

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

January 26, 2021

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened the General Session meeting via Zoom conferencing, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

Present were: President Kevin L. Boyce
Marilyn Brown, Commissioner
John O'Grady, 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 9:03 A.M.

Approval of the minutes of the January 19, 2021, General Session; the January 21, 2021, Briefing Session; and, the January 20, 2021, Administrative Briefing. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

President Boyce: Good morning, it is my great honor to introduce two distinguished guests of the Franklin County family, and more specifically the Clippers Baseball Organization. Frank Ray served forty-five years as Special Assistant to the county's prosecutor's office. Since 1976, he led counsel in creating the Columbus Clippers Triple A Baseball Team. All aspects of creating Huntington Park, opened in April of 2009. He is an award-winning litigator, impacting people's civil rights, and he is a charismatic, dynamic, and hardworking mediator. He is currently an adjunct professor at The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law.

President Boyce (cont.): Janica Pierce-Tucker's appointment as the top legal counsel for the Clippers could well be and probably is the first such appointment of an African American woman to a C-level position in the history of organized American professional baseball. She currently is managing partner of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister; serves as the first black woman to lead a Columbus Law Firm. She is a 1999 University of Tennessee, and 2002 OSU Law School graduate. She is a civil rights scholar, advocate and well-deserving of this appointment.

The commissioners, as well as Prosecuting Attorney G. Gary Tyack, and First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jeanine Hummer each commented on Frank Ray's service, and in support of the appointment of Janica Pierce-Tucker.

Resolution No. 0048-21, recognizing the appointment of Janica A. Pierce Tucker and Frank A. Ray as Special Assistants to the Prosecuting Attorney regarding the Franklin County Parks and Recreation Board, and the Parks Board's non-profit corporations, Franklin County Stadium, Inc., and Columbus Baseball Team, Inc. (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.

[*Public Speaker Slip*] Nana Watson, President, NAACP Columbus, Ohio: The NAACP is pleased to learn of the appointment of Janica Pierce-Tucker, congratulations and to you Frank Ray, as well. I'm not here to oppose the appointments. I am here to request the Prosecutor's Office take as much time and thought into asking for this appointment as they would and should to employ blacks in key positions in the Prosecutor's Office. A promise was made that the Prosecutor's Office would reflect the community; the black community. We believe the black community propelled the Prosecutor to his victory. The county's population is twenty-four percent African American. There are two-hundred twenty-one full-time employees in the Prosecutor's Office, and we need to look at that. As of today, the top administrators are not black. This is extremely disappointing to the NAACP. Promises made, but not kept. Your NAACP is asking that the Commissioners join us in monitoring the Prosecutor's Office in terms of employing blacks in top leadership roles within the department. The appointees that you just appointed, the individuals you just appointed are not going to be housed in the Prosecutor's Office, they're still going to be attached to their law firms. We are really concerned about this, because racism is a public health crisis.

President Boyce: Thank you, Ms. Watson. You're always a voice for equality and equity, and we value that more than we tell you and so that's welcome here. While this resolution is about Janica Tucker, your concerns are certainly noted. Prosecutor Tyack is here, and Jeanine Hummer is here. I would offer you an opportunity to make a few comments if you want Prosecutor Tyack, but I do want to remind everyone that this is not the topic of this resolution. If you want to, you can. I would encourage you to set up a follow-up meeting with Ms. Watson and I'm happy to participate.

Prosecutor Tyack: Ms. Watson, we can't know now, how hard we are working on trying to racially balance the office, which was very out of balance under my predecessor. We are working each day. We have a little problem in that the money that is required, although the Commissioners have been very generous, doesn't allow us to hire some of the people we want away from private practice. We can't pay them that much. I am very aware of your concerns and we are going to consistently address them and try to racially balance that office.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0048-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding establishing, altering and widening of Rohr Road, County Road No. 235 from Lockbourne Road, County Road No. 13 to Alum Creek Drive, County Road No. 122, Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

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.

Resolution No. 0049-21, establishing, altering and widening of Rohr Road, County Road No. 235 from Lockbourne Road, County Road No. 13 to Alum Creek Drive, County Road No. 122, Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (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 0049-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0050-21, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with Double Z Construction Company for the Hayden Run Central Ohio Greenways Trail Improvement project, (an increase of \$68,045.72) for a revised contract amount of \$908,004.80 (\$908,004.80) (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 0050-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0051-21, authorizing Franklin County agencies to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program (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 0051-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0052-21, authorizing County Engineer Cornell R. Robertson to submit applications and execute project agreements on behalf of Franklin County for the Clean Ohio Trails Fund and Recreational Trail Program funding for shared use path construction on the Hayden Run Road Bridge Deck Improvement project (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 0052-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0053-21, authorizing a First Contract Extension to Galls, LLC for Deputy Sheriff Uniforms and Accessories (\$600,000.00) (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 0053-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0054-21, authorizing a settlement to Alex Taylor for a disputed vehicle damage claim due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy (\$571.59) (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 0054-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0055-21, authorizing a Contract to Swan Super Cleaners, Inc. dba Swan Cleaners for Sheriff's Uniform and Garment Cleaning Services (\$160,680.00) (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 0055-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0056-21, authorizing a one-year agreement with Criterion Pictures USA, Inc. for the nonexclusive rights to provide viewing access of motion picture DVD's for inmates in the Franklin County Correctional Center (\$2,370.00) (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 0056-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0057-21, authorizing the acceptance of a donation from Zangmeister Cancer Center/American Oncology Partners to the Franklin County Office on Aging (\$6,250.00) (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 Brown moved to approve Resolution 0057-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0058-21, authorizing a IV-D contract with Encore Delivery Systems, Inc. dba. Encore Process Service, for providing process service services (\$91,300.00) (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 0058-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0059-21, authorizing a Participation Agreement to obtain location information through West Publishing Corporation, through the Consolidated Lead Evaluation and Reporting database (CLEAR) (\$10,497.85) (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 0059-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0060-21, authorizing a contract extension with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for floodplain review (\$25,000.00) (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 0060-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0061-21, working Agreement between Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District and the Franklin County Economic Development & Planning Department (\$44,000.00) (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 0061-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0062-21, authorizing an Economic Development Agreement with the Greater Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau to promote Franklin County as a tourism destination (\$2,275,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0062-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0063-21, authorizing an Economic Development Agreement with One Columbus to conduct economic development activities on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (\$1,000,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0063-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0064-21, authorizing an Economic Development Agreement with Rev1 Ventures for support of the Entrepreneurial Services Provider Program (\$300,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Brown: I know that Tom Walker and Christy Campbell have been working to increase the number of minority businesses in this space. Can you talk about where you are with that?

Tom Walker, President and Chief Executive Officer, Rev1: Our 2020 data is that we had forty-four newly engaged clients last year, and twenty-six of those or fifty-nine percent were minority companies. The way that breaks out is eleven were women-led, and eighteen were minority-led. Regarding the eighteen minority-led, forty-four percent or eight of them were Asian-led companies, thirty-nine percent or seven were black-led. Eleven percent or two, were Hispanic, and the remaining were unknown. So, it is an area that we continue to work, and we have new programs for this year as well.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0064-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0065-21, authorizing an agreement with Greater Columbus Sister Cities International for services that foster economic opportunity and cultural partnerships between Franklin County and international communities (\$125,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Brown: With the pandemic still with us, I know that you've been working to maintain the relationships with our sister cities. Could you talk about what you've been doing over this past year and during the pandemic?

Jayne Staley, Executive Director, Sister Cities: While the pandemic has limited our ability to travel to some of our sister cities, I would tell you that our relationship with those sister cities have never been stronger. For the first time in the history of Franklin County and all our sister cities around the world, everyone was facing the exact same challenge at the exact same moment. We were able to share not only best practices for how we were managing those different challenges throughout the course of the year, but also resources.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0065-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0066-21, authorizing an Economic Development Agreement with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission to encourage economic development and tourism through the attraction, retention, and promotion of sporting events on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (\$200,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0066-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0067-21, authorizing the Director of Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department to sponsor applications, sign documents, and enter project agreements on behalf of Franklin County for Program Year 2021 Recycle Ohio Grant Programs offered by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Josh Roth, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0067-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0068-21, approving a subaward agreement with the National Center for Urban Solutions for programming to engage fathers in early childhood education (\$79,999.99) (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.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, Health and Human Services: When we went down this trajectory two or three years ago, we identified that sixty-eight percent children of color would be impacted significantly if this investment was not made. When we started, we were at twenty-four percent of star rated centers. To date, we are I believe at ninety-seven percent. So, I wanted to commend you on your generous efforts.

Ms. Turner: Director, they were able to help us get to ninety-nine percent.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0068-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0069-21, approving a subaward agreement with the National African American Male Wellness Agency for youth mentoring services (\$135,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Walter Dillard, Deputy Director & Christopher Hunnicutt, Administrative Officer, Franklin County Family Stabilization Unit.

Mr. Dillard and Mr. Hunnicutt reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

The young mentees in the program addressed the Board and shared a few words regarding their experiences and successes in support of the program.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0069-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0070-21, authorizing the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services Director to enter into an agreement with the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio to provide furniture and household goods for low-income families (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 Brown moved to approve Resolution 0070-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0071-21, authorizing two Service Agreements with Ohio Graphco Inc., dba Graphco for the provision of quarterly preventive maintenance services for two presses at the Franklin County Print Shop (\$60,886.00) (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 0071-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0072-21, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$31,727,173.45) (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 0072-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with President Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0073-21, authorizing a contract with Bricker & Eckler to perform services associated with arbitrage, rebate, and yield restriction compliance, and to serve as bond counsel and provide advice in public finance matters as needed during 2021 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0073-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0074-21, authorizing a contract with Frost Brown Todd to serve as bond counsel and provide advice in public finance matters during 2021 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0074-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0075-21, authorizing a consultant agreement with Ice Miller for legal and consulting services (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0075-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with President Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0076-21, authorizing a consulting services contract with Franklin Hirsch to support the County Hospital Commission of Franklin County, Ohio (\$16,000.00) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0076-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0077-21, authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a collaboration agreement to participate in the Community COVID-19 Communications 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 0077-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0078-21, to designate the Official Representative and Alternate for the purpose of voting at the Annual Meeting of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio in 2021 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 0078-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0079-21, reappointing Abigail S. Wexner to the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation Board of Directors (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 0079-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with President Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0080-21, appointing Kenneth N. Wilson to the Future Ready Columbus Board of Directors (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 0080-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of January 26, 2021.



KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT



MARILYN BROWN



**JOHN O'GRADY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



Victoria A. Caldwell