

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Briefing Session Minutes
Thursday, October 17, 2024

President Boyce
Commissioner O'Grady

The purpose of the meeting was to review resolutions submitted for the October 22, 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 Boyce convened the meeting at 9:04 A.M.

ENGINEER

William "Fritz" Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer's Office, offered a resolution for Plans approved for the Cooke Road, County Road No. 80, from Karl Road, County Road No. 76, to Walford Street, Lighting Improvements project, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer).

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

William "Fritz" Crosier offered a resolution for Toole Design Group, LLC., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing a feasibility study for the Clark State Road, County Road No. 95, Shared-Use Path project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$69,400.00) (Engineer).

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

TREASURER

Dusten Kohlhorst, IT Director, Treasurer, offered a resolution modifying the Point and Pay contract, approved under Resolution No. 0985-21, authorizing a \$1,000.00 increase to the not to exceed amount. The contract modification will make the total financial obligation of the contract not exceed \$6,000.00 (\$1,000.00) (Treasurer).

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

DATA CENTER

Julie Lust, Chief Financial Officer, and Adam Frumkin, Chief Information Officer, Data Center, offered a resolution authorizing the enterprise telecommunication solution commitment with Logicalis, Inc. (Franklin County Data Center).

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

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Curtis Brown, Administrator, Community Partnerships, offered a resolution authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with PrimaryOne Health to provide gap funding for the provision of pharmacy services (Community Partnerships).

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

Charleta Tavares, CEO, PrimaryOne Health, discussed providing pharmacy services for pregnant women for over 10 years, and the funding was an emergency for the organization, and noted the loss of funding from programs that assist in discount drug programs and Medicaid re-enrollment, and Medicaid claims not being reimbursed.

Commissioner Boyce asked if the money was going towards building out the pharmacies or assisting PrimaryOne Health. Ms. Tavares noted it was helping to build out pharmacies, and the goal is to have four build-out pharmacies over the next year.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION

Danielle Devoise, DEI Program Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion, offered a resolution authorizing a grant agreement with the Columbus CEO Collective for the creation of a minority business ecosystem focusing on enhancing and supporting minorities businesses overall wellbeing while emphasizing and addressing the racial wealth gap (\$700,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion).

Ms. Devoise 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 to conditionally approve the Emergency Transfer Plan (EFT) for the ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) Program and Continuum of Care for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and/or Stalking (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, offered a resolution First Amendment to Economic Development Agreement between Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio to support the Women Back to Work Initiative and Workforce Development Training Programs (\$240,526.51) (Economic Development and Planning).

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

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, asked if the Workforce Development Board was still doing business in that form and noted they are now Aspyr Workforce Development Board and wondered if they had a change in operation or are still contracting as the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio.

Chance Shannon, Chief Operations and Finance Officer of the Aspyr Workforce Development Board, advised that the company officially changed its name to Aspyr.

County Administrator Wilson added that the county usually does a novation agreement when there is a legal change with the contracting entity.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecutor's Office, advised that the agreement needs to be amended to correct the name, which will be completed before Tuesday's General Session.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Bart Logan, Assistant Director – Communications, Job and Family Services, offered a resolution approving subaward amendments with Community Refugee and Immigration Services, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, Jewish Family Services, and US Together, Inc. for refugee employability services (\$3,657,176.02) (Job and Family Services).

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

SANITARY ENGINEERS

Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineers, offered a resolution finding it necessary to acquire real property for the purpose of constructing a sanitary sewer pump station and associated infrastructure in connection with the Timberbrook Pump Station Replacement Project and approving a contract with Cristina Munoz Nedrow for the purchase of a 5.89-acre property (\$90,000.00) (Sanitary Engineers).

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

Ryan Stowe offered a resolution authorizing a Contract with Pro-Hoe Enterprises LLC for the Sanitary Sewer Connections of Single-Family Residences in the Mon-E-Bak and Brown Road East Service Areas – Round 3 (\$620,759.09) (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 a transfer of appropriations for General Fund operations (Public Facilities Management).

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

Darla Reardon offered a resolution authorizing a Contract Agreement with CK Construction Group, Inc. to provide Construction Manager at Risk Services, including Preconstruction Services, associated with the planning, design and new construction of the new Franklin County downtown facility, which includes the Early Learning Center (\$77,775.00) (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 (\$2,563,870.01) (Purchasing).

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

Megan Perry-Balonier offered a resolution approving one purchase order for the Franklin County Domestic Relations (\$300.00) (Purchasing).

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, Board of Commissioners, offered a resolution authorizing non-general fund appropriation adjustments for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities (Board of Commissioners).

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

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The Clerk noted there will be one (1) journalization at General Session on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, said he met with the directors and senior staff yesterday to discuss changes and work with Public Affairs for the 2025 budget hearing process.

Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, discussed having both live and video presentations to allow County Administration to provide vision and objectives to show what is being worked through with the updated strategic documents and part of the values will illustrate examples from the agencies, whether it is an accomplishment that was achieved, or a challenge faced, and how those challenges will be addressed.

Commissioner Boyce noted he wants to see this year's budget compared with last year's budget and the difference between the two.

Mr. Talarek noted that budget briefs and details of changes will still be presented from all 35 agencies.

Administrator Wilson added that they will discuss the successes and challenges, the tough decisions, and areas where adjustments need to be made and encouraged staff to speak about what is being done or the plan for a solution.

Commissioner Boyce reminded staff that knowing the numbers are important to process during budget hearings.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, advised that she will give a presentation to the Human Services Chamber for nonprofits, discussing some of the cuts from Job and Family Services.

Administrator Wilson noted that he hopes to make recommendations regarding the ability to contract with IT areas and has met with Purchasing, the Data Center, and the Prosecutor's Office, regarding certain contract terms and conditions.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, added that they are seeing with software companies that the county is in a less-than-favorable bargaining position when negotiating contracts. Mr. Talarek added that state law has provisions for state agencies but does not expressly address political subdivisions.

Administrator Wilson added that this week they are continuing to work through the citizen participation process for housing and urban development programs. On Tuesday, October 15, Talk of the County featured issues with IT and a webinar titled "Protecting Grandma." Additionally, on Sunday, October 13, the 6th 5K Thrive-on challenge was held, with a record number of attendees. Today, October 17, a caregivers' conference will be held. Next week, the second DEI Conference will be held; and he noted that he will be a speaker at the Columbus Urban League on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Deputy County Administrator Bivens closed with a reminder about Mission Pawsible with the Office on Aging to help dogs and seniors find companionship on Friday, October 18, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

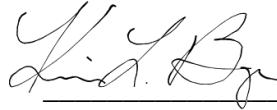
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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' Briefing Session for Thursday, October 17, 2024.



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KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT

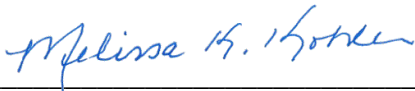
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10/30/2024

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

Submitted by:



11/1/2024

Melissa K. Kohler
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners