

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

May 2, 2023

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Present were: John O'Grady, President
Kevin L. Boyce, 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 9:11 A.M.

Commissioner O'Grady: I hope everyone had a chance to see the 2023 State of the County report we issued last week and, hopefully, attended the great State of the County Luncheon. If not, please be sure to check it out at Report.FranklinCountyOhio.gov.

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Commissioner O'Grady: We are also recognizing National Small Business Week. Entities across the country recognize the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs, small business owners, and workers. Here from the U.S. Small Business Administration to tell us a bit more about National Small Business Week is Great Lakes Regional Administrator, Geri Aglipay, and some members of her team. Welcome, Administrator Aglipay.

Geri Sanchez Aglipay, Region V Administrator, Great Lakes, U.S. Small Business Administration: Happy Small Business Week! This is the most important week of the year for the U.S. Small Business Administration. I would like my team from the Columbus District office to join me at the podium: Everett Woodel, Jr., District Director; and Terry Bolden, Deputy District Director. They lead up a wonderful team that supports small businesses. We are proud to support small businesses in Franklin County and thank you for the proclamation to celebrate small businesses.

Ms. Aglipay (cont.): The spotlight for 2023 is the resiliency of small businesses over the last three years. They have powered our nation's economy and built it back up from the bottom up and from the middle out. Small businesses account for two out of every three jobs created in this country, and they also create income and build wealth for their employees and the community. I applaud the Franklin County Commissioners for recognizing small businesses' role in developing Franklin County's infrastructure. These businesses are helping us to rebuild and recover. Along with our partners, such as the Small Business Development Centers, the Veterans Business Outreach Centers, the Women's Business Centers, and the SBA lenders, we are working with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to ensure that businesses start, grow, thrive, and recover well from disasters. Thank you for your support.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you so much for being here. I am a small business owner and have had SBA loans. I know the value that they create for small businesses. They create jobs and allow people with good ideas and great skills, talents, or resources to flourish. You said, "start, grow, and thrive," and I think that sums up what a small business needs to impact the community. National Small Business Week is important on many levels, and we believe in that here in Franklin County. We invest in small businesses through our Office of Economic Development and Planning. We always try to think strategically about it. I know Commissioner O'Grady was a catalyst to get the County to make those kinds of investments, and it stuck, and that has really made a difference. We value this, and we see you as a partner. Let's think of more ways we can work together to distribute the resources of the SBA to small businesses.

Ms. Aglipay: Thank you, Commissioner. We look forward to a continued partnership with you, as we had during COVID and the American Rescue Plan dollars that the County invested to support small businesses. We want to continue to partner with you to reach even more small businesses and help them grow.

Commissioner O'Grady: It is appropriate that we have young student-athletes with us today for this presentation. We will be recognizing them for their state championship wins later in the session. While we will be celebrating them for their athletic accomplishments, we also want to stress that these accomplishments should not be the most celebrated times of their lives. They have bright futures ahead of them, and the championships that they are here to celebrate should act as a springboard to better things that will come in their lives. Maybe that future means owning a small business, becoming a lawyer or doctor, opening a bank, running for office, or impacting their community in some way. The hard work they have put into becoming the state champions they are today will pay off in the future. There are a lot of different types of small businesses out there. Maybe it is a restaurant, like the one that I owned. Maybe it is a bank, like the one that Commissioner Boyce owns. Maybe it is a law practice or a doctor's office; you never know. I think it is appropriate that we are here with our friends from the Small Business Administration, and the students get to see how we partner with them in helping all of the small businesses they deal with daily. We appreciate you being here this morning, and we have a resolution to present to you.

Ms. Aglipay: For the young people in the room, remember that with the County and the Small Business Administration, you can access free and confidential counseling at any time, as well as affordable funding to help start your business. You can become a small business owner in many ways, and the Small Business Administration is always here to provide you with help at no cost.

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Commissioner O'Grady: Every season, my colleagues and I recognize the state-champion athletes from Franklin County and surrounding high schools. We have been doing this for several years now. In high school, I was on a state championship team, and Columbus City Council brought us downtown and recognized us. That impacted me, so when I became a County Commissioner, I decided we should do the same thing. This is my fifteenth year as a Commissioner, so we have been doing this for a long time with the help of the Greater Columbus Sports Commission and the Ohio High School Athletic Association. We also recognize artists and scholars from the various school districts, because we want to ensure we are recognizing students who are gifted athletically, academically, and artistically. We want to welcome the athletes, coaches, friends, and family members with us this morning to celebrate our state-champion athletes. To kick things off, I want to welcome our good friends, Linda Logan, Executive Director of the Greater Columbus Sports Commission, and Doug Ute, Executive Director of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Linda Logan, Executive Director, Greater Columbus Sports Commission, and Doug Ute, Executive Director, Ohio High School Athletic Association, offered brief remarks.

Commissioner Boyce: To Linda and Doug, thank you so much for what you do to bring these athletes to us so that we can give them the recognition they deserve. To the athletes, parents, and coaches who are here, congratulations on such tremendous accomplishments. I was never a state champion but a decent enough athlete to play Division I college sports. The accomplishment that you have made is unique, and it is something that you can cherish for the rest of your lives. As Commissioner O'Grady said, do not make this your most important accomplishment in life. The things you learn on the field or court, or in the match or meet, transfer in life. There will be positive contributions to your workplace, your community, and your family that result from the lessons you have learned in athletic competition. In sports, you learn about teamwork, punctuality, and adversity, which are life lessons that translate. I believe your experiences and accomplishments uniquely put you in a position to do well in life, and I am absolutely confident you will. As I mentioned, I was never a state champion, but my son was, and he always reminds me of that. I enjoyed watching him do it, and to see all of you do it, as well, and know how big of a deal that is, is special. Ohio is a big state; we are the seventh largest state. There are a lot of high schools in Ohio, and no matter what division you are in, you are the best in the state of Ohio, and that says something. And you did not just wake up one day and were automatically the best. You earned it; you worked for it. And that is what life is all about. Congratulations to all of you, and I want to encourage you on your continued success and future endeavors. God bless you all.

Commissioner O'Grady: I want to say one final thing before we begin the recognitions. You did not get here by yourselves. You got here because your parents took you to all of those practices, woke up early and waited late a lot of times, drove you to get the equipment you needed, and took you to the emergency room when you were injured. Your parents, siblings, and families have been your biggest supporters for years. Remember to thank all of them. With that, I will announce your school and sport, and at that time, I invite the coach and athletes to come up to the podium to say a few words. Introduce yourselves and your team, and share some highlights from the season. If you are a senior, we would like you to tell us about your future plans. When you are done, we will get a quick photo.

School	Sport	Athlete(s)	Coach(es)
Bishop Hartley	Boys Wrestling	Dylan Newsome	Bob Toy
Bishop Watterson	Boys Wrestling	Joe Curry Mitchell Younger	Felix Catheline
Columbus Africentric	Girls Basketball	Team	Janicia Anderson
Saint Francis DeSales	Boys Wrestling	David McClelland Max Shulaw	Collin Palmer
Dublin Coffman	Girls Swimming	Emily Brown	Mark Birnbrich
	Boys Wrestling	Omar Ayoub e'Than Birden	e'Than Birden, Sr.
Dublin Jerome	Girls Swimming	Milly Leonard Zoe Musselman Libby Grether Olivia Matson	Jordan Gundlach
Grandview Heights	Girls Swimming	Carrie Furbee	Susan Ferguson
New Albany	Girls Swimming	Carly Meeting	John Coffman
Olentangy Liberty	Boys Ice Hockey	Team	Kevin Alexander
	Boys Wrestling	Dylan Russo	Mark Marinelli
	Boys Swimming	Hudson Williams	Darin Meeker (AD)

School	Sport	Athlete(s)	Coach(es)
Upper Arlington	Boys Swimming	Grant Gooding	Not Present

Girls Swimming	Ava Snider	Not Present
	McCall Freiburger	
	Hayden Hollingsworth	
	Ashton Mumaw	
	Lizzie Oliphant	
	Emmy Campbell	

Westerville Central	Boys Swimming	Chase Swearingen	Matt Long
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Resolution No. 0352-23, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Double Z Construction Company, for the 2023 General Bridge Maintenance (\$574,481.80) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

Mr. Robertson: Before I begin, I want to say that I have attended and presented at General Sessions for many years. I really appreciate the recognition you give our youth. I am inspired every time I attend these types of General Sessions and hear the young folks speak about what they have done and their appreciation for their parents and coaches. Many are scholar-athletes, and that is hard to do. It is so difficult to be a state champion and then also to be a student who makes good grades; that is very impressive and inspirational. Thank you for doing this.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0352-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0353-23, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Enviro-Construction Company, LLC. for the Cook Tri-County Ditch Drainage Improvement Project (\$369,862.19) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0353-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0354-23, approving the settlement legal claims and authorizing the County Administrator to execute a Settlement Agreement and Release (\$65,000.00) (Prosecuting Attorney), presented by Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0354-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0355-23, recommending a proposal submitted by BPSH LLC d/b/a Bluefin Payment Systems LLC as a processor of financial transaction devices for use with PetPoint, a case management system used by the Franklin County Department of Animal Care and Control (Treasurer), presented by Dusten Kohlhorst, Information Technology Director, Treasurer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0355-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0357-23, review of petition to annex 30.702 +/- acres from Madison Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-14-23 (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0357-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0358-23, review of petition to annex 63.851 +/- acres from Madison Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-15-23 (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0358-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0359-23, authorizing a contract with Alvis Inc. for the implementation of the Oasis Recovery Housing Program for justice involved males with identified substance use disorders who are preparing for release from incarceration (\$205,415.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0359-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0360-23, authorizing the County Administrator to perform certain administrative functions (Human Resources), presented by Sue Hamilton, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0360-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0361-23, approving purchases for various Franklin County Agencies (\$5,644,731.67) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0361-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0362-23, authorizing appropriations adjustments in the Risk Management Fund related to liability to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System related to employees of the Franklin County Public Defender’s Office (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0362-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0363-23, authorizing support to Franklin County Public Health for a Comprehensive Tobacco Cessation Education and Awareness Campaign (\$250,000.00) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, and Joe Mazzola, Health Commissioner, Franklin County Public Health.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0363-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read one (1) journalization into the record:

Case #ANX-22-23, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-22-23, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on April 20, 2023. The petition is requesting to annex 2.3-acres from Mifflin Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on May 23, 2023. Site: 2897 Johnstown Road, PID #190-003117.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



KEVIN L. BOYCE

**ERICA C. CRAWLEY
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FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



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