

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Session Minutes
Thursday, September 28, 2023

President O'Grady
Commissioner Boyce
Commissioner Crawley

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the October 3, 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 9:16 A.M.

CLERK OF COURTS

Richard Simms, Director of Auto Title, Clerk of Courts, offered a resolution authorizing a supplemental contract with Precision Industrial Services, Inc. to provide replacement carpet services for the Franklin County Clerk of Courts Auto Title division (\$72,362.64) (Clerk Of Courts).

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

CORONER

Amanda Alvarez Wright, Director of Operations, Coroner's Office, offered a resolution authorizing an agreement with National Medical Services, Inc. d/b/a NMS Labs ("NMS Labs") for specialized testing services for the Coroner's office (\$45,000.00) (Coroner).

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

Amanda Alvarez Wright offered a resolution authorizing an agreement between Ohio State University on behalf of its Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (Coroner).

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

Amanda Alvarez Wright offered a resolution authorizing the Franklin County Administrator to sign on behalf of the Coroner an Agreement with West Virginia University – School of Medicine, Biomedical Laboratory Diagnostics, and Pathologists’ Assistant Programs Affiliation Agreement for Clinical Education (Coroner).

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

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William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office, offered a resolution ordering the County Engineer to prepare reports, plans, and schedules for the improvement of the Raduege-Snyder Ditch Watershed, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners).

Mr. Crosier 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 CT Consultants, Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing detailed engineering services for the Cleveland Avenue and Dunedin Road and Piedmont Road/Dunbar Drive Pedestrian Improvements project, Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$56,140.00) (Engineer).

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

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Edward Leonard, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Administration, Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to accept the grant award from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (\$25,000.00) (Prosecuting Attorney).

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

OFFICE ON AGING

Chanda Wingo, Director, Office on Aging, offered a resolution authorizing a contract agreement with Monark Management LLC to administer One Voice training services (\$45,000.00) (Office on Aging).

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

ANIMAL CONTROL

April Ricciardo, Assistant Director, Animal Control, offered a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a gift from the estate of Margaret L. Blankenberg (\$5,000.00) (Animal Control).

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

April Ricciardo offered a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a gift from the Yvette M Gardner Trust (\$21,250.00) (Animal Control).

Ms. Ricciardo 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 contract modifications with Savana Sprague and Kevin Irby for peer support and case management services for residents served via SAFER Station through the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program grant (Justice Policy and Programs).

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

Melissa Pierson offered a resolution authorizing a professional service contract agreement with Faith Sharp for community health worker services for residents served via SAFER Station (\$37,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs).

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

Melissa Pierson offered a resolution authorizing a professional service contract agreement with Michelle Majors for peer support and case management services for residents served via SAFER Station (\$37,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs).

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

SANITARY ENGINEERS

Ryan Stowe, Assistant Director, Sanitary Engineers, offered a resolution authorizing a contract agreement with Driven Excavating LLC for the Kanawha Rosslyn Sanitary Sewer Project (\$7,828,189.00) (Sanitary Engineers).

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

PURCHASING

Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, offered a resolution approving the updated Franklin County Board of Commissioners Purchasing Policy regarding the requirements for all purchases made under the authority of the Franklin County Board of Commissioner (Purchasing).

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

Megan Perry-Balonier and Talishia Williams, Fiscal Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,888,963.60) (Purchasing).

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

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Lauren Rummel, Director, Government Affairs and Ethics, Board of Commissioners, offered a resolution authorizing receipt of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 Community Project Funding award from the U.S. Department of Labor (Board of Commissioners).

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

Commissioner Boyce asked the Prosecutor's Office to review this resolution for conflicts.

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Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator: Commissioners, as you know, the airport is building a \$2 billion terminal. We wanted to raise whether this Board would like to direct staff to draft a letter to the Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA) Board regarding the success the Commissioners have had with MOUs with the building trades, as well as your significant goals for small and emerging business participation and labor force participation.

Commissioner O'Grady: I would like to have a letter drafted that highlights our interest in pursuing either a PLA or MOU with organized labor, as well as our interest in pursuing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policies in the construction.

Commissioner Boyce: Not only have we had great success with PLAs, such as with the building of the jail, but it is a resource that strengthens our community outside of the projects that we are working on. When we do things like building a new terminal at the airport, which is a \$2 billion effort, there is value to the broader community. These projects offer opportunities for people to have access to good-paying jobs, benefits, and resources to support them in sustaining themselves and their families. I am enthusiastic about this. It should be noted that the airport has a board of its own, and it is ultimately an independent organization. The County and City appoint to that board, but we do not control what they do. This is an effort to say to the CRAA Board that we, as a Board of Commissioners, believe that a PLA, MOU, or another type of agreement is a valuable asset to everyone in Central Ohio. I am very comfortable and confident that this is the right thing to do, and memorializing it in a letter is important.

Commissioner Crawley: As Commissioner Boyce said, the airport has its own board, and we will respect whatever the board decides to do. I want to add that this Board of Commissioners is one of the most pro-labor Board of Commissioners that the County has had. We continue to be a friend to labor because it makes a difference for our neighbors. It allows our neighbors to go from underemployed or unemployed straight into the middle class, which is good for our community. I would be remiss not to say that labor has not always been a friend to our community in general, especially to women in trades or veterans in trades. When I was in the legislature, I tried to get things moved to bring more people who were transitioning from the military to Ohio into labor. When we think about inclusivity, it is not just that we want people to get into the middle class. We absolutely want that to ensure people can care for themselves and their families, but we also want to ensure that there is always an equity lens. We always want to support women, women of color, minorities, and our veterans.

Commissioner O'Grady: We had to force that marriage to happen when it came to Building Futures. That was not the easiest match to make, but it is a great marriage now. I would also like to add that no one should be shocked by our interest in this and our desire to get a letter out. This is just us formalizing our interest and our wishes in writing.

Commissioner O'Grady (cont.): We have all had a track record of being pro-labor for a long time. We have a record of doing these types of projects and doing them well. I think putting this in writing is important.

Ms. Long: We will have staff draft a letter for your review and signature.

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RESOLUTION TO BE PASSED AT BRIEFING SESSION

Resolution No. 0738-23, postponed on September 26, 2023, approving a contract amendment with Access 2 Interpreters, LLC for interpretation and translation services (an increase of \$1,775,000.00) (\$3,342,389.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0738-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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The Clerk noted that there will be one (1) journalization expected at General Session on Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for Thursday, September 28, 2023.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



KEVIN L. BOYCE



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

Submitted by:



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