

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

August 2, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

Present were: Erica C. Crawley, President
Kevin L. Boyce, Commissioner

Also present 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 9:06 A.M.

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Approval of the minutes for the July 5, 2022, General Session; the July 7, 2022, Voting Session; and the July 27, 2022, Administrative Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0533-22, authorizing amendments to the Software as a Service Agreement and Services Contract to support custom development, the Probate Court's marriage license operations, and a change in cloud hosting for the new Court Case Management System (\$11,596,385.00) (Clerk of Courts), presented by Adam Luckhaupt, Director of Information Technology, Clerk of Courts.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0533-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0534-22, authorizing no-cost amendments to the Software as a Service Agreement and Services Contract to include non-disclosure language with Quicket Solutions Inc. for professional services and cloud hosting software for the purpose of creating data integrations between the Odyssey Court Case Management System and other County justice systems (\$1,548,326.00) (Clerk of Courts), presented by Adam Luckhaupt, Director of Information Technology, Clerk of Courts.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0534-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0550-22, authorizing the State Fiscal Year 2023 Juvenile Court Funding Application Update with the State of Ohio, Department of Youth Services (\$5,068,559.23) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0550-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0551-22, authorizing appropriation adjustments related to various operating expenditures (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0551-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0552-22, authorizing an extension of the contract with The Whitestone Group, Inc for security services (\$65,000.00) (Coroner), presented by Amanda Alvarez Wright, Director of Operations, Coroner's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0552-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0535-22, Prime AE Group, Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer with construction inspection services (\$119,550.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0535-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0536-22, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with The Mannik Smith Group, Inc., for construction inspection services, an increase of \$118,291.51, for a revised contract amount of \$238,291.51 (\$238,291.51) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0536-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0538-22, report (3rd) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation and damages for a portion of the owners of property abutting Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road, County Road No. 6, at Havens Road, Township Road No. 203, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$25,650.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0538-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0539-22, report (4th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation and damages for a portion of the owners of property abutting Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road, County Road No. 6, at Havens Road, Township Road No. 203, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$100,685.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0539-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0540-22, report (5th) 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 (\$47,162.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0540-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding establishing, altering, and widening of the Clark State Road, County Road No. 95, and Waggoner Road, County Road No. 106, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

Commissioner Crawley: I would like to open the Public Hearing. Would anyone like to speak regarding this Public Hearing? Seeing none, I will close the Public Hearing and have the Deputy Clerk read the resolution into the record.

Resolution No. 0553-22, establishing, altering, and widening of the Clark State Road, County Road No. 95, and Waggoner Road, County Road No. 106, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as 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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0553-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0554-22, report (11th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Elliott Road and Hayden Run Road Drainage Improvement project, Brown Township and Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$4,318.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0554-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0555-22, CDM Smith, Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer with general drainage engineering services (\$100,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0555-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0556-22, authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations for various road, bridge, and ditch maintenance 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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0556-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office: In light of the recent NACo conference, we wanted to take a moment to provide you with information that the Franklin County Engineer's Office has with respect to diversity, equity, and inclusion, specifically with HBCU's (Historically Black Colleges and Universities).

Simone Burley, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator, Engineer's Office: We will be hosting an HBCU Civil Engineering Career Expo on Thursday, September 22, 2022, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., via Zoom video conferencing, in conjunction with HBCU week. We have twenty-six firms signed up to participate, as well as four government agencies and the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO). We will be having a panel discussion from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M., and the Honorable Commissioner Erica Crawley will be a panelist. The goal is to introduce HBCU students to career opportunities and internships in the Central Ohio area.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you for that. We just got back from NACo, where we had a whole workshop on DEI, so I appreciate that you came back and got right to work on that. I look forward to having information sent out so that people who want to sign up may do so and get it on their calendars as soon as possible.

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Resolution No. 0549-22, authorizing a three-year contract with Nationwide Children's Hospital for medical services (\$900,000.00) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0549-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0557-22, supporting the Sheriff's Office to add one (1) additional participating agency in the Countywide DUI Task Force (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0557-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0541-22, declaring intent to proceed with the question of a renewal tax levy for the support of senior citizen services to the electors of Franklin County at the November 8, 2022 general election (Office on Aging), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

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

Chanda Wingo, Interim Director, Office on Aging: The Senior Service Levy first passed in 1992, so it has been thirty years. It is the primary funding source for Senior Options.

Ms. Wingo (cont.): Senior Options serve more than 10,000 seniors annually, and more than 60,000 seniors through our grant programs. We look forward to the work that we have ahead to have this levy appear on the ballot.

Commissioner Crawley: I believe I saw Commissioner Marilyn Brown in attendance here today. She and I had a really great discussion the other day about the levy and the Senior Options that it has provided over the course of thirty years. However, we know that there is much more to be done to support our aging residents here in Franklin County. We will continue to have that conversation, and I know that it is very important to Commissioner Boyce, as well. I know we are collecting data on housing and looking at how we can expand services for our residents.

Commissioner Boyce: There is not a more important group within our regional demographics that we want to extend resources to than our seniors. While this is a renewal, I know that there are many folks who understand that these services impact lives. My mom is a senior, and I take her to the doctor each week. She has a lot of needs, and so do many of the other seniors around me. What we can do as a county to support those families and seniors by providing resources is a critical aspect of the quality of life here in Central Ohio. What is the current average amount that someone pays for the levy?

Chanda Wingo, Interim Director, Office on Aging: It is about forty-one dollars annually.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: That is per \$100,000 in value of an owner-occupied house. It is a very modest amount when you consider the impact it has on the community. County Administration and Interim Director Wingo have been in constant communication regarding how we can amplify efforts to increase the availability of these services in the community. In the 2023 budget, we are looking at a package of additional enhancements that the Board has called for to amplify our ability and outreach in the community. Both of our esteemed co-chairs for this levy, former Commissioner Marilyn Brown, and NAACP President Nana Watson, are here today. They are going to help us by being ambassadors in the community to ensure that we pass with flying colors.

Commissioner Crawley: Interim Director Wingo, can you give an overview of what Senior Options and this levy provide?

Chanda Wingo, Interim Director, Office on Aging: The mission of the Senior Options program is to provide services and support to our seniors so that they may remain in their homes safely and securely for as long as possible. That could be as simple as installing a grab bar or a ramp to get into the house, but it also includes emergency response systems, free delivered meals, transportation, minor home repairs, and respite care. There are so many services, and we recognize the work of the Franklin County Office on Aging team. Our grant programs offer additional services around technology, multi-generational programs, social connectedness, and all of the things that are important to seniors and their families.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: We are also looking for talented individuals who have the will to serve our 60 and over population. We are actively recruiting an Assistant Director, and Chief Financial Officer. It is an excellent position and an excellent opportunity to have an impact on the community. We are hiring for Team Franklin County.

Commissioner Crawley: As our aging residents continue to age, their mobility or ability changes, as well. I know you spoke about technology, but for those who are differently abled, some may not have the opportunity to use a mouse, or some may become hearing impaired, just to name a couple of examples. I want to make sure that we take those things into consideration as we are providing services.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0541-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0558-22, authorizing a IV-D contract between Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Franklin County Clerk of Courts (\$135,107.55) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0558-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0559-22, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant to Bridgeway Academy to provide educational services to youth (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Crawley: I absolutely love Bridgeway Academy. There is nothing I would not do for them because when we talk about kids, especially those who are on the autism spectrum or who are neurodivergent, Bridgeway really wraps its arms around the kids and their families. We are trying to connect the dots and streamline our effectiveness in the community through our partnerships and the programs that we fund. Bridgeway Academy is working with Columbus Early Learning Centers (CELC) to go into every childcare space to test the children for developmental disabilities, hearing, and more so that early on, we can know where kids are and what services they may need, even before they go on to kindergarten. I love this Resolution and the partnership. CELC has a space in Bridgeway, and they serve about ninety-six children in their pre-K program, but we will be visiting all of CELC's programs to do testing and then hopefully bring kids into Bridgeway Academy with their families as they transition.

Commissioner Boyce: When we give these grants, particularly using COVID-19 grant funds, I worry about sustainability. What is the game plan? This is a one-time grant, and it is a lot of money. That money will have to be replaced by the organization at some point, and we will not have the money to replace it. What is the sustainability plan for Bridgeway when these grant funds are gone?

Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships: I have been looking at best practices for financial sustainability, specifically in the non-profit sector. I plan to closely monitor the process and progress of Bridgeway over the grant cycle so that I may apply these best practices to them.

Commissioner Crawley: Bridgeway has just started to get funding from the State; with this Resolution, they have gotten funding from the County; and they have a great philanthropic community that has continued to raise funds, which is how they were able to purchase their new building. They have capital campaigns every year and a partnership with CELC. These are some of the ways they will continue to provide services.

Commissioner Boyce: What I would prefer is a very specific plan. I can appreciate that all of these non-profits have plans to raise funds and seek grants. What I look for when I am evaluating whether to approve funds is a very specific plan to cover those funds next year. I appreciate having a plan to monitor these programs for sustainability, but that does not raise money. We have to emphasize to these agencies that these are one-time funds, and they need to come to the table with a real plan to raise that money and address the gap in funds. For any non-profit, \$250,000 is a lot of money to have to make up. I believe there will be a lot of stress on our general fund resources over the next couple of years. I support this Resolution, and this allocation, but I am worried about our use of these funds.

Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships: Bridgeway Academy is also a Medicaid provider, and I think that is important to mention. To your point about specific plans, my plan is to work with every organization to come up with tailored solutions for each organization regarding sustainability. I understand that that is very important, and I will work with all of the Commissioners' staff as we go along the grant cycle.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0559-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0560-22, approving a contract agreement with Rev1 Ventures to provide grants, training, and assistance to women and people of color (\$115,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Marleise Ryan, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Kristy Campbell, Chief Operations Officer, Rev1 Ventures: This grant fund, related educational opportunity, and partnership with Aventi will provide critical support for women and founders of color who have not had access to the required resources to help them build high-growth potential companies here in Franklin County. We see this as an initial program that is being seeded with this work, and we are hoping that with your support and the support from the City of Columbus, we will be able to bring on the private sector to help expand this program beyond the initial program that we are building.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0560-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0561-22, authorizing a grant agreement with the National African American Male Wellness Agency to provide programs to address the poor health outcomes of African American Men in Franklin County (\$400,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Kenny Hampton, Vice President, African American Male Wellness Agency: The African American Male Wellness Agency was founded by Mr. and Mrs. John Gregory. We are trying to do exactly what we say, and that is to serve the community. We serve African American men by providing free health screenings at all events. We are trying to close the gap this year. There is a twelve-year gap between the life expectancy of African American men and that of white men. On average, African American men are dying at the age of 67 of preventable diseases. We are being intentional by making sure that we provide, for most of our men, that one time that they learn their numbers this year. Commissioner Boyce, thank you for serving this year as the Honorary-Chair for the 19th Annual African American Male Wellness Walk.

Pam Gregory, Chief Business Officer, National Center for Urban Solutions: As most of you may have heard, we have expanded our initiative to not only focus on Black men's health, but to also focus on women of color. We have coined Uplift Her as an expanded initiative for the African American Male Wellness Agency. This event will take place this Saturday at Saint Charles Preparatory School, and women can receive free health screenings and education on health. We are asking women to get "HBO" screenings, which include screenings for heart health, breast cancer, and ovarian cancer.

John Gregory, President, National Center for Urban Solutions, and Founder, African American Male Wellness Agency: We have found that there is true inequity with African Americans, particularly as it relates to technology and telehealth. Often, African Americans cannot access telehealth because they do not have computers or Wi-Fi, or they may not have the knowledge of how to use technology, as we see in our seniors. We are engaged with companies such as Johnson & Johnson, Abbott, and more, to close that gap. This is about Black men. There is a research paper that states that by 2030, Black men will be at the bottom of the totem pole. Kenny and I were in Louisville last night to speak at the University of Louisville. They acknowledged that the Franklin County Commissioners called out inequity and racism as a public health crisis. There are 10,000 Black people who live in Reynoldsburg, and the agency knocked on 50,000 doors over the last twelve weeks to ask if folks had been vaccinated. We have taken vaccines to households to get people vaccinated. We just had a mental health workshop, and over 500 Black men came to speak about the mental health crisis. We have forty Black physicians who work with us and make sure that if a Black man needs to be seen, they may do so from a specialist perspective. We assist with obtaining employment opportunities and training for those who need help getting a job. We have a holistic approach so that Black men can support their families and themselves. If you do not change a person's economic status, you do not change crime, so we must ensure that in the African American community, we are providing economic solutions to allow African American men to be self-sufficient and take care of their families. Thank you for your support, and we will make sure that we raise money so that we do not have to rely on one-time funds in the future.

Commissioner Boyce: I will begin by saying that these are not one-time funds, but general funds. I asked County Administrator Wilson because I wanted to ensure that these are funds that we have allocated from our general funds. The reason why that is important to note is because that speaks to a deeper commitment and understanding of what we are trying to accomplish here. It speaks to our value set. When we declared racism as a public health crisis, it is not just a catchy phrase. That is why we are committing to this, and as long as I have been a Commissioner, we have been participating and engaging in this effort with our general funds. There are a couple of things that I would like to speak about. First, when you go to the Wellness Walk, there are people from all walks of life – every gender, every background, and every part of the city. There are literally thousands of people who come for screenings, so it is not simply about African American men. We know that African American men are at the bottom rung when it comes to many health disparities, such as hypertension, diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, and mental health. But we also provide a platform to bring our community together so that everyone can engage in resources that are free to them and figure out a health game plan going forward. That is what I like most about it. The other point that I would like to talk about is the funding element. What I like about the way the Wellness Walk approaches this effort is that this is not just a Central Ohio effort. This is a national strategy. I have participated in the walk in three other cities. There are many other counties, other than Franklin County, that understand the crisis that we are dealing with regarding Black men and health issues. This investment goes far beyond Franklin County. A rising tide lifts all boats, and that is really the idea with the Wellness Walk.

Commissioner Boyce (cont.): Finally, I would like to say that our health status and situation affect so many other things. African American men are generally at the bottom rung when it comes to drop-out rates, graduation rates, prison-going rates, and death rates. When you can address some of the health disparities, you can begin to build a platform on which anyone can exist, but more importantly, they can thrive and be in a position to support their families, support their community, and be very engaged and active in other things. That is why we make this investment, and that is why this is a commitment we have made with general funds, not with a wave of resources we have received from the Federal government. We have been committed and will be committed, and we understand that this is a part of Franklin County's value set. We are partners in this conversation because we understand what this means to the broader community.

Pam Gregory, Chief Business Officer, National Center for Urban Solutions: The African American Male Wellness Walk is August 13, and Uplift Her is August 6. For Uplift Her, we have a reception at 5:00 P.M. that our Honorary-Chair, the Honorable Joyce Beatty will be attending. Commissioner Crawley, if you are available, we would love to have you come and make a few remarks.

Commissioner Crawley: Absolutely, thank you. Thank you for all that you do. I would like to highlight two things. First, yesterday, August 1, was National Minority Donor Awareness Day. As a living organ donor myself, this will be twenty years since I donated my kidney to my great aunt. I think that, especially in the Black community, there is stigma around organ, eye, and tissue donation that absolutely can save a life. Black men are the least likely to sign up to be organ, eye, or tissue donors, whether living or not. I would love to have conversations about breaking the stigma around that. What I was able to do gave my great aunt another chance at life and living longer. She had kidney disease and did not have to go on dialysis. If I could do it again, I would. Finally, Mr. Gregory mentioned crime and changing people's economic status. Right now, Black males are leading in suicide deaths by guns. Suicide deaths, in general, are increasing among Black men. I appreciate the conversations you all are having around mental health and that it is okay to talk about not being okay. As someone who has specifically talked about depression and anxiety in this space, I do it because I want other people to feel comfortable having those conversations. I really appreciate the investment that we have, especially in expanding your capacity to have those conversations about breaking the stigmas in the community here in Franklin County. It is okay to not be okay, but it is also okay to ask for help when you need it. Again, thank you for all that you are doing in this space, and I look forward to seeing you on August 6 for Uplift Her. I will also be there to support my colleague, Commissioner Boyce, at the African American Male Wellness Walk on August 13.

