

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

July 6, 2021

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 06, 2021.

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

Also present on the dais were G. Gary Tyack, Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget; Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator; Erik J. Janas, Deputy County Administrator; and, Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Using hybrid meeting technology, participants were also 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 9:02 A.M.

President Boyce noted that Briefing Session for Thursday, July 8, 2021 is canceled; and, General Session for Tuesday; July 13, 2021 will begin at 11:00 A.M.

Approval of the minutes of the June 29, 2021, General Session; the July 1, 2021, Briefing Session; and, the June 30, 2021, Administrative Briefing. Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding the vacation of a portion of Rarey Road (unimproved), Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed, Engineer to file report by July 13, 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. 0513-21, vacation of a portion of Rarey Road (unimproved), Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed, Engineer to file report by July 13, 2021 (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 0513-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0514-21, report (1st) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Bixby Road 3.45 over Holton Ditch (FRA-CR229-03.45) Improvement project, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$1,900.00) (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 0514-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0515-21, report (3rd) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Elliott Road and Hayden Run Road Drainage Improvement project, Brown Township and Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$62,105.00) (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 0515-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0516-21, report (7th) 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 (\$18,990.50) (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 0516-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0517-21, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with J&J Schlaegel, Inc. for 2020-2021 General Drainage Investigation and Repair Services, (an increase of \$621,359.00) for a revised contract amount of \$2,043,581.00 (\$2,043,581.00) (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 0517-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0518-21, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Columbus Asphalt Paving, Inc., for the Eureka Avenue, Valley View Drive, Highland Avenue, and Harper Road Improvement project (\$595,387.13) (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 0518-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0519-21, awarding contract and approving contract bond to The Shelly Company for the 2021 Franklin County Township Resurfacing Program (\$3,096,263.83) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Franklin County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0519-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Mr. Robertson: For the last two resolutions, we only received two bids for one project and only three bids for the other project. We recently put out for bid, pre-cast concrete culvert fabrication for two bridges on Olentangy River Road as a time saving technique, and we didn't receive any bids at all. Our next step for those bridges will be to include fabrication of the concrete culverts in the bid for the larger project. Our next project, we put it out for competitive bid twice, and didn't receive any acceptable bids within the allowable range of one hundred ten percent of the engineer's estimate. My team and I are studying other options to still be able to construct this project in 2021.

I wanted to point out this trend that I'm noticing out to you, because we have six more projects to put out for competitive bid for construction this year. It may be a result of coming out of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the good rebound of our economy, and contractors having their plates full of plenty of work. I wanted to let you know and I will keep an eye on the situation, and I'll keep you posted.

President Boyce: Thank you for that update. It is important to understand those dynamics, not just for your projects, but for all the things that we must consider as Commissioners, so that is a very helpful communication and update. Thank you.

Commissioner O'Grady: Talking to people in the trades these days, everybody I'm talking to says that they've got more work than they can handle and more work than they have men and women to do the job. So, it sounds like that may be the problem you're faced with right now, for a while.

President Boyce: It's more reason why we have the programs that we have with Jobs and Family Services, and why we need more classes and more folks in that pipeline. So, this matches with the work that we've been doing over the last few years. I'm glad that Deputy Administrator Bivens is here, because if anything, it suggests that maybe there's more we can do to increase those class sizes. Central Ohio is going to grow for the next twenty years, at least, is what they're projecting at the same kind of pace and rate, and we need to be prepared for that.

Commissioner O'Grady: It will be better to fill those classes and get more local folks in those classes. I'd rather employ Franklin County families, than bring in families from out of town and out of state.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: We were just discussing this in the Construction Inclusion Team meeting, about pushing to try to expand these classes and provide the support that they need to the cohorts in those classes. We have American Rescue Plan dollars, and this is an excellent use for those dollars. We're working with them to be able to put them in a position to have successful candidates.

Commissioner O'Grady: Not every young person is destined for college and maybe we should be providing alternatives through Building Trades for an opportunity and as an option. Maybe we should also be talking to the Mark Flew Hardy's and Dorsey Hager's of the world to create options and continue to create options and opportunities in some of our school districts to give young folks the opportunities to head right into the trades.

Joy Bivins, Deputy County Administrator: We have been talking to providers regarding putting together programs as early as middle school, so they get exposed early, so that it becomes more of a generational impact versus after graduation, asking, "What am I going to do?" So, we are working on a couple of providers now, because they would like to work with our middle school youth in order to expose them at an earlier age to the trades.

President Boyce: I would suggest we have a regional conversation with the partners, maybe the suburbs, and the school districts and have a conversation about collaborating and coordinating in Franklin County, taking the lead to support that pipeline and figure that out with the trades.

Ms. Bivens: I'll reach out to your office to see who needs to be in this collective meeting and we'll work with County Administration to make sure we get this done.

Resolution No. 0520-21, authorizing a Participation Agreement to obtain location information through West Publishing Corporation, through the Consolidated Lead Evaluation and Reporting database (CLEAR) (\$22,996.28) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Bill Peltcs, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0520-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0521-21, review of petition to annex 0.91 +/- acres from Clinton Township to the City of Columbus, Case #ANX-23-21 (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 0521-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0522-21, review of petition to annex 93.8 +/- acres from Hamilton Township to the Village of Obetz, Case #ANX-24-21 (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 0522-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0523-21, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for John Smith at 2033 Eddystone Avenue,

Clinton Township, 43224 (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 0523-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0524-21, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Zvidzai Ruzvidzo at 2292 Rolling Rock Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43229 (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 0524-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0525-21, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Subordination Agreement" to allow Pamela S. McClain to refinance her mortgage at 1387 Louvaine Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43223 (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 0525-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0526-21, authorizing a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the engineering/design phase of the Ferris Road Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project (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 0526-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0527-21, authorizing a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the engineering/design phase of the North Hague Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0527-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0528-21, authorizing a contract renewal and modification for peer support and case management services with Wendy Adcock through the FY 2018 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Medication Assisted Treatment grant program (\$62,470.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0528-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0529-21, authorizing one modification of award and one supplemental award to the city of Columbus for pre-trial assessment and batterers intervention services through the FY 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (\$21,725.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0529-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0530-21, authorizing a contract for services with Make A Day Foundation for provision of homeless outreach and engagement and a contract renewal with Derrick L Owens Group for case management and workforce readiness services through the FY2021 Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison grant. (\$125,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0530-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0531-21, authorizing a Third Contract Extension for two Countywide Contracts for Print Shop Paper and Supplies (\$450,000.00) (Purchasing), presented by Traci Mathew, Assistant Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0531-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0532-21, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,286,409.03) (Purchasing), presented by Traci Mathew, Assistant Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Wicker, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0532-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0533-21, authorizing a supplemental appropriation in the Network Infrastructure Fund for the support of the Data Domain Back-up and Recovery System Expansion (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 0533-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0534-21, authorizing supplemental appropriations related to the bonds issued for the refunding of certain outstanding general obligation bonds of the County (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 0534-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0535-21, authorizing Franklin County's approval of Purdue Pharma, L.P. bankruptcy Plan in regard to the civil litigation against opiate drug manufacturers and distributors (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 0535-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners read three (3) Journalizations into the record:

Case number ANX-26-21, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-26-21, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on June 24, 2021. The petition is requesting to annex 1.044- acres from Mifflin Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on July 27, 2021. Site: 3751 Sunbury Road; PID #190-000056 & 190-005131.

Case number ANX-27-21, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-27-21, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on June 30, 2021. The petition is requesting to annex 0.4-acres from Mifflin Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on August 3, 2021. Site: 2540 Johnstown Road; PID #190-000002.

From Commissioner Crawley: While conducting an in-depth, holistic review of the committees that the Commissioners makes appointments to, Commissioner Crawley has affirmed the appointment to Ms. Nancy White, to the Franklin County Planning Commission. All other appointments will be assessed for confirmation or reappointment, in the coming weeks.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 A.M.

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



KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT

JOHN O'GRADY



**ERICA C. CRAWLEY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



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