

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 22, 2024

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 22, 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; Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel; and Melissa K. Kohler, 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 Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:14 A.M.

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Approval of the minutes for the October 3, and October 10, 2024, Briefing Sessions; and the October 1, and October 8, 2024, General Sessions. Commissioner Crawley moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

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Commissioner Boyce: We have a Public Hearing for Resolution 0811-24. Can the Clerk please read the Public Hearing?

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding 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.

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. 0811-24, 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), 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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0811-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0812-24, 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), 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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0812-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0813-24, 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), presented by Dusten Kohlhorst, IT Director, Treasurer.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0813-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0814-24, conditionally authorizing the enterprise telecommunication solution commitment with Logicalis, Inc. (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Julie Lust, Chief Financial Officer, and Adam Frumkin, Chief Information Officer, Data Center.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0814-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0815-24, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with PrimaryOne Health to provide gap funding for the provision of pharmacy services (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Administrator, Community Partnerships, and Charleta Tavares, CEO, PrimaryOne Health.

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

Charleta Tavares, CEO, PrimaryOne Health, discussed the impact COVID-19 had on health and human service organizations and noted that the money would help fill the \$6MM gap, save patients money to spend on other necessities, and expand services for the underserved, homeless, and underinsured, and expand the pregnancy programming, to assist with infant mortality rates.

Commissioner Boyce noted that medical, healthcare and pharmacy needs can be lifesaving for residents, and he wants to establish regular updates to ensure the county is in tune with the needs of the population being served. Commissioner Boyce asked Ms. Tavares to discuss the sustainability strategy moving forward and communicate with County Administration.

Ms. Tavares agreed to stay in regular communication and noting that the resolution provides for monthly reports and that PrimaryOne Health has over 87 contracts with pharmacies across Central Ohio, making it easier for patients to obtain prescriptions. Ms. Tavares pointed out that she will work with Deputy County Administrator Bivens and the mobile units' team to help enroll many patients who lost Medicaid eligibility during COVID-19.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, discussed her team to assist in re-enrolling those individuals in Medicaid.

Commissioner Boyce noted he would encourage Administrator Wilson to engage with the City of Columbus in ongoing dialogue about healthcare service delivery and the need to partner with the city to serve those that need care.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, advised that he is communicating with city leadership and Columbus Public Health and the need to continue this conversation, so as to not lose ground on what has been accomplished, and to maintain the safety net.

Commissioner Crawley asked Ms. Tavares if the reporting could be made on a bi-weekly basis, since the numbers are around 32,000 in need of support, and the commissioners could then stay abreast of updates. Ms. Tavares agreed.

Commissioner O’Grady emphasized the work done over the years with citizens in need and how extremely necessary healthcare is to residents and that their partnership is critical and valued.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0815-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0827-24, authorizing a contract agreement with Rosetti Enterprises LLC to provide closing remarks at the second Franklin County Board of Commissioners Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Conference (\$6,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Danielle Devoise, DEI Program Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0827-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0828-24, authorizing a contract agreement with Encore to supply audio/visual services for the second Franklin County Board of Commissioners Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Conference (\$19,722.02) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Danielle Devoise, DEI Program Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0828-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0816-24, 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), presented by Danielle Devoise, DEI Program Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion and Dr. Elizabeth Joy, President and CEO, Columbus CEO Collective.

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

Commissioner Boyce commended Dr. Joy for the goal of obtaining 1,000 minority businesses to in a year and believes that is an aggressive goal but eager to see the plan and strategy, while agreeing that the work is critical. Commissioner Boyce noted he wanted to see the sustainability component outside of these funds but recognized it will be done over time.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, advised Damika Withers, Chief Economic Inclusion Officer, continues to work extensively with Dr. Joy, and they envisioned up to a one-year funding commitment through July 31, 2025, while noting that additional partners need to come forward for the organization to be sustainable. Administrator Wilson added that with the commissioners' leadership, they are seeing freedom equity continue to grow as the first Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) focuses on working with businesses of color.

Commissioner Boyce encouraged Dr. Joy to use these funds to leverage and raise additional dollars so that everyone will benefit from the work of the collective.

Dr. Joy agreed the numbers were aggressive but added that the effort is being conducted through partnerships and not being completed alone, while agreeing that the long-term strategy is in order.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0816-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0817-24, to conditionally approve the Emergency Transfer Plan (ETP) 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), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0817-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0818-24, 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), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning and Lisa Patt McDaniel, CEO, ASPYR Workforce Innovation.

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

Commissioner Crawley asked Ms. Patt McDaniel how many women came into the program since the last grant period. Ms. Patt McDaniel noted the numbers at the beginning, 20% were employed, 51% unemployed, and 11% were part-time or under-employed. Ms. Patt McDaniel added that 138 women entered the program and at the end 75% were employed. Commissioner Crawley asked what the main reason for women not getting employed or completing the training program was, and Ms. Patt McDaniel replied that it was childcare and transportation-related issues.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0818-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0819-24, 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), presented by Carmen Barnes, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0819-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0820-24, 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), presented by Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0820-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0821-24, 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), presented by Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0821-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0822-24, authorizing a transfer of appropriations for General Fund operations (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0822-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0823-24, 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), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0823-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0824-24, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,563,870.01) (Purchasing), presented by Sharon Sabree, Fiscal Support Analyst, Purchasing, and Andrena Austin, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0824-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0825-24, approving one purchase order for the Franklin County Domestic Relations (\$300.00) (Purchasing), presented by Sharon Sabree, Fiscal Support Analyst, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0825-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0826-24, authorizing non-general fund appropriation adjustments for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0826-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Melissa K. Kohler, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read one (1) journalization into the record:

1. Case #ANX-19-24 - An Expedited Type 2 annexation petition, ANX-19-24, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on October 15, 2024. The petition is requesting to annex 85.77-acres from Hamilton Township to the City of Obetz. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on November 26, 2024.

Site: 4510 Parsons Avenue (PID No.: 150-000031 & 150-000069)

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

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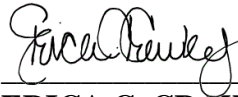
These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session for Tuesday, October 22, 2024.



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KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT

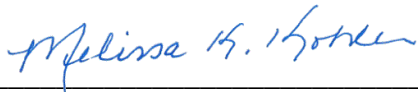
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**ERICA C. CRAWLEY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



11/1/2024

**Melissa K. Kohler
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners**