

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Session Minutes
Thursday, June 22, 2023

Commissioner Boyce
Commissioner Crawley

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the June 27, 2023, 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 Boyce convened the meeting at 9:03 A.M.

CLERK OF COURTS

Shawn Rieder, Director of Fiscal Services, Clerk of Courts, offered a resolution authorizing a lease modification and extension with the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the Clerk of Courts East Auto Title branch (\$1.00) (Clerk Of Courts).

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

ENGINEER

William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office, offered a resolution authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with The Mannik Smith Group, Inc. for construction inspection services, in the amount of \$21,000.00, for a revised contract amount of \$393,837.00 (\$21,000.00) (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for construction inspection services, in the amount of \$27,735.00, for a revised contract amount of \$226,624.00 (\$27,735.00) (Engineer).

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

SHERIFF

Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff's Office, offered a resolution, postponed during General Session on June 20, 2023, authorizing the County Administrator to sign agreements on behalf of the Board of Commissioners to provide data to Falcon Correctional and Community Services Inc. for the purpose of improving inmate health operations (Sheriff).

Mr. Smith: I want to start by saying that we have sent over the information you requested regarding the body camera timeline, as well as the questions from the NAACP that need to be answered.

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

Albert J. Smith III offered a resolution, postponed during General Session on June 20, 2023, authorizing a supplemental appropriation within the LETF Federal DOJ Fund to purchase vehicles for the Recruitment, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Division (Sheriff).

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

Commissioner Boyce: Is there any chance those vehicles are electric or hybrids?

Mr. Smith: I do not know. We haven't even started looking for the vehicles yet. That would be a question for Director Ashcraft, but I can definitely get an answer for you before Tuesday.

Commissioner Boyce: I would encourage that. I was at a conference, I believe it was NACo last year, and they had some really good hybrid and electric law enforcement vehicles. It would be interesting to see if any of those fit our needs. I will reach out to Director Ashcraft, as well.

Albert J. Smith III offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign an equipment loan agreement to allow the use of athletic training and recovery equipment from The Ohio State University, on behalf of its School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff).

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Jeffrey J. Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency, offered a resolution authorizing the Franklin County Administrator and the Director of Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security to execute a License and Use Agreement with the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority for a possible Emergency Response Center and authorizing the Director of Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security to be the designated Agent for administration purposes (Emergency Management Agency).

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

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, offered a resolution authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center to provide support for a pandemic floor (\$3,200,000.00) (Community Partnerships).

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

Commissioner Boyce: Is that a thing that hospitals are doing now? And do they not have the money for that? What is our logic in investing in this?

Mr. Talarek: I know there was a discussion last year, as Ohio State was in the middle of the construction project, about having a pandemic floor in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. They talked about potentially expanding what they were originally planning to be able to prepare for the next pandemic.

Commissioner Boyce: What was the total dollar amount for the project?

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: The project is well over \$1 billion, but this specific component will enhance the project because it will prepare them for future events and infectious diseases. There will be a reverse-intake unit. This is supplemental to the original project, and since we have American Rescue Plan dollars available, we committed to fund this pandemic floor in June 2022.

Commissioner Boyce: I remember that. This is something that is obviously a reaction to the pandemic, but I guess there are other reasons you could need a reverse oxygen flow besides in the case of a pandemic.

Mr. Wilson: This space could be used for other infectious disease cases. During the pandemic and over the past three years, this Board has amplified its investment in public health preparedness.

Commissioner Crawley: That is what I was going to say, and that is what I talked to OSU about. But how does this fit into our preparedness plan and goals moving forward?

Mr. Wilson: This Board also funded an After-Action Preparedness Report through Franklin County Public Health, which calls for investments such as this one and several others. I remember Commissioner Boyce saying amid the pandemic that we needed to chronicle all of the steps we have taken and have all of that information organized in one place in preparation for what is next. There will not likely be a 20+ year break between now and what is to come next.

Commissioner Boyce: I support this resolution, but I want us to be thoughtful about the rest of our COVID dollars and ARPA funds. Those will end soon, so we need to make strategic investments that are Franklin County-centered. Those are what I am more excited about. This investment is logical, but I want to look for ways to spend money where it doesn't just exist. We have some needs as a county, so I want to be sure that any partnership funds are going toward those types of projects.

