

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

June 7, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

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

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

Using hybrid meeting technology, participants were also able to access General Session via Zoom conferencing, by dialing (929) 436-2866, Meeting ID:978 8790 2896; Passcode:628826, or by joining at: <https://franklincountyohio.zoom.us/j/97887902896>

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

Commissioner Crawley: At this time, I'd like to introduce our Franklin County Public Health Commissioner, Joe Mazzola. Joining him are his colleagues and fellow board members of the Central Ohio Trauma System, also known as COTS. I understand we have with us Board President and CEO of Medflight & MedCare, Tom Allenstein; CEO of the Columbus Medical Association, Dr. Robert Falcone; COTS Associate Director of Healthcare Emergency Preparedness, Jodi Keller; and COTS President, Sherri Kovach. On behalf of all of Franklin County allow me to offer our utmost gratitude for your service and dedication to the residents of Central Ohio over the past several years, particularly, throughout the pandemic. Thank you for leading, protecting, and improving the health and safety of our communities every day. Commissioner Mazzola, can you help introduce our guests, tell us more about the Board's mission, and share a few words about the unwavering and resilient COTS staff?

Joe Mazzola, Franklin County Public Health Commissioner: I would like to thank the Board of Commissioners for this time to recognize the outstanding and extraordinary work of COTS. As the designee for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners on the COTS Board, I see firsthand the incredible expertise and dedication that the staff and the Board have for not only Franklin County, but for Central and Southeast Ohio, as well. When you think about public health preparedness, you can't separate it from healthcare preparedness. We are so fortunate to have an organization like COTS to be able to coordinate our healthcare partners across our region. Many of the headlines that we see focus on the healthcare heroes that have responded and helped our community get through the COVID-19 pandemic, but the individuals that are sitting in this room,

and those who are online, really make that work happen behind the scenes. This is a unique organization that many communities do not have, and we are pleased to represent the Board of Commissioners.

Dr. Robert Falcone, Chief Executive Officer, Columbus Medical Association: One of the affiliates of the Columbus Medical Association is COTS. This year, COTS celebrates 25 years of coordination to improve the health and safety of our communities. We have grown from coordinating a trauma patient care registry and providing education for Columbus and Central Ohio hospitals to coordinating emergency preparation and response for thirty-seven of Ohio's eighty-eight counties. More than ever, during the last two years, the staff has been vital in providing a way for all health systems to collaborate and provide healthcare in all of the counties that we serve. The best example of our public-private partnership is the one-thousand-bed field hospital at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, which was established in two weeks for under two million dollars. Thank God, we did not need it. This field hospital could not have happened without the Franklin County Commissioners' direct involvement, leadership, and support.

Sherri Kovach, President, COTS: Today is an exciting day for us because we are changing our name simply to "COTS." This will help us in our journey toward diversity and inclusion in our community. We no longer just serve Columbus or the fifteen central counties; rather, we serve almost fifty percent of the state. We are the largest coalition in Ohio.

Tom Allenstein, Board President and Chief Executive Officer, Medflight & MedCare: I would like to echo what my colleagues have said. Thank you for recognizing the great work that the COTS staff does to protect and serve the citizens of the thirty-seven counties within our system.

Jodi Keller, Associate Director of Healthcare Emergency Preparedness, COTS: Our claim to fame is the Healthcare Incident Liaison (HIL) position. The HIL staff is on call 24/7/365 for any hospital or healthcare organization to reach out for help. This position was created as a direct response to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and the realization that individual hospitals could not handle large disasters alone. Our main role is to collect and aggregate data from hospitals, allocate resources, monitor healthcare system performance and capacity, and serve as a liaison between regional and state agencies.

Ms. Keller continued to walk the Commissioners through a PowerPoint presentation, which provided an overview of the COTS COVID-19 response. A copy of this presentation is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Commissioner O'Grady: We have been partnering with COTS for years, and it is great to be able to put faces with your names. You pull together partnerships, and we at the Board of Commissioners pride ourselves on our ability to pull together partnerships, as well. It was an amazing day when I went to the Alternate Care Site and met with the heads of three hospital systems, who were all working together in tandem. COTS was responsible for the plan that we were able to pull together. Now, going forward, we are partnering with the Ohio State University, because they believe COVID-19 has become an endemic, and they are realizing that pandemics

are a part of our lives now. Who would have thought that when I became a Commissioner and started partnering with COTS that pandemics would be something that we would be working on? You all do great work, and thank you for all that you do.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you for all that you do, and thank you for being a partner during the pandemic. We have a Resolution to present to you.

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Commissioner Crawley: Franklin County recognizes LGBTQIA+ Month after an uprising at the Stonewall Inn in New York City sparked a national movement for justice, inclusion, and equality. On behalf of myself, Commissioners John O’Grady and Kevin Boyce, we can’t say it often or loud enough - everyone is welcome here in Franklin County. Columbus is ranked among the nation’s top 15 cities with residents who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender, questioning, queer, intersex, asexual, pansexual, and allies. We know love is love. Many members of our Franklin County community, including commissioners, administration, and staff, will be walking with you at the Pride parade on June 18.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): Unfortunately, LGBTQIA+ rights have been under siege in many parts of the country, including within our own state. The attacks include:

- Don’t say gay legislation.
- 37 states have already or are trying to restrict transgender children from playing sports. Some of the bills that restrict these children require internal and external genitalia examinations.
- States are trying to criminalize transgender-affirming medical care.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): Equality is an inherent right for everyone in this country and everyone is worthy of respect and kindness. That is why Franklin County recognizes and celebrates June as Pride Month. I am glad to be a part of a Board of Commissioners that welcomes everyone here in Franklin County. We want this to be a place where people feel like they can live, work, play, and raise a family, and contribute.

Commissioner O’Grady: In 2013, I was singled out by my church because I became the statewide co-chair for the Freedom to Marry organization. I have taken a lot of grief for my stance on this particular issue, but I have stood firm because I believe that it is a social justice issue. A few years ago, Franklin County issued a travel ban to the state of North Carolina based on legislation that was passed in the state of North Carolina at the time. When new legislation, including the “Don’t Say Gay” legislation, came up earlier this year in Florida and elsewhere, I asked County Administration about the idea of Franklin County instituting another travel ban. Then I realized that we would probably have to have a travel ban within our own state. LGBTQIA+ rights are a big issue for me, personally, but also for my colleagues, and it is a point of pride to serve on this

Board. As someone who has family members who are part of the LGBT community, I wholeheartedly and happily support Pride Month here in Franklin County.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the County Administrator of a great county that has an elected Board of Commissioners that has always backed up their statements with actions. During my time here, this administration was one of the first to offer domestic partner benefits, and that was a big deal. We have a very conscious Board that ensures that when we talk about “Every resident, every day,” it is backed up through our actions. The Board stood up before any of the other governments in the region to recognize Juneteenth, which is just a few days away. The Board respects history but also recognizes that history was not always based on equity and all of the things that we talk about when we recite the Pledge of Allegiance. This Board is taking action so that the 1.3 million people who live in Franklin County have an opportunity to live in a community that is equitable and fair and stands for justice. The Board stands for Franklin County employees being treated as though they belong. Our Racial Equity Council grounds its work in this concept of belonging and allowing our employees to be their authentic selves. At a time when we are working so hard to recruit employees to join Franklin County, I believe that this work is going to pay off. Word is going to spread that if you share your talents with Franklin County, you will have opportunities, and you will be respected for who you are as an individual.

Kenneth N. Wilson (cont.): We are on a constant quest to eliminate the “-isms” we face as employers. This week, for the first time in history, we flew the Progress Pride Flag outside of our building, which was huge for the county. From June 3 through June 5, we recognized gun violence awareness, and the building was orange. There are so many things that plague our community, and gun violence is a crisis. It impacts and endangers the very public health of our community, and it is another issue that I know this Board will act on to make our community safe.

Commissioner Crawley: Ohio is a state that does not have state laws that protect individuals from being discriminated against in housing and in employment. There is a bill called the Ohio Fairness Act that would give such protections if it were to be passed.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): I would also like to add to Administrator Wilson’s statement about gun violence. Gun death is one of the leading causes of death among our children. When we have these attacks on our children, and when we have legislation that prevents people from being their authentic selves, we know that this impacts mental health. We know that having access to firearms increases the likelihood of suicide by firearm, and the number of these deaths continues to increase. I just wanted to point out how all of these things are interconnected, and we, as individuals and as communities, are all directly and indirectly linked.

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Approval of the minutes for the May 31, 2022, General Session; and the June 2, 2022, Briefing Session. Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0430-22, authorizing the acceptance of a Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant “Franklin Cty. Forensic Science Improvement” for the purchase laboratory supplies, offset increased opioid related testing costs, reduce forensic toxicology backlog, and expand the testing scope (\$48,249.75) (Coroner), presented by Dan Baker, Chief of Toxicology, Coroner’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0430-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0431-22, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Kokosing Construction Company, Inc., for the 2022 Franklin County Resurfacing Program (\$5,556,337.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0431-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0432-22, Greenman-Pederson, Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing construction inspection services (\$312,158.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0432-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0433-22, authorizing a contract with Prater Engineering Associates, Inc., consultant, to provide expert consulting services to evaluate the HVAC facilities at 970 Dublin Road (\$8,650.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0433-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0434-22, report (2nd) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Havens Road Improvement project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$43,976.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley: How many property owners are impacted by this?

Mr. Soulas: There are three property owners impacted by this Resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0434-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0435-22, authorizing a consultant contract with Paul Werth Associates, Inc. for public relations management and strategies (\$50,000.00) (Prosecuting Attorney), presented by Robin Moorhead, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0435-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0436-22, authorizing a contract with Huntington National Bank for Depository and other banking related services (\$725,000.00) (Treasurer), presented by Foni Picinane, Chief of Financial Services, Treasurer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0436-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0437-22, authorizing a contract with MAPSYS, Inc. to provide requested support and maintenance to the Franklin County Treasurer application (\$110,000.00) (Treasurer), presented by Dusten Kohlhorst, Information Technology Director, Treasurer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0437-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0438-22, authorizing a contract with 3SG Plus, LLC to upgrade the OnBase content management system (\$116,130.32) (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0438-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0439-22, authorizing the Franklin County Office on Aging to enter into an agreement with Levy Restaurants for food and non-alcoholic beverage services (\$6,200.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Interim Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0439-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0440-22, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant to Red, White & BOOM! to promote tourism in Franklin County (\$50,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0440-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0441-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Walter W. Jester and Jean A. Jester at 445

Evergreen Terrace, Columbus, OH 43228 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0441-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0442-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Petar Jotevski and Stojanka Jotevski at 810 Erickson Avenue, Whitehall, OH 43213 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0442-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0443-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Timothy Stilwell at 7064 Avon Drive, Pleasant Township, Ohio 43123 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0443-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0444-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for David and Beverly J. Zeimer at 1057 Columbus Street, Township of Pleasant, OH 43126 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0444-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0445-22, authorizing three subgrant award agreements for the provision of public safety and crime reduction initiatives under the FY 2021 Justice Assistance Grant (\$217,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Courtney Benner, Grant Specialist, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0445-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0446-22, authorizing a Contract with Pro-Hoe Enterprises LLC for the Sanitary Sewer Connections of Single-Family Residences in the Mon-E-Bak and Brown Road East Service Areas – Round 2 (\$511,708.08) (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0446-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0447-22, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$946,095.63) (Purchasing), presented by Traci Mathew, Assistant Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Ryan, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

Ms. Mathew and Ms. Ryan reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0447-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0448-22, reappointing Paul Chodak III to the Columbus Regional Airport Authority Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Brittany A. Razek, Director of Community Appointments.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0448-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0449-22, reappointing Cathy Collins and Molly Gauntner to the Franklin County Community Based Correctional Facility Governing Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Brittany A. Razek, Director of Community Appointments.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0449-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Lauren M. Graessle, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read two (2) journalizations into the record:

Case number ANX-22-22, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-22-22, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on May 31, 2022. The petition is requesting to annex 2.75-acres from Truro Township to the City of Reynoldsburg. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on July 5, 2022. Site: 7704 E. Main Street, PID #263-000919.

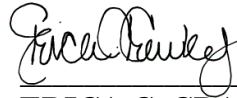
Case number ANX-23-22, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-23-22, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on May 31, 2022. The petition is requesting to annex 7.70-acres from Truro Township to the City of Reynoldsburg. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on July 5, 2022. Site: 755 Waggoner Road, PID #263-001065.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.



ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT



JOHN O'GRADY



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Submitted by:



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