

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

July 18, 2023

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 18, 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 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 9:15 A.M.

Commissioner O’Grady: As you know, there’s an election underway right now in our community and all across the state. Ohioans are voting on a proposed amendment to our constitution that would make it harder for them to change the constitution in the future. As we do with all elections, I want to encourage every Franklin County resident to educate themselves on this proposal and to be sure to vote in this important election. You can vote early by mail or in person, or you can vote in person on August 8th. I encourage you to visit Vote.FranklinCountyOhio.gov to learn about requesting an absentee ballot, voting early in person, how to find your polling place, and how to volunteer to work at the polls.

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Commissioner O’Grady: We’re also pleased to have a guest with us today who is retiring after many years of service to Franklin County residents. Our motto is “Every Resident, Every Day”, and that’s a spirit that Jacki Dickinson certainly embodies.

Commissioner O'Grady (cont.): For much of her more than 30 years in civil service, Jacki Dickinson has been committed to providing justice-involved residents with the tools they need for a fresh start and working diligently to ensure they receive a second chance to be successful in the community. I understand that Deputy County Administrator Joy Bivens is here to say a few words about Ms. Dickinson and her career, and then help us present Jacki with a ceremonial resolution.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator: It is an honor to speak about Jacki Dickinson today. I sit on Jacki's board as an appointee of the Judges. I want to say a few words about her so that everyone understands her background. Jacki is an 18-year employee of the Franklin County Community Based Correctional Facility, and she is the center's Executive Director. She also spent years as an adult probation officer. She was in leadership positions with the Correctional Facility when the center earned accreditation from the American Correctional Association and the U.S. Department of Justice Prison Rape Elimination Act. She was the facility's Executive Director when the center earned both reaccreditations, and she assured the center had many care compliance rates at nearly 100%. She is a compassionate leader who has remained committed to providing residents with the tools and support they need for a second chance. Jacki retires with the respect of her staff and board for her dedication to being transparent with her work. I would also like to speak about Jacki on a personal level. Jacki is resilient, compassionate, and empathetic. She leads as a second-chance leader in this space. Over the years, she has confronted many obstacles, one of which I have seen firsthand. I do not know if some of you know how budgets are established, but formulas determine them. Jacki has been given limited budgets, but has also been charged with transforming the mindset and lives of residents with those limited funds. She has done this with a smile, which is how she approaches all obstacles. I have seen her step in and do every job in that facility, including cooking when needed. Jacki looks at every resident in her facility as a resident. She is committed to ensuring that she has done everything possible to ensure that when they walk out of her facility, they do so with the tools necessary to succeed. If they are not connected, she makes sure to connect them. This leader before us is very rare to find; she is a gem. We appreciate your 18 years of service, Jacki. Thank you so much for leading not just with your heart, but with the mindset that you can make a change in all of the lives that you impact.

Jacki Dickinson, Executive Director, Franklin County Community Based Correctional Facility: I really appreciate the support of DCA Bivens and all of the Commissioners. For a while, our facility became an isolated place, and for the last ten years or so, we have started reaching out, and the Commissioners have been wonderful at supporting us in many ways. I am very fortunate to have had a career that I did not know I would get into. I went to school to be an anchorwoman, but I started working in the Clerk's Office in 1988 and fell in love with the court system and public service. I am so honored to have had this career. I am taking a break and figuring out my next role.

Commissioner O'Grady: We appreciate you spending your career with us and the work you have done on behalf of the residents of Franklin County. We have a ceremonial resolution to present to you.

Commissioner Boyce: I do not know you personally, but I know what almost two decades of service looks like. Those of us who have also been in public service for that long know the sacrifice families make as a part of that journey. Congratulations on 18 years of impact and service, and thank you to your family for being a part of that journey. We are a team and a family, and we are certain this is not the last we will hear from you.

Commissioner Crawley: Although we did not have the opportunity to spend much time together, I want to thank you for over 30 years in civil service and for your 18 years of service to CBCF. When I first became a Commissioner and came over to CBCF, you gave me a tour, and we talked about the successes and challenges you face in your work. Throughout all of it, the common thread you focused on was the humanity and dignity of the residents who come through your facility. The mission is to put them on a path forward and make them feel good about themselves so they do not come back through our justice system. Regardless of the charges against them, the residents were given a fresh start when they came through the facility. That type of compassion is hard to find. When I was in the legislature, I was on the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee. I would talk to many different people, including prison wardens and individuals in our prison system. I wish everybody had your love and compassion to see people as they are – as human beings who may have made a mistake but, given the opportunity and a second chance, can make different choices. I hope people will look at you and your leadership, get inspired, and want to do the same. Again, thank you so much for your service.

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Resolution No. 0555-23, authorizing the Franklin County Administrator to sign on behalf of the Coroner an Agreement with Wayne State University – Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Affiliation Agreement for Clinical Education (Coroner), presented by Patrick McLean, Chief of Staff, Coroner’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0555-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0556-23, approving a contract modification with Shelly & Sands, Inc. for the Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road & Havens Road Roundabout Project (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0556-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0557-23, CTL Engineering, Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing construction inspection and administration services for the Hayden Run Road 6.74 over Scioto River bridge project, Franklin County, Ohio (\$210,406.00) (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0557-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0558-23, MTJ Engineering, LLC, consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing on-call engineering services, Franklin County, Ohio (\$100,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0558-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0559-23, The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing construction inspection services for the 2023 General Bridge Maintenance project, Franklin County, Ohio (\$92,275.00) (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0559-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0560-23, preliminary allocation of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the Village of Minerva Park (\$160,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0560-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0561-23, establishing, altering, and widening of Waggoner Road, County Road No. 106, from East Main Street, US 40, to East Broad Street, SR16, Truro Township and Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0561-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0562-23, authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for two new Training Officer positions (Office on Aging), presented by Laurice Cohens, Assistant Director and Chief Financial Officer, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0562-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0563-23, authorizing a grant agreement with Ohio Business Development Center for support of the Construction Academy (\$15,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Tameca Bumper, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Ronda Watson Barber, Publisher, Ohio Business Development Center: It is a pleasure to be here. I first want to thank you for funding our program last year. We were able to assist 40 contractors with increasing their skills, including blueprint reading, estimating, and how to read a spec book. We also took them through some legal training and some accounting. This year, we will take some of the 40 that participated last year and enroll them in a paint remediation course. This will also allow them to increase their skills, and through Columbus City Schools, they will be able to get contracts immediately to work on upcoming buildings. We appreciate that we can increase their economic development and help them get more jobs for their companies.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: I had the pleasure of attending your graduation a few months ago. Thank you for that invitation to speak. It is always great to see individuals obtaining the skills necessary to compete for their share of the booming construction market we have in Franklin County. This is a modest investment in the lives of the individuals who are impacted by your efforts.

Mr. Wilson (cont.): I want to commend you for what you do and what Ohio MBE does in our community because that is what economic inclusion and mobility are about. Thank you for what you do.

Ms. Watson Barber: Thank you. The contractors that we work with are not big companies, but it takes an acorn to make an oak tree. We are working with small contractors to ensure they have the skills to compete for upcoming jobs and grow their businesses for generational wealth for their families and our community.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0563-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0564-23, authorizing an agreement with the US Together, Inc to implement Central Ohio's Welcoming Plan for services and support for immigrants and refugees (\$231,600.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Tameca Bumper, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Nadia Kasvin, Director and Co-Founder, US Together: Our request for funding in this resolution is to roll out Phase 2 of the plan to welcome immigrants and refugees to Central Ohio. This plan is sanctioned by Welcoming America and the American Immigration Council, who provided advice and guidance throughout the process of creating this plan. We are only 1 of 77 communities in the United States that have an approved Welcoming Plan. We worked very hard last year on creating this plan and are looking forward to the implementation phase.

Guadalupe A. Velasquez, Managing Director, Welcoming City: Thank you for considering the approval of this resolution. We know that it is not just about creating a welcoming space but also a space of belonging for everyone. This plan is what we call a universal, targeted approach in that it benefits all, but it also targets specific communities so that everyone is uplifted and feels like they belong. This plan will help create an ecosystem of welcoming and equitable access to services. Thank you for your commitment to everything you are doing in the DEI space. I am proud to be a Franklin County resident.

Commissioner Boyce: I want to thank both Nadia and Guadalupe for all of their work. This is not new; you all have been at this for quite some time. It is definitely making Franklin County a great place to live, work, and raise a family. We strive to be proud to live in this community. We do not have a magic wand to make these things happen, but we have the tools and resources to create the environment and platform to do that. You have been our trusted advisors on this journey.

Commissioner Boyce (cont.): Even though we have a ways to go, I am very confident that this is one of those investments that takes us a little closer to the point where everyone can feel like you do. Thank you for your work. You have both been great partners to Franklin County. We appreciate and value you.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0564-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0565-23, review of petition to annex 7.80 +/- acres from Norwich Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-25-23 (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 O'Grady: I know we cannot vote on both resolutions, 0565-23 and 0566-23, at the same time, but I would like to address them both at the same time. Have they both met all statutory requirements?

Mr. Schimmer: Yes, they do, Commissioner.

Commissioner O'Grady: That is what I thought. Before we call the speakers up, I would like our Chief Counsel to let the audience know what the Commissioners' purview is, as it relates to these two resolutions, when all statutory requirements are met.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Unlike many items that come before the Board of Commissioners, this statutory process limits the Commissioners' authority in terms of what they can and cannot do with regard to their voting powers. In this case, if the statutory process has been followed and the provisions have been met, the Commissioners have no authority to deny the annexation. That seems quite strange because you are a voting body, but you live and die by the existing statutory constraints. In this case, the state legislature has set forth what you can and cannot do. What will go in this location if and when the annexation occurs is a matter for the local jurisdictions to control. The County Commissioners can encourage those discussions, but they do not have the authority to control it.

Commissioner O'Grady: So, the local municipal body would be the entity to which anyone could take those concerns. Not that it is inappropriate for anyone to have a conversation with us today, but I just wanted to make sure that everyone understands the actions the Board will take today.

Ms. Hummer: It is my understanding that for these two resolutions, all of the statutory provisions and time limits have been met.

Mr. Schimmer: I also want to point out that our records are available for anyone to look at to ensure that we, in fact, met the timelines and statutory requirements. We are happy to work with anyone who has questions about those.

Bryan Hunt, Loveland Law, LLC, 3300 Riverside Drive, Suite 125, Upper Arlington, Ohio 43221; Holly Hollingsworth, Scioto Property Owners Collective, 4835 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43221; and Charles Toland, Scioto Property Owners Collective, 4298 Shire Landing Road, Hilliard, Ohio, 43026, each spoke in opposition to the proposed resolution.

A robust discussion ensued among the Board of Commissioners, Ms. Hummer, Mr. Schimmer, Mr. Hunt, Sean Mentel, Partner, Kooperman Mentel Ferguson Yaross, Ltd., and Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator. President O'Grady asked that the meeting proceed with subsequent resolutions, beginning with Resolution No. 0567-23, as discussions continued. Resolution No. 0565-23 and 0566-23 were revisited after Resolution No. 0575-23 was presented and voted on.

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Resolution No. 0567-23, approving a subaward agreement with The Ohio State University for the LiFEsports summer youth enrichment program (\$40,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0567-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0568-23, authorizing the County Administrator to approve the following contract modifications: 1) extend project period for the County's 2020 Office on Violence Against Women Improving Criminal Justice Response (ICJR) grant award through September 30, 2024; 2) use approved grant funds to increase ICJR subrecipient award contracts issued to the Columbus City Attorney, the Columbus Division of Police, Franklin County Municipal Court and Nationwide Children's Hospital Research Institute; 3) approve extending aforementioned ICJR contracts through July 31st, 2024 (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Kevin L. Greenwood, Deputy Director, Survivor Services, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0568-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0569-23, authorizing a contract agreement with Kirk Bros. Co., Inc. for the Harrisburg Pump Station Improvements Project (\$632,500.00) (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Assistant Director, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0569-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0570-23, authorizing a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the Construction Phase of the Mon-E-Bak, Brown Road East, and Eureka Park Sanitary Sewer Extension Project, Connection Phase, Round 3 (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Assistant Director, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0570-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0571-23, authorizing a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the construction phase of the North Hague Avenue Sanitary Sewer Collections System construction project (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Assistant Director, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0571-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0572-23, authorizing a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the construction phase of the Ferris Road Sanitary Sewer Collections System construction project (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Assistant Director, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0572-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0575-23, authorizing an updated Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Application to the Ohio Environment Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the engineering/design phase of the Gladys-Inah Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Assistant Director, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0575-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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The robust discussion regarding Resolution No. 0565-23 continued. President O'Grady asked that Director Schimmer present Resolution 0566-23 before the Board voted on Resolution No. 0565-23.

Resolution No. 0566-23, review of petition to annex 6.1 +/- acres from Norwich Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-26-23 (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.

Holly Hollingsworth, Scioto Property Owners Collective, 4835 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43221; and Charles Toland, Scioto Property Owners Collective, 4298 Shire Landing Road, Hilliard, Ohio, 43026, each spoke in opposition to the proposed resolution.

The Commissioners each made closing remarks before voting on Resolution No. 0565-23 and 0566-23.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0565-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0566-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0573-23, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$517,328.62) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0573-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0574-23, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant Agreement with the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority for the North Market Mixed Use Project and the addition of affordable housing units (\$39,900,000.00) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley: As I said last week during Briefing, I am excited about this program. I think it is important to highlight the development that is happening here in Franklin County. One of the things that we continue to invest in is affordable housing. A significant amount of money for this project is ARPA dollars. When I was asked about ARPA and the use of those dollars for this project, I said that we are still recovering from a pandemic; we have not fully recovered. We know the hospitality and tourism industries were hit hardest during the pandemic. The ARPA guidance allows for investment in travel and tourism, as well as for investment in small businesses. When we think about the North Market, most of the merchants are women and minority-owned businesses, so this is an allowable use for that. We are able to invest in the workforce. This project is about jobs, housing, and opportunity. Outside of the affordable housing units that will be located in the North Market, thirty-five additional units will be built in Franklin County. The merchants at the North Market and the employees should be able to afford to live there, too. They should be able to see themselves in the growth of the North Market, and I love that that is embedded in this project. Another important aspect of this project is the revenue coming from the parking structure, which will go right back into the workforce development program. The County and our partners are ensuring that those who are underrepresented, including women and Black and Brown individuals, can see themselves in middle management in hospitality when they historically could not. We are working to give them a pathway forward into the middle class. We are investing in the past, present, and future of the North Market. I was with the Mayor when we pitched to have the American Legion National Convention in Columbus in 2027, and we did not get it. But, when we went back to pitch again a couple of months ago, the Commander, who is over the American Legion, stated that he had been to the North Market and had Jeni's Ice Cream. Every time he comes back, he goes to Jeni's, and he told everyone in the room about the North Market. That is what we want.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): The American Legion is coming here in 2028 because we won that bid, and they are looking forward to going to the North Market. That is what this is all about. We have something great here and want to be a destination city and a destination county. This will help us get there. We are creating an entrepreneurship fund and a destination fund, so people who want to be merchants and want to open a business will be able to do so. Marty has a flower shop that has been in the North Market for thirty years. Hoyo's Kitchen was able to expand its business from the North Market to other locations throughout the county. That matters and has a huge impact here in Franklin County. When people spend their dollars here, it goes right back into our economy. I am excited to support this resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady: Administrator Wilson gave a number of reasons why this is a great project, and Commissioner Crawley just gave several more. This is a fantastic project that helps to elevate Columbus and Franklin County and set us apart. We want this to be a redevelopment that helps small businesses and helps with affordable housing. At the end of the day, this project is another example of the investments we make in Franklin County, and these are the kinds of investments we have continued to make over the last decade and a half. These transformational investments have huge returns on investment, allowing us to continue to invest in our community. This allows us to reinvest in our residents daily, which is why we do these things. Administrator Wilson has the vision to bring these projects to us and has been helping lead these types of investments for years. Thank you to our Administrator for seeing the wisdom in doing these types of projects.

Commissioner Crawley: I want to be clear that the County is not writing a blank check. There are actions that are tied to payments, as well as a third-party enforcer agreement. Could counsel speak to the funding and what criteria need to be met before payments go out? Please also speak to our ability to act on behalf of the Finance Authority if some things do not happen.

Robin Moorhead, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Our agreement with the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority is broken into five payments. Each of those payments requires specific deliverables to be met by both the developer for the North Market project and the Finance Authority, if appropriate. So, for instance, for payment number 3 to be made, they have to deliver the framework for workforce training, which will then be implemented after the completion of the project. That is just ensuring they stay on track and their goals stay aligned with the County's goals. With respect to your question about third-party enforcement rights, the Finance Authority is entering into a capital lease structure with the developer. All of the County's requirements are built into that capital lease structure so that the Finance Authority can guarantee the developer is meeting all of the County requirements. If the developer cannot meet the requirements for any reason or fails to meet the requirements, we can step into the Finance Authority's shoes and enforce that contract as if we were a party to those leases.

Mr. Wilson: These types of projects are important because we promote economic development, and this Board pushes us to develop innovative ways to promote economic inclusion and mobility. Since at least 2018, you have sharpened my focus as County Administrator to make sure that as the county grows, we still have an “every resident, every day” mindset. All of the county’s residents in every zip code need to benefit because these projects impact their health and their opportunity for shelter. They also give us the financial ability to support our Health and Human Services agencies, which you are committed to helping improve every day. We will remain focused on all those things, including the Rise Together Blueprint to Reduce Poverty, and we will intersect our work as much as possible to promote economic development, social welfare, and social justice.

Commissioner Crawley: If you want to do business with the County through this type of public-private partnership, it should look something like this. Let this be the blueprint for others who want to do development.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0574-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read three (3) journalizations into the record:

Case #ANX-27-23, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-27-23, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on July 7, 2023. The petition is requesting to annex 22.7-acres from Prairie Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on August 8, 2023. Site: Galloway Road, PID #240-000192.

Case #ANX-28-23, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-28-23, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on July 12, 2023. The petition is requesting to annex 1.37-acres from Madison Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on August 22, 2023. Site: 4500 Gender Road, PID #181-000576.

Case #ANX-29-23, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-29-23, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on July 12, 2023. The petition is requesting to annex 0.9-acres from Truro Township to the City of Reynoldsburg. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on August 22, 2023. Site: 1769 Lancaster Avenue, PID #263-002404.

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Resolution No. 0576-23, of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0576-23, to convene into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote, and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 11:23 A.M.

At 11:36 A.M., Commissioner Crawley moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Boyce, which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. No substantive action was taken upon exiting Executive Session, and with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 A.M.

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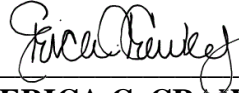
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JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



KEVIN L. BOYCE



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