

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Session Minutes
Thursday, July 25, 2024

President Boyce
Commissioner O'Grady
Commissioner Crawley

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the July 30, 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 Boyce convened the meeting at 9:01 A.M.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Susan Bedsole, Deputy Director, Court of Common Pleas, and Napoleon Bell, Director of Diversity Equity & Inclusion, Court of Common Pleas, offered a resolution to approve a contract with Blue Ocean Brain to provide professional development training (\$35,375.00) (Court of Common Pleas).

Ms. Bedsole and Mr. Bell reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Barbara Reeves, Deputy Director of Business Operations and Finance, Domestic Relations, and Julie Troth, Deputy Director, Juvenile Programs and Services, Domestic Relations, offered a resolution authorizing contracts for attendance services with Canal Winchester Schools, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools, Groveport Madison Schools, Hilliard City Schools, New Albany Plain Local Schools, Reynoldsburg City Schools and South Western City Schools (\$304,322.00) (Domestic Relations).

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

Barbara Reeves offered a resolution authorizing the State Fiscal Year 2025 Juvenile Court Grant Agreement and Funding Application with the State of Ohio, Department of Youth Services (\$4,404,768.54) (Domestic Relations).

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

Barbara Reeves noted the resolution authorizing a contract with Ledet Global Enterprise, LLC. (\$50,000.00) (Domestic Relations), would be pulled from the General Session Agenda for July 30, 2024.

ENGINEER

Brad Foster, P.E., P.S., Engineer, Engineer's Office, offered a resolution for the final hearing for establishing, altering, and widening of Cooke Road, County Road No. 80, from Karl Road, County Road No. 76, to Cleveland Avenue, County Road No. 75, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer).

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

Brad Foster offered a resolution for a Petition filed for the vacation of a portion of existing right-of-way adjoining 5656 Bixby Road, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer).

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

Brad Foster offered a resolution to update the annual progress report relating to the Franklin County Engineer's Antiracism & Equity Program supporting the Franklin County Board of Commissioners' Declaration of Racism as a Public Health Crisis (Engineer).

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

Brad Foster offered a resolution for Korda/Nemeth Engineering, Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing engineering design services for the Lancaster Avenue 0.04 over French Run Improvement project, Truro Township, City of Reynoldsburg, Franklin County, Ohio (\$286,724.00) (Engineer).

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

Brad Foster offered a resolution for American Structurepoint, Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer with construction inspection services for improvements on

the Trabue Road 10.77 over Scioto River & 10.89 over Scioto Pointe Drive, Improvement project, Norwich Township and Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$1,139,536.00) (Engineer).

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

Brad Foster offered a resolution endorsing applications submitted by County Engineer Brad Foster on behalf of Franklin County for Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Attributable Federal Funding of road and bridge projects (Engineer).

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

Brad Foster offered a resolution for the Report (1st) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Renner Road, County Road No. 27, from Alton & Darby Creek Road, County Road No. 272, to Spindler Road, County Road No. 153, Improvement project, Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$349,900.00) (Engineer).

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

Brad Foster offered a resolution awarding contract and approving contract bond to Strawser Paving Company for Cleveland Avenue Safety Improvements (Dunedin Rd to Cooke Rd) (\$4,701,288.03) (Engineer).

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

Brad Foster offered a resolution for the approval of the Replat of the Scenic Preserve for Lot 56 of the Windrush Creek, Section No. 2 subdivision, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer).

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

DATA CENTER

Julie Lust, Chief Financial Officer, Data Center, offered a resolution authorizing a Supplemental Contract Agreement with Brown Enterprise Solutions and a Master Service Agreement with Valimail Inc. for the procurement of an email security solution (\$118,534.23) (Franklin County Data Center).

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

Commissioner Boyce asked if the county had that layer of security already and Ms. Lust advised that this provides another layer, and they are considered the best in the business.

Julie Lust offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to accept the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) Participating Addendum through Cellco Partnership, d/b/a. Verizon Wireless (Data Center) (\$0.00) (Franklin County Data Center).

