

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

June 2, 2020

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened the General Session meeting via Zoom conferencing, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

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

Also present were Harold Anderson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget; and, Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, amongst others.

Participants were able to access General Session (via Zoom conferencing) by dialing (929) 436-2866, Meeting ID: 530 479 003; or by joining at: <https://franklincountyohio.zoom.us/j/530479003>

President O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

President O'Grady recognized the extraordinary work of Darla Reardon, Director, Vivian Alexander, Chief Operating Officer, and Tim Gill, Director of Operations, Public Facilities Management. Noting their exceptional contributions to Franklin County throughout recent civil unrest, during the preceding weekend. It was also noted that several county facilities, including levy-agency ADAMH, sustained mild to severe damage to property.

President O'Grady: We had support from our county team, our friends at Elford, who has been a wonderful partner of ours, and I want to take this opportunity to thank them for the overtime work they completed this weekend, and helping us to take care of things.

Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator: Thank you, Commissioners. If I could briefly add two names to that list, Building Manager, Mike Frank, and Maintenance Worker, Lamont Kelly, they were on board and onsite almost this entire weekend and available to step in.

Approval of the minutes of the May 26, 2020, Administrative Session with Health Commissioner Mazzola; the May 28, 2020, Briefing Session; and the May 27, and 29, 2020, Administrative Briefings. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0359-20, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Double Z Construction Co., for the Reynoldsburg– New Albany Road at Clark State Road Improvements (\$2,729,958.09) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Robertson reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0359-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0360-20, authorizing a contract with MAPSYS, Inc. to provide requested support and maintenance to the Franklin County Treasurer application (\$95,000.00) (Treasurer), presented by Allyse Thomas, Budget and Purchasing Coordinator, Treasurer’s Office

Ms. Thomas reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0360-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0361-20, declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation and requesting the Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue generated by the tax levy (Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Board), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office and Management and Budget, Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Talarek reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce: The action we are taking today is simply requesting the Auditor to certify the total current valuation, essentially certifying that the numbers are accurate, in order, to illustrate what they mean when it comes to what they’ll generate tax, correct?

Mr. Talarek: That is correct, Commissioner.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0361-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0362-20, authorizing a contract with Commercial Control Services, Inc., for the upgrade of the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security facility burglar alarm system, video camera system and key card access system (\$33,371.21) (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Jeff Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Young reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0362-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0363-20, authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations for social services contracts, staff overtime, and other operating expenses (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0363-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0364-20, authorizing a contract extension with Alvis Inc. for the provision of transitional housing for justice involved females participating in the Pathways Achieving Recovery through Choice Program under the FY 2018 Comprehensive Opioid Site Based grant program (\$25,185.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

Mr. Daniels reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0364-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0365-20, authorizing a contract with SFG Retirement Plan Consulting, LLC for Consulting Services for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (Human Resources), presented by Sue Hamilton, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

Ms. Hamilton reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0365-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0366-20, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,443,790.25) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

Ms. Perry-Balonier reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0366-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0367-20, approving the issuance of Health Care Facilities Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2020 (The Wesley Communities Obligated Group Project) of the County of Franklin, Ohio, in one or more series, in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 and consenting to and approving the execution and delivery of Leases, Subleases and a Trust Indenture connection with the issuance of such Series 2020 Bonds (Board of Commissioners), presented by Drew Linnenbom, Counsel, Dinsmore and Shohl.

Mr. Linnenbom reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0367-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Mark Kovac, Staff Reporter, Columbus Dispatch: Did Michael Daniels say something about an emergency resolution and a Select Committee on racism and racial equity? What's that all about?

Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs: I'll email you all the documentation for the details.

Mr. Kovac: Is this something the Commissioners already approved?

Mr. Daniels: It is action taken by the Criminal Justice Planning Board, not by the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Kovac: Commissioners, you all obviously must support that move.

Commissioners: Yes.

Mr. Kovac: Do you have anything else in the works for the immediate future in response to some of the outpouring of stuff that's going on downtown?

Commissioner Boyce: There will be a press conference later today at the Columbus Urban League, that I'll be a part of. Commissioner O'Grady will be there, and I know Commissioner Brown supports the event, where a coalition has developed in the community that is going to endorse and embrace a number of recommended changes that the city has queued up through a consultant and work that they did, as well as our work in

poverty, and the declaration of racism as a public health crisis. The thing which you got to remember about our work, we're doing technical work around this stuff, but it's also designed to spur other things to happen, and in my opinion, this is the way it's supposed to work. It's supposed to take-on a life of its own with other cities, agencies, and businesses. So, in my mind, every time we're seeing these pop-up resolutions or pop-up actions, I think it's a part of our advocacy. To me, it's working and that's what is supposed to happen.

Commissioner Brown: I would agree. I know that the business community members are doing their own resolutions and making changes in their own companies spurred on by a lot of the work that we did, but not just that. I think they're seeing things in the community that are spurring the changes that they want to make, and I know that they'll be part of the press conference today. Hundreds of businesses have already signed on to the city's resolution to make this part of their own companies.

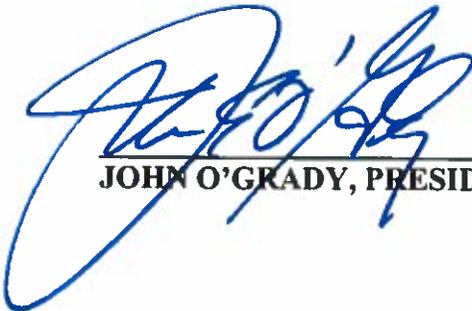
President O'Grady: To both Commissioner Boyce and Commissioner Brown's points, we've been doing our work for the last couple of years and folks have taken notice. Not only across the community here, but across the state, the country, and now folks are starting to follow suit. The City of Columbus passed a resolution last night supported by the mayor. I talked to County Commissioners from across the state yesterday. The City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County thanked us because they used our blueprint, they used our language to pass a resolution declaring racism a public health crisis in Cuyahoga County.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: I was just going to add, there's a resolution in the works that will be briefed soon. The Board of Commissioners will be supporting in the collaboration with Franklin County Public Health, in hiring an Associate Director of Equity and Inclusion. This position will provide strategic oversight and lead efforts in the community, creating partnerships and collaborations, and alliances that will help Franklin County Public Health's equity-based initiatives and priorities, and this position will be focused on race, disability, the LGBTQ community, and culturally and historically underserved communities. So, under the Boards' guidance, we're going to have a lot of actions associated with the declaration of racism as a public crisis.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 A.M.

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These minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' meeting of June 2, 2020.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



MARILYN BROWN



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

Submitted by:



Victoria Caldwell