

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 29, 2024

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

Present were: Kevin L. Boyce, President  
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 Michael 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 Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

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Approval of the minutes for the October 17, 2024, Briefing Session; and the October 15 and October 22, 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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**Resolution No. 0829-24**, authorizing the execution of the Pre-Award Conditions and acceptance of the FY2024 Byrne/State Crisis Intervention Program Subgrant Award and granting authority to the County Administrator to sign all acceptance documents and waivers related to the Grant Program (\$199,940.19) (Court of Common Pleas), presented by Kimberly Canada, Director, Finance and Purchasing, Court of Common Pleas.

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

*D.J. Byrnes, The Rooster, 591 Chestershire Road, Columbus, Ohio 43204, spoke in favor of the proposed resolution.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0829-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0830-24**, report (2nd) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting Briggs Road, Township Road No. 1754, and Josephine Avenue, Township Road No. 1752, Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$600.00) (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 0830-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0831-24**, report (9th) 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; approving and authorizing a contract of sale and purchase for Parcel 20-WD; finding Parcel 19-E not needed for public use after the conclusion of the Project; authorizing the transfer of Parcel 19-E; and approving and accepting a temporary easement over Parcel 19-E (\$50,000.00) (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 0831-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0832-24**, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into agreements with farmers to leave cornstalks in the ground as snow fence barriers (\$20,000.00) (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 0832-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0833-24**, authorizing the set aside for the Recorder's Technology Fund for calendar year 2025 (Recorder), presented by Danny O'Connor, Recorder, Recorder's Office.

Mr. O'Connor reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0833-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0834-24**, authorizing a contract with Veterinary Emergency Group LLC. for emergency and after-hour animal medical care (\$75,000.00) (Animal Control), presented by H. Dwayne Young, Assistant Director, Animal Control.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0834-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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A review by the Board of Commissioners serving as the Community Development Advisory Board for each proposed project by the Franklin County Engineer's Office (FCEO) considered for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, and the 2023 Action Plan, pursuant to Resolution No. 0458-24.

*Ruchelle Pride, Director, Economic Development & Planning, introduced the proposed engineer project presentation to provide the Community Development Advisory Board an opportunity to review and comment.*

- a. Presentation: Proposed Genessee Avenue Drainage Improvements Project in the amount of \$254,585.00.

*W. Fritz Crosier, P.E., Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer's Office, offered a presentation on the proposed Genessee Avenue Drainage Improvements Project.*

*Commissioner Boyce asked in which township would the proposed project take place. Mr. Crosier responded that the project would take place in Mifflin Township.*

*Commissioner Boyce, acting in the role of the Community Development Advisory Board, asked if any of the commissioners had any questions concerning this project. Seeing and hearing none, the presentation was closed, and the next proposed project was presented.*

*Ruchelle Pride, Director, Economic Development & Planning, introduced the proposed engineer project presentation to provide the Community Development Advisory Board an opportunity to review and comment.*

- b. Presentation: Proposed Westbrook Subdivision Sidewalk Improvements Project in the amount of \$700,841.21.

*W. Fritz Crosier, P.E., Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer's Office, offered a presentation on the proposed Westbrook Subdivision Sidewalk Improvements Project. Mr. Crosier noted that the improvement project is located in Franklin Township.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to amend the proposed amount of the Westbrook Subdivision Sidewalk Improvement Project, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. Based on roll call vote, the amount was amended to reflect \$700,841.21 from the originally submitted amount of \$1,841,751.78.

*Commissioner Boyce, acting in the role of the Community Development Advisory Board, asked if any of the commissioners had any questions concerning this project. Seeing and hearing none, the presentation was closed, and the next proposed project was presented.*

*Ruchelle Pride, Director, Economic Development & Planning, introduced the proposed engineer project presentation to provide the Community Development Advisory Board an opportunity to review and comment.*

- c. Presentation: Proposed Chambers Road Sidewalk Improvement Project in the amount of \$403,002.10.

*W. Fritz Crosier, P.E., Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer's Office, offered a presentation on the Proposed Chambers Road Sidewalk Improvement Project. Mr. Crosier noted that the improvement project is located in Clinton Township.*

*Commissioner Boyce, acting in the role of the Community Development Advisory Board, asked if any of the commissioners had any questions concerning this project. Seeing and hearing none, the presentation was closed.*

- d. Review and Presentation of the 2023 Action Plan with Proposed Activities & Amounts Allocated: Pursuant to Resolution No. 635-24.

*Ruchelle Pride, Director, Economic Development & Planning, presented on the 2023 Action Plan with proposed activities & amounts allocated to provide the Community Development Advisory Board an opportunity to review and comment. Director Pride offered an Exhibit #1 to accompany the presentation.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to accept Exhibit #1 as part of the record, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. Exhibit #1 was accepted into the record by roll call vote; *Exhibit #1 attached herein.*

*Commissioner Boyce, acting in the role of the Community Development Advisory Board,*

*asked if any of the commissioners had any questions concerning this project. Seeing and hearing none, the presentation was closed.*

*Commissioner Boyce: We have a Public Hearing for the Genessee Avenue Drainage Improvements Project. Can the Clerk please read the Public Hearing?*

**PUBLIC HEARING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:** Hearing and 30-day public comment period for proposed Genessee Avenue Drainage Improvements Project Hearing considered for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, as required by the county's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105.

*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 Clerk read the closure of the hearing into the record.*

**PUBLIC HEARING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:** Hearing and 30-day public comment period for proposed Westbrook Subdivision Sidewalk Improvements Project Hearing considered for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding as required by the County's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105.

*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 Clerk read the closure of the hearing into the record.*

**PUBLIC HEARING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:** Hearing and 30-day public comment period for proposed Chambers Road Sidewalk Improvement Project Hearing considered for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding as required by the county's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105.

*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 Clerk read the closure of the hearing into the record.*

**PUBLIC HEARING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:** Supplemental general hearing for 2023 Action Plan as required by the county's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105.

*Ruchelle Pride, Director, Economic Development & Planning, asked Exhibit #1 to be added to the record as part of the Public Hearing.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to accept Exhibit #1 as part of the record, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. Exhibit #1 was accepted into the record by roll call vote; *Exhibit #1 attached herein.*

*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 Clerk read the closure of the hearing into the record.*

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**Resolution No. 0836-24**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,241,495.14) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0836-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 A.M.

*Supplemental general hearing for 2023 Action Plan as required by the county's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) and pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105; Exhibit #1 attached herein.*

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session for Tuesday, October 29, 2024.



12/3/2024

**KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT**



12/9/2024

**JOHN O'GRADY**



11/26/2024

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

Submitted by:



11/25/2024

**Michael E. Ruehrmund  
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners**