

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Session Minutes
Thursday, September 8, 2022

President Crawley
Commissioner O'Grady
Commissioner Boyce

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the September 13, 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 9:00 A.M.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division, offered a resolution authorizing contracts for attendance services with Canal Winchester, Gahanna-Jefferson, Groveport Madison, Hilliard, New Albany Plain Local, Reynoldsburg and South Western City Schools (\$220,598.00) (Domestic Relations).

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

ENGINEER

William "Fritz" Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer's Office, offered a resolution for report (12th) 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 (\$7,222.00) (Engineer).

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

William "Fritz" Crosier offered a resolution for preliminary allocation of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of Worthington (\$448,500.00) (Engineer).

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

William "Fritz" Crosier offered a resolution awarding contract and approving contract bond to Miller Bros. Const., Inc; for the Rohr Road at London-Groveport Road (SR-317) Roundabout (\$4,229,793.99) (Engineer).

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

William "Fritz" Crosier offered a resolution awarding contract and approving contract bond to Miller Cable Company; for the Traffic Signal Installation 2022 (\$670,250.00) (Engineer).

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

Commissioner O'Grady: Yesterday, when we were at the White House, we learned that Congress is releasing a large amount of money, and apparently, it is going to the State through the Ohio Department of Transportation. Are we supposed to be working through your office to access those dollars?

Mr. Crosier: Is that in relation to some of the funds that are being dispersed through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)?

Commissioner O'Grady: Yes, I believe that is what they were referring to.

Mr. Crosier: Some of those funds are being dispersed to locals through the State via existing Formula Funding. Some of them are new funding opportunities that are directly through the Federal government. We are actively looking through both avenues. The next round of submittals is coming up in the next couple of weeks, including our application for the Safe Streets and Roads for All funding. We have worked on other applications here recently for RAISE grants, and Formula Funding, which we are submitting for Franklin County, and some are joint applications with the City of Columbus.

Commissioner O'Grady: That is a pretty significant amount of money, and we need to make sure that we spend or allocate it quickly because we do not want to lose it.

Mr. Crosier: Absolutely, and we are aggressively going after everything that we can.

SHERIFF

Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with Franklin County Children Services for police protection at its office locations within Franklin County (\$1,510,000.00) (Sheriff).

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

David M. Masterson, Director, Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a one-year Software as a Service agreement with Cordico, Inc. (\$49,929.26) (Sheriff).

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

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Antone White, Director, Board of Elections, offered a resolution authorizing supplemental appropriations for election related expenses from the May and August Primaries (Board Of Elections).

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

Erik J. Janas, Deputy County Administrator: How much are the supplemental appropriations?

Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget: It is \$1,540,000.00. Of that, \$1.2 million is allocated to personal services to cover the poll worker and seasonal pay expenses. The remaining \$340,000.00 is for materials and services to reimburse for the election supplies.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Jeffrey J. Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with BOLDplanning, Inc. for the delivery of a Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Continuity of Government (COG) plan and plan software module (\$38,488.00) (Emergency Management Agency).

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

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Bill Peltcs, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement, offered a resolution authorizing the execution of a subgrant agreement with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to receive funds under a pass-through grant to enhance visitation (parenting time) between children and non-custodial parents (\$45,000.00) (Child Support Enforcement).

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

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships, offered a resolution authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant to the Affordable Housing Trust of Columbus and Franklin County to assist in establishing the Emerging Developers Accelerator Program (\$5,000,000.00) (Community Partnerships).

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

Commissioner Crawley: I know that the total is \$5 million, and they were asking for it over three years. What was the thought process about the disbursement of all of the money upfront versus breaking it up over three years, considering it is a new program?

Mr. Brown: I have spoken to both the President and Director of the program regarding the payment structure, and they will receive payments over the next three years.

Commissioner Boyce: Then why are we doing it all in one resolution? I thought generally we would separate it. Let's say we give half now, but something goes wrong, and we can't give the other half. Why would we allocate it in one resolution as opposed to having a separate resolution for each disbursement?

Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget: In some cases, that is what we do. The way that the payments are structured in this case is different. The \$1 million is to be disbursed upon signing, and then every six months, based upon their updated status reports, up to \$1 million could be disbursed at a time. We would work with them to verify that the dollars are being spent and allocated properly.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office: And the \$5 million is being encumbered. Contractually, there are requirements that must be met at set milestones, and if they are not met, then they do not get the funds.

Commissioner Boyce: I feel like that takes us out of the process. I would want to know if it was going well along the way before the next allocation was paid.

Commissioner Crawley: This would be multiple cohorts, correct? This is not just one cohort that is going through over the next three years; it is supposed to be multiple cohorts. I am very supportive of this program. I love the concept, and I love that it is helping minority developers enter the marketplace and be able to compete; however, it is a new program, and we are using COVID dollars to fund it. I will look at the supplemental information between now and General Session, and I will reach out to Mr. Brown, Director

Talarek, and Ms. Hummer for further discussion if needed. I do agree with Commissioner Boyce's point that we are being taken out of the process. I would like to evaluate the program to see if it is working to our expectations before we allocate more money.

Ms. Hummer: If you believe that there needs to be additional language in the resolution or in the contract, we can always add that in so that the Board is aware of the progress of the program as it moves forward.

Commissioner Crawley: I know that they will be contracting with people to come and teach. Will we be provided information regarding whom they are contracting with, as well?

Mr. Brown: That is information that I can ask for and get to you, especially as they begin their first cohort.

Erik J. Janas, Deputy County Administrator: Isn't it correct that they secured separate funding sources for the actual training fees?

Mr. Brown: I do know that they do have two other sources of funding, but I am unsure what those funds are specifically being allocated towards. I can get you that information.

Commissioner Crawley: They have funding from JPMorgan Chase that is supposed to go towards the education or curriculum. The City of Columbus also has an investment. I do not know if they have secured any funding outside of that.

Mr. Brown: Those are the only sources that I am aware of, as well.

Curtis Brown offered a resolution authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant to Service! to assist low-income hospitality workers in Franklin County alleviate immediate financial burdens, provide training opportunities, and ensure sustainability and equity in the workplace (\$50,000.00) (Community Partnerships).

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Jenny Snapp, Chief Operating Officer, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution authorizing a Grant Agreement with IMPACT Community Action to provide Rental and Utility Assistance to Residents in Franklin County (\$10,000,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Commissioner Crawley: Are these the dollars that were reallocated from the State?

Erik J. Janas, Deputy County Administrator: Yes.

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 Adrian Mathew Dulin at 3021 Upton Road E, Columbus, OH 43232 (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 Daniel Ghirmasion at 3033 Glenshaw Ave., Columbus, OH 43231 (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 Sharon A. Rife at 4965 Astoria Avenue, Columbus, OH 43207 (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 Chad Anderson and Lauren M. Young aka Lauren Anderson at 4752 Glengate Drive, Columbus, OH 43232 (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 a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with the City of Columbus, Office of the Mayor, CelebrateOne for the Health Equity Innovation and Birth Centers Initiative (\$121,008.11) (Job and Family Services).

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

Commissioner Crawley: The last time we gave an award for this initiative was shortly after I came to the Board, and now we have this award. Do we have any data regarding the people and families that were helped by the previous award?

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): How many were assisted by doulas or community health workers? What were the birth outcomes? How many individuals are being targeted with the current award?

Mr. Logan: With regard to this award, it focuses more on the strategic planning rather than direct programming and services. As for the previous award, I do not have any specific outcome data at my fingertips right now, but we plan on having representatives from CelebrateOne at General Session on Tuesday. I will make sure that they are available with data for any questions that you may have.

Commissioner Crawley: I know that we have given Franklin County Public Health money previously. The last award to them was around \$800,000.00, and roughly \$400,000.00 of that went to an organization to help with birth outcomes, having access to doulas, having home visits, and other things like that. I am just trying to see where the overlap may be and if we are missing any individuals in our community who could also be served.

Mr. Logan: We will make sure that coordination is happening so that there isn't redundancy in the services provided. This work is important, and we need to get it right.

PURCHASING

Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, offered a resolution authorizing Second Contract Modification and Extension with Leo Meyers, Inc. for Staff Uniforms (\$80,000.00) (Purchasing).

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

Megan Perry-Balonier and Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,628,388.89) (Purchasing).

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, offered a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission for collection in calendar year 2023 and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor (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 no journalizations expected at General Session on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for Thursday, September 8, 2022.



ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT

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