

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

July 5, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

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

Also present on the dais were Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator; 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 Crawley called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

Commissioner Crawley: July is Make a Difference to Children Month. It seems like a decree that should be intuitive and unnecessary, but it isn't. Children in Franklin County, Ohio, and the country need immediate help. A large percentage of our children struggle with hunger and the challenges of poverty every day. About one of every seven people in America live in poverty, including children. Because of the cost, two out of every five children struggle to get enough to eat each month. Once more, children of color are more likely to experience poverty than white children; for example, around 14 percent of children in the United States are Black, but they make up more than one-quarter of children living below the poverty line. Beyond necessities, children also need guidance to thrive. For example, students who meet regularly with mentors are 52 percent less likely to miss school and 46 percent less likely to do drugs. Having another adult mentor also builds confidence and makes them more likely to graduate and attend college. Kim Ratz started the push for Make a Difference to Children Month to help children in orphanages, shelter homes, those who are homeless, and those who live in abusive homes. Initially, she faced criticism that the movement wouldn't work – there were too many kids to help. She replied that the idea is to have people come forward and help just one child. The Franklin County Board of Commissioners strives to take care of the children within our county. Our levy-funded Franklin County Children Services agency works to protect children and ensure they have a safe home. Further, we provide millions to fund activities and provide resources and support to our community's children. That is why Franklin County recognizes and celebrates July as Make a Difference to Children Month.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): I always say that all of the kids in Franklin County are our kids. We have a responsibility to make sure that they all have the same opportunities to thrive and not just survive.

Commissioner Boyce: I want to thank you for recognizing the young people who live in our community and moreover, the resources that Franklin County provides to impact their lives in a positive way. I happen to be a product of many of those resources. I know for certain that my family would not have been the family we were able to be without the resources of Franklin County throughout my childhood. I want to recognize everyone who, on behalf of Franklin County, works very hard to get those services out to families to make a difference in their lives, and to put them into positions to be productive citizens as adults. I am grateful for the resources that Franklin County has provided.

Commissioner Crawley: Commissioner Boyce, you are a great example of what happens when we provide resources for our children and opportunities that they might not have otherwise. Kids that I know look up to you, and they see themselves in you, so thank you for that testimony.

Commissioner O'Grady: I am always trying to figure out the best part of being a County Commissioner. This is the greatest job; I love being a County Commissioner. The work that we do with kids is, generally speaking, the best part of being a County Commissioner. We get to do a lot of really cool things, but at the end of the day, we do it because of the services that we get to provide for families and kids. Being able to recognize that this morning is fantastic, and the work the two of you do with families and kids is great. It is inspiring to watch.

Commissioner Crawley: I have dedicated my career to advocating on behalf of children because they are not just our future; they are our present. Thank you for the work that you all do every day. Friday marked the first anniversary of my appointment, and I agree that this is a good gig, and one reason is the work we do for the children.

Commissioner Boyce: We are a great team, and this is a cool job. It is the most underrated elected office, for sure.

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Commissioner Boyce: I would like to express our condolences to the folks in Akron, who are dealing with a very tragic situation with a member of their community who lost their life to law enforcement. They are still sorting through all of the details and information surrounding that incident. My heart goes out to that community. I personally know folks who are there on the ground level with that discussion and investigation, and this is something that we, as a society, need to get better at. We need to figure this out. That story plays out far too many times. I do not know all of the details and facts – I did watch the video – but when I see the loss of life in a situation such as that, my heart goes out to that entire community, particularly the family of Jayland, because they are all suffering.

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Approval of the minutes for the June 28, 2022, General Session; and the June 30, 2022, Briefing Session. Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0500-22, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Complete General Construction Co., for Sunbury Road 0.02 over Argyle-Woodland Run (\$1,356,496.86) (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 0500-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0501-22, establishing, altering, and widening of the Clark State Road and Waggoner Road Intersection project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (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 0501-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0502-22, authorizing County Engineer Cornell R. Robertson to submit applications and execute project agreements on behalf of Franklin County for Ohio Public Works Commission funding of road and bridge projects (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 0502-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0503-22, authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to approve the agreement with AFSCME Ohio Council 8 (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: What is the contract start date?

Mr. Soulas: The start date is April 1, 2022, and it runs for three years.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0503-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0504-22, authorizing an agreement with Vigilant Solutions, LLC for Investigative Data Platform software (\$36,835.00) (Sheriff), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0504-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0505-22, authorizing an agreement with LexisNexis Risk Solutions for Accurant Virtual Crime Center software (\$35,225.00) (Sheriff), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0505-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0506-22, authorizing an agreement with Vanguard Blue, LCC to provide a real-time secure streaming video feed for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Unmanned Aircraft System Unit (\$7,500.00) (Sheriff), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0506-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0507-22, authorizing a contract modification for Veterans Service Commission and Mike's Copy Works for consulting services for advertising and promotional media placement at an increase of \$107,015.00 for a revised not to exceed contract amount of \$327,015.00 (Veterans

Services), presented by Matthew Zelnik, Assistant Director, Services, Veterans Service Commission.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0507-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0508-22, authorizing Community Partnership Grant Agreements with 21 non-profit community agencies (\$3,489,116.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0508-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0509-22, review of petition to annex 2.75 +/- acres from Truro Township to the City of Reynoldsburg Case #ANX-22-22 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Chief Operating Officer, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0509-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0510-22, review of petition to annex 7.70 +/- acres from Truro Township to the City of Reynoldsburg Case #ANX-23-22 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Chief Operating Officer, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0510-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0511-22, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,958,557.76) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Ryan, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0511-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0512-22, authorizing the County Administrator to approve community grants and contracts for services, supplies, products, and goods for an amount not to exceed one million dollars (Board of Commissioners), presented by Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce: This is only for one year, correct?

Ms. Hummer: It is actually less than a year. It ends on January 6, 2023. In addition, the Resolution requires that the County Administrator report any contracts that were executed on January 10 to the Board of Commissioners. Immediately after executing a contract under this Resolution, both the Prosecutor's Office and the Director of OMB will be providing that information directly to you.

Commissioner Crawley: I think it is also important to note that one of the reasons that this is necessary and short-term is that we no longer have the ability to meet virtually. If any two of us caught COVID and could not be here, then we would not have a quorum. I think it is necessary to acknowledge that we are definitely not abdicating any duties that are invested in us, but given the nature of the endemic times that we are in, and now having to meet in person, I think this is necessary for a limited time and then we will review it again in January.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0512-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0513-22, authorizing the acceptance of gifts, donations, or private offers of assistance (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

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

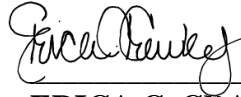
Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0513-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 A.M.

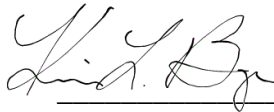
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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.



ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT

JOHN O'GRADY



**KEVIN L. BOYCE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



Lauren M. Graessle

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