

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

June 20, 2023

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

Present were: John O'Grady, President  
Kevin L. Boyce, Commissioner  
Erica C. Crawley, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; 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 Lauren M. Graessle, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

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Commissioner O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:13 A.M.

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

*Linda Logan, Executive Director, Greater Columbus Sports Commission, offered brief remarks.*

Commissioner Boyce: Congratulations to all student-athletes who are here today for this very auspicious occasion to recognize your achievements. Congratulations to your family and friends, and your entire network of people in the ecosystem that got you here today. As a former Division I college athlete, I know that the things you learn in athletics very much translate into life.

Commissioner Boyce (cont.): Whether it teaches you what it takes to be committed to something, waking up on time, taking care of yourself, or doing all the other things that allow you to participate in your sport, those things translate. The most important thing that translates is the act of competing every day. I cannot think of a day that I get up and get to work or go about my life and I am not competing in some way or another. The things you have learned in your respective sports will translate to you in life. I hope you take that very seriously. And I hope you enjoy the experience of being on top and winning. Not everyone gets to be All-State, and not everyone gets to be titled “champion.” That is a unique and special designation because it is not given; it is earned. I hope you understand that earning a position in life that says you have worked to get there is what will define you as human. Congratulations on a job well done. You deserve all of the recognition. Good luck to you, and Godspeed in your future endeavors.

Commissioner Crawley: Congratulations! I want to echo the sentiments of Commissioner Boyce. I, too, played sports. I played softball for ten years, including for my high school. I have a daughter who played volleyball through high school and then club for the University of Kentucky this past season. My other daughter was a gymnast. What I learned as an athlete was teamwork. There should be less “I” and more “we.” That followed me into the military and into my career. It will be the same for you, whatever you do after this. You have learned discipline and commitment and that you never get anywhere alone. It takes a village to be as successful as you are, including your teammates and coaches, and your family and friends who show up every day to support you. Those people will cheer you on long after you leave high school and take on your next steps. I want to encourage you to keep going and keep doing whatever your heart desires. If you continue to play sports, we are your cheerleaders. But if it is something else, just remember that everything you have learned along the way will absolutely apply to that next thing. Congratulations, and you always have friends here at the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner O’Grady: Some of you have been here before; I recognize some faces in the crowd. We started doing this fifteen years ago when I became a County Commissioner because when I was in high school, I was on a state championship team, and Columbus City Council had us come down to recognize us. I thought that was the coolest thing in the world, so when I became a Commissioner, I wanted to do the same thing for you all. When I was in high school, all of us were really proud to be recognized by the community leaders for our achievements. I want to remind you all of a couple of things. All of the work that you put into this state championship and the accomplishments that you have made are fantastic, but this should be a stepping stone in your life. This should not be the greatest achievement of your life; it should just be the first or one of the first great achievements you make. You do not want to get to be my age and have this achievement be the single greatest thing that you have ever done with your life. This can be the jumping-off point for a lot of great achievements in your life. Additionally, as my colleagues have mentioned, a lot of people have helped you get to where you are. I didn’t realize that when I was your age. I did not think about all of the dedication that everyone around me put in for me to be successful. Now, as a parent, I think about it all of the time. For example, my wife and I are going to take the rest of the week off to go to Chatanooga, Tennessee, to spend the weekend with my daughter as she plays in a travel softball tournament because she wants to play college softball someday. Next week, we will do the same thing in Indianapolis. As parents, that is what we do.

Commissioner O'Grady (cont.): That is what families and friends do for all of you because we love you. We want to support you in achieving your dreams and your goals. Do not forget those people. If you did not have anybody in the stands for you, it would be much more difficult. So, remember to thank all of those people because they are there for you. Let's get on to recognizing you. I'm going to announce your school and sport, and at that time, I will invite the coach and athletes to the podium to say a few words. Coaches, please introduce yourself and your team, and share a few highlights about your season. We'd also like to hear from the student-athletes. Tell us what grade you're in, any details you'd like to share about your season and seniors, and if you can, please share your future plans. Before returning to your seats, let's take a quick photo.

<b>School</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Athlete(s)</b>	<b>Coach(es)</b>
Bexley	Girls Track & Field	Sydney Smith	Jamie Hayes
	Boys Track & Field	Mason Louis	Shane Roberts
Bishop Watterson	Girls Lacrosse	Team	Eileen Barrett
Saint Francis DeSales	Girls Track & Field	Katherine Dortmund Isabella Swallow Mckenzie Amonor Kenyetietta Quinn	Tim Jewett
	Boys Volleyball	Team	Andy Feltz
Dublin Jerome	Boys Lacrosse	Team	Andy Asmo
Gahanna Lincoln	Boys Tennis	Brandon Carpico	Chris Schwinnen
	Girls Track & Field	Camden Bentley Amryne Chilton Aliyah Bennett Keena Sanders	Roger Whittaker
	Boys Track & Field	Romearo Wells Maxwell Cummings Andrew Pizzico Makai Shahid	Shawn Johnston
Hilliard Davidson	Boys Track & Field	Connor Ackley	Pat Schlecht
Olentangy Liberty	Boys Track & Field	Jaxson Eckert	Nate Cikach
Pickerington Central	Boys Track & Field	Troy Lane	Jason Roach

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Pickerington Central	Girls Track & Field	Nevaeh White Grace Alls Tenaya Jordan Jordan Archie	Darrin Green
Upper Arlington	Girls Lacrosse	Team	Laura Sandbloom
Westerville Central	Girls Track & Field	Olivia Pace	David Mentlow

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Approval of the minutes for the May 23, and May 30, 2023, General Sessions; the May 25, 2023, Briefing Session; and the May 31, 2023, Administrative Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0485-23**, authorizing a contract with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation for the Community Corrections and Targeted Community Alternative to Prisons Grant (\$11,836,040.00) (Court of Common Pleas), presented by Kimberly Canada, Director of Finance, Court of Common Pleas, General Division.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0485-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0486-23**, authorizing a first amendment with Forum Ohio LLC for various psychological services (\$400,000.00) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0486-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0487-23**, authorizing a second amendment to the 2023 grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Youth Services (\$10,000.00) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0487-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0488-23**, authorizing a supplemental appropriation in the Domestic Relations Grant Fund to support program operations (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0488-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0489-23**, adopting the Franklin County Drainage Engineer's annual review of the 10-Year Capital Improvement Program for Drainage Systems (Drainage Engineer), presented by Cornell R. Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

Mr. Robertson: Before I begin, I would like to congratulate the state champions of the spring sports. I am impressed by their tenacity, their ability to multitask, and their ability to perform at such a high level.

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

Katherine Harrison, Board Member, Ohio Farm Bureau of Trustees, District 11: It is a privilege to be able to speak to you this morning in support of this resolution. As was shared, I am a farmer between Canal Winchester and Groveport. I am very passionate about farming; I love it. My land is my lifeblood, and I am very committed to it. Besides raising livestock, the other great joy in my life is working with young people. At my farm, we offer a lot of internships for high school students, undergraduate students working with Ohio State's Animal Science and Public Health Departments, as well as graduate-level practicums for both the Master's of Public Health program and the veterinary students. Additionally, we offer internships for individuals who are not connected to an academic program, but are simply passionate about farming and want to learn. I find this to be a growing sector because if you are a young person in rural Ohio, you likely know about 4-H or FFA.

Ms. Harrison (cont.): If you are growing up in Dublin, Upper Arlington, or Bexley, and dream of being a farmer, how do you learn unless you find a local farm where you can develop these skills? In addition to my educational passion, we host a lot of agritourism activities on the farm, including on-farm dinners, camping, and goat yoga. We are probably best known for our goat activities, including our “lamb grams,” which is when we bring animals to visit people around the area. I share that with you because although my passion is raising animals and working with young people as they develop farming skills, I also recognize that to have a farm in our community, there must be provisions in place that support agriculture. Although row crop farming is not my passion, I partner with a neighbor farmer with that skill set, and we raise corn and soybeans on my farm. To do that successfully, we need prudent drainage, which allows those row crop fields to flourish. Franklin County is a metropolitan area, but we still have numerous row crop farms within our county that contribute a great deal, not only by providing local food, but also by ensuring that farms like mine are able to access foodstuffs for our livestock. The rule on my farm is that every animal has to have a job; some grow up to be parents, and others grow up to be yoga goats and do education and outreach. We also do some targeted grazing off-site, which we refer to as “rent-a-goat.” If they do not find another job, then our sheep and goats will contribute by becoming meat. I work a lot with the immigrant and refugee communities to ensure that they are able to source products that meet their cultural and religious needs. I appreciate your time listening to a little bit about my farm because Franklin County still has an amazing, diverse agricultural community. We are simply seeking support through programs that allow agriculture to thrive. The drainage provisions that are being raised have a direct impact on that. For us to have fields of corn, soybeans, and wheat, and to have pastures where our sheep, goats, and cattle can graze, we need provisions that allow the land to flourish. We are fortunate to have a County Engineer who understands this is a key part of the farm community. The educational opportunities that we provide allow pathways for young people to get into farming someday, which is what we need to have a flourishing agricultural community in our amazing county. Thank you very much for the privilege of speaking with you today.

Dwight Beougher, Board Member, Franklin County Farm Bureau: I appreciate the opportunity to be here this morning. I have been here before; we met virtually eleven months ago. I want to touch a bit on the history involved with drainage. The average person living here in Franklin County doesn't give a lot of thought to drainage in Franklin County until a heavy rain comes along and they find their yard flooded. But the drainage here in Franklin County is actually at least one hundred years old. At the time it was put in, it was meant to last maybe fifty years. About sixty years ago, I came to Columbus from growing up on a farm in Pickaway County, and I enrolled in Ohio State. One of the first courses I took was Rural Sociology, and one of the first things they did was load us into a bus and take us to Hilliard. There aren't many people in this room who know what Hilliard looked like in 1958, but at the time, there was an explosion in the population there. They had no clue which direction to go because there were problems everywhere. Now, sixty years later, we are continuing that growth, and we have about 1.3 million residents in Franklin County.

Mr. Beougher (cont.): We are still suffering from the same problems that we saw in Hilliard that day. Most of us in this room probably do not think about farming and how farmers got to be where we are today. Farmers used to be able to provide enough food for their own families, and today, they provide enough food for multiple people. Ms. Harrison and I are here today to support the Engineer and his program. Farmers today have the equipment and technology to give them the best results out of their fertilizer without using too much. As a consequence, farmers are efficiently using fertilizer as funding to support the program. I have watched Engineer Robertson and his program work for quite a while, and he is probably as well-organized as you will find in any county in the state of Ohio. He has a plan written out that shows how long it will take for him to accomplish what he can with the funding. In 1958, we thought that Hilliard had a problem, but I think we are in the same situation now, but it is a little more compounded. The Farm Bureau stands firmly behind Engineer Robertson and his efforts because twenty percent of the land in this county is still farmable. In the state of Ohio, agriculture is the number one source of income, and across the country, one out of every seven jobs has something to do with agriculture. The Farm Bureau is the number one organization representing farmers, and we have a deep interest in helping Franklin County to grow. Thank you for your time this morning.

Commissioner Boyce: I would like to ask the Administration to give us an overview of what our funding currently is. The Engineer has made a request, so I am interested in where we stand with our capabilities and what we have done beyond this current resolution.

Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget: With regard to the ARPA funding, in 2021, the Commissioners authorized \$1 million, which was one of the initial allocations from the American Rescue Plan. As part of the 2022 budget, an additional \$1 million was used for various ditch repairs. As part of this year's budget process, we included an additional \$1 million, for a total of \$3 million, for drainage improvements. Plus, there was an additional \$5 million allocation to the Engineer's side of the house through the Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax fund to provide operational support to the Engineer's Office.

Commissioner Boyce: I think it is a great use of ARPA funds because capital expenses are often one-time, given the length of time it exists in the infrastructure. I think this is a very good request and good use of those funds, and I would hope that the Administration reviews that consideration. We will never meet the full needs of Franklin County because we are growing, and there is a lot happening, but when we can zero in on one-time funds, we should. I ask the Administration to get back with the Board to determine if we can make a one-time investment again with ARPA funds because it will strengthen and undergird our infrastructure as we grow.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: We have been looking at how we can effectively use these one-time ARPA funds to benefit the Drainage Engineer's work and infrastructure in general. This is an excellent use of one-time dollars because we have modestly funded this each year with a recommendation from the General Fund.

Mr. Wilson (cont.): County Administration and this Board of Commissioners has been a partner with the Engineer's Office in dealing with so many of these hundred-year projects. While it is daunting to see numbers like 67 years being pointed out, we have come together on the general infrastructure side and the drainage infrastructure side. The County Engineer has brought forward ten-year plans. The County is a \$2 billion enterprise, and it is important to look at long-term projects. I appreciate you being a partner with the Board of Commissioners and laying out what this looks like over ten years and as we look at different recommended funding levels.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0489-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0490-23**, authorizing Drainage Engineer Cornell R. Robertson to submit applications and execute project agreements on behalf of Franklin County for Ohio Public Works Commission funding of drainage systems (Drainage Engineer), presented by Cornell R. Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0490-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0491-23**, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Strawser Paving Company for the 2023 Franklin County Township Resurfacing Program (\$3,755,845.09) (Engineer), presented by William "Fritz" Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0491-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0492-23**, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with Proudfoot Associates, Inc. for general engineering services, in the amount of \$37,743.66, for a revised contract amount of \$137,743.66 (\$37,743.66) (Engineer), presented by William "Fritz" Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0492-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0493-23**, requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on McOwen Road, Township Road No. 202, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by William “Fritz” Crosier, Chief Deputy of Engineering, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0493-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0494-23**, granting approval to declare equipment obsolete and no longer needed for Franklin County use, and authorizing sale of said equipment (Engineer), presented by Cornell R. Robertson, Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0494-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0495-23**, authorizing the County Administrator to sign agreements on behalf of the Board of Commissioners to provide data to Falcon Correctional and Community Services Inc. for the purpose of improving inmate health operations (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: I have a couple of issues I would like to raise with the Sheriff’s Office. One issue is something I would like to raise personally, and the other is on behalf of some questions that President Watson of the NAACP asked. I spoke with President Watson recently, and she indicated that she sent a letter to the Sheriff’s Office raising several questions back in December. She has not received a reply from the Sheriff’s Office about any of those issues. I have not yet seen a copy of the letter, but I should be receiving a copy shortly. I have a question that I would like to ask, as well, so I think I want to table these resolutions until we get some answers. How many of the body cameras that we purchased quite some time ago have been deployed? In 2020, we set aside a couple of million dollars for body cameras and purchased body cameras a long time ago. If I am not mistaken, only a small number of those body cameras have been deployed at this point. We went through a long, arduous process to put together a body camera policy, and it is now June of 2023, and we have hundreds of body cameras sitting on a shelf somewhere. Mr. Smith, I am not trying to embarrass or put you on the spot. I am sure this is not your issue, but you are the delivery person for this message this morning. We need to get these body cameras deployed.

Commissioner O'Grady (cont.): Every time I turn around, someone is getting shot in this community. We are getting ready to have some conversations in the community about this issue, and we have a Sheriff's Office that does not have enough body cameras on our deputies. We need to know how many body cameras we have on deputies now, why we don't have all of our body cameras on deputies, and when that is going to happen. I would like to table these resolutions until we get some answers from the Sheriff's Office on body cameras.

Commissioner Boyce: What would be the impact of tabling these resolutions? Is there anything that would be detrimental to our ability to carry out Sheriff duties? Are there any significant implications of these resolutions not being passed today?

Mr. Smith: As of right now, there would not be any significant implications. I do not think delaying this would hurt anything. As far as the body cameras go, I know that we have deployed quite a few of them, but I am not exactly sure where they are in the phases. I can definitely get those answers for you.

Commissioner Boyce: I am absolutely certain that all BOC members want to know that information. I am not necessarily one to commandeer other legislation; however, if that is what it takes to get attention, then it is important that we answer those questions as quickly as possible. The sooner you can get the information, the better, and the quicker we can move on with the County's business. And it is not even so much a matter of the fact that they are sitting there, but more about why we haven't deployed them. It is disappointing, to say the least.

Commissioner O'Grady: We purchased them in February 2022.

Commissioner Boyce: I would be happy to make the motion to table these resolutions, and hopefully there is a second.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office: If we table these resolutions, the matters die if they are not brought up at the next meeting. So, my suggestion would be that you postpone these matters to a date certain.

Commissioner Crawley: I would prefer that the date be the next General Session. As Commissioner O'Grady already alluded to, it has been sixteen months. I know the NAACP has had a lot of questions, and quite frankly, I do too. What is the hold up? What is the process? Are there issues with deploying the cameras or with the policy? What are the things that have delayed this to the extent that it has been delayed?

Commissioner Boyce moved to postpone Resolutions 0495-23 and 0496-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolutions were unanimously postponed until General Session on June 27, 2023, by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0497-23**, authorizing a Terms of Service agreement with Quickbase, Inc. for enterprise development software (\$183,470.70) (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Julie Lust, Chief Financial Officer, Data Center.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0497-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0498-23**, authorizing a IV-D contract with Powers Investigations, Inc. for providing process service services (\$384,750.00) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0498-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0472-23**, authorizing the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department to apply for Ohio Department of Development Community Development Block Grant COVID (CDBG-CV) Target of Opportunity Program Year 2023 funding to provide funding for the development of a community center and 2-acre park of the Vista Village project and authorizing a contract with Kleinfelder, Inc. for consultation services related to the preparation of the grant application and to administer the grant (\$47,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Sierra Faris, Senior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley: This grant requires a local government to submit it on their behalf, correct? You can correct me if I am wrong, but I think at some point in time, they had conversations with the City of Columbus, but the City had other priorities that they were submitting first, so they need our support, correct?

Ms. Faris: That is correct.

Commissioner Crawley: They have already secured quite a bit of funding for their capital project, probably between 50% and 75% at least committed. So, they are pretty far along in this process.

Ms. Faris: Correct, they are far along. There is a representative from Kleinfelder, Inc. is here, as well as someone from the Perez Morris Law Firm, should you have any questions for them.

Commissioner Crawley: I do not necessarily have any further questions; I just wanted to underscore that this project is well underway and needs support.

Ms. Faris: Yes. A lot of private contributions have been made, as well as other funding. This funding would only be for the community center and the two-acre park.

Commissioner Boyce: But this funding is for the grant writing process to apply for the \$800,000.00 grant, correct?

Ms. Faris: Yes.

Commissioner Boyce: I just want to be clear for the listening public. We are investing \$47,000.00, but the idea is to access an \$800,000.00 grant towards this project, so that makes a lot of sense.

Ms. Faris: I would like to clarify that the \$47,000.00 would come from that grant as the administration costs.

Commissioner Boyce: It is probably reimbursable.

Ms. Faris: Yes.

Commissioner Boyce: As someone who writes grants to the Feds in my other life, you need experts to complete that process. You need people who are really zeroed in on the data and the application process. I can definitely appreciate that investment. Is there any plan for the County to invest additional resources?

Ms. Faris: I do know that they are planning to apply for Community Partnerships grants, as well, so they have been speaking with Administrator Brown. They want supportive services to be looked at for those grants and opportunities.

James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning: The process is one that is evolving as time goes on. Although this is in the city of Columbus, we think it is important enough for us to get engaged and spend the money on the grant to ensure that we are in a good place with the Department of Development to get the project done. This process has been unique, not just in Ohio, but in the entire eastern portion of the United States. We are excited about it and think it is a good use of money.

Commissioner Boyce: It is a great project, no question about it. Hopefully, it will be something that can be replicated nationally. I want to make sure that we are doing the maximum we can to make it the best project possible.

Commissioner Boyce (cont.): As we move forward, even with the Community Partnerships grant request, I will be interested to see where that is going to be targeted and how we are approaching that review.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0472-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0499-23**, review of petition to annex 22.3 +/- acres from Madison Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-24-23 (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.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0499-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0500-23**, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Kevin A. McCleese at 1847 Elmore Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43224 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jakob Krejsa, Junior Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0500-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0501-23**, approving a contract with Advocacy and Communications Solutions, LLC for consultation services to support the integration of Board of Commissioners Health and Human Services agencies (\$300,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley: The last time you were in front of us, we approved a contract of around a million dollars, maybe more. I know Deputy County Administrator Bivens said that you would be back. I am just wondering where we are in the process. Last time we spoke, some surveys went out, and your team did a lot of work speaking to all the agencies. What phase are we in now, and what can we anticipate moving forward?

Scarlett C. Boudier, President and Co-Founder, Advocacy & Communication Solutions, LLC: To clarify, when we originally brought a multi-year project to you, it did land in the million-dollar category, but we pared back on that to have this project addressed one year at a time. There was a desire to have much more information attaching the scope of work to specific deliverables. Our firm started a similar project with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 2012 when they were trying to leverage the collective impact model across six different communities across the United States. In year one of that process, it was very difficult to look at that information for years three, four, and five. We estimated that it might be that way, but we did not know on day one where we would be in year three. So, we want to make sure we understand what the landscape looks like in year one, which is what we did. Now that we know what the landscape looks like, we know what agencies are doing and how they are operating; what kind of contracts agencies are entering into and how many; what partnerships agencies have, and if they are crossing over with other agencies; how we are purchasing things like paid media, and if we are doing that separately; and how we are communicating to the outside world. We are doing that separately as these agencies are established. We are really trying to dig in and figure out not only what you are doing, but how you are doing it, and then bringing the leaders of those agencies together during year two to determine if unified processes can be established. For example, if they are all contracting a different way, they should probably have a unified contracting and procurement system. If we were contracting as several agencies with a dozen of the same agencies for different but related items, we should probably have a better alignment on how we engage multiple stakeholders in the community. If we are using call centers, how are we able to better communicate? How are we able to better engage our staff at the County so that they are cross-trained, and people do not have to wait as long on calls?

Commissioner Crawley: We can talk more offline, but I want to address some high-level things now. Since you scaled some things back and are focusing on specific items and the scope of work, we are now entering year two. Has the timeline changed? Do we need to revisit that? What can our neighbors in Franklin County expect?

Ms. Boudier: As far as the timeline goes, what we have outlined in the project for the next twelve months is passing that baton to internal staff to take on the work. We would like to establish a cabinet consisting of members of each Health and Human Services agency that will drive the work. They will take the plan that we are developing this year to drive the work. To answer your question directly, I think we can expedite implementation in a way that we did not know last year. As our firm has done this with other communities, we want to assess their ability to do it, and if they are ready, have the ability and leadership, and have the contractual flexibility to make some of these operational changes, we will pass the baton in full. I would love to do that by the end of this year, but I would not be truthful if I said I could predict that now. Within the next four months or so, we will be able to determine a better timeline for passing the baton. Some processes might need a little more tweaking, assistance, or partnership than others. For example, on contracting, a few agencies are ready to renew the system that they use, and others are still under five-year contracts. So, when we talk about passing the baton, it is usually not in one fell swoop.

Ms. Bivens: On a practical level, we are utilizing the Job and Family Services buildings. We have identified the Mount Vernon space as our initial location where we are going to test housing all of our partners in our Health and Human Services agencies. We are just now designing where everyone will sit and where we can find space for Children Services and the Juvenile Court. At least 60-70% of the residents that we serve through our Human Services agencies interface with the Juvenile Court. We are developing a process for being able to do what we do at the brick-and-mortar locations with our mobile units. Once the mobile units are developed, you can receive the same services from Juvenile Court and Children Services. This is going to take a while, but you will eventually be able to receive our one-door services across Franklin County at both brick-and-mortar and mobile locations.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: Is the technology linkage plan within this scope of work, so that it allows for the ultimate amount of communication between our HHS agencies?

Ms. Bivens: Yes, we do have that in the scope. Ms. Boudier is working with our Prosecutor's Office to determine what is legal and permissible in putting those things together. Each of us is governed differently by federal, state, and local law, so we are trying to sparse that out. We have given them what we are trying to do, and they advise us on moving forward with our federal, state, and local partners.

Mr. Wilson: That is always a challenge. When we first ventured into this, particularly in the effort to have the HHS agencies communicate with each other and look at each agency's structure and climate to bring about this alignment, we discussed your having a partner organization, Clarity Solutions. Are we to the point now that you will be working exclusively with the County as we advance to passing the baton to the agencies?

Ms. Boudier: Clarity Solutions has specific expertise in IT and work processes, so the partnership between ACS and Clarity Solutions will remain for this year. But, we are seamless when we work together and communicate. There is no gap between those two firms. We have worked together for years, so we really are a true partnership in providing that service. When I mentioned the baton earlier, that includes Clarity Solutions. Both firms are prepared to pass that baton optimally by the end of this contract period of twelve months, understanding that there might be exceptions based on need. When I look at year three, on paper, it is more of a technical assistance piece if the agencies are running into barriers. It is designed to help them think through that instead of having the heavy involvement that we have right now.

Ms. Bivens: Retaining staff on service delivery will take some time. Some folks have been with an agency for ten years, and their primary responsibility has been transactional. Residents provide them with documentation, and they provide a service. We are now trying to train staff to be more transformational and ask questions so that we can be more intentional about addressing root causes. We are trying to determine the social determinants of health barriers that families are facing.

Mr. Wilson: This is a great endeavor that you are venturing into, and it gives me great excitement. With that being said, I would like to acknowledge all of the members of the village who are working with us on this project. These folks will be there when we open the doors for the first time at this pilot East Opportunity Center. I want all those folks with us today to please stand because you all have been working diligently to make this happen. Particularly the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts. I am excited about bringing in a Reception Center and an Innovation Center to be more comprehensive in our approach to intervention with our youth. We want to use innovation and intervention with our youth to improve service delivery. It truly takes a village to make this happen between our HHS agencies and our non-profit partners. I want to thank each and every one of you for your efforts to make this happen. I am really excited, and I know we will be successful in doing this. It is just going to take some time.

Ms. Bivens: We are also seeking some federal dollars to support this work because we want to make sure that we are being intentional about looking for outside funding. We have never done this before and need as much support as possible.

Mr. Wilson: And because we haven't done it before, we have the advantage of learning from those standing out as best in class and working to beat them.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0501-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0502-23**, approving a COVID-19 Recovery Grant agreement with the Urban Resurrection Community Development Corporation for summer youth enrichment programming (\$50,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Bart Logan, Deputy Director, Communications, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0502-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0503-23**, funding the Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Emergency Rental Assistance Program in response to the ongoing rental crisis resulting from the public health emergency (\$9,000,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Lauren Rummel, Director, Government Affairs and Ethics, Board of Commissioners, and Bart Logan, Deputy Director, Communications, Job and Family Services.

