.

Ms. Missler: This resolution authorizes a Novation Agreement with Nurse Medical Healthcare Services, Inc., who have changed its name to Nurse Medical Home Healthcare Services, LLC.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 236-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 237-19**, resolution authorizing a Novation Agreement with Addus HealthCare (South Carolina), Inc DBA Arcadia Home Care & Staffing (Office On Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: This resolution authorizes a Novation Agreement with Priority Home Health Care, Inc. DBA Addus Homecare as the organization has changed its name to Addus Healthcare, Inc DBA Arcadia Home Care & Staffing.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 237-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 238-19**, resolution authorizing the 2019 Franklin County Office on Aging Day with the Columbus Clippers (\$9,825.00)(Office On Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: This resolution requests June 20, 2019 be proclaimed Franklin County Office on Aging Day with the Columbus Clippers and seeks approval to provide admission and 1,300 lunches, including bottles of water, to older adults attending the baseball game. This event affords area seniors the nostalgic opportunity to rekindle their love for baseball, interact with others and receive resource information.

President Brown: We have a public speaker for this resolution, Ellen Baumgartner, B.R.E.A.D.

Ms. Baumgartner: Thank you for this opportunity. It is exciting to have an Office on Aging Day with the Columbus Clippers. Many people in our community are Clippers fans and hopefully that day will highlight the work that the office does to help seniors with a variety of needs, including those with housing struggles. We have shared stories week after week here. We want to be sure that as the County finishes their poverty study, and the economic development study that you get to hear from our constituents. Some of our members are seniors who are physically unable to get here due to various health conditions, but they still need affordable housing. We want you to hear their stories. One of our members was released from her job and wants to move into an affordable place, on a bus line so she can maintain her independence. She receives help from family members for bills and food. What about those who do not have family to help? We have been requesting an increase in the conveyance fee to the maximum \$2 allowed by state law. We know that this will not

solve our housing crisis, however if this \$2 increase went to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, thousands of additional families would be able to move into safe, decent and affordable housing. This is a solution that could be implemented in the short term as you continue to look for long term solutions. I hope you can join us on our See the Need Tour this afternoon.

Erik Janas, Deputy Administrator: We have staff attending the tour.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 238-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 239-19**, resolution authorizing consulting services to support the upgrade of the Q Continuum Case Management System (\$98,800.00)(Office On Aging), presented by Ms. Missler.

Ms. Missler: This resolution authorizes a contract with TMH Solutions, Inc. for consulting services to assist in the upgrade of the current Q Continuum Case Management System. Within the scope of the contract, TMH Solutions will provide a Project Manager who will be performing a gap analysis to determine any deficiencies that may exist between the two versions of the case management systems as well as any externally dependent systems. This six month contract will run from April 2, 2019 through September 30, 2019 and will not exceed \$98,800.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 239-19, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 240-19**, resolution for review of petition to annex 4.1 +/- acres from Prairie Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-03-19 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to consider an expedited type 2 annexation petition of 4.1 +/- acres from Prairie Township to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property at Fisher Road (Parcel Number 240-002330), which is north of Fisher Road, south of I-70, west of I-270, and east of Hilliard Rome Road.

The petition was filed by Agent Robert G. Konstand on behalf of the property owner, Kenmore Aggregates II, LLC. 100% of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Columbus and the City passed Ordinance Number 0674-2019 on March 11, 2019 indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved and a statement regarding possible incompatible land uses and zoning buffer.

The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code.



Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 240-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 241-19**, resolution for review of petition to annex 0.5326 +/- acres from Franklin Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-04-19 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ms. Snapp.

Ms. Snapp: This resolution is to consider an expedited type 2 annexation petition of 0.5326- +/- acres from Franklin Township to the City of Columbus. The area to be annexed includes property at 4143 Ongaro Drive (Parcel Number 142-000019), which is south of Ongaro Drive, west of N. Wilson Road, east of I-270, and north of I-70.

The petition was filed by Agent & Owners Benjamin and Lauren Halton. 28.38% of the site's perimeter is contiguous to the City of Columbus and the City passed Ordinance Number 0683-2019 on March 11, 2019 indicating the services that will be provided once the annexation is approved and a statement regarding possible incompatible land uses and zoning buffer.

The petition meets all statutory requirements outlined in Section 709.021 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 241-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 242-19**, resolution authorizing recycling of information technology equipment declared obsolete by the Franklin County Automatic Data Processing Board (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

Ms. Reardon: Good morning, Commissioners. Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management. Periodically this agency is asked by the Data Processing Board to assist with the disposal of obsolete, surplus IT equipment. We do so in a manner consistent with this Board's commitment to promote sustainable principles in our policy decisions and programs.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 242-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 243-19**, resolution declaring personal property as unneeded, obsolete or unfit and not needed for public use and authorizing the disposal of said items via the disposal services of Capital City Dental & Compliance (\$643.00)(Public Facilities Management), presented by Ms. Reardon.

Ms. Reardon: This Resolution will declare personal property — specifically two (2) x-ray units identified by the Franklin County Coroner’s Office — as obsolete and unneeded, and authorizes the equipment to be responsibly de-manufactured and recycled in a safe and environmentally responsible manner by Capital City Dental & Compliance.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 243-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 244-19**, resolution authorizing an Amendment to the Contract Agreement with Moody Nolan, Inc. to provide Professional Design Services associated with the planning, design and construction of a new Franklin County Forensic Science Center at an increase in the amount of the Contract not to exceed \$86,500.00 (\$2,674,384.00)(Public Facilities Management), presented by Ms. Reardon.

Ms. Reardon: In September 2016, Moody Nolan, Inc. was awarded a Contract Agreement to provide Professional Design Services associated with the construction of the new Franklin County Forensic Science Center.

Subsequently, Franklin County acquired an alternative site for the project and the architectural team was asked to explore site acquisition options. There have also been several project scope additions including modifications to conferencing space, HVAC, and covered parking for investigators.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 244-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 245-19**, resolution authorizing a modification to the Contract Agreement with Bruner Corporation to perform additional HVAC activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center at an increase in the amount of the Contract not to exceed \$241,289.00 (\$18,716,059.00)(Public Facilities Management), presented by Ms. Reardon.

Ms. Reardon: In March 2018, Bruner Corporation was awarded a Contract Agreement to perform HVAC activities associated with the construction of the new Franklin County Corrections Center.

This Resolution authorizes the first modification of the Contract Agreement with Bruner to provide additional HVAC activities including mechanical work associated with various design documents issued by DLZ Architecture, Inc. such as ductwork, pumps, piping, roof curb extensions and generator exhaust support steel, and modifies the contract completion date accordingly.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 245-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 246-19**, resolution authorizing a Contract Extension with Public Communication Services, Inc. to provide Inmate Telephone Services (Public Facilities Management), presented by Ms. Reardon.

Ms. Reardon: Public Facilities Management collaborates with the Franklin County Sheriff in the management of the contract for Inmate Telephone Services.

Today we are recommending that we continue our service relationship with the current contractor, PCS, and award a contract extension through October 31, 2019. PCS is an industry leader in this field. The services provided by the Contractor to the County under this Contract are provided at no cost to the County.

Franklin County has been a leader in this area for many years by offering some of the lowest inmate calling rates in the country. Studies make clear that inmates who maintain contact with family and community while incarcerated have a reduced rate of recidivism and are more likely to become productive citizens upon their release.

President Brown: This is one of the things I am glad we are able to do. We used to have much higher rates. The County took this to heart when we started doing smarter justice work years ago. It makes a huge impact for the inmates to have contact with family and friends.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 246-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 247-19**, resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$3,022,817.86)(Purchasing), presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing.

Mr. Kuespert: Good morning Commissioners, Karl Kuespert, Director of the Purchasing Department. The resolution before you requests your approval of 107 purchase orders. Included in this resolution are 26 eligible purchase orders. These are defined as POs in which Small & Emerging Business Enterprises are likely to participate. Of these POs, 13 were awarded to SEBEs which is 50% of the eligible PO volume. The sum of these 18 POs total \$184,606.04 which is 81.2% of the eligible PO dollar value.

These purchase orders have been precertified as to the availability of funds by the County Auditor.


Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 247-19, seconded by President Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of April 2, 2019.

  
MARLYN BROWN, PRESIDENT

  
JOHN O'GRADY

  
KEVIN L. BOYCE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Submitted by:

  
Antwan Booker, Clerk