

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

March 21, 2023

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 21, 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 9:10 A.M.

Commissioner O'Grady: March is dedicated to Women's History Month. We are taking time this month to recognize and highlight key contributions American women have made in STEM, arts, aviation, and other fields. Today, we are honored to have Marci Howdyshell, COSI's Senior Director of Scientific Content and Research. She will highlight some of the nation's female pioneers in science. Ms. Howdyshell has a doctorate in physics from The Ohio State University and has been a principal leader behind COSI's Learning Lunchboxes. The Learning Lunchbox program brings themed science lessons and meals to disadvantaged youth. The program has been highly acclaimed, and it is something that the county proudly supports. Welcome, Ms. Howdyshell.

Marci Howdyshell, Senior Director of Scientific Content and Research, COSI: I am really happy to be here from COSI to share with you a little bit about women in STEM. But before I get to that, I want to talk about something called the "Draw a Scientist" test. This test is something that has been used by researchers starting in the late 1960s and early 1970s. These researchers would go into a classroom of students, have them get out a blank sheet of paper, and tell them to draw a scientist. The first of these studies was with roughly five thousand students; of all those drawings, 99.4% were drawings of men. This study taught us that gender stereotypes, specifically in the field of science, start at a really young age.

Ms. Howdysshell (cont.): We might tell ourselves that these results are not that surprising because this study was conducted in the 1970s, and we would expect the results to be different today. That is true; things are different today. Researchers have continued duplicating the “Draw a Scientist” test in classrooms. Nowadays, depending on the study, the average percentage of students who will draw a female scientist is about 28%. This is technically better than only 0.6% of students drawing a female scientist. We may be telling ourselves that the kids in these studies are young, and they will grow up and learn, but unfortunately, that is not always the case. In fact, high school students are less likely to draw a female scientist than kindergartners. These gender stereotypes are a big deal because they affect people’s perceptions of who can be in the field of science and who can be a STEM expert. Little girls may or may not see a place for themselves in the field, and gender stereotypes affect boys’ perceptions both now and in the future with their female colleagues. But there is some good news, and that is that we can change these perspectives. Oftentimes, we can do that with something as simple as exposure to diverse experts in STEM. So, with that, I want to share with you all some of my favorite women in STEM. Now, if you are thinking of historical women in STEM, I am guessing one of the first names that come to mind is Marie Curie. She was truly amazing. She was the first person ever to win two Nobel Prizes. Only four people in history have ever done that. But have you ever heard of Alice Ball? She was both the first woman and the first African American to graduate from the University of Hawaii. At the age of 23, she developed an effective treatment for leprosy. Have you heard of Mileva Maric? She was a physicist and a mathematician, and she worked closely with her husband on a number of physical theories. He is known to have said she was better at math than he was. You may not have heard of her, but you have probably heard of her husband, Albert Einstein. Women today are making history, too, and we at COSI want to celebrate and uplift the many amazing women in STEM. Women like Dr. Kathy Sullivan, who is a geologist, oceanographer, and former NASA astronaut who went to space three times. She is also a former President and CEO of COSI. Or women like Dr. Ayanna Howard, who is a scientist, engineer, and entrepreneur. She started her own tech company that built therapeutic robots to help kids with special needs. She is also the current Dean of the Ohio State University College of Engineering. There are so many amazing stories about women in STEM today, and I wish I could share more with you. I hope that I have encouraged you all to do a little bit of research on your own. You can get started with some of our COSI programs. We have an Emmy award-winning television show called *QED with Dr. B.* “Dr. B” is Dr. Frederic Bertley, President and CEO of COSI. On this show, we talk about cutting-edge science by interviewing leading experts in science. For example, on our artificial intelligence show, we interviewed Dr. Ayanna Howard. We have completed two seasons of this show, and you can access it to watch it for free on our website, cosi.org, or on YouTube. We also have a program called “The Color of Science,” which is about uplifting the stories of women, people of color, and other minorities in STEM fields. We do this in a number of ways. First, we interview these amazing people so that they can share their stories themselves. We also set up programs where high schoolers can come to COSI and meet the scientists. I want to point out that these programs I have mentioned are just as much for adults as for kids. The last program I want to share is the “Learning Lunchbox” program. This one is especially for the kids out there. The Learning Lunchbox program is a program that delivers free hands-on science kits to kids in need. Inside the kit are all of the supplies that you need to do the science activities, an explanation of all of the science, and a Color of Science Passport.

