

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

September 22, 2020

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened the General Session meeting via Zoom conferencing, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

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

Also present were Nick Soulas, 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 O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

President O'Grady: On Friday, our nation said goodbye to a champion of American ideals, a woman who embodied the very essence of equality and justice for all of us. Under the law, a passionate lawyer and advocate, a judicial scholar, an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court. Ruth Bader Ginsburg lived her life with an ever-watchful eye toward ensuring inclusion and equality for all Americans. It was a sad day in this household, and I'm sure in every household across America. So, please join me in a moment of silence, as we pay our respects to the Honorable Justice Ginsburg.

Approval of the minutes of the June 16, and 23, 2020, General Sessions; the September 17, 2020, Briefing Session; and, September 14, 16, and 18, 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. 0637-20, authorizing appropriation adjustments to support early voter outreach efforts for the General Election (Board of Elections), presented by Ed Leonard, Director, Board of Elections.

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

Commissioner Boyce: Given the history of this commercial with this Board, and this entire conversation, the content of the ads and the advertisement effort is critical to this conversation. How can we pass something that you haven't even seen? I understand it's one thing to have the script, but it's another thing to see the graphics and the rest of the layout of the commercial. So, I'm struggling with that you haven't seen the ad, and I haven't seen it, and we're being asked to move this forward.

Mr. Leonard: We do know the types of modifications that we want to make, and I think we can make those before anything goes up on TV. I can share it with you, with the Commissioners, as soon as it's completed, so you can see what is being put up on air.

Commissioner Boyce: Does it have polling hours, polling location information for here in Franklin County identified in it? Does it have COVID-19 standards and the structure of addressing the COVID-19 environment? Anything specific to seniors or new voters? If not, what is the content of it? What are we telling the public?

Mr. Leonard: They should have already received an absentee application mailed to them and they should mail it back as soon as possible, and that the registration deadline of October 5, 2020, is approaching and they can update their registration by going to the voteohio.gov website.

Commissioner Boyce: Is there any money set aside or directed at or for minority newspapers or minority media outlets?

Mr. Leonard: No, not currently.

Commissioner Boyce: So, what's the strategy to do the outreach to the minority community, and for our seniors who may not have access to electronic resources or internet resources?

Mr. Leonard: That would be the television component and radio component.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0637-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce voting nay.

Resolution No. 0638-20, awarding a Service Agreement Amendment between the Board of Commissioners and the Community Shelter Board to implement Franklin County's COVID-19 Federal Stimulus Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program (\$1,870,630.00) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0638-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0639-20, entering into a Second Funding Agreement Amendment with the Economic and Community Development Institute to provide a Microenterprise Loan program to county businesses utilizing COVID-19 Federal Stimulus Community Development Block Grant CARES Act Funding (\$125,795.00) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0639-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0640-20, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Subordination Agreement" to allow Alana Golden to refinance her mortgage at 4918 Annhurst Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Madison Andrews, Administrative Assistant 2, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0640-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0641-20, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Wilma J. Adams at 4089 Casa Blvd., Grove City, Ohio 43123 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Madison Andrews, Administrative Assistant 2, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0641-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0642-20, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Ashley Heuberger at 5970 Dakar Road East,

Westerville, Ohio 43081 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Madison Andrews, Administrative Assistant 2, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0642-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0643-20, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Alice W. Taylor at 1900 Ferris Road, Franklin County, Ohio 43224 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Madison Andrews, Administrative Assistant 2, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0643-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0644-20, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Emma Long at 2486 Rosedale Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43223 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Madison Andrews, Administrative Assistant 2, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0644-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0645-20, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Lisa Campbell at 168 West Street, Groveport, Ohio 43125 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Madison Andrews, Administrative Assistant 2, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0645-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0646-20, approving a contract amendment with Franklin County Probate Court for adult protective guardianship services (\$54,000.00) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0646-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0647-20, approving subaward amendments with Community Refugee and Immigration Services, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, Jewish Family Services and US Together, Inc. for refugee employability programs (\$650,000.00)(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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0647-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0648-20, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County authorizing an application to the State of Ohio to participate in the State Capital Improvement Program (Sanitary Engineers), 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 0648-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0649-20, authorizing grant agreements related to the Columbus and Franklin County Resilience Initiative Grant Program (\$5,250,695.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Michael Stevens, Director, Department of Development, City of Columbus, addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0649-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0650-20, authorizing a grant agreement related to the Columbus and Franklin County Resilience Initiative Grant Program (\$200,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0650-20, seconded by President O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0651-20, authorizing a subgrant award with the Franklin County Municipal Court for peer support services through the FY 2017 and 2018 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site Based Grants (\$50,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0651-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0652-20, authorizing a subgrant award and contract to the city of Columbus for translation and interpretation services through the FY 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (\$20,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Michael Daniels, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0652-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0653-20, authorizing a contract with USI Insurance Services, LLC for Risk Management Insurance Consulting Services (\$190,000.00) (Human Resources), presented by Kirk Tank, Risk Manager, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0653-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0654-20, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,158,418.90) (Purchasing), 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 0654-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0655-20, authorizing a supplemental contract with RSM US LLP for the implementation of a new Family Stabilization Case Management System (\$221,480.00) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Juan Torres, CIO, Board of Commissioners.

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

Joy Bivens, Director, Job and Family Services, addressed the Board in support of the propose resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0655-20, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

President O'Grady: Today is National Voter Registration Day, so get out and register someone to vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of September 22, 2020.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



MARILYN BROWN



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

Submitted by:



Victoria A. Caldwell