John Gregory, President, National Center for Urban Solutions, and Founder, African American Male Wellness Agency: Every month, we have a Real Men Real Talk conversation in the community where Black men are coming to have mental health conversations. We have mental health professionals there, and we normally have an average of thirty to forty men that show up. We are having conversations with fathers about fatherhood.

Mr. Gregory (cont.): With your dollars, we are launching a program for Black men between the ages of 18 to 24 because we know that is the age group with the highest suicide rate among Black men. We have some football players from the Ohio State University who are going to help lead that, and we want to reach that population in particular so that they know they have an outlet. We have a suicide 1-800 number for Black men to call in and talk to someone. We see mental health as being extremely important.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: I want to commend the African American Male Wellness Agency. I have been following Mr. Gregory's work for quite some time. The fatherhood initiative is another area in which you stand out, and you have incredible credibility on that issue. You all made being a proud dad something in our community before it became a hashtag. Before I said, "proud girl dad," you all were promoting African American fatherhood. You were a big help when we were kicking off the Step Up To Quality system and showing fathers dropping off their kids at childcare centers. You helped show that fathers can and should engage in the learning of their children from the beginning. I know that you are comprehensive in your approach, but I wanted to specifically point to the work that you do to promote fatherhood.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0561-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0542-22, review of petition to annex 71.6 +/- acres from Madison Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-24-22 (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0542-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0543-22, review of petition to annex 9.887 +/- acres from Hamilton Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-25-22 (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0543-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0562-22, approving a subaward agreement with the Vincentian Ohio Action Network for workforce recruitment and training services in support of the new Franklin County Café Overlook (\$257,811.64) (Job and Family Services), presented by Bart Logan, Deputy Director, Communications, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0562-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0563-22, approving a contract with Advocacy and Communications Solutions, LLC for consultation services to assess the feasibility of redeveloping the site of the former Franklin County Corrections Center to serve as an early learning center (\$150,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Bart Logan, Deputy Director, Communications, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Boyce: It is such an important distinction to tear down a former correctional institution and put up something with such future and hope. It really speaks to our value set. I will say, to Ms. Boudier and the team that is doing the evaluation, that you should be very aggressive in ensuring that employees who are earning on the lower end of the County's wage scale have this worked into their benefits package. You can really use that as a resource to recruit and retain good people. I want to encourage them to be as creative and aggressive as possible because this is one of those things that can really set us apart from other entities that are hiring folks.

Commissioner Crawley: I am excited about this. As I talk about having a career in advocating to break the preschool to prison pipeline, just the thought of tearing down a jail is a statement in and of itself of the County's commitment to early childhood education and learning, as well as building social and emotional bonds. As they grow older, those social bonds are what help keep them from engaging in criminal activity and going into our criminal justice system. I am excited about this Resolution; it is part of the master plan.

Scarlett Boudier, President and Co-Founder, Advocacy and Communication Solutions, LLC: We want to look at the future – the future of not only the early childhood workforce, but the future of the young people, parents, and caregivers that will rely on this facility. We want to be as thoughtful and creative as possible. Ultimately, maybe it will be 24-hour care. We would also like to prioritize County employees and those who are on the lower end of the compensation scale. We all know that this type of project is an economy enabler, in addition to actually changing lives. The big, number one piece will be to look at the cost analysis, and we have talked about that. We want to look at the perfect world scenario and then see how we can get there over time.

Ms. Boudier (cont.): I would compare this to a dimmer, not to the flip of a switch, and we will slowly raise that bar so that we can have something in Franklin County that can do all of the things that we have envisioned. We have set a foundation through JFS with this type of approach.

Commissioner Boyce: With the cost analysis aspect, really think of it in terms of a healthcare or fringe benefit, as well, rather than just a simple equation of costs and revenues. This is something that I suspect will have an element of subsidy involved.

Scarlett Boudier, President and Co-Founder, Advocacy and Communication Solutions, LLC: When you look at the cost analysis, you can slice and dice it a thousand ways, but it is clear that we want to be creative and prioritize employees of the county and the workers at that facility, and do what is best for the children who are served by the facility. The firm that we work with has been in this space for a long time and has done work across the country and internationally, so they are going to bring forth creative ways to analyze the costs and benefits.

Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator: I would like to add that Scarlett and her team are looking at a drop-in center for families who are visiting the courthouse complex for a host of different reasons. This would provide a safe place where people could bring their kids for a period of time while they are visiting this downtown complex. Part of the survey work that is being done is trying to gauge from our fellow county agencies what that scope and scale look like, in addition to County employees.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0563-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0564-22, authorizing the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services Director to enter into a subgrant agreement with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for the provision of the Refugee Support Services (Job and Family Services), presented by Bart Logan, Deputy Director, Communications, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0564-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Bart Logan, Deputy Director, Communications, Job and Family Services: This Saturday, August 6, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., Franklin County will have its first career fair for the Franklin County Futures Program. This will take place at 5555 East Rich Street in downtown Columbus. Anyone interested in a career with Franklin County is invited to attend. Interviews will be conducted onsite for qualified individuals. We have additional information available on our social media.

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Resolution No. 0544-22, authorizing a contract with Virtual Case Manager for web-based case management software licensure through the FY 2018 SAMHSA Medication Assisted Treatment grant program (\$1,900.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0544-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0545-22, authorizing recycling of information technology equipment declared obsolete by the Franklin County Automatic Data Processing Board (Public Facilities Management), presented by Vivian Alexander, Chief Operating Officer, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0545-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0565-22, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with Wanner Metal Worx, Inc. to perform additional miscellaneous steel activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center Continuation Phase 2A in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$135,142.00 and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$2,450,417.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Vivian Alexander, Chief Operating Officer, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0565-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0566-22, appointing Michelle Lindeboom, as Director, Social Services and Innovation, Department of Job and Family Services (Human Resources), presented by Sue Hamilton, Assistant Director, Human Resources, and Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator.

Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Bivens reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce: Could the Prosecutor's Office please speak to our ability to structure the department in this way?

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office: Under the statute, the authority to select a director rests with the Board of Commissioners. According to the statute, there is only one director position, and this first resolution is for the selection of that director, which is permissible. The operation of the unit is to separate job duties associated with the position. Some of those job duties are set forth in the statute directly, and those will be maintained as part of the director's position. The office itself has separated other duties and made them part of the administrator's work, which is also permissible under the statute. To be clear, there is one director, and you are permitted to also select an administrator with associated duties.

Commissioner Boyce: I am familiar with both Ms. Lindeboom and Ms. Turner, and I know them both to be outstanding Franklin County employees and leaders. I think they will be tremendous in these roles. I am confident about their abilities and their leadership capabilities. I will say, to the Administration, that I am not a fan of this structure because I believe that we need consistency from one department to the next. I think that when you start to treat one department one way, and other departments another way, you get different results. Expectations and communication become different, and it is much more difficult to manage long-term. With that being said, my role is not in the Administration; my role is to hold the Administration accountable to what the expectations of the public are through my position as an elected representative in the county. This is perhaps the most important resource that we can provide to the public, and we are ordained to provide this per the Ohio Revised Code and the role that we play with the Federal government. I would like to say, to the Administration, that while you look at this as a pilot structure, you should think about how this same kind of structure could work for the Office on Aging, Public Facilities Management, and all of the other departments. Finally, I would like to say that policy decisions should not be made based on the good people that exist in that position today. The policy positions need to exist no matter who is in those positions.

Commissioner Crawley: I have two questions. First, since there will be dual leadership roles with this new structure, does Administrator Turner need to be bonded, as well?

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): Since Ms. Lindeboom has to have a bond of \$15,000, will those duties associated with the bond just fall under her?

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: The way that these companion resolutions were drafted, both individuals will have \$15,000 bonds.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office: There is a difference between what is the obligation and what is permissive or extra. I believe County Administrator Wilson is allowing the more extensive, permissive bonding to go forward.

Commissioner Crawley: So, Ms. Turner is not required by the statute. Just the director is required by the statute.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: This is a built-in suspender approach because of the breadth of the agency and the number of contractual obligations that both individuals would enter into. I wanted to take the conservative approach and have them both bonded up to the \$15,000 amount.

Commissioner Boyce: I feel like that makes it seem like we are treating them both as directors.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office: You are not permitted to treat them as two directors. You can only appoint one director for Job and Family Services.

Commissioner Boyce: Do we have any other examples in the county in which there is a person who is in a position that is under the director position who is also bonded?

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: We do not because of the unique nature of Section 329 in the Ohio Revised Code as it relates to the Director of Job and Family Services. We do not have any other directors who are required to carry bonds. Some directors carry bonds by virtue of additional assignments they may have been given, but not directly related to their statutory position.

Commissioner Crawley: I know that we are also moving to a One Door structure to streamline services, and there will be some recommendations that come out of that investment. As a result, in a couple of years, there may be a recommendation for a different structure than this structure that you are adopting. I am just concerned that there will then be another change in the structure after we receive the recommendations from One Door.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator: The agencies were established as single agencies, and they have always functioned as single agencies. Those agencies have always operated from the perspective of the policies by which they were to be governed through the State and Federal governments.

Ms. Bivens (cont.): I do not think that when the policy was established, it was considered as far into the future as 2023 or 2025. We are now looking to integrate to make things less burdensome. Job and Family Services is the largest agency. There are over 600 employees, and it is a \$90 million organization. It is not what it was five years ago, when I stepped into the role of Director because of the pandemic. There are 20,000 more people who are receiving SNAP services and roughly 100,000 more people receiving Medicaid services. I understand and respect your perspective regarding the leadership structure, but the agency is so large that it has almost outgrown having one person in leadership. Regarding uniformity between agencies, if another agency's work is as expansive as JFS, they could have the same structure. The Office on Aging, for example, has the potential for a similar structure.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: As we look at moving this agency forward, we are putting a premium on accountability and results. Prior JFS directors did not have a Rise Together Poverty Blueprint and were not working in concert with other Health and Human Services agencies. Under a traditional structure, JFS reported to the County Administrator due to the breadth of the agency and the need for accountability. Having all of the Health and Human Services agencies together under the direction of a Deputy County Administrator is something that never existed prior to a couple of years ago. I am confident that this structure will work. It is all about results and continuing the work. We have been able to advance the Poverty Blueprint by working with community partners around the thirteen goals, and 120+ action steps. If we rewrote the Blueprint, it would probably be 200 action steps because of how things have changed. Upon review, we determined we need a new structure. It is true that when we go through the One Door analysis, the structure may change again. However, having a Deputy County Administrator of Health and Human Services facilitates us thinking in an innovative fashion. If this new structure does not work, we will change it. We are a leader, not only in the State, but also nationally, in the delivery of Health and Human Services, and that will continue to be our quest. We have two very capable professionals in Michelle Lindeboom and Vivian Turner.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator: If this structure does not work, I will hold myself accountable. I report to the County Administrator, but Ms. Lindeboom and Ms. Turner will report to me, and I will be working with them to build up this new leadership structure. I do not have all the answers, and Health and Human Services are changing every day. The pandemic has impacted people in so many ways. We are dealing with the issues of social determinants of health and racism. I feel that in my new, expanded role as Deputy County Administrator of Health and Human Services, it is my duty to work with all of the agencies and the stakeholders to come up with ways to be more seamless.

Commissioner Crawley: This is not a criticism of Ms. Lindeboom or Ms. Turner; I think they are phenomenal. It is more of a criticism of the new structure. Deputy County Administrator Bivens, I am excited that you are stepping into a new, expanded role. I think your future is bright, and there is a lot of great work that you can do in this space.

Commissioner Boyce: It stuck out to me when DCA Bivens said that more people need more services. I struggle fundamentally with the idea that if we see that more services are needed, our approach is to get more top-heavy and focus on the top end of the structure instead of service delivery. I want to say, to the County Administrator, I hope that you are evaluating all departments in this same way and not only looking at the number of people we are serving, but also the best way to deliver that service. We are thinking about cutting-edge service delivery, and that is how I approach this. With that being said, I support these two resolutions, and I am hopeful and excited for the two ladies who will be leading in these roles.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator: We have not talked as much about Ms. Turner as we have about Ms. Lindeboom yet. Ms. Turner is very attentive to the work, and she understands the issues, not just as it relates to the social determinants of health, but also the connection to the community. She is very in tune with the issues of racism, which is a tremendous issue that is outlined in the Poverty Blueprint and was brought forward by the community as being a factor in poverty. Ms. Turner is a strong and mature leader with high emotional intelligence. I trust her and Ms. Lindeboom wholeheartedly. Moving forward in your vision, I see my job as raising up a new workforce and teaching them policy as well as the social determinants of health. We will look at our Health and Human Services methodologies so that the decisions that we make are not just for today, but for the next ten to twenty years, to make our community greater.

Lynne D. Morris, Case Manager, and Union Representative, Job and Family Services; Stephanie Hightower, President/CEO, Columbus Urban League; John Gregory, President, National Center for Urban Solutions and Founder, African American Male Wellness Agency; and Gabrielle Wonnell, Chief Deputy Clerk, Probate Court, each shared brief remarks in support of Resolution No. 0566-22.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0566-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0567-22, appointing Vivian Turner, as Administrator, Department of Job and Family Services (Human Resources), presented by Sue Hamilton, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

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

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator: Ms. Turner will still be operating in her current role. She will still be the face of the contracts and partnerships. Ms. Lindeboom will continue to oversee the opportunity centers and the daily operations.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0567-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0546-22, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$5,727,045.40) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0546-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0574-22, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$4,673,117.99) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0574-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0548-22, authorizing the creation of the OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund for receipt of payments pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0548-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0568-22, authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Franklin County Family and Children First Council (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0568-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0569-22, authorizing a contract with MAXIMUS Consulting Services, Inc. for the annual updates to Franklin County's cost allocation plan and the Data Center's cost analysis and

rate study (\$73,000.00) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0569-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0570-22, authorizing a Second Modification to the Contract with the City of Columbus for Sewage Disposal from the Franklin County Sewer District Contract Areas (Board of Commissioners), presented by Jesse Armstrong, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0570-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0571-22, authorizing the County Administrator to terminate Human Resources Consultation Agreement (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0571-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0572-22, reappointing Julie Exner to the Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District Board of Trustees (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0572-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0573-22, approving, solely for the purpose of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the issuance by the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority of not

to exceed \$55,000,000 multifamily housing revenue bonds, series 2022: Retreat at Scioto Creek Project (Board of Commissioners), presented by Jean Carter-Ryan, President, Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority.

Ms. Carter-Ryan reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce: Who are the underwriters?

Kip Wahlers, Bond Counsel, Ice Miller LLP: The bond will be directly purchased by Merchants Bancorp., so under this structure, there really is no underwriter. Merchants Bancorp. is doing it directly.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0573-22, 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:

Resolution 0537-22 has been removed from the agenda at the request of the County Engineer and affirmed by the County Administrator. Removal was made prior to the item being presented at a public meeting and pursuant to parliamentary procedures and open meeting requirements. This process was approved by the Franklin County Prosecutor.

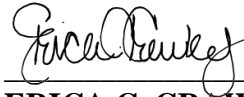
Case #ANX-29-22, an expedited type 2 annexation petition ANX-29-22 was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on July 22, 2022. The petition is requesting to annex 10.63-acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on August 23, 2022. Site: 2110 White Road, PID #160-002476.

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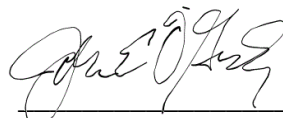
There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

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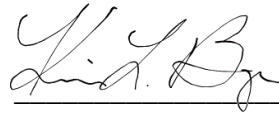
These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.



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Submitted by:



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