

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Session Minutes
Thursday, August 25, 2022

President Crawley
Commissioner Boyce

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the August 30, 2022, 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 9:04 A.M.

AUDITOR

Trenton Weaver, Staff Counsel, Auditor, offered a resolution authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency 2022 Community and Litter Grant (Auditor).

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

DRAINAGE ENGINEER

William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office offered a resolution authorizing Drainage Engineer Cornell R. Robertson to submit applications and execute project agreements on behalf of Franklin County for Ohio Public Works Commission funding of drainage systems (Drainage Engineer).

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

ENGINEER

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution for establishing, altering, and widening of Alkire Road, County Road No. 11, between Darby Creek Drive and Johnson Road, Prairie Township and Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution for establishing, altering, and widening of Gardner Road, County Road No. 281, between the Madison County line and Riebel Road, Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5543.06, setting Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. at the Boat House at Confluence Park for the Annual Meeting of the Franklin County Engineer between Township and County authorities (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution Andover Associates, LTD., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing general engineering services (\$100,000.00) (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution for HNTB Ohio, Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing a feasibility study for the Hayes Road, County Road No. 2, at Richardson Road, County Road No. 119, Improvement project, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$55,272.00) (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on a portion of Wilson Road, County Road No. 25, Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution to update the Local Road Safety Plan for the use and protection of constituents along county roads which are under the jurisdiction of the Franklin County Engineer (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 authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Diversion Program Grant for the Franklin County Heroin Overdose Prevention & Education (HOPE) Task Force (\$55,000.00) (Sheriff).

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

OFFICE ON AGING

Chanda Wingo, Interim Director, Office on Aging, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with Duraline Medical Products, Inc. for Incontinence Supplies (\$1,165,783.56) (Office on Aging).

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

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Curtis Brown, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnerships, Office of Management and Budget, offered a resolution authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio for a facility expansion (\$1,000,000.00) (Community Partnerships).

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

Curtis Brown offered a resolution authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant to the Mid-Ohio Food Collective for emergency food needs and support of the local food system infrastructure across Franklin County (\$2,500,000.00) (Community Partnerships).

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

Commissioner Boyce: I remember the \$1.5 million for the food, but I was not aware of the \$1 million distribution to the pantries. I am supportive of it; I just do not recall seeing it. When did that come about?

Mr. Brown: To my knowledge, this has been the case from the start. We received an urgent request from the Mid-Ohio Food Collective.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: It will help the City of Dublin in the proposal that they submitted to you all for funding for their food bank. It will go towards a community-wide benefit to help other local food banks that are in the network, as well.

Commissioner Boyce: I would also like to say that you should be prepared on Tuesday to talk about the implications of the scarcity of food access, from an economical standpoint. I am interested in what trends are occurring. This will impact how we think about our funds in the coming six to twelve months.

Commissioner Crawley: Outside of supply chain issues, I would like the guests on Tuesday to speak about the request from the State. It is my understanding that there has been a request for COVID dollars, and there are some State officials who are not entertaining any requests until December. What is the advocacy to the State level for additional dollars? What is the plan between now and the end of the year if the State does not provide its COVID dollars to assist in helping the food banks?

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION

Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, offered a resolution approving a contract agreement with Columbus Council on World Affairs for racial equity training (\$29,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion).

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

Damika Withers offered a resolution approving a contract agreement with YWCA Columbus for racial equity training (\$17,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion).

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

Damika Withers offered a resolution approving a contract agreement with Performance Consulting Services for racial equity training (\$13,600.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion).

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

Damika Withers offered a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Ohio Business Development Center for Small Business Legal Aid Program (\$50,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion).

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

Damika Withers offered a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Ohio Business Development Center for Construction Management Training (\$15,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion).

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

Commissioner Crawley: Can you talk a little more about this training? Is it helping small businesses?

Ms. Withers: The Construction Management Training will provide small businesses access to opportunities that allow them to build their capacity for construction jobs. It will teach them how to access that information so that when bids come up, they can provide employment opportunities through construction firms.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution authorizing an Affordable Housing Development agreement with National Church Residences, 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.

Emanuel Torres offered a resolution approving the recommendations of the 2022 Franklin County Tax Incentive Review Councils (TIRCs) (Economic Development and Planning).

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

James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution for review of petition to annex 10.63 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City Case #ANX-29-22 (Economic Development and Planning).

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

James Schimmer offered a resolution for review of petition to annex 23.3 +/- acres from Blendon Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-30-22 (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Arnel N. Capulong and Tita G. Capulong at 912 Worthington Woods Blvd., Worthington, OH 43085 (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Julissa Tiruchelvam offered a resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Dairl D. Gillespie and Barbara E. Gillespie at 2379 Hyde Road, Grove City, OH 43123 (Economic Development and Planning).

Ms. Tiruchelvam 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 subaward agreements with Action for Children, The Homeless Families Foundation, and Young Men’s Christian Association of Central Ohio for the SPARK kindergarten readiness programming (\$952,411.57) (Job and Family Services).

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

Bart Logan offered a resolution approving a contract extension for on-site case management services between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services and Nationwide Children’s Hospital (\$185,690.00) (Job and Family Services).

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

Bart Logan offered a resolution approving a subaward amendment with Image Character Etiquette, Inc for a youth mentoring program (\$330,877.64) (Job and Family Services).

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

JUSTICE POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Melissa Pierson, Chief Operating Officer, Justice Policy and Programs, offered a resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding for the continuation of support for the Franklin County Municipal Court Specialty Dockets (\$980,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs).

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

SANITARY ENGINEERS

Stephen Renner, Director, Sanitary Engineers, offered a resolution authorizing a Private Sewer Agreement with Epcon Riverside, LLC for the Courtyards on Riverside, Phase 2 sanitary sewer collection system (Sanitary Engineers).

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

Commissioner Boyce: Where are we with the Franklin County water/sewer management discussion? I know that we have invested billions of dollars, but I have not heard much in this area recently.

Erik J. Janas, Deputy County Administrator: Two months ago, we provided the City of Columbus with our financial model, and they have asked for time to review that before getting back to the table with us.

Commissioner Boyce: I would like to get fully briefed about where we are with that. Because of the projected growth of Central Ohio, I believe this is a conversation that we will be having a lot over the next two decades. I know that in public service, the decisions that we make today are critical for twenty years from now.

Mr. Janas: We will make sure that you all get an updated briefing. The financial model is an initial proposal that we gave to the City to begin discussions. It is the first time they have seen it. It hasn't materially changed from what we briefed you on last fall. We will be sure to update you with the City's response.

Stephen Renner 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 Inah Avenue and Gladys Road Sanitary Sewer Collections System projects (Sanitary Engineers).

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

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: Director, there will be two components of funding necessary to make this project a reality. What is the timeframe of the Public Works Integrated Committee submission?

Mr. Renner: Within the application, it does state that we will be going for a Water Pollution Control Loan fund, which will provide roughly 45% of the total cost. The remaining funding will be subject to the OPWC's terms.

Erik J. Janas, Deputy County Administrator: The timeliness of this is because that application is due soon.

Mr. Renner: The application is due Friday, September 2, 2022. We will not hear whether we have secured these funds until December.

Commissioner Boyce: What happens if we do not receive these funds?

Mr. Renner: We will have to turn around and use a combination of our own internal funds and the Water Pollution Control Loan fund.

Commissioner Boyce: If we do get it, who is responsible for the debt services? Is it charged back to the residents that are impacted?

Mr. Renner: Through the general fund, you are supporting a good portion of our debt service by giving us the \$5 million per year. Debt service does put upward pressure on our rate.

Commissioner Crawley: How does this impact projects like this that come online as you are having conversations with the City?

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: We will carry these obligations over into the asset transfer agreement, and we will continue to have to retire this debt as part of that agreement.

Commissioner Boyce: So, what you are saying is that if that proposal did not work out, we would still be responsible for all of the existing debt that we have, yet we would not have the revenue that offsets a portion of that? Because now that would be going toward the owner of the system?

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: Yes.

Erik J. Janas, Deputy County Administrator: Because of that assumption, we have factored that into the value of the asset. I think that the argument is that while there will be stranded debt that we will have to take care of if the asset is transferred, that debt service cost would be significantly less than \$5 million annually.

Commissioner Boyce: I would be very careful because when there are bond dollars issued by the State, there are covenants that if there is no aligned debt service to it, it could bring into question the compliance with the bond transaction itself. That could have a domino effect that would be hard to stop once it starts. With this, we will be adding new debt, and we are doing it while we are negotiating turning over those assets. On the investor side, that could be a serious implication because that needs to be disclosed in the documents. The problem with this is that I think the State would have to be the entity to disclose that. In the current situation, these funds will be applied for, the work will begin, and we will have some form of assessment for the homeowners. It will not be enough to pay the full

debt, so we will subsidize it in some way. But they will pick up additional costs, and we will cover the rest of the debt service, correct?

Mr. Renner: Yes, in the long run.

Erik J. Janas, Deputy County Administrator: We have applied and been successful in receiving dollars from OPWC in the past. These are projects that are likely to be done anyway, but between the grant and low-cost interest funds, it ends up being financially better for us if we are recipients of OPWC funds, and then Director Renner can direct our assets to other projects. We have started the conversation with the State regarding the disclosure of bonds, so they are aware of it. If this financial model and negotiation become more real, we will have to have a deeper conversation with the State. Given our preliminary discussions, I expect them to support it.

PUBLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management, offered a resolution authorizing execution of a Parking Rental Agreement with OSERS Broad St. LLC for leased parking spaces in support of the operation of county agencies located at Memorial Hall (\$63,000.00) (Public Facilities Management).

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

Commissioner Boyce: So, the parking lot is not part of the lease for the rental building?

Ms. Reardon: The County owns the surface lot. The garage is attached to the Ohio School Employees Retirement System (OSERS). A few years ago, when VSC moved into Memorial Hall, we initiated this lease to obtain additional parking spaces. So, it is both. Visitors primarily park on the surface lot, and the garage helps with additional parking pass locations for employees.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: It is supplemental parking because that surface lot cannot support the traffic that comes into the building for Public Health, the Veteran Service Commission, and the employees at the Office on Aging. So this allows overflow.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Laura Repasky, Director, Human Resources, offered a resolution authorizing a contract to purchase a Learning Management System for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (\$566,842.12) (Human Resources).

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

Laura Repasky offered a resolution authorizing a contract for Consulting Services for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (\$60,000.00) (Human Resources).

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

PURCHASING

Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, offered a resolution authorizing a Fourth Contract Extension for two Countywide Contracts for Print Shop Paper and Supplies (\$450,000.00) (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 (\$11,386,582.67) (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 authorizing appropriation adjustments for the implementation of a classification and compensation study (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 one (1) journalization expected at General Session on Tuesday, August 30, 2022.

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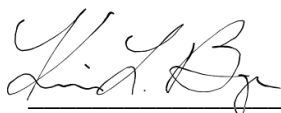
These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for Thursday, August 25, 2022.



ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT



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FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

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