

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

June 22, 2021

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened the General Session meeting via Zoom conferencing, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

Present were: Kevin L. Boyce, President
John O'Grady, Commissioner
Dawn Tyler Lee, 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.

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President Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

President Boyce: Three times a year we recognize state champions from Franklin County and surrounding area high schools. Today we are here to celebrate the high school athletes that excelled this season in their Spring sport of track, lacrosse, tennis or baseball. It's always a privilege to partner with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission, and the Ohio High School Athletic Association to recognize these outstanding student athletes.

Welcome to all the athletes, their coaches and families that are with us this morning. To kick things off, allow me to introduce our good friend Executive Director of the Greater Columbus Sports Commission, Linda Logan.

Ms. Logan offered introductory comments regarding the athletes and thanked the commissioners for their support of local area high school sports champions.

President Boyce: We ask each coach or representative to unmute your mic when we call your school, please introduce yourself, share a few words about your season and introduce your team. If there are one or two athletes available to highlight their season, please feel free to introduce them, and finally we always enjoy hearing the next steps from the seniors that just graduated.

Students from the following schools were recognized:

- Bexley High School's Boys 400 Meter dash Champion
- Bishop Watterson High School's Girls 4x200 **and** 4x400 Meter Relay Champions
- Columbus Africentric High School's Boys 4x200 Meter Relay and Boys Long Jump Champions
- Dublin Coffman High School's Girls Lacrosse Team
- Dublin Jerome High School's Boys Lacrosse Team
- Dublin Jerome High School's Boys 110 Meter Hurdles Champion
- Gahanna Lincoln High School's Boys Tennis Singles Champion
- Gahanna Lincoln High School's Girls 300 Meter Hurdles and Girls 3200 Meter Run Champions
- Hilliard Davidson High School's Girls 800 Meter Run Champion
- Jonathan Alder High School's Boys High Jump Champion
- New Albany High School's Boys Tennis Doubles Champions
- New Albany High School's Boys Baseball Team
- Pickerington North High School's Boys 4x200 and 4x400 Meter Relay Champions
- Westerville Central High School's Boys 100, 200- and 400-Meter Dash Champion
- Westerville South High School's Girls 100 Meter Hurdles Champion

The commissioners thanked the students for their participation and wished them well in their future college endeavors, or continued success at their respective high schools.

Approval of the minutes of the June 15, 2021, General Session; the June 17, 2021, Briefing Session; and, the June 16, 2021, Administrative Briefing. Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0475-21, authorizing a one-year contract with Woolpert, Inc. for orthographic aerial Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV) photography utilizing non-general funds (\$69,088.00) (Auditor), presented by Adam Seely, Staff Counsel, Auditor's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0475-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0476-21, authorizing a Master Leasing Agreements and imageCARE Master Agreement with Gordon Flesch Co., Inc. for the purpose of providing copiers and related services (\$48,100.00) (Clerk of Courts), presented by Shawn Rieder, Director of Fiscal Services, Clerk of Courts.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0476-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0477-21, authorizing an agreement with the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation for the addition of a Suicide Investigator (Coroner), presented by Amanda Alvarez, Director of Operations, Coroner's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0477-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0478-21, authorization for the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a reimbursement agreement with the City of Columbus for the Shook Road Phase II Improvement project, 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 0478-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0479-21, Fishbeck, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing detailed engineering services for the Eiterman Road 0.75 over South Fork Indian Run (WAS-C0041-0.75) Improvement project, Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$221,956.00) (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 0479-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0480-21, Glaus, Pyle, Schomer, Burns & DeHaven, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing detailed engineering services for the Harrisburg-Georgesville Road 2.83 over Big Darby Creek (PLE-CR3-2.83) Improvement project, Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$426,303.47) (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 0480-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0481-21, authorizing County Administrator Kenneth Wilson to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with FiServ via the electronic signature application DocuSign (Treasurer), presented by Jim Reese, Chief Counsel, Treasurer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0481-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0482-21, authorizing a Novation Agreement with Prime Home Care, LLC (Office on Aging), presented by Amy Funk, Assistant Director of Administration, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0482-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0483-21, authorizing a Community Partnership Grant Agreement with Harmony Project for calendar year 2021 (\$25,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnership Administrator, Community Partnership.

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

David Brown, Creative Director, Harmony Project, addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0483-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0484-21, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with Experience Columbus for the support of a Diversity Apprenticeship Program (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Brian Ross, President & CEO, Experience Columbus, addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0484-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Tyler Lee abstaining

Resolution No. 0485-21, authorizing a Grant Agreement with Homes on the Hill for a Franklin County COVID-19 Emergency Assistance/Eviction Prevention program (\$200,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mark Paxson, Community Development Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0485-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0486-21, authorizing a modification to the construction administration and inspection contract with CCI Engineering Services for additional compensation for the National Pike Little Farms Neighborhood Water Main Replacement Project (an increase of \$399,749.00) (\$1,598,987.00) (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 0486-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0487-21, approving a contract for on-site case management services between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services and the OhioHealth Corporation (\$183,740.27) (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 0487-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Tyler Lee abstaining.

Resolution No. 0488-21, approving a contract with Arbor E & T, LLC dba Equus Workforce

Solutions for Ohio Works First (OWF) work activities services and management (\$4,199,052.00) (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 0488-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0489-21, authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson, Chief Operating Officer, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0489-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0490-21, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with DeBra-Kuempel, Inc., dba EMCOR Services Automated Controls to perform additional building controls activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$40,433.00, and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$2,443,999.00) (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 0490-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0491-21, authorizing a contract with PSP Operations, Inc., dba Servpro of NE Columbus and Ohio Technical Services, Inc. to provide specialized cleaning services at designated Franklin County Facilities (\$400,000.00) (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 0491-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0492-21, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,304,270.47) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Wicker, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0492-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Tyler Lee abstaining.

Resolution No. 0493-21, appointing representatives to various Franklin County designated Tax Incentive Review Councils (TIRCs), and Community Reinvestment Authorities (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0493-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read one (1) Journalization into the record:

Case number ANX-25-21, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-25-21, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on June 8, 2021. The petition is requesting to annex 1.465- acres from Mifflin Township to the City of Gahanna. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on July 13, 2021. Site: Codet Road, PID #191-003163.

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Resolution No. 0494-21, considering the initial feasibility of the improvement of the Golfview Ditch Watershed, Brown Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, and Jim Ramsey, Riparian Environmental Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Jim Ramsey, Riparian Environmental Engineer, and Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office were sworn in by Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Ramsey shared a presentation on the first hearing, with a completed preliminary report, summarizing existing conditions, cost estimates, and feasibility for the Golfview Ditch Watershed, Brown Township.

Mr. Robertson summarized the report, and recommended that the project proceed to detail design, including plans, cost estimate, bidding schedule, construction timeline, and calculation of assessments.

President Boyce: Who pays for the preliminary evaluation cost and how much is that?

Mr. Ramsey: Ultimately, the code does provide an option for you to have the Auditor provide extra funding to the Engineer's Office to do that, but since we have the unique situation where you have the Drainage Engineer's Office that you fund, that is our intention that we would initially pay that out of the Drainage Engineer's funding.

President Boyce: Is that added to the assessment down the road or is that a cost the county just absorbs?

Mr. Ramsey: I have included that in the estimate of things that will be passed to the assessment, but there would not be anything stopping Engineer Robertson and you all from deciding who not included in the assessment and just have us pay for that cost.

President Boyce: But that's not typical.

Mr. Ramsey: It is not typical. Most counties do not have a County Drainage Engineer, and so it's just the County Engineer who has the funding for roads and bridges and don't have funding for this.

Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, swore in and recognized the following individual(s) for public comment(s):

Donna Miller, 1089 Cole Road, addressed the Board in opposition to the proposed resolution;

Gretchen Hoover, 1099 Cole Road, addressed the Board in opposition to the proposed resolution;

Ramona Richards, 1111 Golfview Place, addressed the Board in support to the proposed resolution.

Daniel Yarmesch, 88 W. Mound Street, addressed the Board in opposition to the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Tyler Lee: To Mr. Yarmesch's point, have there been other remediation attempts prior to the filing of the petition?

Greg Richards: Yes and no. We have tried to come up with a different way to get rid of the water problem that happens after every heavy rain. It's a process that would be even more labor-intensive to dig up the pool. When we built the house, the county septic system, I had to repair the pipe that crossed my yard to put my septic system. The drainage on my property is a lot bigger pipe than what was already there. I did provide a better pipe for the water to go across my property at that time. I was never told that there was going to be a water issue when I built the house, and I put the swimming pool in a spot to where it was away from the drainage, and I didn't think it was going to be an issue with water at all, going across my property.

Mr. Ramsey: There was a significant amount of discussion that went on whenever this was coming through for zoning approval.

Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, swore in and recognized the following individual(s) for public comment(s):

Kimberly Grimm, 6810 Hardwood, addressed the Board in opposition to the proposed resolution;

Teri Bennett, 6790 Hardwood Drive, addressed the Board in opposition to the proposed resolution.

Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Robertson responded to some of the questions and allegations that have been made and what the state law allows.

President Boyce: So, it just takes one landowner to file the ditch petition and there is no process for other homeowners to either join the petition? I know this is a public process, but they don't have a requirement of percentage of people being affected.

Mr. Ramsey: There is not a requirement of a percentage of people, but I think it's important to point out that Mr. Richards did initiate this and five (5) other property owners have signed it as well.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office: I just want to make sure we understand that by moving forward on this, there is a cost related to that step. But that cost if you don't move forward would be assessed only to the county, and not to the petitioner.

Commissioner Tyler Lee: What is that cost to move to the next phase?

Mr. Ramsey: We've got survey, design, and administration all in one cost and we estimated that at \$30,000.00.

Commissioner O'Grady: What about construction?

Mr. Ramsey: \$202,000.00 would be the construction part of the assessment and then there is a contingency of \$30,000.00.

President Boyce opened the floor for those who may be in attendance to offer additional comments.

Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, swore in and recognized the following individual(s) for public comment(s):

Joe Martin, 8601 Morris Road, addressed the Board in opposition to the proposed resolution.

Each of the Commissioners shared additional comments in support of moving forward with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0494-21, seconded by Commissioner Tyler Lee. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

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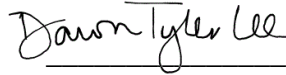
These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of Tuesday, June 22, 2021.



KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT



JOHN O'GRADY



**DAWN TYLER LEE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



Victoria A. Caldwell