

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

May 3, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

Please note: Commissioner Crawley and Commissioner O'Grady attended virtually and counted as 'in attendance' for the purposes of Ohio's Open Meetings Laws, pursuant to the Virtual Meeting Authority as outlined in H.B. 51, signed into law on February 17, 2022, and valid through June 30, 2022.

Present was: 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; and Lauren M. Graessle, Deputy 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 Crawley called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

Commissioner Crawley: I want to recognize that this month is Maternal Mortality Awareness Month here in Ohio. Last year, during the operating budget, we passed an amendment that recognized maternal mortality and how to prevent it in the state of Ohio. Just to give some background, in the U.S. every year, 700-900 new and expectant mothers die, with an additional 500,000 experiencing life-threatening postpartum complications. The majority of the deaths are from preventable causes, and Black women in the United States are three to four times more likely to die from childbirth or pregnancy-related causes than white women.

Ohio's maternal death rate was 14.7 per 100,000 live births between 2008 and 2016. The Ohio Department of Health's Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review report released in November of 2019 found that during this time, there were 610 pregnancy-associated deaths in Ohio. Of those, 186 women died due to pregnancy-related reasons. Black women died at a rate more than two and a half times that of white women, accounting for 34 percent of pregnancy-related deaths while only making up 17 percent of women giving birth in Ohio. Over half of all pregnancy-related deaths (57 percent) between 2012 and 2016 were preventable.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): Maternal mortality and morbidity directly impacts infant mortality rates. According to the March of Dimes 2019 Preterm Birth Report Card, the preterm birth rate in the United States has worsened for a fourth year, from 9.63 percent in 2015 to 10.02 percent in 2018. Premature birth and its complications are the largest contributors to infant death in this country and globally. According to Health Policy Institute of Ohio, only five states have a higher Black infant mortality rate than Ohio. Over the past decade, Ohio's Black-white infant mortality disparity increased by twenty six percent (26%) from 2.2 in 2009 to 2.8 on 2019. For Black women in Ohio, the preterm birth rate is 49% higher than the rate among all other women.

This country has one of the worst maternal mortality rates of any industrialized nation, so we need to continue to raise awareness, put policies in place, and fund initiatives that will save the lives of Ohioans.

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Resolution No. 0343-22, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Decker Construction Company, for the Improvements of Fisher Road (\$1,395,932.75) (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 0343-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0344-22, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Strawser Paving Co., Inc., for the Clark State Road Curve Improvement (\$174,613.06) (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 0344-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0345-22, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with The Shelly Company for the 2021 Franklin County Resurfacing Program, an increase of \$491,913.99 (\$3,489,549.61) (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 0345-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0346-22, report (2nd) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Commerce Street/Vause Road, County Road No. 233 from Lockbourne Road, County Road No. 13 to Canal Road, Township Road No. 247 Improvement project, Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$1,079.00) (Engineer), presented by Rosselyn "Rosie" Perez, Senior Project Initiative, Worthington Kilbourne High School.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0346-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0347-22, authorizing Contracts for Canned, Dry, Frozen and Dairy Food Products for the Franklin County Correctional Facilities (\$1,300,000.00) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0347-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0348-22, authorizing Fourth Contract Extensions with Bob Barker Company, Inc; Walter F. Stephens Jr., Inc; Tabb Textiles Co., Inc; and Victory Supply, LLC for Inmate Bedding and Linens for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (\$125,000.00) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0348-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0349-22, authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for the purchase of replacement copiers (Public Defender), presented by Christine Clarizio, Controller, Public Defender.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0349-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0350-22, authorizing an Affordable Housing Development agreement with Woda Cooper Companies, Inc., to receive funding through the Magnet Fund Program to assist the development of an affordable housing project (\$1,140,000.00) (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 O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0350-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0351-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Sherry L. Franke at 7354 Wollam Avenue, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0351-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0352-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Ladi Tchabounono at 3379 Vickers Drive, Westerville, Ohio 43081 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0352-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0353-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Silas S. Max-Dixon and Ashley M. Max-Dixon at 3027 Winchester Pike, Columbus, Ohio 43232. (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0353-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0354-22, adopting Revised By-laws for the Franklin County Criminal Justice Planning Board. (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 0354-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0355-22, approving a contract for case management services between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services with the City of Columbus, Department of Recreation and Parks, Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging and authorizing the agency director to enter into the related Memorandum of Understanding (\$50,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0355-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0356-22, approving three (3) contracts for on-site case management services between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services and Mt. Carmel East Hospital, Mt. Carmel St. Ann’s Hospital, and Mt. Carmel Grove City Hospital (\$280,582.95) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0356-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0357-22, approving COVID-19 Recovery Grants and TANF subaward agreements with multiple community partners for the Franklin County Ready 2 Earn summer youth employment program (\$3,220,220.57) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

