

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

May 14, 2024

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 14, 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; Jesse Armstrong, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney; and Toya Williams, Executive Assistant, County Administration.

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Commissioner Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

Commissioner Boyce: Good morning, and welcome to our General Session meeting for May 14th. We have a packed house today, and that is always exciting. Before we get into the regular agenda, we have several special guests with us today. As you may know, this is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, which is an annual opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the important role that Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have played in our shared history. Here to help us recognize the occasion is Dr. Yung-Chen Lu, founder of the Columbus Asian Festival, which will be celebrated later this month on May 25th and 26th. Welcome, Dr. Lu. I was talking to him earlier, and he mentioned it has been 30 years, and it has been an incredible experience. I am not sure I have been there every year for the past 30 years, but I am sure I have made just about every one of those. It is always a splendid celebration of the representation of the community. Dr. Lu, welcome to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

Dr. Lu, Founder, Columbus Asian Festival: Thank you, thank you so much for inviting me to share some thoughts with you. In fact, I am the founder of the Asian Festival on July 25, 1994. It is our 30th anniversary. We are really trying to put Franklin County, the City of Columbus, on the map with 30 years of hard work. I think we have accomplished that. I am proud to share with you how it started. When I founded the Asian Festival on July 25, 1994, my idea was to try to get all the

Asian groups active to do something together. Eventually, we accomplished that together, as a family. So, we called it the Asian Festival Family in Central Ohio. That is the beginning. I had two visions. Number one, showcase the Asian culture and heritage to the general public; we are not charging anyone a penny. Secondly, we want to pay back to the community and to society for free health screening. We do the screening during the two days of the festival. Every year, we screen 550 people to show that they are normal. When they are not normal, I have an Asian free clinic for them to go to. This is the beginning of my community service. It really started on February 5, 1994, with the support of the Lifecare Alliance, and we started the Asian meal program. With the success of the meal program, I dared to start the Asian Festival. Now, to make the story short, not only did I start the meal program and the Asian Festival, but on June 2, 1997, I started the Asian Free Clinic. After that, I proposed to the Asian leaders in Ohio to establish the Ohio Asian American Health Coalition. Finally, in 2010, I established an organization, the Ohio Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Council to the governor. Unfortunately, as of today, that one is expended. My dream is to get an Asian Commission because we have all kinds of commissions, but we do not have an Asian commission. The population is small; however, we are trying hard to do everything we can to serve the Asian community and the community at large. We are doing things to help people in general. With that said, I will share with you that this weekend is our Dragon race. It is an exciting event, and if you have time, please come to Bicentennial Park to see the race from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. this coming Sunday and our festival, May 25-26, in Franklin Park. We have a free event for you. All kinds of food and performances. We have two groups from China flying to Columbus to share with the general public. You will be thrilled to learn what we can do. Thank you so much. I really appreciate your invitation.

Commissioner O'Grady: Thank you, Dr. Lu. This is a wonderful event that you put together, and we appreciate all you do on behalf of Franklin County and to highlight the Asian community and the work you are doing in Central Ohio, thank you. We hope to be there.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you, Dr. Lu, for establishing the festival, and thank you for all you do for this community for those who are of Asian descent or Pacific Islander. We talk about Franklin County being an inclusive county and welcoming county, but I think if you go to the festival, and if you have never gone, please go. It is fun and exciting. You get to see different things being showcased from your community, different heritages. It is an exciting time. I won't be able to make it this time; I will be out of town, but maybe on Sunday, I will be able to see the boat race.

Dr. Lu: Thank you so much, Commissioner Crawley. Not only are you going to enjoy food and performance, but we also have a children's tent. When they get in the tent, they never want to get out. We have games for them. We have Asian games and a career fair. To answer your question, I have one word "education." If you come and spend some time, you will learn, and I think that is the purpose. I am a Professor Emeritus at Ohio State and because of that, education is always on my mind. This is our purpose and why we formed the Asian Festival Family. Sixteen ethnic groups talk about DEI. I really appreciate it because this year is our thirty-year anniversary, and we spend a lot of money, and this might be the first year getting to the red ink. Franklin County DEI committed to save us and gave us a major sponsor, and back to the black. Thank you so much.

Commissioner Boyce: The Asian Festival is an opportunity for everyone to come and celebrate the diversity, heritage, culture and history of not just Central Ohio but, America and I want to emphasize that. Secondly, I want to emphasize the health screenings. Early detection of diseases like hypertension to diabetes and other chronic diseases can save lives. Those free screening are important, and everyone can come and get a free screening. I would encourage you to do that. Finally, America is mostly, not all of us but, most of us, are from somewhere else. Most of us have a heritage that started in another part of the world. Celebrating and honoring heritages and learning about them is a great experience. When I was growing up in Central Ohio, there was not a lot of festivals. To see how that has evolved in Central Ohio, is a beautiful thing. It is more than a small gesture of our investment in each other. Dr. Lu, thank you so much for what you represent, thank you for bringing us the festival.

Dr. Lu: I am proud to share the Asian Festival with you here in Central Ohio. It is the largest Asian Festival in the Country. We are very proud of that. Michael Coleman did the research, and he made that announcement. Thank you.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you, Dr. Lu, for your service. The Asian Festival is always a wonderful event. Next, I'm pleased to recognize that this is Armed Forces Week, and that Saturday is Armed Forces Day, which is a yearly celebration of the more-than 1.3 million U.S. service members serving across America and at more than 800 bases around the world. To help us mark the occasion, we've invited some of our many employees who are veterans to join us here today, and I'd like to ask them all to stand and be recognized at this time. I am certain my colleagues will have something to say but thank you to all of you for your service and for continuing your service to the public by working with us here at Franklin County. Also, with us today to talk a bit about Armed Forces Day, Operation Green Light, and the resources that are available to Franklin County veterans are Joshua Bellamy and Director Buck Bramlisch of the Franklin County Veterans Service Commission.

Joshua Bellamy: Good morning, county commissioners and County Administration. I am Joshua Bellamy from the Family Stabilization Unit along with the men's unit under strategic initiatives; thank you again for bringing to light Operation Green Light along with Armed Forces Day, which is on May 18. I am currently in my second year in the United States Air Force Reserves, and I just got out of the low ranks. I feel like I am somebody now. I also have the Executive Director Buck Bramlisch with me. Operation Green Light is a new initiative that started in November 2023 to show support to our service members. Whether you are a national guard, reservist, or you went active duty where you went deployed, or you haven't been deployed, it is bringing to light all of those who have served and have raised their right hand and said, "So help me god to defend our United States." It is November 4 to November 11, first week of going into Veteran's Day and going into the end of that week. By shining a light on Operation Green Light, we show how we appreciate, support, and bring awareness to those who have served. Along with that, it is to show, it is like throwing a flare with green smoke, why you are out on the battlefield, there are services and things here in Franklin County, here in other counties, like I said it is a new initiative letting our service members know that help is right here. When you are out on the battlefield, you know someone's left, there is someone left behind, you cannot leave them behind. The green light is to show services are here in Franklin County. If you went to Qatar, or you fought in Afghanistan, if

you went to Vietnam, no matter how old you are or how you served, there are services here in Franklin County. Studies show that 17% of our veterans live in poverty when they come home. How did they get left behind, how did they get left in the barracks, why are they there? 60,000 plus of those veterans are here in Franklin County but only 3,200 of them our on-Franklin County benefits. How are they falling through the cracks? How are we leaving our troops behind? We have the Franklin County Veterans Services that have a plethora of services. I am happy to invite Mr. Bramlish up to speak about the Franklin County Veterans Service Commission.

Buck Bramlish, Director, Franklin County Veterans Service Commission: Thank you again for inviting me back to talk a little about our veteran holidays and what we do. What was discussed was armed forces as one of three veteran holidays. It is really about those that are currently serving, National Guard Reserves and active duty. When you add those together it is over 2 million military personnel, there is about 170,000 service members stationed overseas. According to 2019 research, almost half of the post-911 veterans stated their mental health has been and continues to be impacted by their deployments. As we celebrate and understand the contributions that veterans make, we want to talk about some of the programs we offer here. At the Franklin County Veterans Service Commission, we provide emergency financial assistance and a pathway to veterans benefits most often through the VA for veterans in Franklin County and other counties that come to us for support with their VA claims. Whether you are struggling in a poverty cycle, or you have hit a tough time in life, our agency is prepared to support and help. The things we do in our two core competencies emergency financial assistance and providing a pathway to VA benefits. We provide rent, rent deposit, mortgage, utilities, even car repair. Over 4,000 veterans we supported with food and security to the tune of \$1.5 million dollars last year. We provided over 6,000 round trips to medical appointments for veterans, the veteran's spouse, and/or the veteran's widow. We try to keep the lights on, a roof over their head, and food on the table, so our great partners and some of you are in here today with social workers, and mental health professionals. They are the ones that come in and solve the problems. You cannot solve a problem if someone does not have a roof over their head or not eating. We work hard to provide those services. Last year we received over 6,500 requests for financial assistance, and we satisfied 99% of those requests with all that was requested or at least part of what was requested. We completed an additional 1,300 VA action claims. Those are claims for disability pension and those types of things. I have about 16 veterans or family members of veterans that work face to face direct services with our veterans that provide all those services. 2023 was the biggest year in our history. We served more veterans, spent more money and I need to say to the county, when we have a need, you have always come through. This county is very veteran friendly. We outpaced ourselves last year in the budget and the county helped us significantly as we continue to help veterans. We have a dental program for the veterans, spouse or widow. If you are 250% or less of the poverty cycle, we will provide dental from preliminary checkup all the way to dentures, uppers and lowers at no cost. Go to our website: franklincountyohio.gov and we have an online portal that allows you to request an appointment online. We call them the blinky lights and it is hard to keep up. There is so much need out there. This is what Franklin County Veteran Service Commission is trying to do. We are thankful for all the veterans that come to work with us and come to serve us. I want to mention two final thoughts. First, this is the first of our three holidays, soon we will recognize Memorial Day, a special day for all those service members that lost their life and service of their country. Then at the end of the year, we will recognize all veterans whether they deployed or served during peace time, they all

took that oath to protect and serve, to protect the constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic. There is not a lot of jobs these days where you take an oath, and I believe that is one thing that makes our veteran community special. The last thing I want to remind us of is the number 988. We have statistics that say 18-20 veterans are taking their life every day. 988, anybody can dial 988 and get help from a service person. If you are a veteran and dial 988 and press 1, you will get connected to a counselor who has training and understands what service members are going through. Thank you for having me up and giving me a few minutes. Thank you for all you do, and please share the word that we are trying to assist our veterans in Franklin County.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you. I am going to defer to our veteran, Commissioner Crawley, who served in the Navy.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you, President Boyce. Thank you, Director, for raising awareness for operation green light. It is a tragedy when we talk about our veterans, who are homeless, who are on government assistance, who are struggling with mental health, and who do not have the care that they need. There should be no veteran who puts on a uniform that struggles. The fact remains that they do as you gave us those statistics. We still have work to do. When I think about how this is Mental Health Awareness Month and saying 988. We also have credible minds. Can somebody give me the website or Google Credible Minds at Franklin County? That is a resource that is open to everyone. You can take an assessment and get access to mental health resources. It is very confidential; none of your information is shared. If you do not want to go to the VA, people know where the VA hospital is and do not go; I understand how that can be challenging for some, but there are other resources that you can be connected with. Please do not hesitate to reach out and go to Credible Minds platform and get connected to several resources. I was with Rear Admiral Hines two weeks ago, who came over with COSI. She is a Black woman, the 4th Black woman to serve as Rear Admiral, and the only one currently serving, and I was just in awe. In the Navy, she's an information systems technician, and that's what I was when I served on active duty. We were talking about the problems we still face with service members being enlisted and transitioning to civilian life and not having access to help with resume writing, how to convert military service to civilian work, and how that can translate differently but still be applicable to the job sector they want to go in. There is also programming where a service member, as they are getting ready to transition six months before they transition, can do an internship or work with a company that will help facilitate their transition and not just do a tap program. Everyone knows that when you get out, you do a tap for a week or two. This is beyond that to be a warm handoff for our service members as they are coming into civilian life. I think that is so important. I will be working with Vets Memorial and some of the board members who are C-Suite levels with major companies to help facilitate that. That is a program that does not get much traction; many people do not know about it, but it would really help our service members not to be unemployed and not contribute to their mental health when they come out and cannot get a job and must provide for themselves and their families, and they go into a spiral. I would also be happy to talk to you, Director, about that as we are working with some of our businesses to help our service members transition. This is Armed Services Week, and I thank everyone for their service.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: President Boyce, Commissioner O'Grady, Commissioner Crawley, those comments were timely and related to the county's investment in Credible Minds,

which is a community resource and based around the theme “it’s okay not to be okay.” As we know, there are so many stigmas attached to behavioral health. There are cultural stigmas that people feel, particularly African American males like me, who think there is a flaw in you if you need to talk to anybody and deal with and handle emotions. May is Mental Health Awareness Month, Commissioner Crawley; your comments are timely, as well as the county as we elevate mental health awareness; this board has been a leader in this area, making investments and bringing awareness. The website is Franklincountyohio.crediblemind.com. Thank you.

Commissioner O’Grady: A few things, and I will be brief. I appreciate you, Director Bramlish, and this board. Franklin County is very friendly and treats veterans well. One thing I would like to recognize is you and your administration. You have done a phenomenal job from a historical perspective for those of us who have been around a while. I will acknowledge our County Administrator, Ken Wilson, when I say that we have not always had fantastic leadership at the Veteran Services Commission as we do now. You are to be recognized. The work that you and your administration at the Veteran Service Commission need to be commended. We have struggled over the years, and you have done great. It is easy to be supportive of veterans when we have great leadership like we do now. Thank you for that. Having a colleague on the board who is a leader like Commissioner Crawley in the veteran space is great. I grew up, as I believe Commissioner Boyce did as well, at a time of peace. I grew up in an era when you know we didn’t have to join the services because we grew up in peacetime. My family did, though. My father was a Vietnam War veteran member of the Army, and my brothers, uncles, and my father-in-law served in the Air Force. I had an occasion a few years back on behalf of the Board of the County Commissioners, pre-COVID back in 2019, to travel to the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia on behalf of Franklin County on an Economic Development trip. I was there proudly rooting for the Army on behalf of my family. We all have family or friends, even if we didn’t serve personally, who are amongst those 1.3 or 2 million as referenced. We want to hold up and thank them all for their service to our country. It is easy for us, as a board, to be able to work with you and your folks at the Veterans Service Commission to do the work on behalf of the veterans that we have. Thank you for everything you do.

Commissioner Boyce: There is not much to add to what my colleagues have so eloquently said, but, what I will say, though, is, you know, Commissioner O’Grady brought up that we grew up in peaceful times, the effect on families and the effect on communities after a horrendous experience can be generational and why most of my family served in the Marines in Vietnam, my dad did two tours. My dad is deceased now, but what I remember is that he died when I was young. What I remember for sure about him was the mental state of his experience in Vietnam as a Marine. I will never forget it. There are many things that I don’t remember about him but that I do. He talked about it and had nightmares. That kind of experience leaves a lasting impression on the child, family, and community. I also remember, Commissioner O’Grady, you talk about peacetime. There were many effects on the men and women who came back from Vietnam. That lasted throughout my childhood. In the 70’s and 80’s, elements of that timeframe existed, and I believe it shaped those decades. The other wars are in the same category. I want to say one more thing about the families in the community that we are, in many ways, that is one of the great things about

the Great American Spirit. We have traditionally banded together as a nation to support one another, not always in the most succinct and perfect way, but ultimately because we, as Americans, don't always get it right. We work toward getting it right. That is why we have Veterans Week, we have Veterans Day, and Memorial Day because we know as a country, embedded in our DNA is that we want to be a better nation. We want to improve on our mistakes, missteps, and horrendous history embedded in all those things. To the families, to the community that has been affected by war, or to people who have served, we are all in this together. While we honor and uplift those who have served, I would add that we honor and uplift the families that were alongside those who served. Thank you for your service.

Commissioner Crawley: I appreciate you talking about your father and how it impacts families. When we think about those who take their lives, death by suicide, if they have been to war is because they have survivor guilt. My father served in Vietnam as well; my brother served in Desert Storm and Afghanistan, and I enlisted right after the USS Cole was bombed and served during 9-11. I know that for my family, one of the things that kept them up at night was that it should have been me or that I was scared. That never goes away. It is hard for some veterans or service members who end up getting out or injured and dealing with survivor's guilt, and no one really understands what I am dealing with, so they won't go to the VA or reach out to a therapist because it's the only people who can understand what I am dealing with is people who were there with me. Thank you for lifting that up. It impacts the family tremendously, but that is why we have Mental Health Awareness Month. We should always embrace the family because they are at the effect by whatever the service member witnessed while they were away, even if they weren't on the battlefield; maybe they were dealing with message traffic. You see and read things that impact you as well. Thank you for highlighting that and thank you so much.

Director Bramlish: Thank you so much and we are forever grateful to work and represent this County.

Commissioner Boyce: If the veterans don't mind, we would like to take a photo. If you all could come up here and stand in front of the dais, we will take some photos for the record and honor you in that way.

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Resolution No. 0393-24, authorizing an amendment to an agreement with MAPSYS, Inc. to provide application support services for the Franklin County Clerk of Courts and Probate Court (\$500,000.00) (Clerk of Courts), presented by Adam Luckhaupt, Director of Information Technology, Clerk of Courts.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0393-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0394-24, authorizing an agreement with Sunflower Lab for services to upgrade the Auto Title Mobile application for the Franklin County Clerk of Courts (\$17,000.00) (Clerk of Courts), presented by Adam Luckhaupt, Director of Information Technology, Clerk of Courts.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0394-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Commissioner O’Grady: Commissioner Boyce, if I may. Today is Administrator Wilson’s birthday. Happy Birthday to Administrator Wilson.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator: I am embracing my continual maturity and grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of this county. I feel like there could be no better place for me to be on my birthday today but in General Session. Doing the work of the people, every resident, every day. That is what I am dedicated to, and I feel like that is my mission for a continued period as I advance toward the age of 60 and senior options. That is why I am a big supporter of senior options out there for my Office on Aging staff. I am only footsteps away from there, but I am blessed, and hopefully, I look good for my age, President Boyce.

Commissioner Boyce: Happy Birthday, well deserved. You work hard. The residents of Central Ohio are grateful and lucky to have you.

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Resolution No. 0395-24, authorizing a contract with Capital University Law School. (\$48,000.00) (Domestic Relations), presented by Julie Troth, Supervisor, Domestic Relations.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0395-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0396-24, adopting the Franklin County Drainage Engineer's annual review of the Capital Improvement Program for Drainage Systems (Drainage Engineer), presented by Bradley Foster, Engineer, Engineer's Office, and guest Kevin, a junior from Dublin Coffman High School, who is interested in civil engineering. He will be completing the job shadowing program today.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0396-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Commissioner Boyce: We have a Public Hearing for Resolution No. 0397-24. Can the Clerk please read the Public Hearing?

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding plan approval for the improvement of Alkire Road, County Road No. 11, at Demorest Road, County Road No. 25, Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

Commissioner Boyce opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak. Seeing and hearing none, Commissioner Boyce closed the Public Hearing, and the resolution was read into the record.

Resolution No. 0397-24, plans approved for the improvement of Alkire Road, County Road No. 11, at Demorest Road, County Road No. 25, Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Bradley Foster, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0397-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0398-24, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to modify and extend a contract With M. P. Dory Co. For the 2023-2025 Guardrail Repair and Upgrade Program (\$412,350.00) (Engineer), presented by Bradley Foster, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0398-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0399-24, Report (1st) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Alton & Darby Creek Road over Clover Groff Run Improvement project, Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$84,619.00) (Engineer), presented by Bradley Foster, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0399-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0400-24, Report (2nd) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Brown Road at Dyer Road Improvement project, Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$22,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Bradley Foster, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0400-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0401-24, requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on Alton & Darby Creek Road, County Road No. 272, Brown Township and Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Bradley Foster, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0401-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0402-24, requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on Groveport Road, County Road No. 7, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Bradley Foster, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0402-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0403-24, authorizing an agreement with LexisNexis Risk Solutions for Accurint Virtual Crime Center software (\$38,835.00) (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 0403-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0404-24, authorizing an agreement with Vanguard Blue, LCC to provide a real-time secure streaming video feed for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Unmanned Aircraft System Unit (\$7,500.00) (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 0404-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0405-24, recognizing the 2024-2025 Racial Equity Council Members (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Perla Martinez, DEI Administrator, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and guests, 2024-2025 Racial Equity Council Members.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0405-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0406-24, authorizing an agreement with Greater Columbus Sister Cities International for services that foster economic opportunity and cultural partnerships between Franklin County and international communities (\$125,000.00), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning, and guest, Jayme Staley, Executive Director, Greater Columbus Sister Cities.

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

Jayme Staley, Executive Director of Greater Columbus Sister Cities, thanked the commissioners, discussed the Franklin County program for young leaders, and introduced two young leaders currently in the program.

Commissioner Boyce spoke of the value of learning and understanding various cultures and thanked Ms. Staley for her work.

Commissioner Crawley thanked Ms. Staley for her leadership and the young leaders for sharing their experiences. Commissioner Crawley discussed her trip to Brazil last year and how educational the trip was to hear what worked and did not work for them to bring back that information to Columbus.

Commissioner O'Grady discussed his multiple Sister Cities trips over the years and how they are putting together a delegation to plan another trip. Commissioner O'Grady noted that there are over 100 languages spoken in Franklin County and how the community is more of an international, multi-cultural community than when he grew up.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0406-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0407-24, review of petition to annex 0.272 +/- acres from Blendon Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-08-24 (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 0407-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0408-24, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,859,099.38) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing Department, and Damika Withers, Director, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0408-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0409-24, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$3,000.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing Department.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0409-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0410-24, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant Agreement with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio in support of the Franklin County Digital Equity Coalition (Board of Commissioners), presented by Juan Torres, Chief Information Officer, Board of Commissioners, and guest, Jordan Davis, Executive Director, Smart Columbus.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0410-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0411-24, authorizing a transfer of funds for the payment of debt service (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0411-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0412-24, authorizing amendments to the agreement for consulting services with Plante Moran (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0412-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0413-24, authorizing the Clerk to submit the referendum petitions to the Board of Elections, Franklin County, for the November 2024 general election (Board of Commissioner), presented by Jesse Armstrong, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecutor’s Office.

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

Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, requested Mr. Armstrong discuss the amendments.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0413-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Jesse Armstrong, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, noted that two minor amendments to the originally approved Resolution were needed. First amendment, to add language to the title indicating that “The petitions be submitted for a Special Election to be held on the date of

the November 2024, General Election” and not the actual General Election.

Mr. Armstrong then recommended a second amendment, in paragraph one of the Resolution, to add language to specify the petitions be put on a special election to be held on the date of the November 2024, General Election.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Amended Resolution 0413-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Amended Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0414-24, agreeing to amend the complaint filed on behalf of Franklin County in the opioid litigation to add Pharmacy Benefit Managers and their relevant subsidiaries as defendants and authorizing the County Administrator to execute additional documents required that are not inconsistent with this Resolution (Board of Commissioners), presented by Jesse Armstrong, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecutor’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0414-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0415-24, appointing Kris J. Long to the Columbus Sister Cities International Board of Trustees, Franklin County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0415-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0416-24, reappointing Joy Bivens to the Community Shelter Board of Trustees. (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0416-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0417-24, appointing Cynthia Latney to the Franklin County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0417-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0418-24, reappointing Jayme Staley to the Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC) Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0418-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0419-24, reappointing Lea Goldsmith to the Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC) Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0419-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0420-24, reappointing Jim P. Negrón to the Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC) Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0420-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0421-24, reappointing Joy Bivens and appointing Ruchelle Pride to the Workforce Development Board pursuant to the requirements of the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act 2015 (Board of Commissioners), by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0421-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0422-24, appointing and reappointing various members to the Workforce Development Board pursuant to the requirements of the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act 2015 (Board of Commissioners, presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0422-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Toya Williams, Executive Assistant, County Administration, read one (1) journalization into the record:

Case # ANX-09-24, an expedited type one annexation petition, # ANX 09-24, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on May 7, 2024. The petition is requesting to annex 4.4 acres from Plain Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on May 21, 2024.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

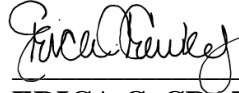
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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT

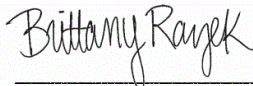


JOHN O'GRADY



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

Submitted by:



Brittany A. Razek,
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

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