

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

July 11, 2023

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

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

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; and Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

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

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

Commissioner O'Grady: As you may know, we have an election coming up in a little less than a month. Ohioans will be voting on a proposed constitutional amendment on August 8th that would make it harder to change our constitution in the future. So, if you have strong feelings about this as I do, I want to encourage you to vote next month and in every election. Early voting starts today, so you can go vote right now at the Franklin County Board of Elections, located at 1700 Morse Road, or have an absentee ballot sent to you in the mail. Lastly, I want you to know that the voter ID requirements have changed since you last voted, so I encourage you to learn more about that so that you don't have any trouble casting your vote in this important election. Visit Vote.FranklinCountyOhio.gov to learn about the new voter ID requirements, find your polling place, learn how to vote early in person or absentee, or to volunteer to work at the polls on election day. Again, I want to encourage every Franklin County resident to make their voice heard by voting in the August 8th special election. You can vote early in person or absentee, and you can find out all about the election and how to vote at Vote.FranklinCountyOhio.gov.

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Resolution No. 0535-23, authorizing the Franklin County Administrator and Coroner to sign an Agreement with The Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine for Non-Hospital Teaching Agreement (Coroner), presented by Patrick McLean, Chief of Staff, Coroner's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0535-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0536-23, authorizing Contract Modification #1 and Extension #2 with Alban & Alban LLP, Columbus Title Agency of Westerville, Inc., and Paramount Title Agency, Inc., respectively, for Title Insurance Services (\$300,000.00) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0536-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0537-23, authorizing a First Contract Amendment with Pethealth Services (USA) Inc. for the conversion of Data to support a new Case Management System (Animal Control), presented by April Ricciardo, Assistant Director, Animal Control.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0537-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0538-23, authorizing a IV-D contract between the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Franklin County Clerk of Courts (\$273,023.59) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by William Peltcs, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0538-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0539-23, authorizing COVID-19 Recovery Grant Agreements to various Franklin County nonprofit organizations to assist with various capital improvement and expansion projects (\$3,551,135.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0539-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0540-23, authorizing a grant agreement extension with the Central Ohio Workers Center (\$300,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0540-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0541-23, authorizing one-year grant extensions to 21 nonprofits related to the Community Partnerships grant program (\$3,489,116.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0541-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0542-23, authorizing a Contract and Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for Floodplain Review (\$10,000.00) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0542-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0543-23, authorizing a contract with Mandi Pierson, of PorchLight, LLC, for the purpose of conducting four Trauma Informed Interviewing Methods trainings developed with expert analysis in connection with the Blueprint for Safety Initiative (\$3,400.00) (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 0543-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0544-23, authorizing a contract agreement amendment with Jordan's Crossing allocating additional funding to equipment for linkage to care services (\$16,000.00) (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 0544-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0545-23, authorizing a professional service contract agreement with Sabrina Clifton 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 0545-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0546-23, authorizing a contract for professional engineering services with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. for Gladys-Inah Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project (\$212,240.50) (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Assistant Director, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0546-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0547-23, approving modifications to the contract for water service and the contract for sanitary sewer service between the County and the City of Columbus (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Assistant Director, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0547-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0548-23, authorizing a contract with United Healthcare Services, Inc. to provide medical plan administration services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (\$10,800,000.00) (Human Resources), presented by Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0548-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0549-23, authorizing Third Contract Modifications with twenty-two (22) Providers and a Fourth Contract Modification with one (1) Provider for Consolidated County Transportation Services (Lift, Non-Lift and Escort) (\$24,378,157.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0549-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0550-23, authorizing a Supplemental Contract with Monterey Consultants, Inc. to provide an eProcurement automation assessment and purchasing support services (\$548,884.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Boyce: I just want to make sure that the eProcurement process is not an entirely automated process. When people respond to RFPs, RFQs, or RFIs, I want to make sure it is not simply a technological exchange, but that the process also includes the evaluation of other elements that are sometimes qualitative in nature but help meet the specifications of the contracts.

Ms. Perry-Balonier: You are correct; it is not just an automated exchange. These systems or solutions are comprehensive. They offer functionality from vendor registration and management through sourcing and soliciting quotes electronically. We can receive electronic proposals and bids from vendors, which is sometimes easier for them than providing multiple paper copies and coming down to our offices. Multiple solutions also offer the functionality to allow us to evaluate proposals as we receive them. We can negotiate with vendors through the system, which takes us into a contract management module. This is the comprehensive system we are looking to source for the County. It is not just a system that solicits a bid and accepts the lowest bid; we still interact with the vendors, and we can create criteria based on other important factors that the County wishes to evaluate in a procurement.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0550-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0551-23, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$10,925,599.05) (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 0551-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0552-23, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$500,000,000 County of Franklin, Ohio Health Care Facilities Revenue Bonds (Ohio Living Communities) (the "Bonds"); and approving the execution of a base lease, a lease, an assignment and related matters in connection with the issuance of the Bonds (Board of Commissioners), presented by Ben Kitto, Partner, Ice Miller Legal Counsel.

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

Commissioner Boyce: I do not have any questions, but I do have a comment to think about in the future, and it may be directed to County Administration, as well. Every time these bonds come up for the County, the presenters make the statement that these do not count against the County's credit.

Commissioner Boyce (cont.): However, if you search the Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) website to look at Franklin County's outstanding bonds, these bonds will appear. When you do an issuance, if you are on the underwriting side as an investment banker, you would pull all of those debt issuances. While you might say they do not count against the County's credit, they still show up, and an investor could consider that. This is something that we should think about because it does show up on Franklin County's books. I know what you are presenting is correct, but there is an ancillary effect that can play into this when investors are doing searches, which is just something to think about. Nevertheless, this is a good instrument that is definitely impactful to our hospital systems in Central Ohio.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0552-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0553-23, appointing Jarrod B. Skinner to the Franklin County Community Based Correctional Facility Governing Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren M. Graessle, Assistant Director of Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0553-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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

Resolution No. 0624-22 contained a scrivener's error. The Resolution was correct, but the attachment to the Resolution contained the wrong vendor, which has since been corrected.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 A.M.

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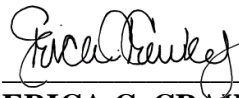
These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



KEVIN L. BOYCE



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

Submitted by:



Lauren M. Graessle

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