

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 15, 2024

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

Present were: Kevin L. Boyce, President
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, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; and Brittany Razek, 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 Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

Commissioner Boyce: October is recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Unfortunately, each year, millions of Americans are affected by domestic violence. Here in Franklin County, residents contribute a small fee when they marry, divorce, or annul a marriage. We are proud to allocate the funds collected from those fees to CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, one of Ohio's oldest and largest domestic violence shelters.

Today, we are honored to have Dr. Maria Houston Beck, the Executive Director from CHOICES here to accept these funds and share more about the critical services they provide. I would like to invite Maria to speak, and afterward, turn it over to our OMB Director, Zak Talarek, to present the resolution.

Dr. Maria Houston Beck, Executive Director, CHOICES, thanked the commissioners for their ongoing support and recognition of the importance of domestic violence awareness, highlighting the critical services provided through partnership with CHOICES.

Commissioner O'Grady thanked Dr. Beck for the work CHOICES is doing in Franklin County.

Commissioner Boyce thanked Dr. Beck for the work CHOICES is doing in Franklin County, sharing a personal story about his father to demonstrate the need to confront domestic violence issues and undergird the victims and their families.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, thanked Dr. Beck for the work CHOICES is doing in Franklin County and invited her to attend the Men's Empowerment Soul Talk on November 23, 2024.

Commissioner Boyce: Before we proceed, I'd like to remind anyone who is experiencing domestic violence, or if you know someone who is, that CHOICES provides a 24-hour crisis hotline at 614-224-HOME.

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Resolution No. 0789-24, 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), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

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

Commissioner Boyce asked for clarification on the amount of funds in the distribution. Mr. Talarek responded that this year the distribution was approximately \$270,000.00.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0789-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Commissioner Boyce: We have a Public Hearing for Resolution 0790-24. Can the Clerk please read the Public Hearing?

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding 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.

Commissioner Boyce opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak. Seeing and hearing none, Commissioner Boyce closed the Public Hearing, and the resolution was read into the record.

Resolution No. 0790-24, 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), 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 0790-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0791-24, 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), 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 0791-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0792-24, 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), 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 0792-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0793-24, 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), 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 0793-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0794-24, 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), 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 0794-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0796-24, 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), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Director of Finance, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0796-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0797-24, 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), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Director of Finance, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0797-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0799-24, 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), presented by Julie Lust, Chief Financial Officer, Franklin County Data Center.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0799-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0800-24, authorizing a 5-year agreement with OARnet for the procurement of VMware Cloud Foundation 5 (\$607,200.00) (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Julie Lust, Chief Financial Officer, Franklin County Data Center.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0800-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0801-24, 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), presented by Buck Bramlish, Director, Veterans Services, and Dan Willis, Executive Director, Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down.

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

Commissioner Boyce thanked Mr. Willis for his service and what Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down is doing to serve veterans and the community through education, outreach, and programming.

Commissioner O'Grady thanked Mr. Willis for attending General Session and complimented the efforts to grow the Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down each year.

Commissioner Crawley thanked Mr. Willis for attending General Session and commented on how Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down has many resources available for veterans that may have a lasting positive impact. Commissioner Crawley expressed how important it is to care for veterans and the work Franklin County does to uplift those who have served.

Mr. Willis invited the commissioners to Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down on October 22, 2024.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0801-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0795-24, authorizing a consultant contract extension with The Ohio State University for crime research services (\$97,500.00) (Sheriff), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Director of Finance, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0795-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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Resolution No. 0798-24, authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for the Franklin County Land Bank (Treasurer), presented by Julie Collins, Director, Human Resources, Treasurer.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0798-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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Resolution No. 0802-24, authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for Board & Care expenditures. (Office on Aging), presented by Laurice Cohens, Assistant Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0802-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0803-24, 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), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, and Curtis Williams, President & CEO, COCIC.

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

Commissioner Crawley thanked Mr. Williams for the work on affordable housing solutions.

Commissioner O'Grady commented on the Central Ohio Community Land Trust's perseverance and the hard work it has done over the years on affordable housing.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0803-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0804-24, 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), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0804-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0805-24, review of petition to annex 3.5 +/- acres from Madison Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-16-24 (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.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0805-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0806-24, 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), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0806-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0807-24, 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), presented by Caitlin Looney, Deputy Director, Justice Services.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0807-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0808-24, authorizing a contract with OhioHealth Corporation to provide wellness services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (\$3,600,000.00) (Human Resources), presented by Jessica McCurdy, Employee Wellness Administrator, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0808-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0809-24, approving purchases approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,667,919.81) (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 0809-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0810-24, approving one purchase order for the Franklin County Justice Programs for Volunteers of America's Ohio and Indiana (\$300,000.00) (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 0810-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner O'Grady abstaining.

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Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read one (1) journalization into the record:

Case #ANX-18-24 – An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition, ANX-18-24, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on October 8, 2024. The petition is requesting to annex 0.5-acres from Blendon Township to the City of Hilliard. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on November 19, 2024.

Site: Minerva Avenue (PID No.: 110-002735 / 110-002734)

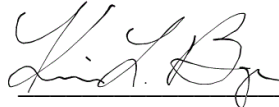
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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 A.M.

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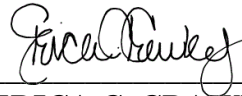
These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session for Tuesday, October 15, 2024.



11/12/2024

KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT

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10/30/2024

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

Submitted by:



10/29/2024

Michael E. Ruehrmund
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners