

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

June 18, 2024

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 18, 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; 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.

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 9:13 A.M.

Commissioner Boyce: Refugee Week is a global celebration annually from June 17, through June 23, to honor the resilience and strength of refugees worldwide who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict or persecution. Here in Franklin County, we want to continue honoring the contributions, creativity, and tenacity of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. As Franklin County's demographics continue to change, we recognize that immigrants and refugees are an integral part of our present, our future, and our workforce. Here with us today is Nadia Kasvin, Executive Director & Co-Founder of US Together. Welcome, Nadia.

Ms. Kasvin spoke about World Refugee Day. Ms. Kasvin noted that the United Nations designates this day to honor refugees around the globe. It falls on June 20 each year and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

Commissioner Crawley offered thanks and support for US Together and the vital work for refugees worldwide and in Franklin County.

Commissioner Boyce offered remarks on Juneteenth, a celebration that takes place each year on June 19, 2024. Juneteenth dates back to 1865 and commemorates when enslaved peoples in Texas were declared free.

Commissioner Crawley commented on Juneteenth, celebrating perseverance in the face of adversity and not repeating past mistakes.

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Commissioner Boyce: It’s that time of year when every season, my colleagues and I recognize state-champion athletes from Franklin County and surrounding Central Ohio area high schools. Today, we’re here to celebrate the Spring state champion athletes who have excelled in Boys Tennis, Boys and Girls Track and Field, and Girls and Boys Lacrosse. It’s our privilege to partner with the Greater Columbus Sports Commission and Ohio High School Athletic Association to recognize these outstanding athletes. Welcome to all the athletes, coaches, families, and friends who took the time to be with us this morning. To kick things off, please welcome our good friends, Linda Logan, Executive Director of the Greater Columbus Sports Commission, and Doug Ute, Executive Director of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Ms. Logan and Mr. Ute offered brief remarks on behalf of the Greater Columbus Sports Commission and Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you, Linda and Doug.

Commissioner Boyce (cont.): When I announce your school and sport, I invite the coach and athlete(s) to make their way to the podium. Introduce yourself and your team and share some highlights from your season. Not only do we have our in-house audience, but we also have guests online, and a recording of the meeting will be posted to YouTube for later viewing. We’d like to hear from the athletes. Tell us your grade and any details you’d like to share about your sport and season. In the case of the seniors, we’d love to hear about your future plans. Before returning to your seats, let’s capture this moment and get a quick photo with my colleagues and me.

School	Sport	Athlete(s)	Coach(es)
Bexley	Boys Tennis	Henry Lessard	Will Gingery
Columbus Africentric High School	Girls Long Jump	Ashtan Winfrey	Clayton Wrighter
St. Francis DeSales	Girls Lacrosse Boys Lacrosse	Team Team	Joe Finotti Max Triplet
Dublin Jerome	Boys 3200 Meter	Samuel Ricchiuti	Alex Jacobs
Hilliard Davidson	Girls 4x800	Team	Matthew Beatty
Olentangy	Girls High Jump	Chayla Rankin	Jennifer Sosa
Olentangy Liberty	Girls 3200 Meter	Elena Aldrink	James Dingus

	Boys High Jump	Nate Hollingsworth	Nate Cikach
	Girls Lacrosse	Team	Jason Godwin
	Boys Lacrosse	Team	
Olentangy Orange	Girls 1600 Meter	Brooke Chapman	Adam Walters
Pickerington Central	Boys 4x200	Team	Jason Roach
Upper Arlington	Girls 4x400	Team	Lauren Karap
Westerville Central	100 Meter Dash	Olivia Pace	David Mentlow
Westerville North	Boys 4x800	Team	Johnny Jackson
	1600 Meter	Ben Gabelman	

Commissioner Boyce: That concludes our Spring sports state champion’s recognition. Do my colleagues have any words of wisdom or advice they want to impart to these outstanding student-athletes?

Closing Remarks from each of the commissioners were made.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you for joining us. You’re welcome to stay for the meeting, but we understand if you need to get on with your day.