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Jeff Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency, offered a resolution authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation related to State Homeland Security Law Enforcement grant award extensions (Emergency Management Agency),

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

LAW LIBRARY

Jennifer Jones, Director, Law Library, offered a resolution approving a five-year countywide contract with West Publishing Corporation for the Franklin County Law Library, Prosecuting Attorney, Auditor, Sheriff, Engineer, and Board of Developmental Disabilities (\$744,570.84) (Law Library).

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

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Christine Clarizio, Controller, Public Defender's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a one-year contract Between the City of Columbus, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, and the Franklin County Public Defender Commission (\$656,499.00) (Public Defender).

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

OFFICE ON AGING

Chanda Wingo, Director, Office on Aging, offered a resolution authorizing an agreement with

eleven (11) Providers for Moving & Cleaning Services (\$275,000.00) (Office on Aging).

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

Chanda Wingo offered a resolution authorizing a first contract extension agreement with Point & Pay, LLC for an Online Payment Acceptance System (\$18,000.00) (Office on Aging).

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

Chanda Wingo offered a resolution authorizing a Contract extension #2 with Duraline Medical Products, Inc. for Incontinence Supplies (\$1,400,000.00) (Office on Aging).

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

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement, offered a resolution authorizing Contract Extension #2 with Counter Point Mediation Services, LLC for professional mediation services (\$45,000.00) (Child Support Enforcement).

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

Susan Brown offered a resolution authorizing a vendor contract with the Center of Science and Industry for services pertaining to the hosting of the Franklin County Family Empowerment Day (\$7,503.55) (Child Support Enforcement).

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

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION

Damika Withers, Director, Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion, offered a resolution authorizing a contract amendment with the National African American Male Wellness Agency to support the Black Men's Wellness Day promotional and marketing materials (\$5,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion).

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

Commissioner Boyce advised Ms. Withers that he likes what she has done with the office and she will be a pioneer for real work that is substantive and transformational for Franklin County. Commissioner Boyce added that he likes what the office is doing and finds it inspiring; encouraging them to keep heading toward the trajectory that they are currently going.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Ruchelle Pride, Director, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant Agreement with The Ohio State University to develop the Franklin County Agriculture In The Classroom Grant to support the local food system in alignment with the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Action Plan (\$500,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Ruchelle Pride offered a resolution authorizing a funding service agreement between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (“County) and the Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus (“The Collaborative” or “Grantee”) to provide Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) support in Franklin County (\$18,569.23) (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Ruchelle Pride offered a resolution authorizing a funding service agreement between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (“County) and the Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus (“The Collaborative” or “Grantee”) to provide Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) support in Franklin County (\$46,200.00) (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Ruchelle Pride offered a resolution Authorizing the Franklin County Administrator to Execute on Behalf of the Franklin County Commissioners the Attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” Instrument for Tina Marie Woods aka Tina M. Woods at 1430 Engadine Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43223 (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Ruchelle Pride offered a resolution to erect a new township, adjust the boundaries of Franklin Township, and conform the boundaries of the new township to the boundaries of the Village of Valleyview Case #ANX-01-24 (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Ruchelle Pride offered a resolution to review of petition to annex 12.4 +/- acres from Franklin Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-12-24 (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Ruchelle Pride offered a resolution to review of petition to annex 21.95 +/- acres from Franklin Township and 0.05 +/- acres from Norwich Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-13-24 (Economic Development and Planning).

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

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Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, and Chief Counsel advised they will see on Tuesday's agenda a resolution authorizing the approval and acceptance of the 2024 Action Plan, and it was not included on today's agenda based on some documents still being gathered but wanted to make the public aware.

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JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Bart Logan, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services, offered a resolution approving subaward agreements with Community Refugee and Immigration Services, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, Jewish Family Services, and US Together, Inc. for refugee employability services (\$623,390.00) (Job and Family Services).