Ms. Howdyshell (cont.): Inside this passport are the pictures and stories of many diverse people in STEM fields so that kids can get exposure to the many different people in STEM fields. With that, I hope that I have motivated you all to check out some of our COSI programs and to share those programs with others to help us change the perceptions of who can be a scientist. I would also like to invite my colleagues to join me to share a few words, starting with Stephen White, COSI's Vice President of External Affairs.

Stephen White, Vice President of External Affairs, Strategic Initiatives, and Business Development, COSI: We have a philosophy at COSI that science is everywhere and for everyone, including amazing girls and women in STEM. Without the leadership and support that the Commissioners show COSI, we might not be able to do some of those programs that Dr. Howdyshell just discussed. I am going to turn it over to my colleague, Monica, to talk about an example of a program that we did just this past holiday season, in partnership with each of the Commissioners, around the Learning Lunchbox program.

Monica VanGundy, Manager of Local External Affairs and Public Policy, COSI: During the month of December, we were able to do two hugely impactful distributions within our community. The first was at COSI, where we partnered with non-profits across the county. Many of you who are in this room were able to stand there and meet our non-profit partners, and hand Learning Lunchboxes to them so they could get thousands of them distributed across the community and into so many different niche areas where we can make a big impact. The second distribution happened when we went down to the food bank. We had conversations and broke down barriers with families who did not speak English, but we were able to give them an opportunity to engage with STEM. It was during the holidays, too, so they were getting their holiday meals, and most of the Learning Lunchboxes were going to be under someone's Christmas tree. It meant a lot to know that we had the County's support and that we were able to do this alongside you. Thank you so much for making such a huge impact; it makes a big difference in these kids' lives.

Commissioner Boyce: I want to thank Dr. Bertly for his leadership at COSI. Historically, we have had great leaders at COSI, and it is always difficult to take things to the next level, but I definitely see that from this administration. Regarding Women's History Month, we have some pretty talented women here at Franklin County. We have made history twice in the last few years with women. I would like to make a suggestion that we find women from Central Ohio's history to highlight. I am interested in the women who have made Franklin County what it is today, and I would love to learn their stories. I love the story about Albert Einstein's wife, and it is not something that I knew before. It makes me wonder what stories about women we are missing in Franklin County's history. It is just a thought for any future engagements you have. I do not know if there are any scientific connections to women in Central Ohio, but I would love to hear about that in the future. That would be something cool for Franklin County residents to hear. Thank you so much for everything you represent and do at COSI. COSI was still over on Broad Street when I was a kid, and we took a field trip there every year in elementary school. It was the most exciting thing to go there and learn and experience COSI. COSI has definitely reinvented itself over the years and continues to do a great job of doing that. I love that you are focusing on women and women in science and history.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you so much, Dr. Howdysshell, for being here. And I would also like to thank Dr. Bertley for his leadership. I commend my colleagues for being the first to partner with COSI for the Learning Lunchboxes. I was in the legislature at the time, but because of the investment of the Franklin County Commissioners, I then got started with my partnership with COSI and delivered the lunchboxes to kids in the 26th House District, which is east and southeast Columbus. We distributed almost 1,200 Learning Lunchboxes in partnership with principals and teachers, as well as the Children's Hunger Alliance. When COVID happened, and we were making sure kids had lunch and healthy food options, there was a partnership where they got lunches and Learning Lunchboxes. I really appreciated COSI working with our local partners and me to provide those. Also, when I was in the legislature, I was able to sit on the controlling board at the time and approve dollars for COSI to partner with the Department of Education so that those Learning Lunchboxes could be made available across the state. I know my former colleagues have partnered with you all to deliver them since that time. I wanted to mention that because I love the Learning Lunchboxes. I happened to pass them out when there was a partnership with NASA and the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and those were really sweet. If people are unfamiliar with the lunch boxes, they have about five different projects in them, and it usually comes with a QR code that you can use to learn a lot more. If you do not have one or do not know about it, please reach out to COSI because they are absolutely wonderful. To Commissioner Boyce's point about highlighting someone local who has made history, Dr. Kristina Johnson, the first LGBT President of the Ohio State University, is an engineer, and she really champions STEM and STEAM, especially for girls. We sit on the Champions board for the Girl Scouts, as they are trying to expand their STEAM program for young girls. I just want to highlight that trailblazer. I also want to highlight some Black women that I didn't know of as a child and didn't learn about until the movie *Hidden Figures*. These women were the first Black managers at Langley, and they helped send John Glenn into orbit. They were mathematicians and computers. Their names were Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Dorothy Vaughan. I want to shout out Black women who lead in the STEAM fields and make history every single day. Again, thank you so much for all that you do for our kids at COSI and for ensuring that everyone has opportunities to learn about science and math and how they can learn and grow to be trailblazers.

Commissioner O'Grady: We appreciate you being here with us today. I remember being at Saint Stephen's Community Center and handing out lunchboxes to all of those kids and families. COSI has been in the fabric of our lives for a long time; we grew up with COSI and I raised my kids at COSI. Now, as a Commissioner, I get to help others raise their children at COSI. Thank you for helping us continue to share COSI with the community. And thank you for sharing the stories of the important work that is being done in the STEM fields, and for inspiring the next generation of women in STEM. Franklin County will have a Lunch and Learn this week, highlighting female trendsetters in technology and art. Demetrius Neely, Executive Director of the King Arts Complex, and Lisa Chambers, Executive Director of TECH CORPS, will be our guests for this hour-long discussion. Join us on Facebook for the live discussion Thursday, March 23, at noon. The web address is [Facebook.com/FranklinCountyBoardofCommissioners](https://www.facebook.com/FranklinCountyBoardofCommissioners).

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Approval of the minutes for the March 14, 2023, General Session; the March 2, 2023, Voting Session; and the March 9, 2023, Briefing Session. Commissioner Crawley moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0200-23, approving five contracts for mediation services (\$175,000.00) (Auditor), presented by P.R. Casey, Deputy Chief of Staff and General Counsel, Auditor.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0200-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0201-23, establishing, altering and widening of the Cosgray Road and Faust Ditch Drainage Improvement project, Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared 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 0201-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0202-23, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Kokosing Construction Company, Inc., for the 2023 Franklin County Resurfacing Program (\$2,126,005.60) (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 0202-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0203-23, preliminary allocation of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of Westerville (\$790,000.00) (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 0203-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0204-23, authorizing the execution of a Release of Easement for Storm Drainage Purposes to Bob Webb Woodhaven LLC, Franklin County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners), 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 0204-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0205-23, authorizing an amendment to the agreement with OARnet for switch-based internet services (\$105,180.00) (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Julie Lust, Chief Financial Officer, Data Center.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0205-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0206-23, authorizing a contract with CDW Government LLC for predictive wireless multiple site survey services (\$94,190.00) (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Julie Lust, Chief Financial Officer, Data Center.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0206-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0207-23, authorizing a contract with CBTS LLC (\$64,411.04) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by William Peltcs, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0207-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0208-23, authorizing a Subrecipient Agreement with Decker Construction Company to partially fund a Material Handling System Project (\$184,599.00) (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 0208-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0209-23, approving a second amendment to Service Agreement (Resolution 0691-21) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners ("County") and the Community Refugee & Immigration Services ("CRIS" or "Grantee") to provide translation and case management services for individuals impacted by COVID-19 in Franklin County (\$616,385.40) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Sierra Faris, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0209-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0210-23, approving a first amendment to Service Agreement(Resolution 0833-20) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners ("County") and Food for Good Thought ("Subrecipient" or "Grantee") to provide a Keep Working Program in Franklin County (\$50,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Sierra Faris, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0210-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0211-23, approving a first amendment to Service Agreement(Resolution 0989-21) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners ("County") and Food for Good Thought ("Subrecipient" or "Grantee") to provide a Keep Working Program in Franklin County (\$50,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Sierra Faris, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0211-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0212-23, approving a second amendment to Service Agreement (Resolution 0485-21) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners ("County") and Homes on the Hill ("HOTH" or "Grantee") to provide an Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Program for individuals impacted by COVID-19 in Franklin County (\$200,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Sierra Faris, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0212-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0213-23, approving a first amendment to Service Agreement (Resolution 0833-20) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners ("County") and LifeCare Alliance ("Subrecipient" or "Grantee") to provide a home repair program in Franklin County (\$100,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Sierra Faris, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0213-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0214-23, approving a first amendment to Service Agreement (Resolution 0989-21) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners ("County") and LifeCare Alliance ("Subrecipient" or "Grantee") to provide a home repair program in Franklin County (\$100,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Sierra Faris, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0214-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0215-23, approving a first amendment to Service Agreement (Resolution 0989-21) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners ("County") and LifeCare Alliance to

provide a nutrition and IMPACT safety program in Franklin County (\$40,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Sierra Faris, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0215-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0216-23, approving a first amendment to Service Agreement (Resolution 0818-19) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners ("County") and the Mid-Ohio Board for an Independent Living Environment ("MOBILE") to provide a hearing enhancement equipment and ramp installation program in Franklin County (\$25,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Sierra Faris, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0216-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0217-23, approving a first amendment to Service Agreement (Resolution 0833-20) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners ("County") and the Mid-Ohio Board for an Independent Living Environment ("MOBILE") to provide a hearing enhancement equipment and ramp installation program in Franklin County (\$25,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Sierra Faris, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0217-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0218-23, approving a first amendment to Service Agreement (Resolution 0818-19) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners ("County") and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission ("MORPC" or "Grantee") to provide a home repair program in Franklin County (\$800,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Sierra Faris, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0218-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0219-23, approving a first amendment to Service Agreement (Resolution 0833-20) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (“County”) and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (“MORPC” or “Grantee”) to provide a home repair program in Franklin County (\$800,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Sierra Faris, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0219-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0220-23, approving a first amendment to Service Agreement (Resolution 0989-21) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (“County”) and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (“MORPC” or “Grantee”) to provide a home repair program in Franklin County (\$925,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Sierra Faris, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0220-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0221-23, approving a first amendment to Service Agreement (Resolution 0833-20) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (“County”) and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (“MORPC” or “Grantee”) to provide a Housing Advisory Board program in Franklin County (\$20,500.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Sierra Faris, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0221-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0222-23, review of petition to annex 7.80 +/- acres from Norwich Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-05-23 (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 O'Grady: Since this is an expedited type 2 annexation, and our Clerk has received three speaker slips from our neighbors who wish to speak against the resolution, and there is a concern related to possible future use of the property, I wanted to make sure that we made clear what the Board's responsibilities are in this scenario. I want everyone to know that I am also a neighbor; I live just down the street from this piece of property. The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides no authority to the county to consider possible future land use when acting on type 2 annexations. The annexation petition in question meets all ORC statutory requirements and was filed on February 13, 2023. The ORC requires the Commissioners to act on petitions between 30 and 45 days from the filing date, and March 21 is 36 days from the petition's filing date. The ORC requires the county to grant a petition if statutory requirements are satisfied. It is ultimately the decision of the municipalities whether to accept an annexation. This is all to say that we really have no authority in this matter. It is incumbent upon us to act on this matter. While we hear these annexations regularly, the City of Columbus is where residents will ultimately need to make their comments. We will definitely hear from you this morning, but first, I will let Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel speak to this.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office: I think the President of the Board of Commissioners spoke well and accurately regarding this process, but I also think it is very important for the speakers to understand that there is a secondary process in which you will be able to participate, as it relates to zoning. I think you spoke to Mr. Mentel about that today. At that subsequent hearing, you will be able to present your concerns regarding the development and plans. This body is not statutorily permitted to control that piece; this Board is very limited in this matter. If there had been an error in the process that is laid out by the statute, this Board could either vote no or table the matter until the process was corrected, but in this case, no errors were found.

Holly Hollingsworth, 4835 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43221, spoke in opposition to the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce: Ms. Hollingsworth, have you interacted or communicated with the folks purchasing or annexing the land?

Ms. Hollingsworth: I placed a call to Mr. Mentel about a week and a half ago, and we just met today for the first time. I am looking forward to talking to him more in the future.

Steve Bidlack, 3617 Mullgrove Court, Columbus, Ohio 43221; and Charles Toland, 4298 Shire Landing Road, Hilliard, Ohio 43026, spoke in opposition to the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady: Can Ms. Hummer clarify the question raised about the date the annexation petition was filed and clarify the Board's authority?

Ms. Hummer: To the first point, one of the speakers believes there is an error in the date in the WHEREAS clause. It is very important to recognize that WHEREAS clauses are not the statutory judgment of the Board of Commissioners; rather, these clauses provide background. But, for the purposes of the WHEREAS clause in question, the date provided is the date of journalization by the Clerk. This date is correctly stated in the proposed resolution. It was journalized on February 23, 2023, and it was filed on February 13, 2023. Again, this Board's authority is limited to what is set forth in the statute. That is to make sure that all of the elements, as stated in the second WHEREAS clause of this resolution, have been met. You have received information from Economic Development and Planning that all those elements have been met and confirmed.

Commissioner Boyce: I want to thank the residents for coming here today. I always firmly believe that your communication and engagement with us does help us in the process. There are a couple of things in the ORC that we should bring to the attention of the General Assembly when we have these opportunities. Your neighborhood is your world, and I understand how passionate you are about the impacts of this. All of your concerns are legitimate, but there are some that stand out to me: environmental impacts, closely working with the developer, compatibility, accessibility, and walkability. The process certainly needs to be updated. We believe that neighbors have a voice as part of our value set. Your neighborhood and community are important, and hearing from you is important. But we have to stick to the process that we have been provided. We often go through these types of processes that we know need to be updated, but we are not the entity that has the authority to update or adjust the process, and that is what Ms. Hummer is stating. I would like to say to the developer's representative that I would ask and encourage you to work closely with the residents. No matter what the use of the land will be, in order for it to be successful, it has to be a part of whatever community it is within or next to. Do the best you can to be a good corporate citizen. We encourage Good Neighbor Agreements, which may not be part of the actual development project, but it is something that says that the developer will be thoughtful about the concerns that the neighbors raise. I think that is a fair ask.

Commissioner O'Grady: I live down the street from this project, and I have heard from neighbors about it. I will certainly be paying attention. I appreciate the comments that Ms. Hollingsworth made about her interests and desire to have a conversation and be a part of the conversation going forward.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0222-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0223-23, review of petition to annex 5.511 +/- acres from Plain Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-08-23 (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 0223-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0224-23, review of petition to annex 3.8 +/- acres from Plain Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-09-23 (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 0224-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0225-23, authorizing disposition of personal property, including motor vehicles and equipment, that are no longer needed for public use, are obsolete, or are unfit for the use it was acquired, and authorizing the Director of Fleet Management to dispose of said items by transferring title to other governmental agencies in Ohio, by internet auction, or selling as salvage (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0225-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0226-23, approving a COVID-19 Recovery Grant subaward with Goodwill Industries of Central Ohio Inc. for the Roads2Work workforce training program (\$1,769,696.74) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services, and Jennifer Marshall, Senior Vice President, Mission and Impact Strategy, Goodwill Columbus.

Ms. Turner and Ms. Marshall reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0226-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0227-23, approving a subaward agreement with the Columbus Urban League for the Reentry HUB program (\$200,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Turner information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0227-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0228-23, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,817,765.16) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Tameca Bumper, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0228-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0229-23, accepting the amended amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission for collection in calendar year 2023 and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0229-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0230-23, appointing Commissioner Erica C. Crawley to serve as the alternate for the President of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to the Franklin County District Advisory Council. (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren Graessle, Deputy Clerk and Assistant Director of Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0230-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0231-23, of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0231-23, to convene into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote, and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 10:33 A.M.

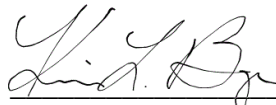
At 11:40 A.M., Commissioner Crawley moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Boyce, which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. No substantive action was taken upon exiting Executive Session, and with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



KEVIN L. BOYCE



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

Submitted by:



Lauren M. Graessle

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