

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Session Minutes
Thursday, January 4, 2024

Commissioner O'Grady
Commissioner Crawley

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the January 9, 2024, General Session, and to discuss other matters pertaining to the programs of the agencies.

The meeting was convened in the Commissioners Briefing Room, while also hosting guests via Zoom conference call, by dialing (929) 436-2866; Meeting ID: 978 8790 2896; Passcode: 628826, or by visiting: <https://franklincountyohio.zoom.us/j/97887902896>

Commissioner Crawley convened the meeting at 9:06 A.M.

ENGINEER

Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office, offered a resolution for plans approved for the improvement of Genessee Avenue from Parkwood Avenue to Perdue Avenue, Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer).

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

Nick Soulas offered a resolution for plans approved for prayer of petition to vacate unnamed alleys located in the Northern-Way Subdivision, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, granted (Engineer).

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

Nick Soulas offered a resolution for report (16th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Elliott Road and Hayden Run Road Drainage Improvement project, Brown Township and Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$67,124.00) (Engineer).

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

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, offered a resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, to enter into a consultant contract with Paul Werth Associates, Inc. for public relations management and strategies (\$100,000.00) (Prosecuting Attorney).

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

Commissioner Crawley asked how long the last contract with Paul Werth was. Ms. Hummer stated that it was a one-year contract.

Jeanine Hummer offered a resolution approving the settlement of legal claims and authorizing the County Administrator to execute a Settlement Agreement and Release (Prosecuting Attorney).

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

SHERIFF

Albert J Smith III, Assistant Director of Finance, Sheriff's Office, offered a resolution authorizing the First Contract Modification and Novation Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (\$299,560.00) (Sheriff).

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

Commissioner Crawley asked for clarification regarding the modification of the contract. Mr. Smith stated that this is for additional equipment, including transfer stations and cameras. Commissioner Crawley asked if all of the transfer stations would be received and if all of the deputies would have cameras by the end of the first quarter of 2024. Mr. Smith confirmed. Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, clarified that all deputies who are Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) certified will have body cameras, to which Mr. Smith replied in the affirmative. Ms. Hummer added that the Corrections Center is still being evaluated. Mr. Wilson stated that he was told that while the Corrections Center is being evaluated, those deputies in the Corrections Center who are OPOTA certified will have cameras, as well. Mr. Wilson clarified that a novation agreement was needed because WatchGuard Video, Inc. has changed its name to Motorola Solutions, Inc. Mr. Smith confirmed, indicating WatchGuard was purchased by Motorola.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Perla Martinez, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, offered a resolution authorizing the contract agreement with the Alabama Civil Right Tourism Association to operate and execute a Civil Rights tour that will support our ongoing education regarding the complex, continuous work of advancing racial equality (\$73,982.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion).

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

Commissioner Crawley asked when the second Civil Rights Tour would be. Ms. Martinez stated that the second trip would be to Alabama and Atlanta, and it would be from May 5 through May 11, 2024.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution for review of petition to annex 0.755 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City Case #ANX-54-23 (Economic Development and Planning).

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

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Bart Logan, Deputy Director, Communications, Job and Family Services, offered a resolution approving a contract agreement with Dress for Success Columbus for workplace suiting services and programming (\$190,000.00) (Job and Family Services).

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

Bart Logan offered a resolution approving a subaward agreement with Tech Corps Ohio for youth technology programming (\$674,000.00) (Job and Family Services).

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

Bart Logan offered a resolution approving a subaward agreement with IMPACT Community Action for the Franklin County Out-of-School Youth Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (\$1,089,999.99) (Job and Family Services).

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

Commissioner Crawley asked if there was a report that could be sent to the Commissioners regarding this work. Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services, stated that JFS receives reports, and she will ensure that they are forwarded to the Commissioners. Ms. Turner stated that she would send last year's report for review.

Bart Logan offered a resolution approving a subaward agreement with Franklin County Public Health for a Transitional Housing Pilot Initiative (\$1,000,000.00) (Job and Family Services).

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

Commissioner Crawley highlighted the need for a Director of Strategic Initiatives, who could focus on housing initiatives. She noted that the County has funded many different housing initiatives, and it would be helpful to have them all under the same umbrella. Commissioner Crawley asked if this was a pilot program because Franklin County Public Health usually does not handle housing initiatives. Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, noted that Franklin County has spent the last year enhancing its response to individuals with immediate and emerging housing needs. He added that County Administration worked with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and determined that under the statute, emerging housing needs could be most effectively dealt with by working with Franklin County Public Health. He explained that this is a pilot because it is a new line of business and a new collaborative partnership with Franklin County Public Health. Commissioner Crawley requested further conversation regarding the process and infrastructure of this work.

JUSTICE POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Kevin Greenwood, Deputy Director, Survivor Services, Justice Policy and Programs, offered a resolution authorizing the Franklin County Administrator to execute a Contract with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations and Juvenile Branch for the performance of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) guardian ad litem services for the Court (\$500,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs).

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

Laura Repasky, Director, Human Resources, offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to perform certain administrative functions (Human Resources).

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

PURCHASING

Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, offered a resolution authorizing contracts with forty-three (43) Providers for Consolidated County Transportation Services (Lift, Non-Lift and Escort) (Purchasing) (\$25,000,000.00).

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

Megan Perry-Balonier offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$60,357,143.83) (Purchasing).

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, offered a resolution appointing the Franklin County Apiary Inspector for 2024 (Board of Commissioners).

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

Zachary Talarek offered a resolution authorizing appropriation adjustments for providing salary and wage increases to non-bargaining employees (Board of Commissioners).

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

Zachary Talarek offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to approve the settlement of certain legal claims in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars or less, and to take all actions necessary to effectuate those settlements, as originally granted under, and subject to the same terms and limitations as described in, Resolution 0319-21 and 0313-23, through December 31, 2025 (Board of Commissioners).

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

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Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read one (1) journalization into the record:

With the recent selection of Commissioner Boyce as President of the Board of Commissioners for 2024, the 2024 committee assignments for the Board of Revision have been made. The noted assignments will be filed with today's meeting minutes for the record.

Board of Revision: *Kris Long, Jamie Wellert, Dax Mendenhall, Annie Ryznar, Kevin Pangrace*

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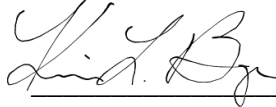
The Clerk noted that there will be two (2) journalizations expected at General Session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for Thursday, January 4, 2024.



KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT

JOHN O'GRADY



**ERICA C. CRAWLEY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



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