

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

August 25, 2020

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened the General Session meeting via Zoom conferencing, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 25, 2020.

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

Also present were Harold Anderson, 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 9:02 A.M.

Approval of the minutes of the February 25, 2020, General Session; the August 12, 2020, Administrative Briefing on Remote Learning; the August 20, 2020, Briefing Session; and, the August 17, 19, and 21, 2020, Administrative Briefings. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0563-20, authorizing a supplemental appropriation within the Common Pleas Capital Fund for the purchase of audio and video equipment (Court of Common Pleas), presented by Mike Pifher, Director of IT, Court of Common Pleas.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0563-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0564-20, authorizing a 5-year supplemental contract with IT Federal Sales, LLC to provide updates to county-wide street level property images (Auditor) (\$2,509,053.60), presented by P.R. Casey, Deputy Chief of Staff, Auditor's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0564-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0565-20, authorizing a purchase Agreement and a Service Agreement with Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc. for the purchase of a CT Scanner, onsite training and extended service coverage (Coroner) (\$247,793.00), presented by Kara Cruikshank, Director, Coroner's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0565-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding a final hearing for establishing, altering and widening of Morse Road at Babbitt Road, Plain Township and Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

President O'Grady: I would like to open this up for the Public Hearing. Would anyone like to speak regarding this Public Hearing?

Jami Vines of Columbus, Ohio, spoke against the proposed resolution. Ms. Vines expressed that she was against the taking of all her trees in front of her house that provided privacy to the road, but also taking part of her property. Ms. Vines stated that she tried contacting the office and left several messages regarding her concerns, but no one has reached out to her. Ms. Vines did ask when she would be able to see the plans of what's going to happen and how can she keep her trees.

Cornell Robertson, Engineer: This capital improvement project is like many others that we have, and our process includes many opportunities to reach out to the public. Some of which we've had in the past would be public involvement meetings to share with the folks in the neighborhood that we are looking to make some type of improvement and to see if folks have questions or comments, or maybe they know about things that we may not have zeroed in on, as we work through the design process.

Todd Goldman of Columbus, Ohio, spoke against the proposed resolution.

Mr. Goldman: Is it possible that someone could come out today?

President O'Grady: What we've got here is two separately elected entities. We're having a Public Hearing today on this issue because the Engineer is asking the Commissioners to approve something today. What we'd like to do, is have the Prosecutor explain to everybody on the call what the process is here, so that everybody has an understanding going forward of what's going to happen. Then the Engineer can decide how he'd like to handle questions.

Ms. Vines: How are we supposed to speak on own behalf at this public hearing before anything gets approved, when we don't have any real information?

Harold Anderson, Prosecuting Attorney: So, at this point in the process, there have been multiple public hearings. This resolution, if the Board chooses to go forward and approve it, would allow the County Engineer's Office to begin the appraisal process to determine the cost and compensation associated with any 'takes' that would be necessary to move the project forward. During that process, there's both the opportunity for formal and informal on negotiations between the County Engineers' and affected property owners if they're unable to conclude an agreement, that would require litigation to allow a court to determine the appropriate amount of compensation or even the necessity at the point for the take or takes. The plans have already been drawn up for the improvement, is that correct?

Mr. Robertson: Yes. The plans have been nearly complete, but not one hundred percent. As part of these negotiations, modifications are still incorporated into the design. I hope this will give some relief to the property owners.

Mr. Anderson: I just wanted that confirmation on the record, because that is the underlying support for the process moving forward.

President O'Grady: In the process going forward, how can they reach out to the Engineer's Office or maybe your office can reach out to them?

Mr. Robertson: I'd be happy to offer up my direct phone line. I can make sure that the folks that have questions can call me and then I can get other teammates involved as appropriate. My direct phone number is (614) 525-3043.

President O'Grady: Mr. Anderson, for the purpose of this morning's meeting, can you please explain what will happen if the Commissioner's vote to approve this resolution?

Mr. Anderson: So, if the Commissioners vote to approve this resolution this morning, the County Engineer's Office would be authorized to move forward with the valuation of the 'takes' and of any necessary takes was well, as entering into negotiations with the affected property owners.

President O'Grady: I will close the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 0566-20, final hearing for establishing, altering and widening of Morse Road at Babbitt Road, Plain Township and 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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0566-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0567-20, awarding contract and approving contract bond J & J Schlaegel, Inc. for the 2020 - 2021 General Drainage Maintenance (Engineer) (\$949,856.00), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0567-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0568-20, preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of Grandview Heights (Engineer) (\$110,500.00), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0568-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0569-20, report (1st) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Olentangy River Road, County Road No. 9 from Katherine's Wood Drive to Turkey Run, Sharon Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer) (\$1,365.00), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0569-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0570-20, authorizing a settlement to AT&T for a utility damage claim due to an

equipment accident involving a Franklin County Engineer's Office employee (Engineer) (\$1,290.40), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0570-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0571-20, authorizing a settlement for a disputed property damage claim involving a Franklin County Engineer's survey marker (Engineer) (\$258.84), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0571-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0572-20, authorizing a settlement for a disputed property damage claim involving a Franklin County Engineer's Office employee (Engineer) (\$2,541.00), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0572-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0573-20, authorizing a mugshot system access agreement with the City of Columbus (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0573-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0574-20, review of a petition to annex 0.8 +/- acres from Jefferson Township to the City of Gahanna, Case #ANX-18-20 (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0574-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0575-20, approving two contract extensions for on-site case management services between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services and OhioHealth's Riverside Methodist Hospital and Grant Medical Center (Job and Family Services) (\$182,012.22), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0575-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0576-20, authorizing a supplemental appropriation for the distribution of CARES Act funding in support of the Child Care Recovery and Stabilization Grant Program (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0576-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0577-20, authorizing the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services Director to enter into a contract agreement with the City of Columbus, Department of Education to administer the child care support grants initiative for Franklin County childcare providers impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0577-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0578-20, authorizing a contract for professional services for funding acquisition services with Amick Municipal Group, LLC (Sanitary Engineers) (\$158,151.87), presented by Stephen Renner, Director, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0578-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0579-20, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (Purchasing) (\$3,692,748.52), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0579-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of August 25, 2020.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



MARILYN BROWN



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

Submitted by:



Victoria A. Caldwell