

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Session Minutes  
Thursday, October 10, 2024

Commissioner O’Grady  
Commissioner Crawley

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the October 15, 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 9:13 A.M.

ENGINEER

William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office, offered a resolution for establishing, altering, and widening of Case Road, Township Road No. 1066, Sale Road, Township Road No. 1067, Minnie Avenue, Township Road No. 1068, and Dresden Street, Township Road No. 1069, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans, as necessary (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution for Report (5th) 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 (\$34,976.00) (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution for Report (6th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation and damages 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 (\$2,526.00) (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution for Report (7th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation and damages 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 (\$13,950.00) (Engineer).

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

William “Fritz” Crosier offered a resolution for Report (8th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation and damages 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 (\$7,633.00) (Engineer).

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

## SHERIFF

Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Director of Finance, Sheriff’s Office, offered a resolution authorizing a consultant contract extension with The Ohio State University for crime research services (\$97,500.00) (Sheriff).

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

Albert J. Smith III offered a resolution authorizing a four-year contract with Motorola Solutions Inc. for the continued service and maintenance of the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office Radio Communications System (\$968,881.00) (Sheriff).

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

Albert J. Smith III offered a resolution authorizing two contracts with the Ohio Attorney General for use of the National WebCheck program to administer criminal background checks (\$1,650,000.00) (Sheriff).

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

## TREASURER

Julie Collins, Human Resources Director, Treasurer, and Nionnie Gallindez, Budget and Purchasing Coordinator, Treasurer, offered a resolution authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for the Franklin County Land Bank (Treasurer).

Ms. Collins and Ms. Gallindez reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

*Commissioner Crawley asked if the amount was \$82,396.00, and Ms. Collins said that the amount was correct.*

*Commissioner Crawley asked Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, when was the last time taxes were allocated to the land bank. Mr. Talarek noted it was back in 2012. Commissioner Crawley expressed concern about not having meetings or updates from the board, laying out the vision and priorities.*

*Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, said she spoke with the Executive Director, Curtiss Williams, last week and will get a meeting date on the calendar.*

## DATA CENTER

Julie Lust, Chief Financial Officer, Data Center, and Adam Frumkin, Chief Information Officer, Data Center, offered a resolution authorizing the sale of end-of-life cellphones to e-Cycle Inc. in exchange for cellphone bill credit (\$5,329.00) (Franklin County Data Center).

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

Julie Lust and Adam Frunkim offered a resolution authorizing a 5-year agreement with OARnet for the procurement of VMware Cloud Foundation 5 (\$607,200.00) (Franklin County Data Center).

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

## VETERAN SERVICES

Matthew Zelnik, Assistant Director, Veteran Services, offered a resolution authorizing a partnership with Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down and the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority in sponsoring the 2024 Annual Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down at the Greater Columbus Convention Center (Veterans Services).

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

### OFFICE ON AGING

Laurice Cohens, Assistant Director and Chief Financial Officer, Office on Aging, offered a resolution authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for Board & Care expenditures (Office on Aging).

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

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Central Ohio Community Land Trust to conduct affordable housing development activities on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (\$2,871,419.70) (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Emanuel Torres offered a resolution responding to the September 27, 2024, notice received concerning the proposed creation of two Tax Increment Financing Incentive Districts in the City of New Albany (Economic Development and Planning).

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

*Commissioner Crawley asked if these extended to Licking County, but Mr. Torres noted that they were only for Franklin County.*

*Commissioner O'Grady asked if the school district objected to the TIF, and Mr. Torres noted the school districts would be notified separately by the communities. Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecutor's Office, advised it would depend on whether it was a school TIF or non-school TIF.*

*Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, advised that these are typically Residential Incentive District TIFs.*

*Jesse Armstrong, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecutor's Office, advised that this was a non-school TIF and that the schools were being fully compensated.*

Emanuel Torres offered a resolution review of petition to annex 3.5 +/- acres from Madison Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-16-24 (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Emanuel Torres offered a resolution authorizing the Franklin County Administrator to Execute on Behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners the Attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” Instrument for Diann M. Moore at 1316 Oak Park Drive, Galloway, Ohio 43119 (Economic Development and Planning).

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

### JUSTICE POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Courtney Moats, Grants Specialist, Justice Policy and Programs, offered a resolution authorizing a professional service contract agreement with Tabitha Slayton for peer support and case management services for residents served through SAFER Station (\$10,296.00) (Justice Policy and Programs).

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

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Human Resources and Jessica McCurdy, Employee Wellness Administrator, Human Resources, offered a resolution authorizing a contract with OhioHealth Corporation to provide wellness services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (\$3,600,000.00) (Human Resources).

Ms. Leis and Ms. McCurdy reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

### PURCHASING

Traci Mathew, Assistant Director, Purchasing, and Andrena Austin, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion, offered a resolution approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,967,919.81) (Purchasing).

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

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, offered a resolution authorizing CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, Inc. to receive the fees collected in 2025 for the support of shelters for victims of domestic violence (Board of Commissioners).

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

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*The Clerk noted that there were no journalizations expected at General Session on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.*

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## COUNTY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: We concluded our County Administrator Budget Agency meetings this week. Budget preparations move another step forward. Yesterday, on my behalf, the Department of Job and Family Services provided official correspondence to the Board Chair of Creating Central Ohio Futures, announcing that the grantee agreement will not be extended beyond November 8, 2024. As I have stated in previous updates, we are committed to those programs. Still, we want to look at improvements to be made within them and bring a new program forward as it relates to our pre-apprenticeship strategy and processes, we have in place to advance individuals who enroll in those programs and the process to becoming a journeyman and enter into the middle class.

On Sunday, we have the 5K for families and employees. It will be at Wolfe Park, and we have many enrollees. It is a popular event. We will have flu shots, a mini-farmers market, and different activities for employees.

We continue in meetings to move forward with the development of the Franklin County Early Childhood Learning Center.

Commissioner Crawley: During budget testimony this year, I would like to see what the budget was last year, what the budget is this year, and what the vision is for the agencies. If they have new programs, what worked and what did not work. I say this is the best county, but there is always room for improvement, and we can discuss those items. Do we need to shift resources? Do we need to focus on different priorities as the community changes? Did we have a program that did not take off? This is how we improve and meet the needs of the residents. We need to improve the challenging items, which will make us better. What is our vision for our directors and deputy directors? Was a new strategic plan completed for an agency, and does the vision align with the commissioners' vision? Regarding Creating Central Ohio Futures, I like that we continue to say

this is a flagship program and has been recognized at the federal level. Commissioner O’Grady has been to the White House to discuss the importance of this program, but, to your point, some tweaks need to be made. I am committed to seeing this program move forward, and I am committed to working with my colleagues on how to get more individuals into this program and the middle class and strengthen our relationship with unions. There is still a disparity when it comes to women in the trades and minorities in the trades. Equity is still an issue. How do we have those conversations with the unions? We can put money there, but if there is not a true commitment from the unions to make their membership look different and support people coming into the middle class. I want to know what we are doing to get on the same accord with the unions moving forward.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: Commissioner, the unions have reached out, and I will meet with them in the coming weeks. We will also have conversations with parties interested in elevating this program.

Commissioner O’Grady: I have passed my conversations with the unions on to Administrator Wilson and Deputy County Administrator Long. I agree with Commissioner Crawley that we are recognized as one of the best-run counties in the country. This is based on the employees and the work the agencies continue to do. We created the motto “Every resident, every day” in 2018, which has been in effect for six years.

Commissioner Crawley: I like that we added the County Administration Update to the end of the agenda so that we can have these discussions.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator: I met with Director Chanda Wingo, Office on Aging, and she put out an RFI like the Poverty Blueprint to create a blueprint for the senior population and help the rising senior population.

Chanda Wingo, Director, Office on Aging: We are all aging, and this is our plan and opportunity to care not only for our seniors but also for those who decide to age in our county in the future. I am excited about this and about allowing the seniors in our community to age in place.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 A.M.

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**(Signature Page Follows)**

These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for Thursday, October 10, 2024.



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**KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT**

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**JOHN O'GRADY**

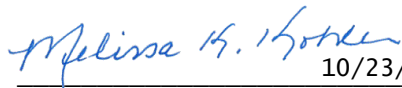


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**ERICA C. CRAWLEY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



10/23/2024

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Melissa K. Kohler  
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners