

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FEBRUARY 22, 2022 - SPECIAL MEETING 9:00 AM, PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER ,
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228

Trustee Doug Stormont called the special meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees to order on February 22, 2022, at 9:04 a.m. at the Prairie Township Community Center, with Trustee Cathy Schmelzer, Trustee Rod Pritchard, Fiscal Officer Natalie McKay, and Township Administrator James Jewell present. In addition, Franklin Township leaders were also present: Trustee John Fleshman, Trustee James Leezer, Trustee Ralph Horn, and Township Administrator Steve Mazer.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Stormont opened the meeting and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

West Broad Street Interchange Vision Discussion

Mr. Jewell took the group through an artifact created by the Franklin County Economic Development & Planning a few years ago, outlining an improvement proposal for the I-270 / W BROAD INTERCHANGE. Mr. Jewell said the artifact is posted on the Prairie Township website, and he felt it relevant to review the proposal together because Westland Mall, a long vacant West Side landmark, is among 599 Ohio properties the state announced in late January it will pay to demolish. Mr. Jewell proposed to the group that completing the interchange improvements would make the area more presentable and appealing to potential developers considering the Westland Mall site.

Mr. James Schimmer, Director, Franklin County Economic Development & Planning was also in attendance and answered questions from the Trustees about the interchange proposal. He commented that the completed improvements would be “place-making” for the area. He encouraged the Franklin Township Board of Trustees to share it with their constituents via their website as Prairie Township had done.

Executive Session

At 9:18 a.m., Mr. Stormont moved that the Board go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(8), for the purpose of considering negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance that is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715 and/or 5709.73 to 5709.75. The executive session is necessary for the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the proposed economic development project. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

At 10:25 a.m., Mr. Stormont moved that the Board come out of executive session. Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

There were no motions or resolutions presented to the Trustees during Executive Session.

Special Meeting Adjournment

Mr. Stormont declared the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Chairman Doug Stormont

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