

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

May 31, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 31, 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: John O'Grady, Commissioner
Kevin L. Boyce, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; and Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

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 called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

Approval of the minutes for the May 17 and May 24, 2022, General Sessions; the May 19 and May 26, 2022, Briefing Sessions; and, the April 27 and May 25, 2022, Administrative Briefing Sessions. Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0415-22, authorizing firearms training through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Corrections Training Academy (\$3,400.00) (Court of Common Pleas), presented by Walt Pesterfield, Chief Probation Officer, Court of Common Pleas, General Division.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0415-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0416-22, authorizing a contract with Capital University Law School (\$48,000.00) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division, and Julie Troth, Supervisor, Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division.

Ms. Reeves and Ms. Troth reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0416-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding plans approved for the Signalized Intersections at Gantz/Dyer, Hilliard & Rome/Beacon Hill, and Rohr/Pontius, Jackson Township, Prairie Township, Madison 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. 0417-22, plans approved for the improvement of Signalized Intersections at Gantz Road, County No. 256, at Dyer Road, Township Road No. 260; Hilliard & Rome Road, County Road No. 3, at Beacon Hill Road and Hillbrook Drive; and, Rohr Road, County Road No. 235, at Pontius Road, County Road No. 237 and County Road No. 118, Jackson Township, Prairie Township, Madison 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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0417-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0418-22, Barge Design Solutions, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing preliminary engineering design services for the Havens Corners Road Drainage Improvement project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$117,885.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0418-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0419-22, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with Resource International, Inc. for the Alton & Darby Creek Road over Clover Groff Run (FRA-CO272-1.88) Improvement project, an increase of (\$41,596.00), for a revised contract amount of \$240,792.00 (\$41,596.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0419-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0420-22, authorizing an agreement with Franklin County Job and Family Services for police protection at three office locations within Franklin County (\$1,266,065.00) (Sheriff), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0420-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0421-22, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant to Stonewall Columbus for support of in-person Pride events and to host a community resource fair (\$14,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0421-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0422-22, 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 Grace Yousefi-Maxwell, Junior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

Ms. Yousefi-Maxwell reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Jayme Staley, Executive Director, Greater Columbus Sister Cities International: A couple of our most recent visits have been attended by several of the Commissioners, including a visit from the Mayor of Accra, Ghana. I recently returned from a trip to Odense, Denmark, where we were planning for an upcoming economic development-focused mission that will take place with a Commissioner later this year. We are also thrilled to announce our Circle Program, which is an international workforce development initiative for young professionals in Franklin County that will be commencing in the next couple of weeks.

Commissioner Boyce: Understanding the relationship that Franklin County has with Sister Cities across the globe is an important component to understanding much of the growth that you see in our economic community. We want to continue to find opportunities for small businesses to link into those international relationships. I am hoping to have some small business representatives for the next delegation. Health and wellness are also very important for Franklin County, and we have discussed having a marathon exchange, for which I am eager to be the Franklin County representative. If you have spent any time on our bike trails or walking trails, you know that promoting health and wellness is part of our DNA. Having international relationships and learning from what happens in other cities and countries is a critical part of what makes Central Ohio a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Ms.Staley: The recent pandemic is a great example of the exchange of information that results from having these international relationships. We were able to bring back policies and procedures that were shared internationally, and implement them here. I am excited to see small businesses back on our delegations, now that we are back out in the world and traveling, and I look forward to seeing County representation, as well.

Commissioner O'Grady: I look forward to working with you to plan this delegation and trip to Odense. I participated in previous trips to Ahmedabad, India and to Seville, Spain, which each had economic development components. We also partnered with One Columbus for both of those trips, so we may want to have similar conversations in planning for Odense.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0422-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Commissioner Boyce: I want to take a moment to recognize a very special guest who just joined us here today, and that is our Franklin County Prosecutor, Gary Tyack. Welcome to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, it is such a pleasure to see you here. You are very well-

represented in the form of Jeanine Hummer. I have never seen anyone do her job as well as she does, and that is a direct testament to your leadership because the standard comes from the top. Thank you so much for joining us today.

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Resolution No. 0423-22, authorizing a Grant Agreement with IMPACT Community Action to provide Rental and Utility Assistance and Housing Stability Services to Residents in Franklin County (\$4,761,084.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Chief Operating Officer, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Bo Chilton, Chief Executive Officer, IMPACT Community Action: We have assisted over 34,000 people and distributed over \$80 million dollars over the past two years. To give context, in 2019, we had a budget of \$300,000 and we served 250 people. I am very proud of the staff who built the infrastructure necessary for us to be able to serve that many people over a two-year period. I am aware of the challenges faced throughout the state to distribute funds to people in need, but here in Franklin County, we have worked very closely with partners to prevent our shelters from being overwhelmed. Our community relies on IMPACT to be a leader in providing that type of support; however, we are coming to the end of our funding, and we are requesting additional funding so that we can continue to serve the people of Franklin County. These funds will allow us to serve just under 900 people over the next two months. Our focus is on providing holistic, comprehensive services. Not only are we providing rent assistance, but we are getting people enrolled in our career pathway programs. One of these programs is the Roads to Work, which the county supports. Our primary focus is getting people back to work and giving them the supportive services they need to remove employment barriers and obtain living-wage jobs that support their families.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you for the work that you do every day to bridge the gap for families that are without resources, and who are potentially in homeless situations. These funds are critical because there is not a day that goes by that someone does not reach out to me about needing rental assistance, and we refer them directly to IMPACT. At some point, we would love to have a more detailed annual report regarding the number of families that were helped through the use of these funds.

Commissioner O'Grady: We appreciate your partnership because you help us to do some of the most important work that we are doing as a county.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: I would like to echo the Commissioners' comments. I was speaking with fellow members of the NACo Healthy Counties Advisory Board, of which I am Vice Chair, and we were discussing how housing is at the top of our priority list because of its impact on health. Community health and wellness have been a key policy focus for the Board, as is evidenced by the investment in the CARES Act and the investment in the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Without PRC, ERA, and the IMPACT Hope Program, we would not be able to be as impactful. Once you help someone maintain the roof over their head, their long-term housing stability is key to helping them find a better job and putting them in a position that allows them to deal with inflationary pressures on rent and other expenses. We are preparing a report for the Commissioners to show what we have been able to do in the housing space over the last couple of years.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0423-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0424-22, authorizing disposition of personal property, including motor vehicles and equipment, that are no longer needed for public use, are obsolete, or are unfit for the use it was acquired, and authorizing the Director of Fleet Management to dispose of said items by transferring title to other governmental agencies in Ohio, by internet auction, or selling as salvage (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0424-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0425-22, approving a contract extension for on-site case management services between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center (\$182,874.20) (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 0425-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0426-22, authorizing the County Administrator to approve a sub-grant award modification issued to Columbus Division of Police through the 2020 Office on Violence Against Women Improving Criminal Justice Response grant program. (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Courtney Benner, Grant Specialist, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0426-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0427-22, authorizing the County Administrator to approve a no-cost extension of the grant agreement with the Columbus Division of Police through the FY20 Justice Assistance Grant as authorized by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Courtney Benner, Grant Specialist, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0427-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0428-22, authorizing the Franklin County Administrator to sign a contract extension for services with the Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital dba Abigail Wexner Research Institute to provide trauma-informed counseling and childhood programming as supported by the 2019 Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and their Adolescent Children grant (\$104,784.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Courtney Benner, Grant Specialist, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0428-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0429-22, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,194,454.76) (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 0429-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2022.



ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT



JOHN O'GRADY

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

Submitted by:



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