

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

April 30, 2024

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

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

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel; 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 Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

Commissioner Boyce: Good morning, everyone, and welcome to General Session for April 30th, 2024. As we close National County Government Month, Franklin County continues working for every resident every day. Last week, we were very pleased to release this year's annual State of the County report, which you can find at: *Report.FranklinCountyOhio.Gov*. It highlights some of our successes from 2023, and our priorities for the year ahead.

Also, there's still more to look forward to as we wrap up National County Government Month: we'll have a Commissioner Connection newsletter and a new episode of the Talk of the County podcast out later this week. This week's episode features our panel discussion from the State of the County luncheon in which we talked about this board's work as equity champions and what we see as the future of diversity, equity, and inclusion. You don't want to miss it; you can find it wherever you get your podcasts later this week. It was our 2nd luncheon State of the County, and we were able to have a great discussion. Moreover, it was the 9th State of the County Report, and it is thrilling because it allows us to illustrate or highlight some of the great work that folks do that represents Franklin County for our residents every day. That is not just a slogan. We do take that very seriously, and I think it shows in the work. The other part, and I know Commissioner Crawley agrees with me on this, is also our opportunity to listen and engage with the community. While people may attend the luncheon, we encourage you to write or call and tell us your ideas, thoughts,

and concerns. I can assure you that the things you share with us as the public are taken seriously as we make decisions every day.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you. To your point, we are always here listening. We love the feedback and love to know what we are doing well and what we can do more of, as well as the criticisms and critiques. We can improve, serve our neighbors better, and always evolve to do more. For those who are listening to or catching this on YouTube, I have been saying this a lot lately, and at the luncheon, we want to see people show up. What we see in the audience is county staff or individuals here for us to pass resolutions, but this is open to the public. We work for you. We would love for you to come to the General Session, see you in Briefing, and provide feedback on the resolutions we pass. I want to say that the other thing we saw at the luncheon is the recognition of our community partners. We continue to move the county forward, but we cannot move the county forward without our county organizations, and several organizations are doing good work for the community and the people. I wish we could honor so many more, but that is why we need the county luncheon. We had more people attend the county luncheon than last year, and we would like to see that grow each year. Also, to acknowledge our outstanding staff that exemplifies public service. We will continue to recognize outstanding staff throughout the year. Thank you for all that you do.

Commissioner Boyce: Happy County Government Month.

**Resolution No. 0341-24**, authorizing a contract with Affiliated Resource Group, Inc. consultant, to provide expert knowledge and services to support multiple information system initiatives (\$69,825.00) (Engineer) presented by Brad Foster, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0341-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0342-24**, CTL Engineering, Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer with construction inspection services for improvements on Alton & Darby Creek Road 1.88 over Clover Groff Run Improvement project, Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$161,928.00), presented by Brad Forster, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0342-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0343-24**, The Courtyards on Riverside Phase 2 & 3 accepted for public maintenance and shall become part of the Perry Township Road System, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0343-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0344-24**, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a Settlement and Release Agreement for the settlement of claims related to personnel matters for less than \$40,000 for the period of April 30 to May 6, 2024 (Prosecuting Attorney), presented by Theresa Dean, Deputy Director Labor and Employment, Prosecutor's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0344-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0345-24**, authorizing an agreement addendum between the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and NASPO ValuePoint to purchase printers for our Corrections Facility (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 0345-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

//

**Resolution No. 0347-24**, authorizing a contract with MAPSYS, Inc. to provide requested support and maintenance to the Franklin County Treasurer System (\$120,000.00) (Treasurer), presented by Jaclyn Treadwell, Investments & Cash Management Officer, Treasurer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0347-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0348-24**, authorizing a supplemental contract with CDW Government LLC for CrowdStrike cybersecurity, antivirus, and ransomware protection services (\$150,387.78) (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 0348-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0349-24**, authorizing grant agreements with The Ohio State University that will provide services and programming in order to promote and support access to the Social Determinants of Health for seniors in Franklin County (\$203,364.39) (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 0349-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0350-24**, authorizing a contract agreement with Scott Q Consulting, LLC. to provide project management consulting services (\$176,000.00) (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 0350-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0351-24**, authorizing an agreement with eleven (11) Providers for General Minor Home Repair Services (\$2,800,000.00) (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 0351-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0352-24**, authorizing a supplemental contract with The Whitestone Group, Inc. for security services (\$360,000.00) (Animal Control), presented by April Ricciardo, Assistant Director, Animal Control.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0352-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

//

**Resolution No. 0346-24**, accepting the proposals for the processing of payments using a financial transaction device (Treasurer), presented by Dusten Kohlhorst, IT Director, Treasurer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0346-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

//

**Resolution No. 0353-24**, authorizing the County Administrator to execute an agreement with Freedom Equity, Inc. to promote equity for small businesses by providing low-interest microloans to minority-owned businesses (\$1,500,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Damika Withers, Director, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and guest, J. Averi Frost, Executive Director, Freedom Equity.

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

*Commissioner Crawley asked how many microloans were provided in the county during the last investment cycle.*

*J. Averi Frost, Executive Director, Freedom Equity, advised that since lending was initiated in March 2023, \$1.4 million in loans were provided, of which \$300,000 were provided of county dollars.*

*Commissioner Crawley asked how many businesses received loans.*

*Ms. Frost advised that they served 37 businesses, creating or retaining 120 jobs, and touched over 500 businesses in 2023, with different technical assistance and resource navigation.*

*Commissioner Crawley asked if they created a report and noted that she would like to see how it compares to how many awardees are new businesses, how many were in business, and how many expanded capacities, based on the support of the Community Development Financial Institution [CDFI]. Commissioner Crawley advised that she would like to see some of those numbers. Ms. Frost agreed to provide that report.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0353-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commission Boyce abstaining.

**Resolution No. 0354-24**, authorizing the County Administrator to execute an agreement with Columbus Fashion Council support their flagship program initiatives that will support economic growth and support underrepresentation in the fashion industry (\$125,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Damika Withers, Director, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and guest, Keira Chapman, Executive Director, Columbus Fashion Council.

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

*Keira Chapman, Executive Director, Columbus Fashion Council, thanked the commissioners for their support last year and advised that this is the 15th year of the Columbus Fashion Council. Ms. Chapman noted that Columbus is the 3rd largest city for fashion design and wants to ensure the designers stay in Columbus.*

*Commissioner Crawley thanked Ms. Withers for bringing this resolution forward, noting her support. Commissioner Crawley noted last year was the first year the county supported the fashion council and understands how this benefits the economy and keeps designers here and is looking forward to attending and participating in different ways.*

*Commissioner O'Grady noted that fashion is an expression of art, but it is a great economic development initiative and investment and recalls that last year was the first time the county made this type of investment and hopes to continue this type of investment.*

*Commissioner Boyce added that this focuses on the economy. Noting that with Central Ohio growing, having a third-ranked national fashion hub speaks more to the trajectory of the county than where we are today. Commissioner Boyce added that the corporate history of fashion is obvious and clear in Franklin County and progressing to define Central Ohio.*

*Keira Chapman, Executive Director, Columbus Fashion Council, added that after graduating from Akron, she majored in fashion merchandising and theatre. She moved to*

*New York because opportunities outside of corporate [fashion] did not exist, but she moved back to Columbus when she noticed the fashion industry changing.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0354-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0355-24**, authorizing the County Administrator to execute an agreement with The State of Ohio Collective to support the Ohio Black Expo Culture Fest and Convention (\$196,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Damika Withers, Director, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and guest, Sherri Hamilton, President and CEO, Ohio Black Expo.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0355-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0356-24**, authorizing an Economic Development Grant Agreement with Rev1 Ventures for support of the Entrepreneurial Services Provider Program (\$300,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, and guest, Kristy Campbell, Executive Vice-President and COO, Rev1 Ventures.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0356-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0357-24**, approving a COVID-19 Recovery Grant subaward amendment with Creating Central Ohio Futures for the Building and Driving Futures Workforce Training Programs (an increase of \$559,413.76) (\$5,375,073.04) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

*Commissioner O'Grady noted that the program has 15 participants, but it needs to be reviewed.*

*Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator, advised that this is an extension to ensure that the program can get individuals in the pipeline and go through soft-skills training and the need*

*to get participants into a commercial driving program. Administrator Wilson added that new provisions will be added to the agreement going forward.*

*Nana Watson, President, Creating Central Ohio Futures Board, thanked the commissioners for their continued support. Noting that this agency is the flagship, and on behalf of the participants in the program thanked the commissioners for their continued support.*

*Commissioner Boyce added there has been discussions about the production of minorities into apprenticeship programs by The Building Trades and, going forward, the need to get this program in order in terms of how it is constructed but wanted to add a layer of emphasis on tracking the transition of pre-apprenticeship participants into apprenticeships programs into journeymen status. Commissioner Boyce added the amount of funds invested by the commissioners in The Building Trades to create more diversity. He requested to see those numbers and asked those trade entities to see where the program stands.*

*Commissioner Crawley thanked President Nana Watson for trying to steady the ship and wanted to highlight that Building Futures Trades and Driving Futures are county programs that started in the county. Commissioner Crawley noted that even with these county-created programs, they are making sure they are programs of excellence, putting people on a path to success and being sustainable for themselves and their families. Commissioner Crawley added that The Trades historically have not been welcoming to minorities and women, and these programs were a way to mitigate some of that.*

*Commissioner Boyce added that the Building Trades must embrace diversification and inclusion, and it is the commissioners' duty to track the numbers and hold the programs accountable for its goals. Commissioner Boyce noted that the programs' concepts are valid, but they must evolve or transition to the next stage to make it legitimate and validate the long-term investment.*

*Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator, noted the new provisions to the contract amendment. Provision 4, where the sub-recipient creating Central Ohio Futures shall allow the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to monitor DEI efforts of the program; and Provision 5, to provide the county with data progression statistics as required and requested by the County Administrator.*

*Commissioner Boyce noted that funding should be contingent upon performance, and that is the standard by which agencies are held and added the need to hold partners accountable.*

*Commissioner O'Grady asked if this was a 120-day continuation. County Administrator Wilson noted that it was a 120-day extension, with conditions.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0357-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.



**Resolution No. 0358-24**, authorizing the Franklin County Administrator to execute Pre-Award Conditions and a Subgrant Award Agreement in receipt of an FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (\$30,559.86) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson, Deputy Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0358-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0359-24**, authorizing eight subgrant awards for community-based services for individuals diverted from the prison system and/or at high risk for future criminal justice involvement under the FY 2024 Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison (TCAP) grant program (\$947,445.08) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson, Deputy Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0359-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0360-24**, authorizing a subgrant award to the Derrick L. Owens Group, LLC to implement a warrant recall tap in center under the FY2023 Justice Assistance Grant (\$100,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson, Deputy Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

*Commissioner Crawley noted that the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Racial Core Justice Initiative, which is a two-year fellowship, working with commissioners and supervisors throughout the country to look at racial disparities in the criminal justice system, and because of NACo and the initiative, she would not have gone to St. Louis last year and learned about the Tap In Center. Commissioner Crawley spoke about how this program will be a diversion from jail and noted that most of the people diverted from jail in St. Louis, Missouri, were Black men.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0360-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0361-24**, authorizing a Contract with Mark Andy Print Products to provide a plate maker unit and software solutions for the Franklin County Printshop (\$111,044.00) (Purchasing), presented by Traci Mathew, Assistant Director, Purchasing Department.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0361-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0362-24**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,761,214.31) (Purchasing), presented by Traci Mathew, Assistant Director, Purchasing Department, and Damika Withers, Director, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0362-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0363-24**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$7,400,065.00) (Purchasing), presented by Traci Mathew, Assistant Director, Purchasing Department.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0363-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

**Resolution No. 0364-24**, authorizing an application U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kevin Pangrace, Director, Government Affairs, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0364-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0365-24**, reappointing Kenneth N. Wilson to the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren M. Graessle, 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 0365-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0366-24**, reappointing Dr. Jill Clark to the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren M. Graessle, 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 0366-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0367-24**, reappointing Joseph A. Lombardi to the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren M. Graessle, 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 0367-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0368-24**, reappointing Elizabeth Power Kessler to the Columbus Regional Airport Authority Board of Directors (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren M. Graessle, 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 0368-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0369-24**, reappointing Tiffany Hunt to the Franklin County Children Services Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren M. Graessle, 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 0369-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0370-24**, reappointing Rev. Dr. Michael R. Bean, Sr. to the Franklin County Children Services Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren M. Graessle, 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 0370-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0371-24**, reappointing Andy Keller to the Community Shelter Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren M. Graessle, 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 0371-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0372-24**, 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 0372-24, 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 O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote, and the commissioners convened into Executive Session at 10:12 A.M.

At 11:05 A.M., Commissioner Crawley moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady, 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 11:05 A.M.

//

**(Signature Page Follows)**

These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

---

**KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT**



---

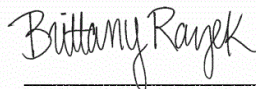
**JOHN O'GRADY**



---

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

Submitted by:



---

Brittany A. Razek,  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

//mkk