

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

May 21, 2024

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 21, 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; Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator; 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 convened the meeting at 9:02 A.M.

Resolution No. 0423-24, Strand Associates, Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing engineering design services for Cassady Avenue from Plaza Properties Boulevard to Agler Road Improvement project, Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$808,231.00) (Engineer), presented by Terri Pritchard, Executive Assistant, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0423-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0424-24, approval of the Jefferson Manor Phase 2, subdivision plat, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Terri Pritchard, Executive Assistant, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0424-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0425-24, authorizing a Second Amendment to the contract with Matrix Point Software, LLC for software integration services (\$8,000.00) (Prosecuting Attorney), presented by Jesse Armstrong, Deputy Director of Business, Claims, and Real Estate, Prosecutor's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0425-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0426-24, authorizing a COVID-19 recovery grant with Franklin County Public Health for the support of A Kid Again (\$650,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Brittany Stricklen-Hillyard, Coordinator, Community Partnerships, and guest, Travis Gulling, Executive Director, A Kid Again.

Ms.Stricklen-Hillyard reviewed the information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, asked if this was a re-up and if A Kid Again provided a status update for the wonderful things done with the previous money. Ms. Stricklen-Hillyard advised that an Exhibit A was sent to her and will be provided it to the commissioners and staff.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0426-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0427-24, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant extension with Franklin County Public Health for the support of Restoring Our Own Through Transformation (\$425,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Brittany Stricklen-Hillyard, Coordinator, Community Partnerships, and guest, Alexandra Jones, RN, Assistant Health Commissioner, Franklin County Public Health.

Ms.Stricklen-Hillyard reviewed the information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Alexandra Jones, RN, Assistant Health Commissioner, noted that since the partnership in 2022 with the board of commissioners, they have been able to partner with Restoring Our Own for Transformation (ROOT) in maternal-infant health outcomes, and the disparity

seen the most is with Black birthing individuals. She noted that in collaboration with ROOT, they have provided comprehensive perinatal support services like doulas.

Commissioner Crawley spoke of her relationship with ROOT and noted she would not be where she is today if not for Jessica Roach, who invited her to a group discussion with other individuals who had traumatic births like hers and how that helped her get past shame, loneliness, and isolation.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0427-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0428-24, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant Extension with Franklin County Public Health to address health disparities and advance adoption of the Health and Equity in All Policies policy (\$250,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Brittany Stricklen-Hillyard, Coordinator, Community Partnerships, and guest, Alexandra Jones, RN, Assistant Health Commissioner, Franklin County Public Health.

Ms.Stricklen-Hillyard reviewed the information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley requested Ms. Jones discuss the work with Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) over the past few years. She has not received an update on where the work is after the \$75,000.00 grant or how it fits into our policy.

Ms. Jones asked her colleague, Lisa Dent, Associate Director of Equity Inclusion for the Health Department, to answer the question. Ms. Dent advised that she does not have an update on ACES but would be happy to obtain the information, noting they have sponsored summits in the past.

Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, noted that Kevin Pangrace, Director of Government Affairs, spent time with Joe Mazzola, Director of Public Health, championing work at the state and local levels to partner with the priorities of the commissioners and Franklin County Public Health.

Commissioner Crawley noted she was asking and wanted to know about laws coming out of the Statehouse specifically regarding trans-kids, LGBTQI individuals, and the number of pieces of legislation that attack the LGBTQI population, and the impact of mental health and how it all impacts our neighbors.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0428-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0429-24, authorizing a grant agreement with the National African American Male Wellness Agency to support the Black Male Wellness Day and the Uplift Her Wellness Day

(\$250,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Damika Withers, Director, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, and guest, Kenny Hampton, President, African American Male Wellness Agency.

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

Kenny Hampton thanked the commissioners for raising the bar in Franklin County and noted their goal was to increase life expectancy and how Black men are dying from preventable diseases at the average of 67 years of age, and this event will provide men with the only health screening they will get in a year and 15% of the men that show up to the event will need to go to the emergency room.

Natalie Donnally, Vice-President, Uplift Her, thanked the commissioners and noted Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, has been attending Wednesday workout days and leading by example of how to live healthy lifestyles. Ms. Donnally noted Uplift Her is serving the women of color in the community, making sure to decrease the 4-times likelihood of dying from breast cancer and other comorbidities such as cardiovascular disease.

Commissioner Crawley thanked them for attending and for promoting health and wellness for Franklin County and noted last year, as honorary chair, she found out her blood pressure was high, and with a family history of heart disease, she would not have known without attending this event. Commissioner Crawley encouraged everyone to listen to their bodies and take their exams.

Commissioner O'Grady discussed his past health history and encouraged everyone to see the doctor, take medications, and not ignore signs as they only get worse.

Commissioner Boyce noted the commissioner's desire to invest in wellness and encourage people to take care of themselves and try to live the healthiest life possible.

Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator, added that the most important project anyone has in life is themselves and noted that under the commissioner's leadership, the Thrive On program has evolved and improved with a focus on prevention for employees and encouraged employees to attend Uplift Her and the African American Wellness Walk.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0429-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0430-24, authorizing the County Administrator to execute an agreement with Real Situations, Inc. to support a teen violence prevention program (\$234,499.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Damika Withers, Director, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, and guest, Antonio Gordon, CEO and Director, Real Solutions, Inc.

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

Antonio Gordon stated that the children of Franklin County are benefiting from his personal mission to give back to the community and catching young men who were like him at that age. This event brings people together to play basketball and allows him to pass out new shoes.

Commissioner Crawley asked how individuals could learn about this basketball program and other offerings.

Mr. Gordon advised that they use social media, specifically Facebook and Instagram, and stated that on opening night, they would give out 500 pairs of shoes, diapers, and wipes to mothers and a car to a high school graduate. Commissioner Crawley asked when was the first night, and Mr. Gordon advised it was June 27.

Commissioner O'Grady noted Antonio funded this himself for the first two years and how amazing for him to fund this.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0430-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0431-24, authorizing a first amendment to the consulting services agreement with Guidehouse Inc. to provide support with administering grant programs provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (\$750,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Walter Dillard, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0431-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0432-24, Walter Dillard offered a resolution authorizing the execution of the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Rolanda L. Brown at 8242 Sugar Magnolia Drive, Blacklick, Ohio 43004 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Walter Dillard, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0432-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0433-24, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Ronald T. Sanford at 3740 Genessee Avenue, Mifflin Township, Ohio 43219 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Walter Dillard, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0433-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0444-24, review of petition to annex 4.4 +/- acres from Plain Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-09-24 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Walter Dillard, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0444-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0434-24, approving COVID-19 Recovery Grants and TANF subaward agreements with multiple community partners for the Franklin County Ready 2 Earn youth employment program (\$2,425,155.20) (Job and Family Services), presented by Carmen Barnes, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services, and Tei Street, Education Director of Health Sciences Academies, PACT Initiative, The Ohio State University.

Ms. Barnes and Ms. Street reviewed the information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0434-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0435-24, approving COVID-19 Recovery Grants and TANF subaward agreements with multiple community partners for the Franklin County Ready 2 Earn youth employment program (\$2,425,155.20) (Job and Family Services), presented by Carmen Barnes, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0435-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0436-24, authorizing the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services to enter into one or more agreements with ConsumerInfo.com, Inc., aka Experian Consumer Services (\$25,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Carmen Barnes, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0436-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0437-24, authorizing a subgrant award agreement with Mental Health America of Ohio (MHAOhio) for the planning and implementation of a peer recovery supporter community event and job fair under the FY 2021 Justice Assistance Grant (\$2,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0437-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0438-24, authorizing a contract with the University of Cincinnati for justice practitioner training services (\$8,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0438-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0439-24, authorizing the execution of the Pre-Award Conditions and acceptance of the Franklin County FY 2023 Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (S.T.O.P.) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Administrative Grant Award and granting authority to the County Administrator to sign all acceptance documents and waivers related to the Grant Program (\$25,633.68) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0439-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0440-24, authorizing the execution of the Pre-Award Conditions and acceptance of the Franklin County FY 2023 Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (S.T.O.P.) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Block Grant Award and granting authority to the County Administrator to sign all acceptance documents and waivers related to the Grant Program (\$770,632.73) (Justice Policy and Programs), Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0440-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 441-24, authorizing an Easement Purchase Agreement with Morbitzer Family, LLC for a permanent utility easement and temporary construction easement for the Village Park Pump Station Replacement Project, and accepting the easements (\$5,000.00) (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Assistant Director, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0441-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 442-24, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,165,561.72) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Damika Withers, Director, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0442-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 443-24, approving one purchase order for the Franklin County Public Defender office (\$40.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0443-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session for Tuesday, May 21, 2024.



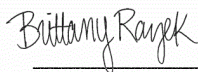
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**ERICA C. CRAWLEY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



**Brittany A. Razek,
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners**

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