

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Session Minutes
Thursday, February 15, 2024

Commissioner O'Grady
Commissioner Crawley

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the February 20, 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 Crawley convened the meeting at 9:09 A.M.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Alex Coughlin, Fiscal Manager, Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division, offered a resolution authorizing a two-year agreement with Daniel L. Davis PHD Inc., Forum Ohio LLC and Netcare Corporation for various psychological services (\$700,000.00) (Domestic Relations).

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

AUDITOR

Trenton Weaver, Deputy General Counsel, Auditor's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a twelve-month extension of the Master Service Agreement with Jotform, Inc. for the procurement of an online form builder and form creator (\$9,618.00) (Auditor).

Mr. Weaver 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 Evans, Mechwart, Hambleton & Tilton (EMH&T), Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist

the Franklin County Engineer by providing detailed engineering design services for the Renner Road Improvement project, Norwich Township, Franklin County (\$112,250.00) (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 McVey Boulevard, Township Road No. 1759, and Millbrae Road, Township Road No. 2531, Perry Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer).

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

Commissioner Crawley asked how the Engineer’s Office prioritizes which neighborhoods to invest in for the Safe Routes to School projects. Mr. Crosier stated that several years ago, the Engineer’s Office conducted a countywide, comprehensive School Zone Mobility study to identify gaps in pedestrian infrastructure and the need for safety improvements. Mr. Crosier explained that decisions continue to be made based on the study’s findings.

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution for establishing, altering, and widening of Clubview Boulevard South, Township Road No. 2368, and Candlewood Drive, Township Road No. 2372, Perry 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 Briggs Road, Township Road No. 1754, and Josephine Avenue, Township Road No. 1752, Franklin 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 Stiles Avenue, Township Road No. 1579, and Palmetto Street, Township Road No. 1584, Prairie 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 report (1st) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Winchester Pike at Watkins Road and Askins Road Improvement project, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$3,500.00) (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution for report (5th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Cleveland Avenue from Huy Road to Cooke Road Improvement project, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$186,820.00) (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution for report (6th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Cleveland Avenue from Huy Road to Cooke Road Improvement project, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$1,355.00) (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution for report (7th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Cleveland Avenue from Huy Road to Cooke Road Improvement project, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$447.00) (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution for report (8th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Cleveland Avenue from Huy Road to Cooke Road Improvement project, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$2,055.00) (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution for preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of Reynoldsburg (\$45,000.00) (Engineer).

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

TREASURER

Jaclyn Treadwell, Budget and Purchasing Coordinator, Treasurer's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a Third Amendment to the Agreement for Investment Advisory services with Meeder Public Funds, Inc. (\$82,500.00) (Treasurer).

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY DATA CENTER

Julie Lust, Chief Financial Officer, Data Center, offered a resolution authorizing a contract agreement with People Driven Technology, Inc. for consulting services (\$75,000.00) (Franklin County Data Center).

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

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Christine Clarizio, Controller, Public Defender's Office, offered a resolution authorizing a supplemental contract with MAPSYS, Inc. to provide customization to the software for the migration to OPD Online (MCS), the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, and the Franklin County Public Defender Commission (\$120,000.00) (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 a contract with HandsOn Central Ohio dba LSS 211 Central Ohio for the development, hosting, and maintenance of a resource database access site (\$28,585.47) (Office on Aging).

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

Chanda Wingo offered a resolution authorizing the Franklin County Office on Aging to enter into an agreement with Levy Premium Food Service LP for food and non-alcoholic beverage services (\$10,500.00) (Office on Aging).

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

Chanda Wingo offered a resolution authorizing an amendment between Franklin County Children Services and Franklin County Office on Aging for Kinship Caregiver Support (\$300,000.00) (Office on Aging).

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

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, asked if the support recipients would have to be 60 [years of age] or older to qualify. Ms. Wingo advised that they could be younger than 60.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Community Shelter Board to develop and implement strategies that decrease homelessness in Franklin County (\$6,079,390.00) (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Zachary Talarek offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Affordable Housing Trust to create more affordable home ownership and rental housing and to strengthen neighborhoods within Franklin County (\$3,700,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Commissioner Crawley asked about the amount, noting that in previous years funding was typically closer to \$5MM. Mr. Talarek explained that due to several factors, including current projections, the amount has decreased to \$3.7MM for the next 12-month period.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator, added that if the amount exceeded the proposed amount, it could be brought forward in a subsequent resolution. Mr. Talarek explained that once the third quarter numbers are available in October, OMB will have the reporting necessary to determine if an amendment is needed to increase the proposed amount.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, offered to review the item with the Commissioners to address any contractual concerns.

Commissioner Crawley sought to better understand how the decrease in the usual amount would impact the Affordable Housing Trust and how it might affect the county's mission.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator, added that the Trust has the bandwidth to put funds into a revolving loan fund, and are not impacted as heavily as other agencies that rely on immediate funding needs and operate differently than the Affordable Housing Trust.

Ruchelle Pride, Interim Director, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to approve the attached “Subordination Agreements” to allow Edmund A. Coleman to refinance his mortgage at 2208 Mifflin Blvd., Mifflin Township, Franklin County, OH 43219 (Economic Development and Planning).

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

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Tameca Bumper, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, offered a resolution authorizing a grant agreement with Ohio Business Development Center for support to the Construction Planroom and business center that serves small and minority business owners and contractors (\$85,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion).

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

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, asked that when Ronda Barber attends General Session on Tuesday, she be prepared to discuss when the link to the website will go up and how residents will be directed to access it.

Tameca Bumper offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute an agreement with Columbus Fashion Alliance to support a workforce development program which focuses on retail readiness and entrepreneurship training (\$1,107,302.25) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion).

This proposed resolution was subsequently removed from the February 20, 2024, General Session Agenda.

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

Commissioner Crawley asked if this was the first training. Ms. Bumper offered that it was the second. Commissioner Crawley requested to see the first training’s report.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, asked for a briefing with each commissioner before Tuesday to address outstanding questions.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator, recommended that, due to the upcoming holiday, the proposed resolution be moved to the session next week in order to adequately address all questions.

JUSTICE POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Melissa Pierson, Chief Operating Officer, Justice Policy and Programs, offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to approve a no-cost extension of the grant agreement with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office through the FY 2021 Justice Assistance Grant as authorized by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (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 for community health worker services for residents served via SAFER Station (\$25,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs).

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

Melissa Pierson offered a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a subgrant award from Franklin County Public Health's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Overdose Data to Action: Limiting Overdose through Collaborative Actions in Localities (OD2A:LOCAL) Grant program (\$261,941.00) (Justice Policy and Programs).

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

Commissioner Crawley commented that issues like addiction and those reentering the community should be addressed one by one; noting that having this type of treatment and infrastructure available to provide a path to recovery will help residents thrive.

Commissioner O'Grady commented that by spending this money, impacted residents would be much more likely not to come back to these facilities with the same problems as before.

Joy Bivins, Deputy County Administrator, asked if this is renewable funding for the positions being created. Ms. Pierson affirmed. Ms. Bivins offered to meet with Ms. Pierson separately to discuss the possibility of additional funding discovered through NACo.

Commissioner Crawley commented on the importance of advocacy and sustainability for programs like these.

SANITARY ENGINEERS

Ryan Stowe, Assistant Director, Sanitary Engineers, offered a resolution authorizing a third modification to the professional engineering services contract with ms consultants, inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project (an increase of \$471,515.77) (\$2,662,734.02) (Sanitary Engineers).

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

PURCHASING

Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners, and Tameca Bumper, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$22,356,410.24) (Purchasing).

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

Kris J. Long offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$6,743,876.80) (Purchasing).

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

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Jesse Armstrong, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, offered a resolution approving a Site Access Agreement with August Mack Environmental, Inc. for the property leased to Alvis, Inc. and located at 1775 Alum Creek Drive, authorizing the County Administrator to execute this and other Site Access Agreements (Board of Commissioners).

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

Commissioner Crawley asked if the land that Alvis House is situated is Franklin County's property. Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator; Joy Bivins, Deputy County Administrator; and Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator, confirmed that the land belongs to Franklin County.

Lauren M. Graessle, Assistant Director of Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners, offered a resolution appointing Erica C. Crawley to the CelebrateOne Governing Board (Board of Commissioners).

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

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Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator, requested a proposed Executive Session for Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Her office will reach out to confirm the commissioners' availability.

The Clerk noted that there will be one (1) journalization expected at General Session on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for Thursday, February 15, 2024.



KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT



JOHN O'GRADY



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

Submitted by:



Brittany A. Razek,
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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