Ms. Rummel and Mr. Logan reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley: I have a comment based on the one-door model. The number of evictions that are being filed in this county right now has surpassed what the numbers were in 2019, correct? So, we know that in a time when we have had an influx of federal and local dollars to make sure people have a safe and stable place to live, something is going on. In our efforts to use a one-door model and remove barriers for people entering our agencies, we have to have staff that ask questions at the heart of those barriers. We need to determine the underlying issue that most of the people filing evictions are facing. Most of these people are at 50% Area Media Income, meaning their income level is very low, so they already normally have a relationship with one of our HHS agencies, but what is the underlying issue? I think the only way we can really understand, outside of doing some surveys, is by training our staff to ask probing questions to the extent that our neighbors are willing to share. We are here to support them. This is a Band-Aid. Right now, we need to help them, but what is the long-term impact, and how can we make sure that our residents are thriving and not just surviving? I want to highlight that we have this \$9 million that we are using now, but there is still so much work to be done to ensure our neighbors can be on level footing and move up an economic mobility ladder.

Mr. Logan: I want to highlight that we also have ongoing research, working with J-PAL at MIT, specifically around eviction prevention. Our study with them includes experts from the University of California, Irvine, and the University of Tennessee, and we are looking to do a randomized trial of recipients who receive our PRC benefits and are taking our eviction prevention workshops at Community Mediation Services. We want to determine the efficacy of these programs and see if we notice that people are not coming back for additional services because of those workshops. That is something that is at the front of our minds.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners: We are also looking at our policies to determine who is not benefiting. When you look at our HHS agencies' policies, at first glance, they are primarily for women and children. Although that is the largest population that utilizes our services, we are blocking out men. We need to change the language in our policies so that all neighbors can be connected to those generational programs that we believe change the trajectory of families. These programs include Women in Tech, Building Futures, and Driving Futures. So, we will not just connect neighbors with PRC, but we will also connect them with these other programs that will put them in a different economic trajectory.

Commissioner Boyce: I want us to really look at outcomes. How do we get families to be sustainable beyond the assistance and resources we provide them? I think it is great that we can coordinate and strategically locate our resources so that people have easier access to them, but the real measurement of our work is how many people we are able to put on a sustainable path. I am thinking specifically of benefits cliff folks. I think of men, who often fall outside of the qualifications for various reasons. Right, wrong, or indifferent, we still need to account for these residents. I challenge the directors of the HHS agencies to provide tracking information on the return on our investment.

Commissioner Boyce (cont.): Are the numbers being reduced because of verification disqualifications or because their economic trajectory was changed and they are able to sustain their family needs? I am going to push you all harder this year to produce that kind of data and information. I think the plan and strategy are good, but we want to dig deeper into the data around rolling folks off and where they are going. The final thing I would like to say is that I am just finishing the Affordable Housing Task Force for NACo, and one of the things that we have recognized is that counties typically do not have a very heavy impact on providing housing. Cities differently control land use; they can do zoning and planning. As a county, we have that in unincorporated areas, but not in cities. Thinking strategically about connecting those dots is not simply about funds and financing. I think there is an opportunity for us to go a step further in that realm. I know the Community Information Exchange is coming along, but that data is crucial to our strategic decision-making going forward. The more we can see, the better decisions we can make, not make them in a vacuum.

Commissioner Crawley: A request was made in November when we had a retreat with Job and Family Services for data. We are talking about housing right now because of this resolution, but we also asked for data about our Medicaid recipients. How many people have been on Medicaid each year? Who are the people who continue to revolve through the doors? The data has to be disaggregated. That is how we will better understand where people are falling through the cracks. To have real conversations with people asking for PRC, SNAP benefits, and Medicaid, we need to have more granular data. We have not gotten an update from that request, which was put in in November. That information is crucial to policy-making and decision-making, so I wanted to underscore that that ask is still out there.

Mr. Logan: We are running into some technology limitations through the Ohio Benefits System, but we are putting together a churn KPI to determine which people we have as a result of churn from turnover from our programs. That request remains in the front of our minds.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you for reminding me about that request in November. I think that is why I have so much angst with these resolutions. It is not that I do not support them; I very much support them. But when you have a lot of micro plans and strategies, it is hard to keep up with where our bigger push is. This Board of Commissioners is zeroed in on data and information, and it is helpful as we make other decisions. I want to zero in more on data and outcomes in our next budget process. You invest where you are producing the most return, so I want to be able to see those and connect the dots and do more. I want to address the things that are growing as Central Ohio grows. If we need to get some outside resources to help us with data collection, I would be excited to see something like that.

Ms. Bivens: I am glad you brought that up. I was going to ask this Board if there was an opportunity to afford us some needed resources to do that because we do not own a lot of the data from the State. That is why we need to have legal backing to assist us.

Ms. Bivens (cont.): When you look at the Job and Family Services SNAP population, 60% of that population is seniors and children. Suppose we are able to track those seniors and figure out how many of them are in kinship and who they are. In that case, we can put targeted universalistic approaches around those families so that as those kids grow up, they are not growing up in impoverished families. But we need resources and people who understand and challenge the state to be able to give us access to data. We all want to be able to give you the data you need. If you see other communities across the country that are able to track this data, please direct us to those resources. If you have the opportunity to give us resources to do that, we would appreciate it.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0503-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0504-23**, authorizing a Grant Agreement with IMPACT Community Action to provide rental and utility assistance to residents in Franklin County (\$22,000,000.00) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren Rummel, Director, Government Affairs and Ethics, Board of Commissioners.

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

Robert “Bo” Chilton, Chief Executive Officer, IMPACT Community Action: In 2019, we had a budget of \$250,000.00 for emergency rent assistance and served 300 people. From June 2020 to the present day, we have served over 50,000 households and distributed over \$150 million to keep people stable in their homes. To scale up to that level in such a short period is a wonder in and of itself, but doing it during the pandemic was tremendous and significant. We partnered with JFS, Legal Aid, and other partners to keep people safe in their homes. How do we go beyond the Band-Aid approach of providing rent assistance? Of course, we need that so that our homeless shelters are not being flooded and people have the stability of housing, but the real task is moving people toward self-sufficiency. One of the unique things about this program that was significant for us was the ability to pay three months' future rent. When we can do that, people have time to get off the hamster wheel and work with us and our partners to get the skills needed to earn a family-sustaining wage. We have the time to be able to provide all of the supportive services that we offer so that they receive training and become self-sufficient. I know that is how Success Bridge is also set up so that housing is provided, and they can access the workforce and post-secondary education. That is one part of the equation. The other part is understanding the data and being able to track people. My greatest challenge is having twenty-nine different funding sources and twenty different data systems. Those data systems will not talk to one another. We have to have a Community Information Exchange. We need a data system that will allow us to see across the county and determine who is working with a particular person. This way, we can collaborate and not duplicate efforts. The CIE is a step in the right direction. We need systems that talk to each other so that we can see what is happening with the people we serve. Thank you for the \$22 million.

Mr. Chilton (cont.): It has been a pleasure working with the City and the County to get those dollars. As many people will note, there were times when places across the state had trouble distributing the dollars and getting them out to the people who needed them, but that is not a problem that we had in Central Ohio. With all of the dollars allocated to us, we could expend them and get them to the people who needed them. Additionally, we were able to capture more reallocated dollars. Out of the \$158 million clawed back from the Department of Treasury from the State, over \$100 million came to Franklin County. Many people ask why Franklin County got so much money between Franklin County and the City of Columbus. Part of that is because we demonstrated effectiveness. We worked with the City and the County the first time on ERA to get some reallocated dollars and were able to distribute that to the people who needed it within three months. That made us eligible for such a large windfall of dollars that will keep us with a robust program. That is critical because many of these dollars are drying up, and many people at the State feel like the pandemic is over and pandemic relief should go back. They want to force people to go back to work, but that is very short-sighted because we can use these dollars to strategically get back to work by making sure we have the infrastructure of supportive services.

Shameikia Smith, Vice President of Housing, IMPACT Community Action: I want to say thank you to Director Rummel and all of those who have assisted us in making this happen. Thank you for the opportunity to serve our neighbors in Franklin County. IMPACT's mandate is to fight poverty. Each day, over one hundred individuals and families come to IMPACT because they have a need. That need could be skills training, job training for a clean-energy or green job, youth programs, workforce development, our CDL program, the Otto Beatty, Jr. Men's Shop, other supportive services, or utility and rental assistance. Since the pandemic in 2020, IMPACT has served over 50,000 households with rental assistance. With the rise in the cost of maintaining a household, some families would not have been able to stay in their homes without rental assistance. We are talking about families with two incomes, families with school-aged children, single fathers, families with an older adult who is aging in place, and families that make \$50,000.00 per year. Without emergency rental assistance, these households would have had to choose between food, medical bills, transportation, and childcare. We continue to see that our neighbors are struggling with being able to live where they work. We also continue to see a rise in evictions. Rental assistance is an intervention that works, and our community has seen the benefits in real time. While we understand this is not a permanent solution, IMPACT is prepared to provide linkages to services and additional support to strengthen households as they achieve self-sufficiency. In collaboration with rental assistance, we need businesses, employers, policy-makers, and community members that continue to advocate for the simple belief that housing is a human right. Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration. IMPACT stands ready to serve.

Commissioner Boyce: Mr. Chilton, are you on the CIE?

Mr. Chilton: I am; I just joined.

Commissioner Boyce: Great. I think that will be helpful, and I think you are right about the data.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0504-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0505-23**, authorizing an amendment to the Grant Agreement with The Homeless Families Foundation to provide rental and utility assistance to households as part of the Resiliency Bridge Pilot Program (\$2,237,155.89) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren Rummel, Director, Government Affairs and Ethics, Board of Commissioners.

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

Carlie Boos, Executive Director, Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio: I want to begin by expressing our deepest thanks for your support of this program. We have accumulated a lot of successes over the last year, which are attributable to your partnership and all of the support we have received for the Resiliency Bridge project. As you likely know, in April, Franklin County residents were more likely to be evicted than they were to buy a home. In fact, we have now had a record 9,500 evictions filed this year, alone. At AHACO, we know that blending affordable housing with high-quality education can help people move out of poverty, and Resiliency Bridge is one powerful iteration of this model. The program attacks the paper ceiling problem, wherein a worker has the skills and the desire to advance their career, but they do not have the credentials to take that next step. Everyday living costs, especially the increasing unaffordability of housing, are in their way of getting the career certification they need to grow. Resiliency Bridge interrupts this poverty cycle by linking lower-income Franklin County residents with stable housing and workforce certifications to facilitate upscaling into high-pay, high-demand jobs. In doing so, it converts housing from a barrier to a launching point for economic mobility. This is accomplished through two critical components of the program. The first is the power of public-private partnerships. Resiliency Bridge was born through the help of JPMorgan Chase, it took its first steps because of the support of the Board of Commissioners, as well as the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, and it has grown into the force that it is through the courageous leadership of Home for Families and the OhioMeansJobs Center. That cross-sector partnership continues to be essential. Secondly, Resiliency Bridge achieves efficiency and connectivity through a systems alignment approach, which taps into existing human infrastructure services. So, instead of reinventing the wheel, we can establish formal relationships with dozens of non-profits to offer robust wrap-around support needed for professional advancement. During the first phase of the pilot project, we expect to help over fifty-five workers and their families in stable, high-paying professions. These families began their journey with us with a monthly median income of \$300. Think about that.

Ms. Boos (cont.): They are on track in just a few months to earn ten times as much immediately upon graduation, with a pathway to six-figure careers in many cases. With this new investment, we plan to expand the opportunity to another one hundred families throughout the community, helping not just our residents, but also the employers and the workforce needs of Franklin County. At AHACO, we further recognize that rental assistance funds are limited, but by using these resources to help people pull themselves up, the impact of these dollars will last for generations. Again, I want to thank you for your consideration and support.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0505-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0506-23**, amending a Grant Agreement and authorizing a new Grant Agreement with the Legal Aid Society of Columbus to provide Legal Assistance to Tenants Facing Eviction in Franklin County (\$500,000.00) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren Rummel, Director, Government Affairs and Ethics, Board of Commissioners.

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

Kate McGarvey, Executive Director, Legal Aid Society of Columbus: As you all know, the Legal Aid Society of Columbus is a non-profit organization providing civil legal aid and advocacy to overcome unfairness and injustice, reduce poverty, and increase opportunity. In 2022, our office helped 25,000 people; 11,000 of which were children, 22% of which reported having a disability, and 21% of which were seniors. Our services include many substantive areas, including domestic, benefits, education, consumer, re-entry, and housing. Since the inception of the Tenant Advocacy Project in 2017, we have expanded our capacity to serve tenants facing eviction with a service model that provides direct help at eviction court each morning. Despite our contact information appearing on all of the eviction summons, many tenants facing eviction are unaware that free representation may be available to them. The presence of multiple attorneys at court who are ready and able to aid every day has greatly expanded tenant access to legal representation. As large cities across the country move towards the right to counsel and evictions, this provides a local model for meeting tenants facing evictions at eviction court. It also provides a setting where we can work with our community partners, including IMPACT and Community Mediation Services, to provide tenant wrap-around services. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have represented more than 6,500 families facing eviction in Franklin County. In many of those instances, we could get the evictions dismissed or prevented. Represented tenants paid an average of \$465 less than unrepresented tenants. When move-out agreements ended up having to be the option on the table, represented tenants had 12.5 more days to move out, which can make a life-changing difference in their ability to get stable housing to move into. An analysis of our previous client data shows that about 25% of tenants served by the Tenant Advocacy Project live in Franklin County zip codes outside of Columbus.

Ms. McGarvey (cont.): Sixty percent of all of our tenants who requested assistance for evictions self-identified as Black, which is in contrast to the 24% of total Franklin County residents who are Black. This means that Black tenants are disproportionately summoned to eviction court. Children are also disproportionately impacted by evictions. These numbers have continued to increase to record highs in this past quarter of evictions. Each eviction complaint leaves the family at risk of homelessness, increases the chance that childrens' education will be disrupted with school changes, and adds new barriers to transportation to work and childcare access. In addition to increasing family stability across the board, eviction prevention representation is significantly less expensive to our community than homeless shelter and re-housing costs. With eviction prevention, we can represent a family for a few hundred dollars, depending on the length of the case, as opposed to thousands of dollars if a family has to go into shelters and be re-housed. The number of attorneys and staff available on any given day restricts our capacity to serve tenants. Franklin County has previously supported our eviction prevention work. Through this ongoing financial support, the County will increase our ability to provide legal representation to tenants on the day of their eviction hearing. This funding provides five full-time equivalent attorneys for tenants facing eviction in Franklin County. Thank you for your support.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0506-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0507-23**, authorizing the Franklin County Administrator to approve subgrant awards and contracts for services with Columbus Public Health and Franklin County Public Health for harm reduction services related to the FY 2022 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) grant (\$677,753.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson, Chief Operating Officer, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0507-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0508-23**, authorizing a professional service contract agreement with Alisa Noel for peer support and case management services for justice involved residents served through the Franklin County Rapid Resource Center (\$25,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson, Chief Operating Officer, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0508-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0509-23**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$3,513,702.19) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0509-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0510-23**, approving the donation of a permanent easement to the City of Columbus for purpose of constructing a public shared-use path and authorizing the County Administrator to execute the Deed of Easement (Board of Commissioners), presented by Jesse Armstrong, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0510-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Lauren M. Graessle, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read one (1) journalization into the record:

Resolution No. 0445-23, which was adopted by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners during General Session on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, contained a scrivener's error. The agency RSM US LLP was listed in the body of the resolution, but the contract with this entity was not attached at the time of passage. All the contracts in the Resolution are the same with the exception of the name of the entity. This journalization serves as notice that the contract with RSM US LLP has been provided to the Board of Commissioners for approval consistent with the requirements of Resolution 0445-23.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

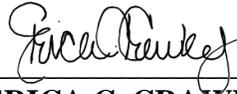


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