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

Bart Logan offered a resolution approving subaward agreements with Action for Children, The Homeless Families Foundation, and Young Men's Christian Association of Central Ohio for Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids for kindergarten readiness programming (\$952,412.67) (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 the St. Vincent Family Center to support transportation services for Medicaid eligible youth participating in day treatment programs (\$800,000.00) (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 Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center for student driver instruction training (\$14,000.00) (Job and Family Services).

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

Bart Logan offered a resolution authorizing the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services Director to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Action for Children for the Franklin County RISE Initiative year one close-out activities (Job and Family Services).

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

JUSTICE POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs, offered a resolution authorizing a subgrant award and contract for services with Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center to support prevention, treatment, and recovery from addiction including opioids or any other co-occurring substance use or mental health conditions through the FY 2024 Local Opioid Settlement Government Fund (LOSGF) grant program (\$199,942.00) (Justice Policy and Programs).

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

Ruchelle Pride offered a resolution authorizing a contract for services with the African American Male Wellness Agency for a Mental Wellness Program offering talk therapy services related to the FY 2022 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) grant (\$60,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs).

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

Commissioner Boyce suggested Ms. Pride engage with the [Ohio] Attorney General's Office and work with them on intensive strategy around diversion, treatment, and sustainability.

Ms. Pride advised that a date is being coordinated around the Village Vista opportunity, and the office will present with the Attorney General's Task Force on re-entry, supportive services, and intensive engagement.

Commissioner Boyce mentioned a plot around the land across from the village for a second phase and noted that the county should think about purchasing that land for possible housing solutions.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Kim Kimmel, Risk Manager, Human Resources, offered a resolution authorizing a one-year contract extension with USI Insurance Services, LLC for Risk Management Insurance Consulting Services (\$62,500.00) (Human Resources).

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

Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Human Resources, offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute a contract modification with United Behavioral Health to provide additional programming and training hours (\$1,962,000.00) (Human Resources).

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

Jodi Leis offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute a contract with CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services, Inc. (CBIZ) to provide actuarial and other consulting services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (Cooperative) (\$244,000.00) (Human Resources).

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

Samantha Taylor, Senior Program Analyst, Human Resources, offered a resolution authorizing a contract modification (Modification #3) and extension with WEX Health, Inc. (WEX) to provide benefits administration services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (Cooperative) (\$1,470,000.00) (Human Resources).

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

SANITARY ENGINEERS

Stephen Renner, Director, Sanitary Engineer, offered a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission to participate in the State Capital Improvement Program for the South Greener Avenue, Mix Avenue, Emmitt Avenue, and Sullivant Avenue Water Distribution System Infrastructure Reconstruction Project (Sanitary Engineers).

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

Stephen Renner offered a resolution accepting the dedication of a water distribution and sanitary sewer collection systems to the County and accepting a Water and Sanitary Sewer Easements for the water and sewer systems from Braumiller Development LLC. (Sanitary Engineers).

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

Stephen Renner offered a resolution authorizing a contract agreement with JLD Construction Services LLC for the Gladys Road-Inah Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project (\$1,655,170.00) (Sanitary Engineers).

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

PURCHASING

Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Damika Withers, Director, Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with Garda CL Great Lakes, Inc to provide armed courier services for various Franklin County Elected Official offices, agencies, courts, Boards or Commissions (\$250,000.00) (Purchasing).

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

Megan Perry-Balonier offered a resolution authorizing a Cooperative Agreement with The Ohio State University to sponsor an Undergraduate Design Capstone Project (\$5,000.00) (Purchasing).

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 (\$4,263,710.13) (Purchasing).

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

Megan Perry-Balonier offered a resolution approving purchases for Franklin County Domestic Relations Court (\$203,500.00) (Purchasing).

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

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Jesse Armstrong, Deputy Director, Business, Claims, and Real Estate, Prosecutor's Office, offered a resolution authorizing and approving the purchase of real property located at 345 E. 5th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio; authorizing the County Administrator to enter and execute a real estate purchase contract; and authorizing the County Administrator to take additional actions necessary to effectuate the purchase and transfer of the property (\$9,500,000.00) (Board of Commissioners).

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

Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, thanked the Prosecutor's Office for moving this forward and noted that the property is well situated on a bus line with parking, and the Administration has various ideas for this property.

Commissioner Boyce noted that this is cutting edge, and the county is getting ahead of the game by putting services in the heart of the community.

Commissioner O'Grady discussed the need to move county services out of the downtown area and into the community and noting that these discussions had lasted for several years, and now they are coming to fruition.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, noted 92% of residents that receive services from one government agency normally receive services from 2 or more agencies, and thanked Mr. Armstrong for pulling this across the finish line and this is the first time the commissioners, Juvenile Court, Children Services, Veteran Services can be interconnected and create a system delivery model that would be seamless for residents.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecutor's Office, offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute contracts not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars per contract (Board of Commissioners).

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

Jeanine Hummer offered a resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with CAG Bexley Apts, LLC for the construction of a proposed mixed-use project to be located at 2200 E. Main Street, Bexley, Ohio that will have income-restricted units (\$2,000,000.00) (Board of Commissioners).

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

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator, added that this is the first affordable housing project that the county has invested in, that broadband internet access must be provided to all residential units for investing in digital equity in partnership with the City of Columbus, and that the internet needs to be treated like a public utility. Administrator Wilson added that 76 of the 232 units would be affordable and leased at a rate no greater than 80% of the area median income, and the units will remain affordable for no less than 18 years.

Commissioner Boyce asked if the residents would be charged for the cost of the internet, and Administrator Wilson advised no. This would be the first time this type of provision was built into a contract.

Ms. Hummer added Robin Moorhead, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, was lead on this and negotiations went back and forth to firm up the matters that were important to the commissioners, and Ms. Moorhead made sure there would not be a situation later where the money was received, and the company is gone. Ms. Hummer noted that steps had been taken to ensure that it would not happen in this case.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners, offered a resolution authorizing the Data Sharing and Confidentiality Agreement between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Local Workforce Area 11, for the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio (Board of Commissioners).

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

Juan Torres, Chief Information Officer, Board of Commissioners, offered a resolution authorizing a Services Contract and SaaS Agreement for the implementation of a grants management system (\$574,387.34) (Board of Commissioners).

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

Patty Huddle, President, Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority, offered a resolution approving, solely for the purpose of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the issuance of multifamily housing revenue bonds, series 2024 by the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority not exceeding \$52,000,000 for the Caravel Apartments project (Board of Commissioners).

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

Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners, offered a resolution in

Support of the Ohio Gold Star Families Monument in the Memorial Grove at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum (Board of Commissioners).

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

Michael Ruehrmund, Assistant Director of Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners, offered a resolution appointing Lauren Rummel to the Board of Trustees for the Rise Together Innovation Institute (Board of Commissioners).

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

Michael Ruehrmund offered a resolution appointing Monica Tellez-Fowler to the Board of Trustees for the Rise Together Innovation Institute (Board of Commissioners).

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

Melissa Kohler, Assistant Director of Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners, offered a resolution appointing Camille Seals to the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners).

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

Melissa Kohler offered a resolution appointing Lisa Whittaker to the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners).

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

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The Clerk noted that there will be one (1) journalization expected at General Session on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

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RESOLUTION(S) TO BE PASSED AT BRIEFING SESSION

Resolution No. 608-24, of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters and to confer with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office concerning pending or imminent litigation (Board of Commissioners) This Resolution No. 0258-24, of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session to confer with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office concerning pending or imminent litigation (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0608-24, to convene into Executive Session to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote, and the commissioners convened into Executive Session at 10:39 A.M.

At 1:09 P.M., Commissioner O'Grady moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Boyce, which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. No substantive action was taken upon exiting Executive Session, and with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:09 P.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for Thursday, July 25, 2024.

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KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT

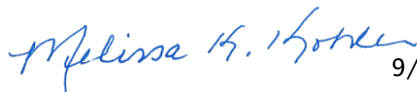
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Submitted by:

 9/19/2024

Melissa K. Kohler,
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners