

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

February 28, 2023

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

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

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; and Brittany A. 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 O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:12 A.M.

Commissioner O'Grady: Our final guest for Black History Month is Executive Director of Kelton House Museum and Garden, Sarah Richardt. For anyone unfamiliar, the Kelton House sits just east of the main library and was once part of the Underground Railroad. Earlier this month, Ms. Richardt spoke at length at one of the County's Lunch and Learn sessions, sharing the story of Rosetta Armstead's fight for freedom. Ms. Armstead's struggle for freedom lasted years after she arrived in the north. Thankfully, she had an impressive team of men in Central Ohio helping her, including a future U.S. President. Her story has gained a lot of interest, as it should. Ms. Armstead's fight should not be forgotten. Here to tell us more about Ms. Armstead's plight is Ms. Richardt.

Sarah Richardt, Executive Director, Kelton House Museum and Garden: Thank you so much for allowing me to speak today. I am going to tell you a little bit about the Kelton House, as well, because I am not sure if everyone has been there. I hope most of you have been there before, but if you have not been there recently, it is time to return. I have been at the Kelton House for three years, and this is the second Underground Railroad site I have worked at. Before coming here, I worked in the Chicago area for about fifteen years at an Underground Railroad site. My expertise is in the anti-slavery movement, including the abolitionists and freedom seekers that I talk about. We are the only Underground Railroad site operated in Franklin County with public hours, and we host over 10,000 visitors per year. Our visitors come from all over the world.

Ms. Richardt (cont.): We also educate between three and five thousand students per year, and these students come from public and private schools, as well as homeschooled children. We opened the Underground Railroad Learning Station in 2002 with the help of local historians, community members, educators, and the Junior League members who operate the museum. The reason that we know that we are part of the Underground Railroad is because of a girl named Martha. We talk about the Keltons, but we are not a Kelton museum; our stories go beyond the four walls of 586 East Town Street. Two of these stories are about two young freedom seekers that came through Columbus. The first is Martha, who was a young, enslaved girl in Virginia. Martha and her sister, Pearl, escaped from a plantation in Virginia when Martha was ten years old and Pearl was fourteen. They arrived in Columbus, seeking a safe harbor, and they ended up at 586 East Town Street. The Keltons, Sophia and Fernando, found them in their backyard and brought them into their home. Pearl soon left to go further north and ended up in Wisconsin. Since Martha was only ten and she was ill when she got to Columbus, she stayed with the Keltons. She eventually became an adult in the Kelton home. She lived in the front of the house with the Kelton's daughter, Ella, and she eventually met one of the staff members at the Kelton House and married there. She was married by the Reverend James Poindexter, who presided over the ceremony in the front parlor of the Kelton House. Martha and her husband, Thomas, eventually moved to 17<sup>th</sup> Street, across from the rest of the Kelton children, once they had moved out. They all moved together toward Monroe and 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Martha and Thomas had two children; they named one after Ella Kelton, and they named their son Arthur Kelton Lawrence, after the Kelton's son, Arthur. Arthur Kelton Lawrence was the first African American to graduate from Ohio State Medical School. He was one generation from slavery and became a doctor here in Columbus. He practiced on Long Street until 1954 when he passed. But Martha was not the only one in Columbus who was seeking freedom. I started researching Rosetta Armstead about three years ago, and I found a little snippet of information. When you put about 100 little snippets together from 1855, Rosetta Armstead's story comes together in an amazing way. She was born in 1839 on a plantation called Sherwood Forest, which was President John Tyler's property. Rosetta was enslaved there with 400 other slaves that President Tyler owned. Her parents and siblings lived there with her. In 1853, she was given as a wedding present to President Tyler's daughter. John Tyler gave a human being to his daughter, Alice, as a wedding present. Alice soon moved to Louisville, Kentucky, and she had a baby. She needed someone to help raise the baby, and that became Rosetta's job at the age of fourteen. Alice Tyler Dennison passed away, and Rosetta was the only one raising the baby. The baby was eventually sent back to Virginia to live with her grandparents, and Rosetta went back as well to take care of the baby. After a series of events, Rosetta was brought to Columbus, Ohio, by her owner, which is a very important point. In 1842, Ohio passed a law that stated that if an enslaved person was brought to Ohio by their owner, they were automatically free under Ohio state law. That was not federal law, but it was state law. As Rosetta was coming into Columbus on the train, there was another man on the train. That man happened to be William Ferguson, who was one of the founders of the Second Baptist Church, and eventually was the founder of the African Anti-slavery Baptist Church that was on Town Street. So, this African American man who was a pastor and a leader in the community here in Columbus happened to be on the train with Rosetta Armstead, and as they pulled into the station, he tapped her on the shoulder and told her she was free. By all accounts, she was a very intelligent woman, so I am sure she knew she was free. She was sixteen years old, and her life completely changed.

Ms. Richardt (cont.): After they pulled into the station, William Ferguson went to Sam Galloway, a congressman, and friend of President Lincoln, and told him that Rosetta needed an attorney. They went to court and filed a writ of habeas corpus. They showed up to court on Monday morning with Rosetta. There are many things that happened in between, and you will have to come to the Kelton House to find out. But on that Monday morning at 9:00 A.M., they showed up at the courthouse, and 900 African Americans and people of color showed up to show support. Between Saturday at noon when she arrived in Columbus, and Monday morning at 9:00 A.M., 900 people gathered with no internet or social media to gather them. They found out by word of mouth, and they all showed up to support this young girl. Sam Galloway acted as her attorney, and she won her freedom. Her owner was unhappy about this, and two weeks later, he kidnapped her at gunpoint from Columbus and taken to Cincinnati. There, she went through two subsequent court cases. Sam Galloway was no longer her attorney, so she had two other attorneys that she met in Cincinnati. One was Salmon P. Chase, who eventually became the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Secretary of the Treasury, and many other things. Chase Bank is named after him. Her other attorney was Rutherford B. Hayes. After the two court cases in Cincinnati, she was finally given her freedom. Two presidents were involved in this story, and she was free after multiple court cases in both federal and state courts. I think that the biggest takeaway for me from this story is how the people from Columbus and the African Anti-slavery Baptist Church guarded her and kept her safe in between court cases. Hundreds of them showed up in Cincinnati to make sure she was taken care of. The city gathered around her, regardless of race and regardless of the fact that no one knew her before she came to Columbus. They were all friends in the end. There is a lot more to this story, and I could talk about it forever, but in the interest of time, I would rather invite you all to the Kelton House to hear more about Rosetta's story. We are open Thursday through Sunday from noon to 4:00 P.M. Thank you again for inviting me here today, and I do have a passion for speaking about this. Columbus and Ohio are some of the best places to speak about this in the country.

Commissioner Boyce: Where was the train station that she came through?

Ms. Richardt: That was Union Station, where the Arena District is now. The big arch that is still there was the original arch at the station.

Commissioner Boyce: The only other thing that I wanted to add was that I loved your rendition of Columbus's history and how it ties into American history. I have not been to the Kelton House in so long, and I definitely will make a point to come back. I hope that the young people who are here will take the time to experience the Kelton House, as well. There are great stories in Central Ohio that really contribute to what I think is a bright part of our American history around the plight of African Americans. This was a great illustration of that, so thank you so much for the history lesson today.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you for being here, and thank you for that history. The story you just laid out is a perfect example of why we need to talk about Black History. Black History is American History. We can't put it all into one month; we should always be talking about it. When we talk about Black History, there were those who were enslaved and trying to gain their freedom over centuries, but there were also allies, and we should also be talking about them.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): As much as it is important that we talk about those who were enslaved, like my ancestors, it is also important to acknowledge the co-conspirators. I hate to say allies because sometimes people say that they are allies until it is time to be an ally. So, I like to say co-conspirators – those who took action and furtherance for individuals trying to seek their freedom. Again, thank you so much. I will be back to the Kelton House because it has been a few years since I was there, but this is a great reason to come back and hear the rest of the story.

Commissioner O’Grady: Thank you for being here today; we appreciate you being here. For those of you who missed Ms. Richardt’s detailed account of Armstead’s fight for freedom, you can still watch it by going to the Board of Commissioners’ Facebook page at [Facebook.com/FranklinCountyBoardofCommissioners](https://www.facebook.com/FranklinCountyBoardofCommissioners). Scroll down to the content added on February 15th, and you will see the recording. You can also access the recording on the Board of Commissioners’ YouTube page at [youtube.com/@franklincountyohboardofcom1246](https://www.youtube.com/@franklincountyohboardofcom1246).

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Commissioner O’Grady: Today, we have the pleasure of welcoming some of the county’s most impressive young artists. The Franklin County Artists and Scholars Recognition Program honors high school students who exemplify excellence in the arts and academics. Twenty-four students from ten different school districts have earned this accolade. These students represent a variety of mediums, from studio, visual, or digital art, as well as theater, music, and videography. We are honoring thirteen of those award winners this morning. The additional eleven students will be honored in March. I’d like to welcome our partner, Tom Katzenmeyer, President and CEO of the Greater Columbus Arts Council, to the podium this morning for a few words.

Tom Katzenmeyer, President and Chief Executive Officer, Greater Columbus Arts Council: Thank you for having us today. I appreciate that you are honoring artists; it is very meaningful. And to Ms. Richardt, that story is unbelievable; thank you. We will all get back to the Kelton House. First, I would like to say that we have artist royalty with us today. I know that he will be a little embarrassed by me calling him out, but Richard Duarte Brown is with us in the room today. If you say “Duarte” in Columbus, everyone knows who you are talking about. He is here with the Whitehall delegation today. Last year, he won the Governor’s Award for the Arts. He has won multiple awards from the Greater Columbus Arts Council and has touched thousands of lives of children and students literally through art education in the city. He is very humble about it, but I want to give him praise. Thank you for being with us. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Greater Columbus Arts Council, which I cannot believe. I have had the privilege of running it for ten of those years, and I want you all to know how significant the Commissioners’ support is for the arts. We get tremendous public support from the Commissioners, who have been doing it for decades. For the last four years, they have entrusted my organization with doing their arts grant-making, and we are honored to have that contract with you. I think it has worked out very well. We are about to surpass the Commissioners up in Cuyahoga County regarding public support for the arts. Between the City and the County, we are definitely beyond Cincinnati now, but we are about to surpass the cigarette tax proceeds up in Cuyahoga County. I think that is very significant.

Mr. Katzenmeyer (cont.): In our 50<sup>th</sup> year, we will have record support for arts organizations and the artists in Columbus. We will fund more than 1,000 artists in Columbus this year with supply grants, and marketing grants, and if they need money to develop a website, we will help them out with that. We will dedicate a significant public art installation in June. The date is not set yet, but just so the audience knows, there is going to be a piece of public art hung over the intersection of Gay and High Streets. The artist's name is Janet Echelman, and the installation is the size of a football field. The best way to describe it is fish netting, but you will not be able to miss it, and you will be able to see it from the air; it is that substantial. The public will be invited to that. I have to mention the Arts Festival on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> on the bridges downtown and on both sides of the river. This is a free, wide-open event where we will have 225 artists. With the Commissioners' support, and joined by the City, we are going to do a public art plan and study for the county and the city this year. We are thrilled to be able to provide this. I spoke with all of the students at the reception prior to this and gave them all my business cards. This is an incredible county in which to be an artist. Even if you go away to college, when you come back, this is really the place to be to practice your art. There are so many opportunities for you here. You have my card, you can keep in touch with me, and I will help you find internships or whatever you want to pursue, inside and outside of the arts. I hope that if you do not go to college in Columbus, you do come back afterward. But again, I want to thank the Commissioners for the support, and I really want the public to hear that.

Commissioner O'Grady: The support is important. For me, it started because my wife served as a member on Mr. Katzenmeyer's board. My colleagues and I travel around the country and around the world, and we see public art everywhere we go. We come back and tell Mr. Katzenmeyer that we need to do more and do as much as we can with our public art. We invest in art because it is important, and we want Franklin County to be as significant in the arts community as we can possibly be. We are going to recognize each of the school districts separately. Then, we will ask the school official or teacher representing the district to step forward to the microphone and tell us more about these students and their art. Once all the students from that district are recognized, we will ask the students and school officials to join us in front of the dais for a picture.

<b>High School</b>	<b>Artist(s)</b>	<b>School Official (if present)</b>
Canal Winchester	Malea Cobb	Tracey Pearson
	Jolayajah Banks	Art Teacher
Groveport Madison	Godfred Frimpong	Jeremy Miller
	Gnination (Donald) Yeo	Art Teacher
Hamilton Township	Gavin Manion	Caitlyn Duncan
	Gabby Torres Carvajal	Communications Director
Reynoldsburg Summit Campus	Sophie Ndiaye	
	Lorelie Dunlap	
Upper Arlington	Greta Dixon	

<b>High School</b>	<b>Artist(s)</b>	<b>School Official (if present)</b>
Whitehall Yearling	Symia Ferguson	Sarah Hebdo
	Samantha Jenkins Ramos	Art Teacher
New Albany	Liam Otten	Jolitte Montague
	Demi Shostak	Art Teacher

Commissioner O’Grady: Another reason I love to do this is that when I was a kid, I was a jock. I did not have a creative bone in my body, and I still don’t. I started blooming later in life and didn’t become academically talented until I got a little older. But I have four kids, and they are all creative, and they are good athletes, especially my daughters. I have percussionists in my family, and I spend a lot of time at band performances and choir events. It has been wonderful to support the arts in so many different ways. It has also been great to have children who are so academically talented, because that was not me when I was a kid. I didn’t graduate from college right away; I went back to school as an adult. And when I did, I did very well, and graduated with honors, but it was as an adult. So, I love when we celebrate young people academically, athletically, and artistically because celebrating people’s success is a wonderful thing. To see the kind of talent that is in this room is amazing. I am blown away by the creative talent. Congratulations to all of you.

Commissioner Crawley: Congratulations to all of you and to your teachers and everyone who encourages you and your creativity, no matter what it looks like. If I was not in politics, I would be in fashion. Whether it is fashion, visual arts, theater, or musical arts, it is a form of self-expression. I applaud everyone who supports our youth in their creativity. I played the clarinet and the trumpet, and my great-aunt introduced me to other forms of art. She used to collect ceramic pieces and other artwork, which she had for decades. This job also allows me to be in a space where I can support other artists. I have been trying to get some transit art, and I have pieces from the Museum of Art. I am looking for some art to put on my walls from our youth, so I would love to display any pieces that you all might have. When I went to Brazil a couple of weeks ago, I took our *Art /Activism /Action* book, which highlights local artists who had paintings, portraits, and displays during the uprisings that were here. That was the highlight of the visit for the public officials in Curitiba and Rio. They want to learn more about our artists here in Franklin County. Your art can go anywhere and everywhere, and it will be celebrated. From my perspective, I love the fact that we at Franklin County continue to support the Greater Columbus Arts Council, as well as our youth and students and their creativity. Keep doing what you are doing, and good luck in your future endeavors.

Commissioner Boyce: There are two things that I want to add to what my colleagues have said. The first is that I am a finance person, and I think of everything in the sense of finance. There is what we call the “creative economy.” The creative economy is a big component of the ecosystem of our economy here in Central Ohio. All of you, in one way or another, contribute to a new legacy of art that is evolving right under our noses. I am really excited about what you represent. You are coming off the bench and taking the lead in this space, and that is what we are looking for.

Commissioner Boyce (cont.): I don't think of myself as being artistically talented, and I do not have a fashion sense, so I really want you to know that you have a gift. And that gift is blossoming at a pace you may not see today, but I am telling you that it is as valuable as the greatest scientists we recognize or someone in a hospital saving lives. I read a statistic about a year ago that said that America has been able to thrive not because we are the largest or most strategically placed country, geographically but because of our creativity that drives science and technology. That has made America a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Finally, I have a son who is in art school in Los Angeles. He clearly did not get that talent from me, but I have come to really appreciate that gift by seeing it in my own child. I want to encourage you to explore and embrace those creative itches. As one of your teachers was saying, one student likes to be very detailed and think about their art, while the other is very immediate and reactive. I love that. Thank you for being dedicated students. I am excited to see what the future has in store for all of you. And we all offer internships for college students, so maybe there will be an opportunity for you to return. We would love to follow you, and we ask that you stay in touch, and if there is an opportunity to intern with our offices, I would encourage you to do that.

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**Resolution No. 0124-23**, authorizing a consultant contract with Amplifire Strategic Communications for critical communications services related to the 2023 Property Reappraisal (\$50,000.00) (Auditor), presented by Michael Stinziano, Auditor, Auditor's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0124-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Establishing, altering, and widening of Rings Road, County Road No. 33, at Cosgray Road, County Road No. 39, Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

Commissioner O'Grady: I would like to open the Public Hearing. Would anyone like to speak regarding this Public Hearing? Seeing none, I will close the Public Hearing and have the Clerk read the resolution into the record.

**Resolution No. 0125-23**, establishing, altering, and widening of Rings Road, County Road No. 33, at Cosgray Road, County Road No. 39, Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0125-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0126-23**, authorizing a Contract to Galls, LLC for Sheriff's Deputy Uniforms and Accessories (\$604,179.90) (Sheriff), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0126-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0127-23**, authorizing grant agreements with the City of Columbus dba Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging and The Ohio State University to provide services and programming that will promote and support access to quality and relevant education for seniors in Franklin County (\$72,082.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0127-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0128-23**, authorizing grant agreements with Canal Winchester Human Services, Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resources Center, St. Stephen's Community House, and Upper Arlington Commission on Aging to provide services and programming that will facilitate and enhance the neighborhood and built environment for seniors in Franklin County (\$331,469.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0128-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0129-23**, authorizing a contract agreement with RAMA Consulting to administer culture assessment and team development services (\$30,000.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Director, Office on Aging.

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



Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0129-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

**Resolution No. 0130-23**, authorizing a grant contract between the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging and Franklin County Office on Aging for services under the National Family Caregiver Support Program (\$339,486.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0130-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0131-23**, approving forty-eight (48) contracts and one novation agreement for Senior Adult Day Services and Senior Home Support Services (\$5,500,000.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0131-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0132-23**, authorizing a IV-D contract with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (\$403,490.35) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0132-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0133-23**, authorizing the County Administrator to execute an agreement with Columbus Fashion Alliance to support programs and services that will support economic growth and support underrepresentation in the fashion industry (\$500,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, and Yohannan Terrell, Director, Columbus Fashion Alliance.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0133-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

**Resolution No. 0134-23**, authorizing the Assignment and Assumption Agreement of the Amended and Restated Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between Franklin County, DRCS Rail-Site 8, LLC and Columbus Rickenbacker Industrial, LLC (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 0134-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0135-23**, review of petition to annex 0.48 +/- acres from Mifflin Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-03-23 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0135-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0136-23**, to adjust the boundaries of Montgomery Township, thereby making them conform to the boundaries of the City of Columbus Case #ANX-04-23 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0136-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0137-23**, Working Agreement (the "Agreement") between Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District ("Franklin SWCD") and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners on behalf of Franklin County Economic Development & Planning Department (the "County") (\$54,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by James Schimmer, Director,

Economic Development and Planning, and Jennifer Fish, Director, Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District.

Mr. Schimmer and Ms. Fish reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0137-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0138-23**, authorizing a contract with Family Tree Landscaping and The Keller Group Limited to provide mowing and landscaping services at designated Franklin County Facilities and authorizing an amendment to increase the contract with R & S Halley and Company, Inc. DBA Darby Creek Nursery & Landscaping for snow removal services (\$400,000.00) (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 0138-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0139-23**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$3,490,371.64) (Purchasing), presented by Traci Mathew, Assistant Director, Purchasing, and Tameca Bumper, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

Ms. Mathew and Ms. Bumper reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0139-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0140-23**, of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters and to confer with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office concerning pending or imminent litigation (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0140-23, to convene into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official; and to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote, and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 10:51 A.M.

At 12:05 P.M., Commissioner Crawley moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Boyce, which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. No substantive action was taken upon exiting Executive Session, and with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 P.M.

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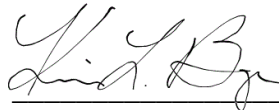
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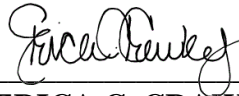
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**JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT**



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**KEVIN L. BOYCE**



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**ERICA C. CRAWLEY  
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