

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

May 17, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Please note: 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 were: Erica C. Crawley, President
John O’Grady, Commissioner
Kevin L. Boyce, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; 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 9:04 A.M.

Commissioner Crawley: I would like to take a moment to offer my condolences, thoughts, and prayers to the family members of those who were lost in the Buffalo shooting massacre that took place on Saturday. I will say the names of those who lost their lives: Celestine Chaney; Roberta A. Drury; Andre Mackniel; Katherine Massey; Margus D. Morrison; Heyward Patterson; Aaron Salter, Jr.; Geraldine Talley; Ruth Whitfield; and Pearl Young. Again, our thoughts and prayers are with those families and that whole community.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): I want to focus on the family members who are left to deal with this tragedy in their community. Here in Franklin County, we have already declared racism as a public health crisis, but this shooting event underscores the need to continue addressing racism every time it shows up. I do not need additional allies in this space; I need co-conspirators in the movement to dismantle racism – systemic racism and white supremacy – everywhere it shows up. As a Black woman, the first in this seat, who deals with racism often and who gets hate mail often, that is just around my race and something I can’t control. I fear going out into the community, and

I know others feel that way, especially after what happened on Saturday. It could be any of us at any time, and nobody should live with that fear. That is not freedom, and that is not liberty. I want to thank my colleagues for declaring racism as a public health crisis and putting action behind words to address discrimination, bias, and preconceived notions within our government.

Commissioner Boyce: I think Madam President said much of what needs to be said, but the reality for places like Buffalo, New York, all the way to Columbus, Ohio, is the broader discussion about gun control. We have debated everything in the legislature, from teachers having guns in the classroom to people in medical facilities having firearms. I hope we are at a point in time in this country where the losses of the lives in Buffalo are not in vain. I hope that we begin to have real policy discussions about gun control and hate and racism, which have divided our country since the very beginning. My heart, thoughts, and prayers go out to those families and the city of Buffalo. I hope that the silver lining is that we are moved to take a deeper dive into this conversation about racism and gun control.

Commissioner O'Grady: I would like to support my colleagues today. In the strongest way possible, I would also like to condemn hate and racism. I want to make sure we remember the families and the victims in Buffalo and pray that this never happens in our community.

Commissioner Crawley: It is Mental Health Awareness Month, so we want to remind everyone to take care of yourselves and each other. Whether we are affected directly or indirectly, these events are traumatic, so take care of your mental health.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): Next, we want to recognize that May is Military Appreciation Month, a time to highlight and celebrate our service members and veterans. We want to thank all current U.S. Military members and veterans for their sacrifice, courage, and selflessness in serving our country. As a veteran myself, I know the sacrifice it takes as well as the honor it is to serve one's country.

Franklin County is home to more than 60,000 veterans. They are our neighbors, friends, and valued members of our community. We need to recognize that service members are of every race, religion, and ethnicity. It's time that we acknowledge the difficulty veterans have faced transitioning to civilian life and that we, as a country, need to provide adequate support, including mental health and housing support to our veterans.

So please join us this month in taking the time to appreciate our service members and veterans. We thank and honor members of the Navy, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Space Force, and National Guard past and present for the contributions they have made as well as their families.

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Approval of the minutes for the May 10, 2022, General Session; and the May 12, 2022, Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding plans approved for the Zuber Road/Plum Run South Drainage Improvement project, Pleasant Township and Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

Commissioner Crawley: I would like to open the Public Hearing. Would anyone like to speak regarding this Public Hearing? Seeing none, I will close the Public Hearing and have the Clerk read the resolution into the record.

Resolution No. 0390-22, plans approved for the Zuber Road/Plum Run South Drainage Improvement project, Pleasant Township and Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0390-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0391-22, granting approval to declare equipment obsolete and no longer needed for Franklin County use, and authorizing sale of said equipment (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0391-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0392-22, report (1st) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Mann Road 1.25 over Tributary Culvert Replacement Project (JEF-TR107-1.25), Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$7,297.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0392-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0393-22, Farlington Drive, Carmie Drive, Pennington Way, Winfield Drive, and Ash Grove Drive, in The Farms at Jefferson Phase 8 subdivision, accepted for public maintenance and shall become part of the Jefferson Township Road System, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0393-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0394-22, adopting the Franklin County Drainage Engineer's annual review to the 10-Year Capital Improvement Program for Drainage Systems. (Drainage Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0394-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0395-22, authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) for use of the combined Franklin County/MARCS radio system and to authorize the County Administrator to sign subsequent agreements with additional Franklin County radio system subscriber agencies (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Jeffrey Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0395-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0396-22, authorizing a IV-D contract with Subpoena Service Plus, LLC, for providing process service services (\$180,000.00) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0396-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0397-22, authorizing the addition of two full-time positions related to the receipt of Federal Charting a Course for Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting (EMRP) - Cohort 2 grant funds (\$1,000,000.00) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0397-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0398-22, authorizing a loan from the Franklin County Infrastructure Bank to City of Whitehall for the Woodcliff Redevelopment Project (\$2,000,000.00) (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 Boyce moved to table Resolution 0398-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was tabled until Thursday, May 19, 2022, by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0399-22, authorizing the acceptance of a year three subgrant award amendment from Franklin County Public Health's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Grant allocating additional funding to peer support services (\$40,000.00) (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 0399-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0400-22, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,445,963.60) (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 0400-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0401-22, authorizing the renewal agreement for the Local Area 11 Memorandum of Understanding for the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0401-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0402-22, authorizing a transfer of funds for the payment of debt service. (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary T. 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 0402-22, 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 9:43 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT



JOHN O'GRADY



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

Submitted by:



Lauren M. Graessle

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