

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

March 9, 2021

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened the General Session meeting via Zoom conferencing, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

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

Also present were Jeanine Hummer, First 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 Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

President Boyce: As a reminder, March is Women's History Month. What an exciting month it has been learning and growing with regards to the legacy that women have been a part of in this great country. My colleagues and I think we have set the tone of the last few years with our own level of inclusion and how we go about our everyday work. As such, a few years ago we created the New American Advisory Council, which was created to promote integration and community engagement among a growing immigrant and refugee population. Our guest today is Nadia Kasvin. Nadia is the co-founder and Director of US Together; founded in 2003, now in their eighteenth year. She herself is a former refugee from Ukraine. She has spent over thirty-five years coordinating support for vulnerable women, children, seniors and refugees among the new American population in Franklin County. Currently serving three locations, Columbus, Cleveland and Toledo. Nadia's work and vision are an excellent example of refugees serving refugees.

Nadia Kasvin, Co-Founder and Director, US Together, shared the detailed history, experiences, and ways that US Together empowers women.

Approval of the minutes of the March 2, 2021, General Session; the March 4, 2021, Briefing Session; and, the March 1, and 3, 2021, Administrative Briefings. Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING (1 of 3): Resolution regarding plans approved for the Groveport Road, County Road No. 7 at Saltzgaber Road, Township Road No. 237 Improvement project – Part 1, Madison Township, City of Groveport, Franklin County, Ohio.

President Boyce: I would like to open the Public Hearing. Would anyone like to speak regarding this Public Hearing? Seeing none, I will close the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 0166-21, plans approved for the Groveport Road, County Road No. 7 at Saltzgaber Road, Township Road No. 237 Improvement project – Part 1, Madison Township, City of Groveport, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0166-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING (2 of 3): Resolution regarding plans approved for the Toy Road, Township Road No. 236, Swisher Road, Township Road No. 238, and Saltzgaber Road, Township Road No. 237 Improvement project – Part 2, Madison Township, City of Groveport, Franklin County, Ohio.

President Boyce: I would like to open the Public Hearing. Would anyone like to speak regarding this Public Hearing? Seeing none, I will close the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 0167-21, plans approved for the Toy Road, Township Road No. 236, Swisher Road, Township Road No. 238, and Saltzgaber Road, Township Road No. 237 Improvement project – Part 2, Madison Township, City of Groveport, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0167-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING (3 of 3): Resolution regarding final hearing for establishing, altering and widening of Rohr Road, County Road No. 235, at London-Groveport Road, SR317, Madison Township, City of Groveport, Franklin County, Ohio.

President Boyce: I would like to open the Public Hearing. Would anyone like to speak regarding this Public Hearing? Seeing none, I will close the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 0168-21, final hearing for establishing, altering and widening of Rohr Road, County Road No. 235, at London-Groveport Road, SR317, Madison Township, City of Groveport, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0168-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0169-21, preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of Gahanna (\$200,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0169-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0170-21, authorizing Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency to enter into a contract extension with Jewish Family Services, Inc. related to the implementation of the Journey: A Parent's Voice early intervention pilot project (\$20,300.00) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0170-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0171-21, authorizing Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency to enter into a contract extension with Goodwill Industries of Central Ohio, Inc. related to the implementation of the Journey: A Parent's Voice early intervention pilot project (\$20,300.00) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0171-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0172-21, authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations related to a State Homeland Security Program grant award (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Jeff Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0172-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0173-21, authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation related to a State Homeland Security Law Enforcement grant award (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Jeff Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0173-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0174-21, finding it necessary to acquire real property for the purpose of constructing a sanitary sewer pump station and associated infrastructure in connection with the Kanawha-Rosslyn Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project and approving a contract with L&N-Up Alum Creek, LLC for the purchase of a 0.184 acre property (\$70,000.00) (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0174-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0175-21, approving subaward amendments with Community Refugee and Immigration Services, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services and Jewish Family Services, for refugee employability programs (\$315,131.00) (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0175-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0176-21, authorizing the acceptance of a contract extension for the FY 2016 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration grant awarded by the Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Board of Franklin County to support behavioral health interventions (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson, Interim Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0176-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0177-21, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP to perform additional security electronics activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$75,000.00, and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$9,463,214.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0177-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0178-21, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with Kastle Technologies Co., LLC to perform additional communications associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$321,619.00, and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$3,917,275.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Vivian Alexander, Chief Operating Officer, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0178-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0179-21, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with OCP Contractors, Inc. to perform additional acoustical and drywall activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$277,072.00, and authorizing the County Administrator to approve

and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$5,614,842.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0179-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0180-21, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with S.A. Comunale Co., Inc. to perform additional fire protection activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$63,527.00, and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$1,892,727.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Vivian Alexander, Chief Operating Officer, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0180-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0181-21, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with Wanner Metal Worx, Inc. to perform additional miscellaneous steel activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$421,094.00, and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$5,256,602.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0181-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0182-21, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,456,201.87) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0182-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0183-21, authorizing a one-year contract with Future Ready Columbus in support of the Future Ready by 5 kindergarten readiness plan (\$400,000.00) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Jane Leach, Executive Director, Future Ready Columbus, addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Brown: Jane, could please give the web address again for anybody listening?

Ms. Leach: Yes; it's www.futurereadycolumbus.org.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0183-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0184-21, resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0184-21, for the purpose of considering personnel matters, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 9:57 A.M.

At 11:53 A.M., Commissioner O'Grady moved to come out of Executive Session, with President Boyce seconding, which was approved by roll call vote. No action was taken upon exiting Executive Session, and with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of March 9, 2021.



KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT



MARILYN BROWN



**JOHN O'GRADY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



Victoria A. Caldwell