

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Session Minutes
Thursday, February 23, 2023

President O’Grady
Commissioner Boyce
Commissioner Crawley

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the February 28, 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 9:04 A.M.

AUDITOR

Trenton Weaver, Staff Counsel, Auditor, offered a resolution authorizing a consultant contract with Amplifire Strategic Communications for critical communications services related to the 2023 Property Reappraisal (\$50,000.00) (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 establishing, altering, and widening of Rings Road, County Road No. 33, at Cosgray Road, County Road No. 39, Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (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 a Contract to Galls, LLC for Sheriff's Deputy Uniforms and Accessories (\$604,179.90) (Sheriff).

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

OFFICE ON AGING

Chanda Wingo, Director, Office on Aging, offered a resolution authorizing grant agreements with Canal Winchester Human Services, Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center, St. Stephen's Community House, and Upper Arlington Commission on Aging to provide services and programming that will facilitate and enhance the neighborhood and built environment for seniors in Franklin County (\$331,469.00) (Office on Aging).

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

Chanda Wingo offered a resolution authorizing grant agreements with the City of Columbus dba Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging and The Ohio State University to provide services and programming that will promote and support access to quality and relevant education for seniors in Franklin County (\$72,082.00) (Office on Aging).

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

Chanda Wingo offered a resolution authorizing a grant contract between the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging and Franklin County Office on Aging for services under the National Family Caregiver Support Program (\$339,486.00) (Office on Aging).

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

Chanda Wingo offered a resolution approving forty-eight (48) contracts and one novation agreement for Senior Adult Day Services and Senior Home Support Services (\$5,500,000.00) (Office on Aging).

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

Chanda Wingo offered a resolution authorizing a contract agreement with RAMA Consulting to administer culture assessment and team development services (\$30,000.00) (Office on Aging).

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

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement, offered a resolution authorizing a IV-D contract with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (\$403,490.35) (Child Support Enforcement).

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

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION

Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute an agreement with Columbus Fashion Alliance to support programs and services that will support economic growth and support underrepresentation in the fashion industry (\$500,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion).

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

Commissioner Boyce: Are we the main sponsor for the Columbus Fashion Alliance?

Ms. Withers: I know that last year the City of Columbus partnered with us, but I believe that this year we are the sole grantee. I will confirm that.

Commissioner Boyce: This is the kind of innovative investment that is not traditional for the County to make. While I think it is worthwhile, I want to make sure that folks know that the County is investing in this effort. These are the public's funds, and it should be noted that the County is pushing for this and investing in it.

Ms. Withers: We have included the information regarding what we did last year with the Fashion Alliance in the State of the County report. We will continue to promote their efforts moving forward and continue to encourage that collaboration.

Commissioner Boyce: I was thinking more from the Fashion Alliance's side. It is not about the Board of Commissioners getting credit, but I want to make sure that people understand what Franklin County does and how we invest their funds.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners: As they are promoting, I know that there are a lot of things that go out, such as packages. They also have commercials and mini-video segments that they put out.

Ms. Bivens (cont.): I think that it would be helpful to have a conversation with them and ensure that our branding is noticeable and consistent. We want to acknowledge that the County is not just a partner, but a strong partner.

Ms. Withers: We will work with Columbus Fashion Alliance to ensure that branding is there moving forward.

Commissioner Crawley: Yes, our branding is important, but it is not just that. The individuals that end up coming through the Alliance end up being entrepreneurs and small business owners. They are selling locally, and those resources and that revenue come right back into our economy. I think even the people who are coming through the Alliance and benefit from our investment have to understand that these are public funds that are helping them launch their careers and businesses, but there is a return on investment for the community. We want others to follow through that pipeline, as well.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: They are building brands, and they are bringing a level of inclusiveness to the fashion industry that wasn't really there before in Franklin County. A key part of this partnership is the Future of Fashion internship program, and that is one of the aspects that Commissioner Crawley is referring to that is creating that exposure for the individuals.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution authorizing the Assignment and Assumption Agreement of the Amended and Restated Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between Franklin County, DRCS Rail-Site 8, LLC and Columbus Rickenbacker Industrial, LLC (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 0.48 +/- acres from Mifflin Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-03-23 (Economic Development and Planning).

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

James Schimmer offered a resolution to adjust the boundaries of Montgomery Township, thereby making them conform to the boundaries of the City of Columbus Case #ANX-04-23 (Economic Development and Planning).

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

James Schimmer offered a resolution for Working Agreement (the “Agreement”) between Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District (“Franklin SWCD”) and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners on behalf of Franklin County Economic Development & Planning Department (the “County”) (\$54,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning).

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

PUBLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with Family Tree Landscaping and The Keller Group Limited to provide mowing and landscaping services at designated Franklin County Facilities and authorizing an amendment to increase the contract with R & S Halley and Company, Inc. DBA Darby Creek Nursery & Landscaping for snow removal services (\$400,000.00) (Public Facilities Management).

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

PURCHASING

Traci Mathew, Assistant Director, Purchasing, and Tameca Bumper, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$3,490,371.64) (Purchasing).

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

RESOLUTION TO BE PASSED AT BRIEFING SESSION

Resolution No. 0123-23, reappointing Geri Lombard to the Franklin County Conventions Facilities Authority Board of Directors (Board of Commissioners), presented by Brittany A. Razek, Director of Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0123-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read one (1) journalization into the record:

Case Number ANX-05-23, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-05-23, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on February 13, 2023. The petition is requesting to annex 7.80-acres from Norwich Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on March 21, 2023. Site: 4747 Dublin Road, PID #200-000554; and 4781 Dublin Road, PID #201-000002.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for Thursday, February 23, 2023.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



KEVIN L. BOYCE



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

Submitted by:



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