

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

April 20, 2021

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened the General Session meeting via Zoom conferencing, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 20, 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 9:03 A.M.

President Boyce: This week we join other leaders across the globe to pay tribute to Earth Day. Through meaningful measures of conservation and innovative thinking to restore the world's ecosystems, my colleagues and I believe together, we can prevent the coming disasters of climate change and environmental destruction. This is also Ohio Native Plant Month. Here to tell us more about each is the Executive Director of Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District, Jennifer Fish. Please share some of the best ways we can all support Earth Day and our environment. Welcome and thanks for joining us, Jennifer.

Jennifer Fish shared actions of conservation and innovative thinking to restore the world's ecosystems and the best ways we can support Earth Day and our environment in honor of Ohio Native Plant month and Earth Day.

President Boyce (cont.): If you have tuned in for any of our General Sessions this month you know we use April to recognize the important work that County Governments do. We do this by highlighting all the services and programs that counties provide to residents, and today we're pleased to introduce our annual State of the County Report. Go to Report.FranklinCountyOhio.gov to see or download the report. And as you look through it, you will see short videos throughout

that feature some of the various programs that we're most proud of, including Building Futures, the new county jail construction, and our addition last year of Racial Equity as one of our core principles of good governance. Counties play a really important role in local government and in the lives of all our residents. The state of Franklin County remains strong, and we're very happy to share our annual report with you at Report.FranklinCountyOhio.gov

Approval of the minutes of the April 13, 2021, General Session; the April 15, 2021, Briefing Session; and, the April 12, and 14, 2021, Administrative Briefings. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding vacation of Beechwood Drive in Blendon Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed, Engineer to file report by April 27, 2021.

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 and have the Clerk read the resolution into the record.

Resolution No. 0282-21, vacation of Beechwood Drive in Blendon Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed, Engineer to file report by April 27, 2021 (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0282-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0283-21, AECOM Technical Services, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing engineering services for the Koebel Baird Rainier Drainage Improvement project, Franklin County, Ohio (\$74,903.15) (Drainage Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0283-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0284-21, S&ME, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing general construction inspection services, Franklin County, Ohio (\$100,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0284-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0285-21, LJB, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing preliminary engineering for the Cleveland Avenue from Huy Road to Cooke Road Improvement project, Franklin County, Ohio (\$186,113.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0285-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0286-21, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Morse Road at US Route 62 Improvement project, an increase of \$71,859.00 (\$71,859.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0286-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0287-21, report (2nd) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Toy Road, Swisher Road, and Saltzgaber Road Improvement project, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$7,246.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0287-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0288-21, report (3rd) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation and damages for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Toy Road, Swisher Road, and Saltzgaber Road Improvement project, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$12,516.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0288-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0289-21, report (4th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Morse Road at Babbitt Road Improvement project, Plain Township and Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$5,300.00)(Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0289-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0290-21, report (12th) of the County Engineer establishing the sum of compensation and damages for a property owner in the matter of the improvement of Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Clark State Road (\$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 Brown moved to approve Resolution 0290-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0291-21, authorizing a settlement to Edward Wedig for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (\$500.00) (Sheriff), presented by Albert Smith, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Smith reviewed information found In documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0291-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0292-21, authorizing a IV-D contract with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office (\$285,334.04) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0292-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0293-21, review of a petition to annex 4.75 +/- acres from Blendon Township to the City of Columbus, Case #ANX-07-21 (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 Brown moved to approve Resolution 0293-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0294-21, approving a contract with Raising the Bar Performance Group for race equity consulting services (\$120,000.00) (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 Brown moved to approve Resolution 0294-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0295-21, authorizing a modification to the contract agreement with ms consultants, inc. to provide professional civil engineering services associated with the planning, design and construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center at an increase in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$65,500.00 (\$1,247,399.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0295-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0296-21, 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 \$4,455,317.00 and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement

(\$13,918,531.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facility Management.

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

President Boyce: Do we have an opening date set?

Ms. Reardon: Substantial completion is scheduled for June, and then phased-in openings, thereafter.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0296-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0297-21, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,203,687.91) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director and Marliese Wicker, Small Emerging Business Coordinator, General Services.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0297-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0298-21, Resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters, and to confer with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office concerning pending or imminent litigation (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0298-21, to convene into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, 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 O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 9:52 A.M.

At 12:03 P.M., Commissioner Brown moved to come out of Executive Session, with Commissioner O'Grady 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 12:03 P.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of Tuesday, April 20, 2021.



KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT



MARILYN BROWN



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

Submitted by:



Victoria A. Caldwell