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Resolution No. 0508-24, authorizing the Second Contract Modification with Armor Health of Ohio, LLC (\$1,604,033.00) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0508-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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Resolution No. 0511-24, authorizing a one-year grant extension with the Ohio Women’s Alliance (\$259,700.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Brittany Hillyard, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

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

Rhiannon Carnes, Executive Director & Co-Founder, Ohio Women's Alliance, remarked on the types of care available due to the funding received through the grant and outlined all the organization's work, highlighting the expansion of mental health support Be Well program scheduled to launch in 2025.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0511-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Crawley abstaining.

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Resolution No. 0531-24, authorizing a one-year grant extension with the Center for Family Safety and Healing in the amount of 125,000 (\$125,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Brittany Hillyard, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0531-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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Resolution No. 0518-24, authorizing two consent to easement and mortgage subordination documents for the benefit of a Reciprocal Easement Agreement and utility easement with AEP for the benefit of three affordable housing projects being developed by National Church Residences (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0518-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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Commissioner Crawley moved to remove Resolution No. 0498-24 from the table, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The resolution was removed from the table by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0498-24, approving a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital dba Abigail Wexner Research Institute for the Franklin County Ready 2 Earn youth employment program (\$200,000.45) (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 0498-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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Resolution No. 0532-24, authorizing the execution of a subgrant award to OhioHealth SARNCO to provide training and victim services under the FY 2023 Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (S.T.O.P.) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Block Subgrant Grant Program, granting authority to the County Administrator to sign all acceptance documents and waivers related to the Grant Program (\$60,078.30) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Kevin Greenwood, Deputy Director, Survivor Services, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0532-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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Resolution No. 0526-24, authorizing execution of an Agreement with DLZ Architecture, Inc. to provide Design Professional Services associated with the planning, design, and new construction of the new Franklin County downtown facility, which includes the Early Learning Center (\$1,389,625.00) (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 expressed excitement about the Early Learning Center and what this resource will mean to employees and the community.

Commissioner O'Grady expressed excitement about the Early Learning Center and the planning being done today, as well as the future of Franklin County and the community's growing needs.

Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, remarked that the master planning process is ongoing and stated that efforts will continue to be made to bring the plan to life.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0526-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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Resolution No. 0530-24, approving two purchase orders for Franklin County Job & Family Services (\$7,500.00) (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 0530-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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Resolution No. 0505-24, authorizing a one-year contract with Woolpert, Inc. for Aerial Imagery, Digital Orthoimagery, and Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV) photography (\$69,088.00) (Auditor), presented by Trenton Weaver, Deputy General Counsel, Auditor's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0505-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0506-24, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Boss Excavating & Grading, Inc. for Alkire Road at Demorest Road Storm Sewer Replacement (\$327,747.00) (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, P.E., P.S., Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0506-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0507-24, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Complete General Construction Company for Trabue Road 10.77 over Scioto River & 10.89 over Scioto Pointe Drive (\$14,769,507.24) (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, P.E., P.S., Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0507-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0509-24, authorizing a maintenance agreement with Metals Treatment Technologies, LLC for bullet trap cleaning and lead abatement at the Sheriff's Office firing range (\$48,212.00) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0509-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0510-24, authorizing grant agreement modifications with Central Community House and National Center for Urban Solutions for digital literacy for an increased amount of \$262,393.00 (\$393,143.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Laurice Cohens, Chief Financial Officer, Office on Aging.

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

Tamara Forrest, Executive Director, Central Community House, briefly remarked on the partnership between Central Community House and the Office on Aging and how more than 500 seniors have been served through the digital literacy program. Ms. Forrest stated Central Community House is deeply engaged with the Franklin County Digital Equity Coalition.

Commissioner Crawley commented on digital equity, programming, and working in partnership and asked the County Administration how collaborations with other entities, such as the City of Columbus, can be expanded and services offered to more people who might be waiting.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, stated that the two projects operate independently of the digital equity investment and that efforts can be made to expand upon what is planned.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0510-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0512-24, authorizing one-year grant extensions to various nonprofits related to the Community Partnerships grant program (\$3,352,953.19) (Community Partnerships), presented by Brittany Hillyard, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0512-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0513-24, authorizing one-year grant extensions to 20 nonprofits related to the Community Partnerships grant program (\$3,364,116.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Brittany Hillyard, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0513-24, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0514-24, authorizing a contract agreement with Christopher Street Tours to operate and execute a gay rights movement and history tour that will support our ongoing education regarding the complex, continuous work of advancing equal rights for the LGBTQ+ community (\$70,584.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Perla Martinez, DEI Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0514-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0515-24, authorizing a contract agreement with Distinct Event Planning, LLC for conference planning, strategy, marketing, and coordination of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners DEI Conference (\$42,500.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Perla Martinez, DEI Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0515-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0516-24, authorizing a grant agreement with Buckeye Tigers to help fund their annual Aerospace Career Education Academy (\$12,215.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Perla Martinez, DEI Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Andrew Pierce, Buckeye Tigers, thanked the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for supporting this grant.

Captain Michael Milton, Delta Airlines, thanked the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for supporting this grant.

Commissioner Crawley expressed thanks to Mr. Pierce and Captain Milton for their work.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, commented on the program's success and the stories of students, many of whom are from underrepresented populations and have pursued additional education.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0516-24, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0517-24, authorizing an Affordable Housing Development Agreement with Community Housing Network, Inc. to receive funding through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal

Recovery Fund for the support of a Magnet Fund project (\$660,000.00) (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 O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0517-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0519-24, authorizing the Franklin County Administrator to Execute on Behalf of the Franklin County Commissioners the Attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” Instrument for Ernest Taylor at 1096 Hillside Avenue, Township of Pleasant, Ohio 43126 (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 O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0519-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0520-24, authorizing the County Administrator to execute on behalf of the Board of Franklin County Commissioners the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Rebecca Weidner at 4871 Astoria Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207 (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 O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0520-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0521-24, review of petition to annex 13.388 +/- acres from Washington Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-10-24 (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0521-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0522-24, authorizing the execution of fourteen subgrant awards and contracts to provide victim services and enhance law enforcement and prosecution under the FY 2023 Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (S.T.O.P.) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Block Subgrant Grant Program, granting authority to the County Administrator to sign all acceptance documents and waivers related to the Grant Program (\$710,554.43) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Kevin Greenwood, Deputy Director, Survivor Services, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0522-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0523-24, authorizing eleven subgrant awards and contracts for services to support prevention, treatment, and recovery from addiction, including opioids or any other co-occurring substance use or mental health conditions through the FY 2024 Local Opioid Settlement Government Fund (LOSGF) grant program (\$1,349,996.98) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Kevin Greenwood, Deputy Director, Survivor Services, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0523-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0524-24, authorizing a subgrant award to Franklin County Municipal Court for community-based services for individuals diverted from the prison system and/or at high risk for future criminal justice involvement under the FY 2024-2025 Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison (TCAP) grant program (\$30,000.00) (Justice Policy and Program), presented by Kevin Greenwood, Deputy Director, Survivor Services, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0524-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0525-24, authorizing a professional service contract agreement with KELKARES, LLC for peer support services for residents served through the Franklin County Jail Population Review Board initiative (\$27,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Kevin Greenwood, Deputy Director, Survivor Services, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0525-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0527-24, authorizing appropriation adjustments for General Fund operations and the Permanent Improvement Fund (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0527-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0528-24, authorizing a Contract Modification and Extension between Franklin County and OptumRx PBM of Illinois, Inc. (OptumRx) to incorporate updated pricing and a contract extension (\$1,400,000.00) (Human Resources), presented by Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0528-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0529-24, approving purchases for various Franklin County Agencies (\$1,658,647.65) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Talishia Williams, Fiscal Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0529-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0533-24, expanding the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Board to oversee, prioritize, and guide implementation of the Columbus & Franklin County Local Food Action Plan (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0533-24, 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 2025 Franklin County Tax Budget. This hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 9:00 A.M., 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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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2024.



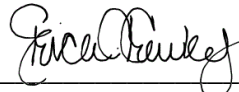
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KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT



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

Submitted by:



9/19/2024

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

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