

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

July 9, 2024

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

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

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners; and Michael E. Ruehrmund, 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 Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:09 A.M.

Approval of the minutes for the February 15, February 22, and March 7, 2024, Briefing Sessions; the February 27, 2024, General Session; and the May 29, 2024, Administrative Briefing. Commissioner Crawley moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0560-24**, authorizing Chuck's Septic Tank Sewer and Drain, Inc. (CST) to provide services as necessary for an immediate repair to the 970 Dublin Road Sanitary Sewer Line, Franklin County, Ohio, declaring an emergency due to unforeseen issues (\$52,822.00) (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 O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0560-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0561-24**, authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Appriss Insights, LLC to integrate booking data provided by the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office into TheSheriffApp.com (Sheriff), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0561-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0562-24**, authorizing a contract with GoView LLC for the purchase of Mobile Surveillance Camera Trailers (\$96,900.00) (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Jeff Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0562-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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**Resolution No. 0548-24**, declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation and requesting the Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue generated by the tax levy (Franklin County Children Services), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0548-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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**Resolution No. 0563-24**, authorizing Community Partnership 2024 Grant Agreement with 22 non-profit community agencies (\$3,740,145.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

*Commissioner Crawley noted how she loves this time of year when they approve the community partnership grants and how difficult it is to award due to the number of applicants. She encourages residents to come to the meetings, see what is being awarded, and learn about the organizations and what they are doing. Commissioner Crawley called out the agencies awarded grants that focus on ending violence, and how they continue to do their part.*

*Commissioner Boyce discussed the Charity Newsies and how, during his youth, they would hand out clothes. Commissioner Boyce also noted that it is the little things that can make a big difference, and when these agencies are funded, it is the best part of the job.*

*Commissioner O'Grady expressed his appreciation for Community Partnerships' work and noted that all agencies do tremendous work. When they rise-up the agencies awarded the grants, they are the best of the best.*

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0563-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0564-24**, authorizing a grant agreement with the National African American Male Wellness Agency to support the African American Wellness Educational initiatives and events (\$450,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Damika Withers, Director, Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion, Perry Gregory, Senior Vice-President, and John Gregory, Founder, CEO of National Center for Urban Solutions.

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

*Commissioner Crawley discussed her experiences, the importance of mental health, and the fact that it is Minority Mental Health Month and thanked Mr. Gregory for helping the community.*

*Commissioner O'Grady thanked Mr. Gregory and noted that it is easy to do this work with great people like him.*

*Commissioner Boyce noted his past health struggles, thanked his colleagues for their advocacy, and believes the needle is moving in the right direction for African American Wellness.*

*Kenneth Wilson, County Administrator, commented on the importance of the work being done and the need to care for male and female African American residents, and thanked the commissioners for their work and support of wellness initiatives.*

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0564-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0565-24**, authorizing the County Administrator to Execute on Behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to Execute the Attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” Instrument for Amber Hopper at 1015 Hart Road, Township of Franklin, Ohio 43223 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Walter Dillard, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0565-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0566-24**, review of petition to annex 132.471 +/- acres from Brown Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-11-24 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Walter Dillard, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0566-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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**Resolution No. 0570-24**, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to execute the attached “Partial Release of Mortgage” and “Partial Release of Restrictive Covenant” for Community Housing Network, Inc. (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Walter Dillard, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0570-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0571-24**, appointing Franklin County Commissioner Kevin L. Boyce to serve as Franklin County’s representative on the One Columbus Board of Directors (Board of Commissioners), presented by Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecutor’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0571-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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**Resolution No. 0567-24**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$7,999,175.36) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Damika Withers, Director, Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0567-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0568-24**, approving an Amendment to the Lease Agreement with REPSA LLC for additional space at 1690-1692 Morse Road, and Authorizing the County Administrator to take additional actions not inconsistent with this Resolution (\$6,561,898.88) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Jesse Armstrong, Deputy Director, Business, Claims, and Real Estate, Prosecutor’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0568-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0569-24**, authorizing communications, outreach, and engagement-related support for the deployment of the LinkUS mobility initiative (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0569-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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

The 2024 committee assignment for the Board of Commissioners regarding the Planning Commission has been updated to assign Autumn Glover as Commissioner Crawley's designee. The noted assignment will be filed with today's meeting minutes for the record and will be distributed to our internal and external partners who may be impacted by this selection.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 A.M.

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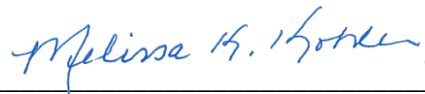
These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

  
9/24/2024  
**KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT**

  
9/19/2024  
**JOHN O'GRADY**

  
9/26/2024  
**ERICA C. CRAWLEY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:

  
9/19/2024  
**Melissa K. Kohler,**  
**Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners**