

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Session Minutes  
Thursday, March 9, 2023

Commissioner Boyce  
Commissioner Crawley

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the March 14, 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 9:12 A.M.

ENGINEER

William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office, offered a resolution for final hearing for establishing, altering, and widening of Cleveland Avenue, County Road No. 75, from Huy Road, Township Road No. 79, to Cooke Road, County Road No. 80, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution approving roadway, grading and drainage plans for Pegasus Estates, Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (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 a transfer of General Fund appropriations for the addition of three full-time Victims Witness Advocates (Prosecuting Attorney).

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

Commissioner Boyce: Was this budgeted for, or is this in addition to the budget?

Mr. Leonard: This is a supplemental appropriation in addition to the budget. This will add three additional Victims Witness Advocates to our unit, which will help reduce the caseload per advocate. It will also help us address what we expect to be a significant increase in cases due to the additional strangulation cases that our team will start getting. Those cases will be transferred to our unit beginning in April, so this will help us be proactive in getting those folks in place and ready for that uptick in casework.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office: The Marsy's Law that is in place really does not give the Prosecutor's Office the ability to pick and choose who should have a victim advocate – they are required to have that in place for every victim. We believe it is necessary. We believe that morally, it is a good thing, but we also have to do it statutorily.

### SHERIFF

Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff's Office, offered a resolution authorizing Contract Extension #3 with ComProducts, Inc. dba B&C Communications for the provision of Maintenance and repair of Fixed, Mobile and Portable Radio Equipment (\$110,272.00) (Sheriff).

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

### ANIMAL CONTROL

Lionel Hamilton II, Fiscal Officer, Animal Control, offered a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a gift from The Estate of Kathryn D. Denton (\$8,000.00) (Animal Control).

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

### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships, offered a resolution authorizing Community Partnership Grant Agreements with various statutory partners for calendar year 2023 (\$3,246,663.00) (Community Partnerships).

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

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: There is going to be a modification for OSU Extension. I spoke with Director Talarek this morning regarding this modification.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution authorizing an Economic Development Agreement with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission to encourage economic development and tourism through the attraction, retention, and promotion of sporting events on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (\$200,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Genee' Cosby, Community Development Administrator, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution adopting the HOME Investment Partnerships-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan (Economic Development and Planning).

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

### FLEET MANAGEMENT

Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management, offered a resolution authorizing the first contract extension with Byers Ford, LLC for the supply and delivery of fleet automobiles (\$1,000,000.00) (Fleet Management).

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

Commissioner Boyce: Are any of the vehicles all-electric?

Ms. Ashcraft: All of the ones that we have provided to this point are hybrids. The only ones that we have purchased in the last two years were police cruisers, and we only purchased hybrid police cruisers.

Commissioner Boyce: Is there any plan to go all-electric? With a lot of the manufacturers announcing that they will be going to all-electric vehicles by 2030, are we starting to think about that? From a sustainability standpoint, what are we doing? Do we have any all-electric cars?

Ms. Ashcraft: Yes, we have two all-electric vehicles. One is a 2013 Ford Focus, which is one of the pool cars downtown. The other is a Ford F-150 Lightning pickup truck.

Ms. Ashcraft (cont.): Currently, our biggest issue with assigning either of those vehicles is having a place to plug them in. There are many charging stations, but even with the pool car, users have to be very selective about where they are going while using it to ensure they will have someplace to plug it in. The Lightning has not yet been assigned because we need to establish some plug-in stations at all our facilities. I have requested them at Hague Avenue, at the training academy. Having them at the new jail is great because now I could potentially assign the Lightning over there.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: In the fourth WHEREAS clause of this proposed resolution, it makes reference to Byers Chevrolet, LLC, but the contract modification is with Byers Ford, LLC. Is there a reason for that?

Ms. Ashcraft: I will get that corrected; it is Byers Ford. Thank you.

Commissioner Boyce: I just want to encourage you to begin to think about going all-electric. We are seeing a lot of movement in this area, not just with the manufacturers, but with some states, as well. I think it is all a matter of time before there is a declaration in Ohio. We should be the leaders that we are in Franklin County and think about that transition over time and begin to slowly integrate electric vehicles into our fleet. I am not telling you to go out and buy fifty new electric cars. I am just saying that I think we should begin to think about that.

Ms. Ashcraft: We have not purchased any traditional vehicles in several years; we have only purchased hybrids or all-electrics. We are very conscious of that when it comes time to replace vehicles. When a hybrid police vehicle became available, that was a huge deal because they use most of our gasoline since they are being used 24/7. Having those in hybrids now has been a definite advantage. We have been buying hybrids and alternative fuel vehicles for many years now, and we will continue down that path. As soon as we have a better infrastructure in place to be able to charge the vehicles, we can go further towards all-electric.

## JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Carmen Barnes, Deputy Director, Community Contracts and Programs, Job and Family Services, offered a resolution approving a contract with GetCR8V, LLC for work experience and design services for the Achieve More and Prosper program (\$45,000.00) (Job and Family Services).

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

Carmen Barnes offered a resolution approving an amendment for a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with the Greater Columbus Helping Hands, Inc. for college and career preparation programming (\$225,482.30) (Job and Family Services).

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

### JUSTICE POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Caitlin Looney, Grants Coordinator, Justice Policy and Programs, offered a resolution authorizing the execution of the Pre-Award Conditions and acceptance of the Franklin County FY 2022 Services-Training- Officers-Prosecutors (S.T.O.P.) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Block Grant Award and granting authority to the County Administrator to sign all acceptance documents and waivers related to the Grant Program (\$631,544.15) (Justice Policy and Programs).

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

Caitlin Looney offered a resolution authorizing the execution of the Pre-Award Conditions and acceptance of the Franklin County FY 2022 Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (S.T.O.P.) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Administrative Grant Award and granting authority to the County Administrator to sign all acceptance documents and waivers related to the Grant Program (\$20,595.25) (Justice Policy and Programs).

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

Caitlin Looney offered a resolution authorizing the execution of the Pre-Award Conditions and acceptance of an FY 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Award and granting authority to the County Administrator to sign all acceptance documents and waivers related to the Grant Program (\$34,605.97) (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 a Supplemental Contract with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP for the provision of security services for the Franklin County Board of Elections (\$16,400.00) (Public Facilities Management).

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

PURCHASING

Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Tameca Bumper, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$5,493,131.22) (Purchasing).

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

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*The Clerk noted that there will be one (1) journalization expected at General Session on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.*

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for Thursday, March 9, 2023.



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**JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT**



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**KEVIN L. BOYCE**



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

Submitted by:



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