

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

June 13, 2023

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Present were: John O'Grady, President (*attended virtually\**)

Kevin L. Boyce, Commissioner

Erica C. Crawley, Commissioner

*\*Commissioner O'Grady's virtual attendance is not counted for Ohio's open meetings law.*

Also present on the dais were Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator; Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; and Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

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Commissioner Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:14 A.M.

Commissioner Boyce: Good morning. There will be several activities held this weekend in observance of the Juneteenth holiday, which falls on Monday, June 19. The Board of Commissioners sponsored three Juneteenth celebrations this year, which include: Juneteenth on the Ave, which will be held Saturday, June 17, from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Mt. Vernon Avenue; the Juneteenth Ohio Festival, which will be held both Saturday, June 17, and Sunday, June 18, in Genoa Park located at 303 W. Broad Street; and the Reynoldsburg Juneteenth Celebration, which will be held on Saturday, June 17, in Huber Park located at 1640 Davidson Drive. The Board of Commissioners is proud to have been one of the first local employers to recognize the Juneteenth Holiday with a day off for our team back in 2020. This morning, we're pleased to welcome a guest to tell us about the history of Juneteenth and what it means to us today. Jill Frost is the President of the Board of Directors for the Central Ohio African American Chamber of Commerce. She'll also be joining us on Friday, June 16, at 11:00 a.m. to take part in a Lunch-and-Learn discussion that we'll be streaming live on Facebook. Welcome, Ms. Frost.

Jill Frost, President, Board of Directors, Central Ohio African American Chamber of Commerce: I would first like to thank the County for supporting Juneteenth on the Ave. You have been supporters since we started, so we appreciate that. I also want to thank the Franklin County Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for being a sponsor, supporter, and friend to the Central Ohio African American Chamber of Commerce. As you mentioned, Juneteenth on the Ave will be held on Saturday, June 17. This is a collaborative event put on by a number of local, black-lead or black-centered non-profits in Franklin County. Our partners include Black, Out, & Proud; the Central Ohio African American Chamber of Commerce; the Columbus Urban League; the Maroon Arts Group; and the Poindexter Village Museum and Cultural Center of the Ohio History Connection. We will be holding this event on Mount Vernon Avenue, between Saint Clair Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street. We close the street and open with dancers and two parades that meet in the middle. We will have entertainment on three stages, as well as tons of vendors at the vendor marketplace. We will also have the Taste of Juneteenth Food Truck Festival. Most of these are black-owned businesses, and for COAACC and our partners, it is really a celebration of black-owned commerce and a commemoration of Juneteenth. Juneteenth is the oldest-known celebration or commemoration of the end of chattel slavery in America.

Commissioner Boyce: I think that it is fitting today that you see so many celebrations honoring Juneteenth. Some of you may be aware of an institution that recently opened in Central Ohio called Adelphi Bank. It was actually originally called 1865 Bank, but when we tested that name in focus groups, it was amazing how many people did not know the significance of the year 1865. It is amazing how many people don't know that history. It is an unfortunate part of our history, but what is good about democracy and American history is that we are constantly evolving and changing for a better society, a better republic, and a better democracy. That is really what this celebration of Juneteenth is; it is owning our history, but more importantly, building from it and learning from it. It is a holiday because it allows us to reflect for just a moment on how those folks felt on the path to where we are today. In 2016, I became the first African American to serve as a commissioner in the history of Franklin County. Commissioner Crawley was Franklin County's first elected Black female commissioner in 2022. Think about that for a second. We had an African American president of the United States of America before there was ever an African American commissioner in Franklin County. We have a ways to go. We are growing each year, and this community is becoming stronger and better. We are learning from our past, and that is the beauty of America.

Ms. Frost: Thank you for that. As you probably understand, we struggle with language around this day. It is a commemoration of the unthinkable, but it is also a celebration of the events in the middle. There is some good stuff in the middle. I struggle to call it a celebration because I am standing here in 2023, and I am only three to four generations outside of bondage. My great-grandmother was born to parents who lived in bondage. Again, it is unthinkable, but there is good stuff in the middle, so we commemorate it with a celebration.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you for being here. I am the newest member of this Board, elected last November. I am truly grateful to my colleagues who recognized Juneteenth and provided time off before it was a federal holiday. It is a testament to the values that this Board has held and continues to hold.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): In the world we are living in now, there is this national discourse around diversity, equity, inclusion, and race in this Country. I can't tell you how many people over the last couple of years since this became a holiday said that they did not even know what Juneteenth was. It was when the remaining enslaved population in Galveston, Texas, found out that they were free after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. Our history is not just Black history, it is American history, and there is so much of it that we do not know about. Commissioner O'Grady, members of County Administration, and a number of our staff members just went on a Civil Rights tour through our Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. It is so important to understand the things that are still happening in this country that are the product of enslavement. It is imperative that this information is taught, whether it is in schools or in communities. It is important for us to know where we come from and the things that have happened so that we don't repeat them. My great-grandmother was born in 1899, and her parents were enslaved. I would not be here if not for them and the lives they lived to make sure that I could be the first Black woman elected to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Boyce is a product of his ancestors and their wildest dreams, as well. Thank you for being here today and for all that you are doing to uplift and raise awareness around Juneteenth. I want to thank my colleagues for their continued efforts to raise awareness, and I look forward to attending some of the events this weekend.

Commissioner Boyce: I want to take a moment to acknowledge Commissioner O'Grady. We start to make progress when everyone sees the value of owning our history and learning from it. It is easy for Commissioner Crawley and me to be advocates, but when folks like Commissioner O'Grady are willing to do their part to move the needle toward change in the conversation, it is meaningful. Since I have been on the Board, whether we are behind closed doors or in public, he has been a staunch supporter of this entire conversation. Former Commissioner Marilyn Brown was the same way.

Commissioner Crawley: And that goes to show that there is a difference between allyship and being a co-conspirator. I do not need another ally. A co-conspirator is someone who takes a step in furtherance of a cause. I absolutely agree with Commissioner Boyce; Commissioner O'Grady and our Administration and team are co-conspirators in the movement to address racism and white supremacy, and to uplift things like Juneteenth and the people who have made contributions to this country. Our lives and our efforts go toward moving this country forward, still.

Ms. Frost: The speed with which Franklin County recognized Juneteenth as a holiday is very appreciated.

Commissioner Boyce: It was an easy decision. Deputy County Administrator Bivens asked me to remind the public that Juneteenth is not just a day off, but it is also a day on. It is a day to try to find something to engage, something to learn, or something to celebrate around this moment in history. That is a challenge from this Board of Commissioners to you. Let's make a difference.

Ms. Frost: We can also share our freedom stories. Every family has a freedom story, especially as global as our community is. As the head of my family, I have not done a good enough job talking to my family about our freedom story and all of the people who got us to where we are today. It is something we need to talk to our kids about, no matter our race.

Commissioner Crawley: I would like to plug Kelton House because I just took a tour about a month ago. There is some great history at the Kelton House. Everyone does have a story; there are stories of white co-conspirators and freedom, as well as African stories, and we need to hear about them.

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Commissioner Boyce: We also want to take a minute to recognize this weekend's upcoming Columbus Pride Parade and Festival. Stonewall Columbus has sponsored the parade and events for more than 40 years, bringing the Central Ohio community together to celebrate our diversity and increase the visibility and acceptance of our LGBTQIA+ community. At its start in 1982, about 200 people marched in the parade. This year's Pride Festival, which will be held Friday, June 16, and Saturday, June 17, is expected to welcome more than 700,000 people. One of the highlights for us and many others will be the Pride Parade at 10:30 am Saturday. The Franklin County Commissioners, Administration, and staff will be among the thousands participating in the walk. About 110 employees and guests are scheduled to join us in that march as we proudly show that Franklin County is a smart, open, and welcoming place. We look forward to celebrating in person and hope to see you there. I have been attending the Pride Parade since I was in college. My very first Pride Parade was actually by accident. I was trying to get to work one morning, and everything was closed down. There was absolutely no way I could get to work, and I ended up missing the whole day of work because I got stuck in the Pride Parade. Back then, there were no cell phones, so I couldn't call in to tell my boss that I was not going to make it. I actually got written up for not showing up to work that day, and I said, "Well, I was at the Pride Parade." But I learned something that day. At the time, I did not even know about the Pride Parade, but I came back every year because I believe equality does not have a race, gender, or orientation; it is simply for everyone. Everyone in every way at all times should be equal, so I have been a long supporter of Pride. I have never seen a longer or bigger parade. It is a great celebration and opportunity to showcase that Franklin County is a big tent where everybody belongs. It is wonderful to see so many people come out and experience being part of a bigger community.

