

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

November 5, 2024

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Present were: Kevin L. Boyce, President
John O'Grady, Commissioner
Erica C. Crawley, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were 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; 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 9:11 A.M.

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Commissioner Boyce: Happy Election Day, everyone. It is Election Day, and I want to remind you to get out and cast your ballot if you have not already. We have candidates on the ballot, but we also have several important issues driving central Ohio's future. This is your opportunity as the public and even as employees to stake your claim on what the future looks like, and voting is the very first step to the chapter being written, and you are very much a part of that. The polls close at 7:30 p.m. There is plenty of time to cast your ballot.

Commissioner Crawley: I could not underscore your sentiments enough talking about the issues on the ballot for Franklin County; other municipalities might have some other issues, but we have three very important issues to pay attention to and vote all the way up and down the ballot. When it comes to local elections and the people who make decisions on behalf of us every day, you can see them; you can go to council meetings; you can come to general sessions; you can go to court and see your judges more regularly. Pay attention to local elections and local races, who are raising their hands to be able to represent you. I am always telling people to do their research, but local elections matter, too.

Commissioner O'Grady: Voter turnout this year is amazing. I was up at the early voting center a few times to see the number of people, and it blew me away to see the number of people that come

to the early voting center. This year, it was even higher. The number of people who voted absentee, those who voted at the early voting center, and voter turnout will be tremendous this year. It always happens that way in a presidential year. Commissioner Crawley is correct. The problem next year is that when we have municipal elections or a handful of judicial races, voter turnout will be in the single digits. Commissioner Crawley indicated that those elected officials impact your life more directly than the federal races. I want to give a shout-out to those at the early voting center. Antone White, Director of the Board of Elections, and his team did a phenomenal job, and Deputy County Administrator Kris Long has provided the necessary resources. When the election is over, we must look at parking and traffic.

Commissioner Boyce: I have been advocating with Deputy County Administrator Kris Long to build a Board of Elections that suits the size of this community. The county will always be responsible for carrying out the elections. Use today to voice your position. As county commissioners, we make decisions, but you decide if we are here, and you, as the public, have the ultimate power. Whether the person you voted for wins or loses, exercising your right to vote means you were heard, and whoever gets elected is part of the process. The masses win in a democracy. I hope you will take the time to exercise your right to vote and make the most of it. Your voice needs to be heard.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you to the voters who stood in line for hours. Thank you for taking the time to exercise your civil liberty to vote. The right to vote has been hard-fought.

Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator: We will continue discussing where the Board of Elections is best. I wanted to commend the three commissioners because of your investment in the space and some additional space; we had it ready for early voting to allow one thousand voters an hour to be processed in the early vote center.

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Approval of the minutes for the October 24, 2024, Briefing Session. Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0839-24, approving five contract modifications for mediation services (\$725,000.00) (Auditor), presented by Steve Jarrell, Deputy Chief of Staff – Real Estate, Auditor.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0839-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0840-24, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with CAP-Stone & Associates, Inc. dba Stone Environmental Engineering & Science, Inc. for additional engineering services to update the Franklin County Stormwater Design Manual, in the amount of \$15,277.00, for a revised contract amount of \$164,186.00 (\$15,277.00) (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 0840-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0841-24, authorizing a contract with MAPSYS, Inc. to provide requested support and maintenance to the Franklin County Treasurer application (\$120,000.00) (Treasurer), presented by Daniel Scheidegger, Desktop Support Engineer, Treasurer.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0841-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0842-24, authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for expenditures for children in the Complex Medical Health program and in prevention services (Franklin County Children Services), presented by Dan Shook, Chief Financial Officer, Franklin County Children Services.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0842-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0843-24, authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for expenditures related to the Medicaid waiver match for Home and Community based services (Developmental Disabilities), presented by Dot Yeager, Superintendent/CEO, Developmental Disabilities.

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

Commissioner Crawley asked what the total appropriation would be, and Ms. Yeager noted that it was \$14,638,185.00.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, asked Ms. Yeager if more waivers were being obtained before the pandemic, and Ms. Yeager noted there were approximately 400 more.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0843-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0844-24, authorizing a consultant contract with Herzog & Associates, LLC for information technology services (\$18,700.00) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0844-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0845-24, authorizing a grant agreement with Kingdom Image Arts for the 2024 Kingdom Image Award Show (\$386,575.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0845-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0835-24, authorizing an amendment to the Funding Agreement with the Affordable Housing Trust to create more affordable home ownership and rental housing and to strengthen neighborhoods within Franklin County (\$359,716.35) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0835-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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Resolution No. 0846-24, to conditionally approve the 2023 U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Walter Dillard, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0846-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0847-24, approving the recommendations of the 2024 Franklin County Tax Incentive Review Councils (TIRCs) (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 0847-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0848-24, authorizing a contract modification with Alicia Payne for community healthcare worker and case management services for residents served via SAFER Station (\$6,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson, Deputy Director, Justice Police and Programs.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0848-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0849-24, authorizing a contract modification with Talitra Campbell for peer support and case management services for residents served through the Rapid Resource Center and BRIDGE program (\$7,500.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson, Deputy Director, Justice Police and Programs.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0849-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0850-24, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$10,712,313.60) (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 0850-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0837-24, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$435,992.43) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0837-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0838-24, approving one purchase order for the Franklin County General Service Purchasing (\$3,000.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0838-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Crawley abstaining.

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Resolution No. 0851-24, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,095.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0851-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0852-24, reappointing Lawrence A. Hilsheimer to the National Veterans Memorial and Museum’s Foundation Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Michael Ruehrmund, Assistant Director of Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0852-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Melissa K. Kohler, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read two (2) journalizations into the record:

1. The Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC) has amended its bylaws to allow the Board of Commissioners to have two members instead of three members. Each year, the Board of Commissioners shall provide notice whether they are opting to have three or two members.

For the remainder of 2024 and for calendar year 2025, the Board of Commissioners shall have two members: Commissioner Crawley and Commissioner O’Grady.

A copy of this journalization will be filed with the meeting minutes from today’s session and will be forwarded to all interested parties for their information and planning.

2. Katherine Page, Policy Aide to Commissioner Kevin L. Boyce, has been named as the commissioner’s designee and replacement on the Franklin County Planning Commission. Katherine is replacing Chelsea Barnett, who will now serve as the commissioner’s alternate on the commission. A copy of this journalization will be filed with the meeting minutes from today’s session and will be forwarded to all interested parties for their information and planning.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session for Tuesday, November 5, 2024.



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KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT



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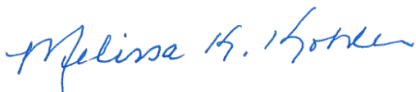
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11/26/2024

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

Submitted by:



11/25/2024

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