

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

February 23, 2021

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened the General Session meeting via Zoom conferencing, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 23, 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.

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 Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

President Boyce: As you all know, it's Black History Month and throughout Black History Month, we've had special guests with us to help us celebrate and honor the legacy of African Americans' contribution to this great country. This week, we are especially excited to welcome this morning's Black History Month's guests:

- Reita Smith, Founding Chair of the James Preston Poindexter Foundation, and today's Franklin County Historian of the Week
- Paul Imhoff, Superintendent, Upper Arlington Schools
- Sandra Jamison, Second Generation Historian, Second Baptist Church

President Boyce (cont.): I understand you were invited this morning to offer some local history about the Pleasant Litchford Family, the family's background, how they settled in Franklin County, and the ties the Litchford family has to the Upper Arlington community, specifically Upper Arlington High School. Toya Williams, part of our own Franklin County family, is a descendant of the Litchford family.

Toya Williams, Sandra Jamison, Reita Smith, and Paul Imhoff each shared the detailed history of the Litchford Family within the Franklin County community.

Approval of the minutes of the February 16, 2021, General Session; the February 18, 2021, Briefing Session; and, the February 17, 2021, Administrative Briefing. Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding Prayer of petition to vacate Armuth Avenue, Carroll Road, and two (2) public alleys located in Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, granted.

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. 0133-21, Prayer of petition to vacate Armuth Avenue, Carroll Road, and two (2) public alleys located in Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, granted (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 0133-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0134-21, authorizing a first amendment to the 2021 grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Youth Services (\$40,000.00) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, Domestic Relations.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0134-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0135-21, authorizing the use of electronic signatures for all County agencies, offices, courts, and boards and adopting a policy setting forth appropriate safeguards and protocols (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Julie Lust, Director of Enterprise Financial Services, Franklin County Data Center.

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

President Boyce: We had a long thorough discussion about this during Briefing and I just want to reiterate that the guidelines and provisions that are in place to ensure that we're not skipping any part of the process.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office: I just want to reiterate that we've spent several weeks as a team reviewing all aspects of this and this is not something we have taken lightly. We have thought through every step of the process to make sure your concerns regarding safety protocols are in place. We went beyond it, thinking about other scenarios and you will see through the legislation that is before you and the Whereas clauses that we have carefully crafted that thought process, addressing your concerns.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0135-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0136-21, authorizing five grant agreements to provide outreach services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$336,570.00) (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0136-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0137-21, authorizing seven grant agreements to provide supportive services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$760,962.00) (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0137-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0138-21, authorizing fifteen grant agreements to provide health promotion/wellness services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$1,479,337.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Amy Funk, Assistant Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0138-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0139-21, authorizing a one-year grant agreement with the Greater Columbus Arts Council in support of Franklin County artists, arts organizations, and cultural facilities (\$4,000,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Tom Katzenmeyer, President and CEO, Greater Columbus Arts Council, and Donte Woods-Spikes, local filmmaker and grant recipient, each addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0139-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0140-21, authorizing a subgrant award and contract for service with YMCA of Central Ohio for juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programming under the FY 2019 Title II Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Block Grant (\$35,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), Courtney Benner, Grants Specialist, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0140-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0141-21, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$6,138,405.32) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0141-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0142-21, approving the issuance of bonds by the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority for the Groveport Community School Project (Board of Commissioners), presented by Patty Huddle, Vice President, Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0142-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0143-21, approving the issuance of bonds by the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority for the Sullivant Avenue Community School Project (Board of Commissioners), presented by Patty Huddle, Vice President, Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0143-21, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0144-21, appointing members to the Franklin County Community Corrections Planning Board (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0144-21, 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 10:21 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of February 23, 2021.



KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT



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Submitted by:



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