Commissioner Crawley: I think it is important to underscore what it means to be an ally and a co-conspirator, and that is what we are in celebrating Pride. We are a welcoming county, and we support all of our employees county-wide. We want them to feel like they have a place here in the county that values them for who they are and how they show up so they can be their full, authentic selves every day. This is a time to celebrate Pride and understand the history of how the parade even came to be after the Stonewall uprisings. It is important to understand what people were fighting for and what they continue to fight for just so that they can continue to exist each day without the threat of people who don't believe they should exist. We understand that here. I look forward to walking with our County staff this weekend in the parade. I feel very privileged to be a part of Team Franklin County.

Commissioner O'Grady: I want to join my colleagues in noticing what a great time of year it is to be celebrating both Juneteenth and Pride. Franklin County is a fantastic community that is welcoming and diverse, and Franklin County government is a wonderful and diverse organization.

Commissioner O'Grady (cont.): We are all proud to be a part of an organization that shows diversity and inclusiveness.

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**Resolution No. 0451-23**, authorizing a consultant contract with Lachandra Baker D.B.A. LBB Edutainment, LLC for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging consulting and development services (\$40,000.00) (Auditor), presented by Trenton Weaver, Staff Counsel, Auditor.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0451-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0452-23**, authorizing an agreement with Columbus Public Health for sharing Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) facilitated by Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (Coroner), presented by Amanda Alvarez Wright, Director of Operations, Coroner's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0452-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0453-23**, to update the annual progress report relating to the Franklin County Engineer's Antiracism & Equity Program supporting the Franklin County Board of Commissioners' Declaration of Racism as a Public Health Crisis (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Before we get into our resolutions, I would like to mention that to reflect upon, uplift, and commemorate Juneteenth, we will be holding a Juneteenth Blood Drive this week. It will be on Thursday, June 15, and all members of our county family and constituents are welcome to join us. You can call our Chief Human Resources Officer, Angela Phelps, at (614)525-3030 to get on the schedule.

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

Simone Burley, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator, Engineer's Office: I would like to give a brief overview of what we have been up to for the last year. We have over fourteen listening partners, some with us today.

Ms. Burley (cont.): The Franklin County Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion is part of our team, and Chief Withers and her staff join us for quarterly meetings. We have been doing a lot, but I want to highlight a few of the things we have been up to, starting with the Workforce Team. The Diversity and Inclusion team is fully in support of the mission, and everything that we do is in line with the mission and the vision statement. The Workforce Team has completed the following mentorship sessions since we last updated you: Session Four, which was completed on June 30, 2022; and Session Five, which was completed on December 16, 2022. We are currently in Session Six, and that will end in a couple of weeks. We also hosted a virtual HBCU Civil Engineering Career Expo in conjunction with National HBCU Week last year. Commissioner Crawley was one of our speakers on the panel for that event. We had twenty-six engineering firms participate, as well as four government agencies, COMTO Columbus, and fifteen HBCU students. As a result of the expo, one student, Sydney Butler, who goes to Howard University, is interning with the Ohio Department of Transportation through their Summer Transportation Recruitment Internship for Diverse Employment (STRIDE) program. We will be hosting them at the end of the month, and I am excited to meet her in person. This year, in recognition of Black History Month, we participated in a Bronzeville Tour in the Mount Vernon Avenue area with Columbus Historian Rita Fuller-Yates. She illustrated how the completion of the interstate highway system adversely impacted the African American community in the area. We also held our first in-person Career Expo with the College of Engineering, Science, Technology, and Agriculture at Central State University, which is an HBCU. We had our first in-person Diversity and Inclusion training, as well. The first two of these trainings that we held were virtual. We conducted the training with Leverage HR, which is a woman- and minority-owned business. We were selected to present at the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference (OTEC), and the title of our workshop was "Navigating Transportation and Infrastructure Disparities Through an Equity Lens." Next, I would like to highlight our work with vendors, suppliers, consultants, and contractors, also known as procurement. Our spending with minority-owned businesses has continued to increase. We started tracking this in 2020, and we have had a steady increase since then. The percentages of our spending that have been allocated to minority-owned businesses since 2020 are as follows: 7.01% in 2020; 11.95% in 2021; 14.81% in 2022; and as of the end of April 2023, we were at 17.97% for this year. This includes all of our spending. We also have goals that we have set for our construction projects and our consultant contracts, but these percentages incorporate those. We advertise our projects in OhioMBE so that minority-owned businesses are aware of them and can compete for our business. We participated in an ODOT Matchmaker event, and we conducted meet-and-greets with numerous minority-owned businesses. Our third pillar is Community Outreach and Public Engagement, and I would like to highlight a few things we have done in those areas. We hosted a cohort of four interns from Cristo Rey Columbus High School through their professional work-study program. Three of the four interns received awards at the end of the year, and we are very proud of them. One of our graduating students who worked in our Tax Map department is now a paid summer intern, and she was very excited to get that opportunity. We continue our partnership with Ohio Avenue Elementary, which is our adopted school. We do tutoring, STEM Days, Career Days, and Back-to-School Kickoffs.

Ms. Burley (cont.): Every year, Engineer Robertson donates a hat, scarf, and gloves to every student in the school, and we are looking forward to continuing that partnership with them. We have resumed our visits to the Columbus Area Commission. So far, we have gone to four and have another scheduled for this evening. This allows us to come before residents of Columbus to tell them more about the Franklin County Engineer's Office, make ourselves available to them, and lend a hand when we can. We have a snapshot attached to our report and all of our quarterly reports that we issued from our listening partners. I want to highlight a couple of things from our snapshot. We increased our minority hires by 29% last year. When Engineer Robertson took office, 6.4% of our team was African American. In 2023, 12.3% of our employees are African American. We are very intentional in our hiring practices and have implemented a blind hiring process. This means that we do not see names or addresses when we receive applications, but we see numbers. We look at the applicant's credentials and give a number back to our HR department, and we see the names of those individuals who have been selected for an interview after that. As a result of this process, we have been able to broaden our reach. We have been very intentional in our recruitment efforts, and I think it has paid off, and our numbers support that.

*Listening partners Tajudeen A. Bakare, Principal/Chief Bridge Engineer, CT Consultants, and Sonja Simpson, Office Executive/Associate Vice President, Michael Baker International, shared brief remarks.*

Commissioner Boyce: I want to acknowledge your work and your efforts. We definitely see you as a co-conspirator in our efforts in Franklin County to move the needle in our hiring, procurement, and contracting processes. Years from now, it will be easy to look back and quantify the work that we have done by looking at those things, and that matters. We are grateful for you engaging in this process with us.

Commissioner Crawley: Engineer Robertson, I have shared with you many times my appreciation for your commitment to these efforts. In this time that we live in, we talk about Pre-George Floyd and Post-George Floyd eras. In the post-George Floyd era, we have seen that there was a commitment to DE&I right after his murder, but it has tapered off. But your commitment started even before his murder. You understood the value of having a diverse agency. You understand the history of having highways built through communities of color and not having investment in infrastructure in these communities. You let me know that you wanted to make sure that all areas of Franklin County have investment and that you were committed to making that right to the extent that you could. You wanted to ensure that the areas that had been underrepresented and had not had investment were made a priority. I just want to say thank you for your ongoing commitment. You are not just checking a box. You are always looking for ways to continue to put dollars in the right places so that everyone in Franklin County can see this as a place where they can live, work, and play, and they are valued. Thank you for that and for having a diverse staff in your agency.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0453-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Establishing, altering, and widening of Dublin Road, County Road No. 10, from Scioto-Darby Creek Road, County Road No. 29, to Tuttle Road, Norwich Township and Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

Commissioner Boyce: 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. 0454-23**, establishing, altering, and widening of Dublin Road, County Road No. 10, from Scioto-Darby Creek Road, County Road No. 29, to Tuttle Road, Norwich Township and Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0454-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Establishing, altering, and widening of Williams Road, County Road No. 123, at Spangler Road, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

Commissioner Boyce: 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. 0455-23**, establishing, altering, and widening of Williams Road, County Road No. 123, at Spangler Road, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0455-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Establishing, altering, and widening of Winchester Pike, County Road No. 376, at Watkins Road, Township Road No. 126, and Askins Road, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.



Commissioner Boyce: 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. 0456-23**, establishing, altering, and widening of Winchester Pike, County Road No. 376, at Watkins Road, Township Road No. 126, and Askins Road, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0456-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Plans approved for the improvement of Elmore Avenue, Township Road No. 1057, from Karl Road, County Road No. 76, to Cleveland Avenue, County Road No. 75, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

Commissioner Boyce: 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. 0457-23**, plans approved for the improvement of Elmore Avenue, Township Road No. 1057, from Karl Road, County Road No. 76, to Cleveland Avenue, County Road No. 75, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0457-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0458-23**, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Complete General Construction Company for Reese Road 0.23 over Big Walnut Creek (\$2,838,502.39) (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0458-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0459-23**, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Complete General Construction Company for Hayden Run Road 6.74 over Scioto River (\$2,393,251.23) (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0459-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0460-23**, granting approval to declare equipment obsolete and no longer needed for Franklin County use, and authorizing sale of said equipment (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0460-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0461-23**, requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on Stahl Road, County Road No. 145, Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0461-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0462-23**, approval of the Replat of Reserve "F" of The Farms at Jefferson Phase 1, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0462-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0463-23**, authorizing County Engineer Cornell R. Robertson to submit applications and execute project agreements on behalf of Franklin County for Ohio Public Works

Commission funding of road and bridge projects (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0463-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0464-23**, authorizing a transfer of appropriations and a purchase order for the return of prisoners (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 0464-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0465-23**, authorizing a contract with MAPSYS, Inc. to provide requested support and maintenance to the Franklin County Treasurer System (\$110,000.00) (Treasurer), presented by Jaclyn Treadwell, Budget and Purchasing Coordinator, Treasurer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0465-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0466-23**, authorizing a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment #3 to modify the original Contract Agreement with Elford, Inc. to provide Construction Manager at Risk Services, including Construction Services, associated with the construction of a mental health and addiction crisis center not to exceed \$32,640,507.00 (\$50,000,000.00) (Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Board), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

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

Erika Clark Jones, Chief Executive Officer, Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County (ADAMH): I first want to express my gratitude to the many partners who have worked diligently for months and years to get us to this milestone. Construction for the Franklin County Crisis Care Center has been underway since April. Thank you to those who joined us for our groundbreaking in February of this year.

Ms. Clark Jones (cont.): If you have traveled near the site at 465 Harmon Avenue, you will see that the structural steel framing is going up, and the facility is beginning to take shape. The ADAMH Board is also closing in on our fundraising goal of \$59.9 million. We have raised \$57.17 million to date, committed by all of our public and private partners. Since the inception of the Franklin County Crisis Care Center, ADAMH and our partners have been committed to supplier diversity and expanding opportunity through the construction project. The Crisis Care Center has been planned and funded by the community to provide equitable access and care for all. It is equally important that this facility's construction opportunities are also accessible to all qualified businesses. Engagement with small and emerging businesses was a purposeful and intentional strategy. ADAMH is grateful for the entire team that was focused in this regard, specifically Hammes Healthcare, Elford Construction, Corna Kokosing (CK) Construction, Velocity Construction Services, and Ginger Cunningham & Associates, who worked in collaboration with our partners at Franklin County Public Facilities Management. As a result of these intentional efforts, eighteen small and emerging businesses are a part of this community project for which we have complete confidence in delivering this critical facility for Franklin County residents. This has resulted in a 29% SEBE participation rate for this project.

Randy Duncan, Vice President, Elford, Inc.: Thank you for this opportunity to represent CK and to be your construction manager for the project. We had good bid coverage and a saturated bidding market. We had over forty bids across the packages as part of this GMP. We are really excited about the SEBE results. On this GMP, 38% of the subcontracted value went to SEBE firms for an aggregate on the project of 29.9% of subcontracted value. Making up that 29.9% were seventeen SEBE vendors, and we had 3C Industries on our CM team, which is also an SEBE vendor.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0466-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0467-23**, authorizing an agreement between Franklin County Children Services and Franklin County Office on Aging for funding for Kinship Caregiver Support (\$300,000.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0467-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0468-23**, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with St. Stephen's Community House to provide gap funding to the Mid-Ohio Market (\$108,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0468-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0469-23**, authorizing COVID-19 Recovery Grant Agreements to various Franklin County nonprofit organizations to assist with various capital improvement and expansion projects (\$801,275.44) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0469-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0470-23**, authorizing a contract agreement with KatBro Consulting LTD for conference strategy, marketing, and coordination of the first Franklin County Board of Commissioners DEI Conference (\$32,100.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0470-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0471-23**, 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) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Jayme Staley, Executive Director, Greater Columbus Sister Cities International: It is great to be here to share a new project with you. Much of our work in 2022 was focused on building out of the pandemic. One of the projects my team and I worked on was CIRCLE, which stands for Creating International Relationships through Cultural Leadership Education. That program is for young professionals and is four weekends, Friday evening through Saturday evening.

Ms. Staley (cont.): They come together to be put in a variety of experiences that take them out of their comfort zone. I have invited three of our participants here today to share a little bit about the impact of that program. At the completion of the CIRCLE program, they take a delegation to one of our sister cities, and they do not know which one they are heading to until the fourth weekend. This group ended up traveling to Italy. I want them to talk a bit about why global leadership is something that we need to be paying more attention to. We have a lot of global investment coming in, and we want to make sure that the leaders of tomorrow understand how to navigate in those moments when they do not necessarily know the answer and they need to figure out how to pivot or when they are working with someone from a different culture.

*CIRCLE participants Annie Marsico, Kelly Lombardo Matthews, and Makenzie Skinner shared brief remarks.*

Commissioner Boyce: I truly believe that leadership is ever-evolving, and it is defined by you. There is no formula or perfect scenario for leadership. I wish you all luck in your endeavors, and congratulations on the completion of the program.

Commissioner Crawley: I would like to echo Commissioner Boyce's remarks. Congratulations on completing the program! I think that it is phenomenal that you all had this opportunity to learn from each other and from other people, as well as travel. I think it is necessary in this geopolitical space to understand what is going on in different countries. We can learn from other cities in other countries and bring back best practices and implement them here. I look forward to hearing from Sameen and Jayme about all of the wonderful things you all are doing. If there is any way I can be a resource, please let me know. Congratulations, and I am looking forward to supporting this resolution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0471-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0473-23**, authorizing supplemental appropriations for social services contracts and additional overtime related to Medicaid unwinding efforts (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0473-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0474-23**, authorizing a contract with Mighty Crow Media LLC for evaluation services related to the FY 2022 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program

(COSSAP) grant (\$60,000.00) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0474-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0475-23**, authorizing the acceptance of a 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 equipment for linkage to care services (\$16,000.00) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0475-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0476-23**, authorizing the First Amendment to the Master Services Agreement with Global Tel\*Link Corporation to provide Inmate Telephone and other enhanced services (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0476-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0477-23**, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with Acoustic Ceiling & Partition of Ohio, Inc. to perform additional acoustical & drywall activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center Continuation Phase 2A in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$173,214.00 and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$5,007,501.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Vivian Alexander, Chief Operating Officer, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0477-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0478-23**, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with Precision Industrial Services, Inc. to perform additional epoxy flooring activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center Continuation Phase 2A in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$36,606.00 and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$725,297.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Vivian Alexander, Chief Operating Officer, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0478-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0479-23**, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with Teemok Construction, Inc. to perform additional general trades activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center Continuation Phase 2A in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$372,399.00 and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$6,083,359.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Vivian Alexander, Chief Operating Officer, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0479-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0480-23**, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with Wanner Metal Worx, Inc. to perform additional miscellaneous steel activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center Continuation Phase 2A in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$73,195.00 and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$2,840,323.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Vivian Alexander, Chief Operating Officer, Public Facilities Management.

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



Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0480-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0481-23**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$4,316,405.87) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Tameca Bumper, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0481-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0482-23**, 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 Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0482-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0483-23**, authorizing the execution of separate subgrant agreements by Franklin County Children Services, Job and Family Services, and the Child Support Enforcement Agency with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (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 0483-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read one (1) journalization into the record:

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the 2024 Franklin County Tax Budget. This hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 9:00 am at General

Session in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 369 South High Street, Main Lobby, Columbus, Ohio 43215, and via Zoom conferencing. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Clerk of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners at 614-525-5387.

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**Resolution No. 0484-23**, of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters and to confer with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office concerning pending or imminent litigation (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0484-23, to convene into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official; and to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 11:10 A.M.

At 11:52 A.M., Commissioner Crawley moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Boyce, which was approved by roll call vote. No substantive action was taken upon exiting Executive Session, and with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.




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**JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT**



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**KEVIN L. BOYCE**



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

Submitted by:



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