

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

May 24, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 24, 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; 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 9:11 A.M.

Commissioner Crawley: Mental Health Awareness Month was first recognized in 1949, and the pandemic has only made this recognition more important. More than 50 million Americans and their families are living with a mental illness. Couple that pre-pandemic statistic with two years of stress, isolation, and uncertainty, and it’s no surprise that many people are finding that the pandemic has taken a toll on their well-being in more ways than one. People may delay treatment because of the stigma sometimes attached to mental health care, but we know that seeking help is a sign of strength, not weakness. If there is anyone out there who is struggling, you should know that you are not alone, and there are people who can help you 24 hours a day. The local suicide prevention hotline number is 614-221-5544, or you can also call 1-800-273-TALK.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): There are two other things that I want to recognize during Mental Health Awareness Month, and they are both resources for everyone in Franklin County. The first is the CredibleMind online mental health platform to connect families with national and local resources on more than 200 mental health topics. Visit FranklinCountyOhio.CredibleMind.com for self-assessments and to be connected with information, podcasts, videos, treatment options,

and more. This is a free way for any Franklin County resident to start learning about their own or a loved one's mental health, and to get direction about how and where to find help.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): Lastly, we're pleased to be able to congratulate our Franklin County ADAMH board for being named as Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Board of the Year by the Ohio chapter of NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI selected Franklin County ADAMH from among 50 other boards and specifically noted its professionalism and responsiveness to individuals and families, its commitment to quality housing, and its ongoing role as an advocate for people with mental health needs. We're proud of our county partners at ADAMH and know that the residents of Franklin County are lucky to have them in our corner.

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Commissioner Crawley: Administrator Wilson, would you be able to speak to what we have done as a county to support our employees in regards to putting their well-being at the forefront?

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: I am proud of our ThriveOn employee wellness program. We have the CredibleMind platform available. It is a tremendous resource for our employees and each resident of Franklin County to receive mental health and behavioral health support services. Every day, our employees are engaged and have resources available to them through our ThriveOn program. Regular communications go out to our employees to remind them that it is okay not to be okay. A number of years ago, we had our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) come to where the employees work rather than having the employees go to them. We have embedded EAP services into a number of our critical agencies so that employees can receive the help they need. We have our Wellness Your Way program, which focuses on preventative health, including biometric screenings and health risk assessments. We have several programs that encourage our employees to have an active lifestyle and take control of their health, such as our step challenge, which starts tomorrow. It is a focus for Franklin County that our health benefits plan is not just a benefits plan, but a health improvement plan.

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PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding establishing, altering, and widening of the Havens Corners Road Drainage Improvement project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

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 Deputy Clerk read the resolution into the record.

Resolution No. 0403-22, establishing, altering, and widening of the Havens Corners Road Drainage Improvement project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0403-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding establishing, altering, and widening of the Havens Road and Waggoner Road Drainage Improvement project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

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 Deputy Clerk read the resolution into the record.

Resolution No. 0404-22, establishing, altering, and widening of the Havens Road and Waggoner Road Drainage Improvement project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0404-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0405-22, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Double Z Construction Company, for the Amlin Area Infrastructure Parts 1 & 2 (\$2,612,674.98) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0405-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0406-22, authorization for the Franklin County Engineer to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Westerville for bridge repairs to Schrock Road over Alum Creek, and the resurfacing of a portion of Dempsey Road, City of Westerville, Blendon

Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$130,248.89) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0406-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0407-22, authorizing the purchase of capital equipment and the awarding of software and equipment maintenance agreements for an Archive Writer for the Document Imaging Center (\$105,430.00) (Recorder), presented by Brian Endicott, Director, Document Imaging Center, Recorder.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0407-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0408-22, authorizing a contract with Blue Chip Broadcasting, LTD DBA Radio One, Urban One, Inc., WCKX-FM, WXMG-FM and WJYD-FM for the provision of advertising and promotional media services for Office on Aging (\$20,000.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Interim Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0408-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0409-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Donald A. Gibson at 1050 Columbus Street, Village of Harrisburg, OH 43126 (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0409-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0410-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Patrick E. Peters at 1123 Eureka Boulevard, Columbus, OH 43223 (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 O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0410-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0411-22, approving a contract amendment with Access 2 Interpreters, LLC for interpretation and translation services (an increase of \$100,000) (\$1,550,000.00) (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 O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0411-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0412-22, approving a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with St. Stephen’s Community House for The Ohio State University Pathways 2 Progress summer youth employment program (\$615,847.85) (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.

Tei Street, Education Director of Health Sciences Academies, Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT) Initiative, The Ohio State University, shared additional comments and addressed the board in support of the proposed resolution.

Reverend Charles Leister, BREAD, 404 S. 3rd Street, Columbus, Ohio 43125, spoke in support of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0412-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0413-22, authorizing a contract with TKCK Investments to provide transitional recovery housing for participants of the Pathways Achieving Recovery by Choice Program through grant funding (\$20,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson, Chief Operating Officer, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0413-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0414-22, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,560,700.93) (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0414-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. 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 10:11 A.M.

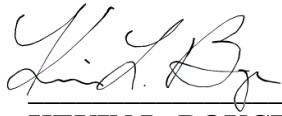
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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

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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