KD Fuller, Director of Youth and Family Education, Godman Guild; Jackie Kemp, Executive Director, and Larry Thomas (youth), Lead the Way Academy; and Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, each shared additional comments and addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley: After looking at the contract, I just want to confirm that all of this is TANF funds.

Vivian Turner: No, it will be a combination of TANF and ARPA dollars. American Rescue Plan dollars will be included in those grants, as well.

Commissioner Crawley: Can you tell me for which organization? Or is it just split between the five organizations?

Vivian Turner: We split it down each of the organizations in order to ensure that they could serve youth who were just over the threshold of 200 percent of the poverty level, so that we can serve kids who may need summer jobs but may not meet the TANF threshold. So, each of the contracts will be able to serve both TANF and non-TANF youth.

Commissioner Crawley: For the non-TANF youth, or the spending of the ARPA dollars to support them, are there additional parameters around that?

Vivian Turner: We usually take that up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0357-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0358-22, authorizing a contract for professional engineering services with Glaus, Pyle, Schomer, Burns, and DeHaven, Inc. dba GPD Group for N. Hague Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project (\$694,897.95) (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineering.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0358-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0359-22, authorizing a Contract Extension with the Columbus Running Company (CRC), for event management services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (Cooperative) (\$13,050.00) (Human Resources), presented by Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Benefits and Wellness, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0359-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0360-22, authorizing a Contract between Franklin County and USI Insurance Services, LLC (USI) for general consulting services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (Cooperative) (\$382,000.00) (Human Resources), presented by Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Benefits and Wellness, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0360-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0361-22, authorizing a Contract Modification with United Healthcare Services, Inc. (UHC) for medical plan administration services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (Cooperative) (\$4,686,600.00) (Human Resources), presented by Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Benefits and Wellness, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0361-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0362-22, authorizing a contract with Vision Service Plan (VSP) to provide vision plan administration services for members of the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (\$125,000.00) (Human Resources), presented by Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Benefits and Wellness, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0362-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0363-22, approving purchase orders for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,978,577.22) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Ryan, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0363-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0364-22, approving the issuance of Health Care Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2022 (Boundless Healthcare Center Project) of the County of Franklin, Ohio, in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,500,000 and consenting to and approving the execution and delivery of a Lease, Sublease, Assignment, Bond Purchase Agreement, and Tax Agreement in connection with the issuance of such Bonds (Board of Commissioners), presented by Joshua Grossman, Associate Attorney, Dinsmore and Shohl, LLP.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0364-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0365-22, reappointing Kenneth N. Wilson to the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

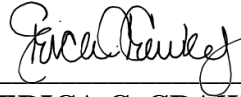
Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0365-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 A.M.

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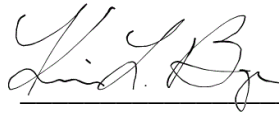
These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of Tuesday, May 3, 2022.



ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT



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**KEVIN L. BOYCE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



Lauren M. Graessle

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