

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Session Minutes
Thursday, February 6, 2025

President Crawley
Commissioner O'Grady
Commissioner Boyce

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the February 11, 2025, 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 9:04 A.M.

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DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Barbara Reeves, Deputy Director, Finance, Domestic Relations, and Daijah Owens, Grants Administrator, Juvenile Community Enrichment Services, offered a resolution authorizing a first amendment to the 2025 grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Youth Services (\$497,711.30) (Domestic Relations).

Ms. Reeves and Ms. Owens reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, asked what other youth programs would be included. Ms. Owens advised that Buckeye Ranch would be a new program, and there would be increased participation with Inner Words: Empowering Youth Through School-Based Mental Health Conversations, led by psychiatrist Dr. Russell Ledet, and Competitive RECLAIM for REI Direct Services in the form of mentorship programming.

Commissioner Boyce encouraged studies and the collection of data to help inform on mental health services for young people.

ENGINEER

Terri Pritchard, Executive Assistant, Engineer’s Office, offered a resolution establishing, altering, and widening of the Groveport Road Shared-Use Path Improvement project, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans, as necessary (Engineer).

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

Terri Pritchard offered a resolution establishing, altering, and widening of the Brice Road Railroad Crossing Improvement project, County Road No. 117, Truro Township, Village of Brice, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer).

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

Terri Pritchard offered a resolution for CDM Smith, Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing detailed engineering services for the Hott Ditch Drainage Improvement project, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$301,656.11) (Engineer).

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

SHERIFF

Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Director, Finance, Sheriff’s Office, offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign contracts on behalf of the Board of Commissioners to allow other agencies to use the Franklin County Sheriff’s Firing Range and Training Academy for the remainder of calendar year 2025 (Sheriff).

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

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION

Perla Martinez, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, offered a resolution authorizing a grant agreement with Greater Columbus Sports Commission to support economic equity in Franklin County and encourage economic development and tourism through the attraction, promotion, and retention of sporting events (\$177,500.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion).

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Walter Dillard, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution authorizing the Franklin County Administrator to Execute on Behalf of the Franklin County Commissioners the Attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” Instrument for Penelope J. Porter at 74 Cherry Street, Groveport, Ohio 43125 (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Commissioner Crawley asked what documentation and information on payments were on record and, since there have been so many examples of lost documentation if they are all from the same period. Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, advised that while some promissory notes for those who entered this program years ago have been located, many have not. Ms. Hummer noted that they are from varying time periods. Director Pride has recently discovered an off-site storage location where the missing notes may be kept and will present a list of all outstanding mortgages.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, noted that this loan originated in 2004 for just under \$15,000.00.

Commissioner O’Grady asked when the loan program originated. Ms. Hummer advised at least as early as 2004.

JUSTICE POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Melissa Pierson, Chief Operating Officer, Justice Policy and Programs, offered a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to accept the FY 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award to Franklin County and to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the cities of Columbus and Whitehall confirming an agreed-upon funding plan and to sign all certification and assurance documents related to the grant program (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 Maurice Lee for One Door project management services through FY 2024 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant funding (\$126,750.00) (Justice Policy and Programs).

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

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, noted that this contract was found to be a consultant contract exempt from competitive bidding and that the Prosecutor's Office will edit the language to avoid appearing ambiguous.

SANITARY ENGINEERS

Ryan Stowe, Assistant Director, Sanitary Engineers, offered a resolution authorizing a Private Water Agreement with BG & CC Development Company LLC for a private water main on Greenvale Drive (Sanitary Engineers).

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

Ryan Stowe offered a resolution authorizing a service contract with CertaSite, LLC for backflow device repair services in Galloway, Ohio (\$8,400.00) (Sanitary Engineers).

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

PUBLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management, offered a resolution authorizing Contract Modification #3 with R & S Halley and Company, Inc. DBA Darby Creek Nursery & Landscaping to provide snow removal services at designated Franklin County Facilities (\$750,000.00) (Public Facilities Management).

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

Darla Reardon offered a resolution authorizing a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment #1 to the Contract with Elford, Inc. to provide Construction Manager at Risk Services, including Construction Services, for the Franklin County Critical Master Plan Implementation Project Bundle 1 (\$3,000,000.00) (Public Facilities Management).

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

PURCHASING

Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Andrena Austin, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$22,744,935.44) (Purchasing).

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

Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Andrena Austin, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$240,092.20) (Purchasing).

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael Ruehrmund, Assistant Director of Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners, offered a resolution reappointing Julie Exner to the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners).

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

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The Clerk noted that no journalizations are expected at General Session on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

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County Administration indicated there was not an update at this time.

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RESOLUTION TO BE PASSED AT BRIEFING SESSION

Resolution No. 0094-25, of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters.

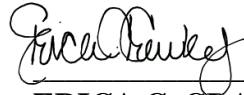
Commissioner Boyce moved to convene into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady.

At 11:00 A.M., Commissioner Boyce moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady, which was approved unanimously by roll call vote. No substantive action was taken upon exiting Executive Session, and with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for Thursday, February 6, 2025.



ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT



JOHN O'GRADY



KEVIN L. BOYCE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Submitted by:



Michael E. Ruehrmund
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners