

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Session Minutes
Thursday, January 11, 2024

Commissioner O'Grady
Commissioner Crawley

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the January 16, 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 9:12 A.M.

ENGINEER

William "Fritz" Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer's Office, offered a resolution approving plans for the Waggoner Road, County Road No. 106, from East Main Street, US 40, to Priestley Drive Improvements Phase 1, Truro Township, City of Reynoldsburg, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer).

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

William "Fritz" Crosier offered a resolution for report (3rd) 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 (\$8,709.00) (Engineer).

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

William "Fritz" Crosier offered a resolution authorizing the County Engineer to apply for a Safe Route to School project grant from the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation (Engineer).

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

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Brittany Stricklen-Hillyard, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships, offered a resolution authorizing Community Partnership Grant Agreement with Columbus Humane for calendar year 2024 (\$35,000.00) (Community Partnerships).

Ms. Stricklen-Hillyard reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley stated that Columbus Humane recently presented in front of the Columbus City Council, and one of the council members commented that Franklin County had been giving the same amount of money to Columbus Humane for a number of years. Commissioner Crawley asked if Columbus Humane had requested more than the \$35,000.00 that this resolution is for, and Ms. Stricklen-Hillyard replied that they had not. Commissioner Crawley asked what the County supports with the \$35,000.00 it invests. Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, stated that by statute, the County is required to pay for one-half of the salary of one of the Cruelty Investigators. Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, noted that there have been occasions in which Columbus Humane has asked for additional funding, and the County has provided that funding.

Brittany Stricklen-Hillyard offered a resolution authorizing a Community Partnership Grant Agreement with Franklin County Public Health for calendar year 2024 (\$775,359.00) (Community Partnerships).

Ms. Stricklen-Hillyard reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, asked for clarification regarding who this resolution is for. Ms. Stricklen-Hillyard stated that Franklin County Public Health will collaborate with Heart of Ohio Whitehall Family Health Center under this agreement. Ms. Bivens asked if they aligned with CelebrateOne and ROOT for their supportive services, and Ms. Stricklen-Hillyard stated that she would ask and report back. Commissioner Crawley echoed Ms. Bivens' comments and wanted to ensure that efforts and services were not duplicated. She emphasized the importance of streamlining services and ensuring that the County's partners partner when appropriate.

Brittany Stricklen-Hillyard offered a resolution authorizing a Community Partnership Grant Agreement with The Ohio State University on behalf of its Cooperative Extension for calendar year 2024 (\$225,000.00) (Community Partnerships).

Ms. Stricklen-Hillyard reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

JUSTICE POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Courtney Moats, Grants Administrator, Justice Policy and Programs, offered a resolution authorizing a contract modification with Virtual Case Manager for web-based case management software licensure (\$316.67) (Justice Policy and Programs).

Ms. Moats 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 (\$64,842,584.90) (Purchasing).

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Lauren M. Graessle, Assistant Director of Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners, offered a resolution appointing Napoleon Bell to the Franklin County Children Services Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners).

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

Commissioner Crawley asked if this was a new appointment or a reappointment, and Ms. Graessle stated that this was a new appointment. Commissioner Crawley asked for Mr. Bell's new job title. Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator, stated that Mr. Bell works for Common Pleas Court, and Ms. Bivens stated he is the Director of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, offered a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Lead Safe Ohio Grant from the Ohio Department of Development (Board of Commissioners).

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

Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners, offered a resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters and to confer with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office concerning pending or imminent litigation (Board of Commissioners).

Ms. Long noted that this proposed resolution will be for consideration during General Session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

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The Clerk noted that there will be no journalizations expected at General Session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

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RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED AT BRIEFING SESSION

Resolution No. 0032-24, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$264,000.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0032-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0031-24, of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0031-24, 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. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 9:37 A.M.

At 11:56 A.M., Commissioner Crawley moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady, which was approved 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 11:56 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for Thursday, January 11, 2024.



KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT

JOHN O'GRADY



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

Submitted by:



Lauren M. Graessle

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