

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

August 18, 2020

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened the General Session meeting via Zoom conferencing, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

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

Also present were Paul Thies, 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 O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Approval of the minutes of the April 21, April 28, and May 5, 2020, General Sessions; the August 13, 2020, Briefing Session; and the August 10, 12, and 14, 2020, Administrative Briefings. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President O'Grady. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0543-20**, first amended resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into rental agreements for the benefit of the County Auditor's office to secure space to host informal reviews of property valuations throughout Franklin County, and to conduct other business (\$13,880.00) (Auditor), presented by Michael Stinziano, Auditor, Auditor's Office.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0543-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0544-20**, approval of The Farms at Jefferson Phase 3 subdivision plat, Jefferson 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 Brown moved to approve Resolution 0544-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0545-20**, approval of The Farms at Jefferson Phase 5 subdivision plat, Jefferson 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 Brown moved to approve Resolution 0545-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0546-20**, authorizing a contract with Safeware, Inc. for delivery and installation of a replacement tactical target system at the Sheriff's Office firing range (\$164,999.97) (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner Brown: As we're in this age of sensitivity, do you know what kind of images are used for the tactical target practice?

Mr. Masterson: There is a small list of certified targets that are utilized. Unless it's changed since I've last seen it, it is not an actual image of person, but an outline of a person. The head and the torso area. I think it's a white sheet of paper with a line outlining the image of what would be an adult individual.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0546-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0547-20**, authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Diversion Program Grant for the Franklin County Heroin Overdose Prevention & Education (HOPE) Task Force (\$55,000.00) (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0547-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0548-20**, authorizing a non-general fund transfer of appropriations to support core software applications and building restoration (Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Board), presented by Erika Clark Jones, CEO, Alcohol, Drug, & Mental Health Board.

Ms. Clark Jones and Mr. Lambert reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0548-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0549-20**, authorizing Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency to enter into a contract modification with Goodwill Industries of Central Ohio, Inc. for case management programming related to the implementation of the Journey: A Parent's Voice early intervention pilot project (\$45,000.00) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0549-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0550-20**, authorizing Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency to enter into a contract modification and extension for employment services and outcomes tracking related to the implementation of the Journey: A Parent's Voice early intervention pilot project (\$105,250.00) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0550-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0551-20**, review of a petition to annex 0.4 +/- acres from Madison Township to the City of Columbus, Case #ANX-15-20 (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 0551-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0552-20**, review of a petition to annex 17.3 +/- acres from Prairie Township to the City of Columbus, Case #ANX-16-20 (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 0552-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0553-20**, review of a petition to annex 18.943 +/- acres from Hamilton Township to the Village of Obetz, Case #ANX-17-20 (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 0553-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0554-20**, authorizing the execution of documents necessary to transfer the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funding originally granted to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Franklin County to the Office of Justice Policy & Programs (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy & Programs.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0554-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0555-20**, authorizing recycling of information technology equipment declared obsolete by the Franklin County Automatic Data Processing Board (Public Facilities Management), presented by Vivian Alexander, COO, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0555-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0556-20**, authorizing a Contract with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. for the collection, transportation and delivery for disposal/processing of Refuse and Recyclable Materials generated at and collected from Franklin County facilities (\$628,956.72) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Vivian Alexander, COO, Public Facilities Management.

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

*Nana Watson, President, NAACP of Columbus, addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution. Ms. Watson also shared that the NAACP has made numerous requests of Gilbane General Contractors/Smoot Construction Partner and Pizzuti. Her requests for data included,*

- *How many blacks are in management positions in those companies that I referenced earlier?*
- *How much does the organization spend annually with black businesses?*
- *Is there a diversity plan within their organization, and if so, who is responsible for compliance and enforcement?*

*Ms. Watson would like a response to her numerous inquiries and requests for the construction team.*

President O'Grady: We put together a diversity and inclusion plan and hold ourselves accountable for it. We appreciate the suggestion that we should hold others accountable to it as well. We will encourage these three companies to make sure they are responding to your request.

Commissioner Brown: It's unfortunate that they have not done so yet and I would encourage them to do so.

Ms. Watson: Do I need to send you the emails with the questions that I ask and perhaps you can send the email demanding that they answer?

Commissioner Boyce: That's exactly what I was going to suggest. If you wouldn't mind sending the list of questions. In fact, I would encourage you that whenever you send them questions on projects that we're doing, copy us so that we can ensure that there's diligent follow-up. Because I want to know the answers to the questions too. I would ask the administrator to personally inquire with Gilbane/Smoot and Pizzuti as well. Because they're supposed to be our owner's representative, and these are core and principle to the project and they're legitimate questions.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: Deputy County Administrator Kris Long and I have been in touch with them, because we are respectful of the fact that President Watson is a member of the Construction Inclusion Team. That group was put together to serve this very role; to be what I see as a watchdog over the project, and to make sure the goals that we have in place regarding diversity and inclusion and other aspects of the projects are met. Jim Russell, the Executive Vice President of Pizzuti responded, I thought in a thorough fashion last Friday to President Watson's questions and as of right now, on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>, Brett Meyers, Senior Vice President for the Gilbane Company has indicated to President Watson, they intend to provide a full response by Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Yesterday, we heard from Mark Cain, President/CEO of the Smoot Company, and has indicated that he will provide information no later than the close of business on August 24<sup>th</sup>. So, at this point, we will wait and hold our partners accountable and expect that they will honor their word.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0556-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0557-20**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$598,699.16) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0557-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0558-20**, authorizing a Consultant Contract modification with The Saunders Company LLC for the continuation of the Franklin County 2020 Census Advertising and Outreach Campaign plan (Board of Commissioners), presented by Tyler Lowry, Director, Public Affairs, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0558-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0559-20**, authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a collaboration agreement to participate in the Economic Mobility Coalition (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 Brown moved to approve Resolution 0559-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0560-20**, urging the Secretary of State to proceed with urgency in deploying additional measures, including allowing multiple absentee ballot drop box locations in each county, to protect the health, safety, and voting rights of all Ohioans in the 2020 General Election (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0560-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0561-20**, urging Congress to support and enact legislation to protect and sustain service levels at the United States Postal Service (USPS), especially in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, and affirming the value of the USPS in connecting people with one another and with vital supplies, services, and their right to vote (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0561-20, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of August 18, 2020.



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**JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT**



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**MARILYN BROWN**



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**KEVIN L. BOYCE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



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Victoria A. Caldwell