

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 1, 2024

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

Present were: John O'Grady, Commissioner
Erica C. Crawley, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator; Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel; and Michael E. Ruehrmund, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Using hybrid meeting technology, participants were also able to access General Session via Zoom conferencing by dialing (929) 436-2866, Meeting ID:978 8790 2896; Passcode:628826, or by joining at: <https://franklincountyohio.zoom.us/j/97887902896>

Commissioner Crawley called the meeting to order at 9:24 A.M.

Commissioner Crawley: Good morning, everyone, and Happy Stormwater Awareness Week! This week highlights our vital work to protect our local streams, rivers, and the amazing wildlife that thrives in these ecosystems. We're excited to have two special guests with us today.

We are joined by Jennifer Fish, Director of the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, and Brad Foster, Franklin County Engineer.

I want to invite both of you to share more about the importance of stormwater awareness and, most importantly, the actions we can all take to help protect our local waterways and drinking water.

Jennifer Fish, Director, Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, spoke briefly about stormwater issues and their work, including working in schools to provide education, development, plan reviews, construction site inspections, mapping the pollution in streams and resolving it, and public outreach, offering incentives to businesses and residents to support stormwater management efforts. Ms. Fish introduced Tori Robinson.

Tori Robinson, AmeriCorps Member, Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, spoke briefly about this week being Stormwater Awareness Week and the statewide initiative to raise awareness of stormwater and its effects on water quality. Ms. Robinson offered several ways to improve water

quality, including keeping leaves off the streets and out of drains, picking up pet waste, and refraining from littering.

Brad Foster, P.E., P.S., Engineer, Engineer's Office, thanked Jennifer Fish for raising awareness of stormwater and highlighted that the Franklin County Engineers office and Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District have a great partnership and collaboration on stormwater here in Franklin County.

Commissioner Crawley: Thanks to all three of you! We truly value your offices' dedication to this essential cause. In recognition of your efforts, we've prepared ceremonial resolutions. Please join us in front of the dais for a photo.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): We would also like to take a moment to acknowledge Hispanic Heritage Month, a month-long celebration of Hispanic and Latine history and culture. While we celebrate Hispanic and Latine communities beyond this month, from September 15 to October 15, we give extra recognition to the many contributions made to the history and culture of the United States, including important advocacy work, vibrant art, food, businesses, music, and much more. Here to give a few remarks about this important month and how we can keep uplifting the Hispanic/Latine population are Anthony Regalado, Executive Director of the Hispanic Chamber of Columbus, and Annette Vasquez, Founder of El Mercadito.

Anthony Regalado, Executive Director, Hispanic Chamber of Columbus, made remarks on how the Hispanic community is growing while highlighting the business, economic, and cultural impact throughout the State of Ohio.

Annette Vasquez, Founder, El Mercadito, and Office Manager, Hispanic Chamber of Columbus, spoke about the mission of Mercadito, a year-long traveling vendors market that highlights the Latine community through education and a sense of belonging for all people.

Commissioner Crawley thanked Mr. Regalado and Ms. Vasquez for attending and for their work fostering a community where Hispanic and Latine people can be immersed in the culture.

Commissioner O'Grady thanked Mr. Regalado and Ms. Vasquez for attending and expressed appreciation for their partnership.

Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, thanked Mr. Regalado and Ms. Vasquez for their presentation and offered introductions to Mr. Regalado and Ms. Vasquez to Human Resources for further partnership opportunities.

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Resolution No. 0753-24, approving a ditch maintenance petition for Plum Run Crossing, Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Drainage Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, P.E., P.S., Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0753-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0754-24, plans approved for the replacement of the structure on Eiterman Road 0.75 over South Fork Indian Run; Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, P.E., P.S., Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0754-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0755-24, report (1st) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting Clubview Boulevard South, Township Road No. 2368, and Candlewood Drive, Township Road No. 2372, Perry Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$1,038.00) (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, P.E., P.S., Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0755-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0756-24, report (1st) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting McVey Boulevard, Township Road No. 1759, and Millbrae Road, Township Road No. 2531, Perry Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$495.00) (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, P.E., P.S., Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0756-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0757-24, report (4th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Renner Road, County Road No. 27, from Alton & Darby Creek Road, County Road No. 272, to Spindler Road, County Road No. 153, Improvement project, Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$47,774.01) (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, P.E., P.S., Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0757-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0758-24, approval of the Plum Run Crossing subdivision plat, Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, P.E., P.S., Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0758-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0759-24, requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on Alton & Darby Creek Road, County Road No. 272, Norwich Township and Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, P.E., P.S., Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0759-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0760-24, authorizing the Third Contract Modification with Armor Health of Ohio, LLC (\$28,276,471.24) (Sheriff), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Director of Finance, Sheriff’s Office, and Ruchelle Pride, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley asked about the quarterly meetings with Armor Health of Ohio and the status of staffing. Ms. Pride responded by indicating that a meeting is scheduled for October and that the previously scheduled quarterly meeting was postponed. Ms. Pride advised that staffing data will be provided.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, shared that before this amendment was brought forward, there was a collaborative meeting with County Administration, Justice Policies and Programs, and the Prosecutor's Office.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, commented on the preparation of the RFP and the importance of rolling out a one-year agreement by the beginning of 2025.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0760-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0761-24, authorizing a Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement with Bluebeam, Inc. (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Julie Lust, Chief Financial Officer, and Adam Frumkin, Chief Information Officer, Franklin County Data Center.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0761-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0762-24, authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for the support of the immediate financial assistance program (Veterans Services), presented by Buck Bramlish, Director, Veterans Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley thanked Mr. Bramlish and his team for supporting our veterans and commented on the importance of a 'one door' program. Mr. Bramlish commented on how they are committed to walking the path of 'one door' and are already taking steps to initiate the effort with Deputy County Administrator Joy Bivens.

Commissioner O'Grady thanked Mr. Bramlish for working diligently for our veterans and promoted visiting the National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, thanked Mr. Bramlisch and commented on the desire to bring the Army vs. Navy football game to Franklin County.

Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, commented on the investment by the commissioners in the Gold Star Family Monument and how honored she was to represent the county at the dedication ceremony.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0762-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0763-24, authorizing a COVID-19 Grant agreement with Adaptive Sports Connection to support their Power of Ability Initiative (\$500,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0763-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0764-24, authorizing the second payment of a COVID-19 Recovery Grant to Nationwide Children’s Hospital in support of the Healthy Homes program to retain and expand affordable housing in the Linden neighborhood (\$5,000,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships, and Patty McClimon, Senior Vice President Strategy Officer, Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

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

Commissioner O’Grady asked if this funding was the second or third installment of the COVID-19 Recovery Grant. Ms. McClimon advised that this is the second installment of the grant funding.

Commissioner Crawley commented on the importance of public-private partnerships as it relates to housing, but also other social determinates of health and education and thanked Mr. Brown, Ms. McClimon, and Autumn Mitchell for their work.

Commissioner O’Grady thanked Ms. McClimon for providing great results and commented on the investment made by Franklin County in initiatives like the Healthy Homes program.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, asked if renters have any support through case management services. Ms. McClimon responded that case management is offered, and participants may opt in and out.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0764-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0765-24, authorizing a no cost extension and the final three payments to the Affordable Housing Trust of Columbus and Franklin County in support of the Emerging Developers Accelerator Program (\$3,000,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships, and Derek Anderson, Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff, Affordable Housing Trust.

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

Commissioner Crawley thanked Mr. Anderson and commented on the historic and systemic barriers to home ownership and how Franklin County is supporting affordable housing with an equity lens.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0765-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0766-24, authorizing a COVID-19 recovery grant with the Columbus Museum of Art to assist with capital improvement repairs (\$1,500,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships, and Brooke A. Minto, Executive Director and CEO, Columbus Museum of Art.

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

Commissioner O’Grady reinforced Franklin County’s commitment to the arts and noted that these funds are from a COVID-19 recovery grant.

Commissioner Crawley remarked on the value of investments in both visual and performing arts through helping fund capital improvement repairs which makes venues safe.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0766-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0767-24, authorizing a grant to Harmony Project Productions, Inc. for operations support and community arts programming for students and underserved populations (\$100,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0767-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0768-24, responding to the September 11, 2024, notice received concerning the proposed creation of a Tax Increment Financing Incentive District in the City of Grove City (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, advised that research is currently being done to determine if Franklin County can object and, if so, there will be a proposed resolution brought forward.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0768-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0769-24, approving a contract for case management services between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services and OhioHealth Corporation (\$220,830.30) (Job and Family Services), presented by Carmen Barnes, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0769-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0770-24, authorizing a subgrant award agreement with Healing Broken Circles for the support of the Fatherhood Program under the FY 2022 Justice Assistance Grant (\$19,477.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0770-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0771-24, authorizing receipt of an FY 2023 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) award from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services and granting authority to the County Administrator to sign all acceptance documents and waivers related to the grant program (\$838,866.10) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0771-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0772-24, authorizing Amendment #1 to the Architect/Engineer Agreement with DLZ Architecture, Inc. to provide Design Professional Services for the Franklin County Downtown Facility Project, which includes the Early Learning Center, at an increase to the contract cost in an amount not to exceed \$1,280,800.00 (\$2,670,425.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0772-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0773-24, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a consultant agreement with S4 Consulting, Inc. for leadership development, coaching, and training (Human Resources), presented by Sue Hamilton, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0773-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0774-24, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$634,771.25) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0774-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0775-24, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,660,481.64) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Andrena Austin, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0775-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0776-24, approving purchase orders for various Franklin County agencies (\$38,000.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0776-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Michael E. Ruehrmund, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read two (2) journalizations into the record:

1. This journalization serves as notification that Claire Bennett, Policy Director, will serve as Commissioner John O’Grady’s designee on the Franklin County Family and Children First Council. This journalization will be reflected in the minutes.


2. On October 1, 2024, the County Administrator, pursuant to Resolution No. 0635-24, hereby adopts and approves the substantial amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) required by 24 CFR § 91.105. This action is hereby journalized and the substantial amendment to the CPP shall be attached to Resolution No. 0635-24. This journalization reflects that the requirements for proper public notice and a proper public comment period were met by the following actions: On August 13, 2024, the county published notice in The Daily Reporter soliciting public review and comment as to the original CPP and the county's proposed substantial amendments to the CPP. This publication informed the public of where the county's original CPP and the proposed substantial amendments could be accessed and gave the public advanced notice of the public comment period; the county sought public comment regarding the substantial amendments to the CPP beginning August 26, 2024, until September 10, 2024.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 A.M.


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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

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KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT

JOHN O'GRADY

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

Submitted by:

 10/24/2024

Michael Ruehrmund,
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners