

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Session Minutes
Thursday, October 12, 2023

President O'Grady
Commissioner Boyce
Commissioner Crawley

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the October 17, 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 O'Grady convened the meeting at 9:11 A.M.

ENGINEER

William "Fritz" Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer's Office, offered a resolution for prayer of petition to vacate Rosanna Drive and Dallas Drive, two unimproved roads in the undeveloped Rosanna Trace Subdivision, Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio, granted (Engineer).

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

William "Fritz" Crosier offered a resolution for petition filed for the vacation of an unnamed alley located in the Rome Manor Subdivision, Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio (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 Brown Road, Township Road No. 142, at Dyer Road, Township Road No. 260, Jackson 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 Johnstown Road, County Road No. 377, at 17th Avenue, Township Road No. 374, and I-670E Off-Ramp, Mifflin Township, City of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer).

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

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, offered a resolution authorizing an application to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas for the employment of Jonathan Bond Esq., and Scott Friedman, Esq., to serve as special counsel to the Alcohol, Drug And Mental Health Board of Franklin County (Prosecuting Attorney).

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

Jeanine Hummer offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute the FY 2023-2024 Victim of Crimes Act grant from the Ohio Attorney General’s Office (\$104,003.47) (Prosecuting Attorney).

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

Commissioner Boyce asked Ms. Hummer to explain Marsy’s Law. Ms. Hummer stated that Marsy’s Law is a victim’s rights law that pertains to what a victim of a crime is required to receive. That includes things such as notification, attendance in court, and having a victim advocate present. There has been an increase in the list of requirements for victims of crimes, which is codified in state law.

SHERIFF

Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff’s Office, offered a resolution authorizing the purchase of software and acceptance of funding from Cuyahoga County Prosecutor’s Office to support the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force (\$92,963.27) (Sheriff).

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

Commissioner Boyce asked why the grant was coming from Cuyahoga County. Mr. Smith stated that this is a state grant, and Cuyahoga County received it and has chosen to share it with Franklin County because Franklin County has an ICAC Task Force. Cuyahoga

County has done this for the past four years to help Franklin County expand its investigative tools for ICAC offenders.

Albert J. Smith III offered a resolution authorizing a transfer of appropriations and a purchase order for the return of prisoners (Sheriff).

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

Dan Shook, Chief Financial Officer, Children Services, offered a resolution authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for paid placements (Franklin County Children Services).

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

The Commissioners asked what the current per diem rate is. Mr. Shook stated that it fluctuates depending on whether it is foster care, a residential center, or a group home, but on average, it is \$141/day. He noted that residential centers can go up to \$1,000/day. Deputy County Administrator Bivens asked if Children Services could provide the Commissioners with a chart to show the per diem scales, to which Mr. Shook agreed.

OFFICE ON AGING

Chanda Wingo, Director, Office on Aging, offered a resolution authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for Board & Care expenditures (Office on Aging).

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

Deputy County Administrator Bivens noted that Ms. Wingo will meet with each of the Commissioners individually to review the projections from the past three years. Since this is a levy budget, the Office on Aging wants to ensure the Commissioners understand where the office is trending due to inflation and other factors. County Administrator Wilson noted that in addition to inflation, another contributing factor to higher costs is an increase in the number of clients the Office on Aging serves. There are currently over 13,000 clients for Senior Options, and the office has been doing more community outreach. He reminded the Commissioners that they will need to account for that when the next levy comes. Commissioner Crawley asked how many more clients the Office on Aging has compared to last year. Ms. Wingo stated that last year, the Office on Aging served 11,771 clients, and they currently serve 14,037 clients. Those numbers are just for clients being served by Senior Options. Commissioner Crawley requested the numbers across all programs, and Ms. Wingo agreed to provide that information. Commissioner O'Grady suggested that Franklin County research other growing counties in the country

to get a better understanding of measures the Board of Commissioners can take to serve Franklin County as it continues to grow. Commissioner Boyce agreed that it is time for a collective conversation about the county's growth as it relates to county services. County Administrator Wilson suggested that County Administration and the Commissioners look at a global strategic plan that is forecasted out five to ten years so that a holistic approach can be taken. Commissioner Crawley agreed that sometimes the County works in silos, and where there is overlap, there should be alignment.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement with Decker Construction Company to partially fund a Material Handling System Project (\$200,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Emanuel Torres offered a resolution for review of petition to annex 0.505 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City Case #ANX-36-23 (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Emanuel Torres offered a resolution for review of petition to annex 114.2 +/- acres from Hamilton Township to the Village of Lockbourne Case #ANX-38-23 (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 Data Sharing and Confidentiality Agreement between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and Franklin County Office on Aging (Job and Family Services).

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

Deputy County Administrator Bivens asked if this agreement goes through 2028, which Mr. Logan confirmed. He stated that he believes the previous agreement was also for five years, but he can follow up with that answer. Ms. Wingo added that this year, the Office on Aging has received over 2,500 Adult Protective Services (APS) referrals, and this data

sharing is critical in ensuring those seniors are successfully linked to supportive services. Deputy County Administrator Bivens asked what the Office on Aging's APS budget is from Job and Family Services, to which Ms. Wingo replied that it is roughly \$1.5 million.

Bart Logan offered a resolution approving a COVID-19 Recovery Grant agreement with Momentum-Excellence, Inc. for youth artistic enrichment programming (\$69,999.33) (Job and Family Services).

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

JUSTICE POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Caitlin Looney, Deputy Director, Justice Services, Justice Policy and Programs, offered a resolution authorizing a professional service contract agreement with Sherry Ruckman for community health worker services for residents served via SAFER Station (\$37,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs).

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

PUBLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management, offered a resolution authorizing General Fund appropriation adjustments to support various operational needs (Public Facilities Management).

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

PURCHASING

Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Talishia Williams, Fiscal Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$3,263,426.31) (Purchasing).

Ms. Perry-Balonier and Ms. Williams 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, October 17, 2023.


There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for Thursday, October 12, 2023.

JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



KEVIN L. BOYCE



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

Submitted by:



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