Mr. Wilson: This is a one-time investment. Before we committed to this, we wanted to ensure the operational support was there for this floor. We were given those assurances. You are right; we have to look at public health differently than in the past. We have to look at county needs. The health equity grants you recently approved and some of the capital grants offered by Community Partnerships all align with public health.

Commissioner Boyce: What is our balance of Community Partnership funds?

Mr. Talarek: My laptop's internet is not working, so I cannot access that information right now. I will follow up with you on that.

Zachary Talarek offered a resolution authorizing a one-year grant agreement with the Rise Together Innovation Institute in support of their strategic roadmap (\$2,500,000.00) (Community Partnerships).

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

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: We have a scope of work attached to this agreement with specific goals and deliverables. This resolution states that the Rise Together Institute will work with the County each year to develop subsequent scopes of work.

Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships, offered a resolution authorizing COVID-19 Recovery Grant Agreements to various Franklin County nonprofit organizations to assist with various capital improvement and expansion projects (\$3,701,000.00) (Community Partnerships).

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

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION

Tameca Bumper, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, offered a resolution authorizing a grant agreement with Tech Corps Ohio for support of the Tech Corps hackathon (\$60,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion).

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution authorizing an Affordable Housing Development agreement with KCG-Ascent Ventures, LLC to receive funding through the Magnet Fund Program to assist the development of an affordable housing project (\$1,350,000.00) (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 authorizing a novation agreement and a subaward amendment with the Derrick L. Owens Group, LLC for adult court diversion alternative services (an increase of \$99,000.00) (\$459,000.00) (Job and Family Services).

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

Bart Logan offered a resolution approving a COVID-19 Recovery Grant and TANF subaward agreement with the Central Community House of Columbus, Inc dba, Central Community House for the Transit Arts youth engagement and employment program (\$219,661.76) (Job and Family Services).

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

Commissioner Crawley: Someone sent me an Instagram post featuring some of the students' work on the Main Street bridge. There is a Polaroid sculpture where people can go and take pictures.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): I think last year our Public Affairs team was working with someone to get some art that could be displayed on the 26th floor, and in my office. I would love to be able to feature students in some way this year. If you could reach out to Public Affairs and work with this organization to make that happen, that would be great.

SANITARY ENGINEERS

Ryan Stowe, Assistant Director, Sanitary Engineers, offered a resolution authorizing a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Application to the Ohio Environment Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the engineering/design phase of the Gladys-Inah Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project (Sanitary Engineers).

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

PUBLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Vivian Alexander, Chief Operating Officer, Public Facilities Management, offered a resolution authorizing Amendment #1 to the contract with Goodwill Industries of Central Ohio, Incorporated to provide housekeeping services at designated Franklin County facilities (\$524,000.00) (Public Facilities Management).

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

Vivian Alexander offered a resolution authorizing a Supplemental Contract with Sauer Group, Inc. for the provision of coolers and freezer replacement services for the Franklin County Office Tower 16th Floor (\$352,730.00) (Public Facilities Management).

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

Vivian Alexander offered a resolution authorizing a Supplemental Contract with Limbach Company, LLC for the provision of Air Handling Unit Replacement services for the Franklin County Sheriff's Substation (\$347,456.00) (Public Facilities Management).

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Human Resources, offered a resolution declaring personal property obsolete and no longer needed for Franklin County use, and authorizing sale, recycling and/or destruction of said personal property (Human Resources).

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

PURCHASING

Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Tameca Bumper, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$3,104,185.23) (Purchasing).

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, offered a resolution authorizing the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Budget for Franklin County (Board of Commissioners).

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

Zachary Talarek offered a resolution based on the advice and notification of the Columbus Metropolitan Library Board of Library Trustees, to submit the question of an additional tax levy for public library services to the electors of the Columbus Metropolitan Library on the November 7, 2023 General Election (Board of Commissioners).

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

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The Clerk noted that there will be two (2) journalizations expected at General Session on Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for Thursday, June 22, 2023.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT

KEVIN L. BOYCE



**ERICA C. CRAWLEY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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