

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

April 6, 2021

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened the General Session meeting via Zoom conferencing, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 6, 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; 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: April is National Autism Awareness Month. About one percent of the world population has autism; that's one in 54 births in the United States. To further promote an inclusive community, we are renewing our commitment and tradition of spreading awareness and igniting change to create a more accepting community for individuals with autism. My colleagues and I encourage you to educate yourselves about autism spectrum disorder and be a positive part of our inclusive county.

President Boyce (cont.): We are in for a treat this morning. We have with us Zayne Harshaw and his parents, Gene and Gwen. Diagnosed with autism at the age of four did not stop Zayne from flourishing and realizing his dreams, so at 17 he and other talented musicians with autism formed the band, Blue Spectrum. Gwen is a featured autism spectrum advocate and if you haven't seen it, I recommend watching her Ted Talk, it will give you a new perspective of autism and parents of autistic children. If you could please share with us ways we can be more accepting of people with autism and share how you live a life of potential, promise and purpose. In addition, it is my understanding we get to hear Zayne play one of his latest songs, "*Living on a Prayer*," via a recent recording he posted to YouTube just for us. It is my pleasure to welcome the Harshaw family. Thank you for being with us today.

*Gene and Gwen Harshaw shared their experiences with their son, Zayne Harshaw, who was diagnosed with autism at the age of four. Honoring autism, during National Autism Awareness Month, Zayne shared a song he recently posted on YouTube, "Living on a Prayer."*

President Boyce: April is also National County Government Month, and this month we'll be highlighting some of the things we do and what counties are responsible for across the country. One of America's oldest forms of government, counties date back to 1634, with every American living within a county jurisdiction today, even though some places call them parishes or shires. There are 3,069 counties across the nation run by nearly 38,000 elected county officials. They're responsible for 66 percent of all road miles, 38 percent of bridges, and 78 percent of public transportation systems. Particularly important right now, counties run 1,943 local health departments and more than 900 hospitals. We've got some exciting things to tell you about this month, including our annual State of the County report due out on April 20<sup>th</sup>, so stay tuned to learn more about how we in Franklin County serve Every Resident, Every Day.

Approval of the minutes of the March 30, 2021, General Session; the April 1, 2021, Briefing Session; and, the March 29, and 31, 2021, Administrative Briefings. Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0249-21**, authorizing a Novation Agreement with Avertest, LLC dba Averhealth (Court of Common Pleas), presented by Kimberly Canada, Director of Finance, Court of Common Pleas.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0249-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0250-21**, accepting a Single County Ditch Petition and referring to the County Engineer for recommendation, and fixing an hour and date for the view and first hearing on the Golfview Ditch Watershed, Brown Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners), 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 0250-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0251-21**, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Shelly & Sands, Inc., for the Olentangy River Road Storm Sewer Improvement (\$169,996.40) (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 0251-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0252-21**, petition filed for vacation of a portion of Codet Road (unimproved), Mifflin Township, 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 0252-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0253-21**, The Farms at Jefferson Phase 3, 4 & 5 accepted for public maintenance and shall become part of the Jefferson Township Road System, 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 0253-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0254-21**, review of a petition to annex 38.09 +/- acres from Plain Township to the City of New Albany, Case #ANX-08-21 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0254-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0255-21**, approving three (3) contracts for on-site case management services between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services and Mt. Carmel East Hospital, Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Hospital, and Mt. Carmel Grove City Hospital (\$271,267.50) (Job and Family Services), presented by Bart Logan, Deputy Director – Communications, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0255-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0256-21**, authorizing three sub grant awards and contracts for services to provide public safety and crime reduction initiatives under the FY 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (\$297,341.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Courtney Brenner, Grants Specialist, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0256-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0257-21**, authorizing a contract agreement with Elite Excavating Company of Ohio, Inc. for the Young Estates Pump Station Replacement project (\$669,766.00) (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 0257-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0258-21**, authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Region VIII Education Service Center to establish Franklin County's membership in The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Purchasing Cooperative (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 0258-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0259-21**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,469,358.17) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Wicker, Small Emerging Business Coordinator, General Services.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0259-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0260-21**, authorizing the issuance of taxable limited tax bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$85,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to advance refund certain outstanding general obligation bonds of the County; and authorizing related documents and agreements (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0260-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0261-21**, resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters, and to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0261-21, to convene into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee and to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 9:49 A.M.

At 11:09 A.M., Commissioner O'Grady moved to come out of Executive Session, with Commissioner Brown seconding, which was unanimously 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 11:09 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

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**KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT**  
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**MARILYN BROWN**



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

Submitted by:



Victoria A. Caldwell