

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

August 9, 2022

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

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

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; and Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley called the meeting to order at 9:11 A.M.

Commissioner Crawley: This morning we are recognizing National Dog Day – a day celebrated by millions for the endless joy and companionship these animals provide us every time we walk through our front door. Franklin County has teams of employees who work daily to ensure the safety and well-being of canines countywide. Here to celebrate and tell us a bit more about that, we have special guests Gena Shelton, Director of Community Outreach for Franklin County Auditor Michael Stinziano, and Anthony Caldwell, Director of Communications for Auditor Stinziano. We also have the Franklin County Dog Shelter and Adoption Center Director Kaye Persinger. Good morning, Ms. Shelton and Mr. Caldwell. Would either of you like to say a few words about the role the Auditor's Office plays in protecting our canines?

Gena Shelton, Director of Community Outreach, Auditor's Office: In the Auditor's Office, we are statutorily tasked with licensing all dogs in Franklin County. We appreciate this opportunity to remind residents that not only is it the law, but it is a great way to protect your pet. Licensing is one of the key steps in ensuring the shelters are funded and that lost dogs are reunited with their owners.

Commissioner Crawley: We have a resolution we would like to present to the Auditor's Office recognizing National Dog Day. Ms. Shelton, will you come forward? Thank you for joining us this morning, and thank you to the Auditor's Office for all that they do protect our canines.

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Commissioner Crawley: We would also like to take a minute to acknowledge that August is National Immunization Month. As families prepare to send their children back to school, staying up to date on immunizations ensures the health and safety of everyone in the classroom. The National Public Health Information Coalition, which pushed for this annual recognition, knew families would benefit from a yearly reminder because of the effectiveness of vaccines. We have seen the effects of this harsh reality play out throughout the pandemic. Of the more than 1 million Americans who have succumbed to a COVID-related illness, an overwhelming majority were unvaccinated. Franklin County Public Health can help you and your families get the vaccines you need. They offer vaccine clinics and education throughout Franklin County for children and adults. Please protect your family and the greater community by staying up to date on your immunizations and getting vaccinated. Go to [myfcph.org](http://myfcph.org) to learn more.

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**Resolution No. 0576-22**, accepting a Single County Drainage Improvement Petition, and referring to the County Engineer for recommendation, and fixing an hour and date for the viewing and first hearing on the drainage improvement to be known as the ODOT-Argabright Drainage Improvement, Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0576-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0577-22**, approving a ditch maintenance petition for Briarfield, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Drainage Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0577-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Establishing, altering, and widening of the Hayes Road, County Road No. 2, and Richardson Road, County Road No. 119 Intersection Improvement project, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer).

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 Clerk read the resolution into the record.

**Resolution No. 0578-22**, establishing, altering, and widening of the Hayes Road, County Road No. 2, and Richardson Road, County Road No. 119 Intersection Improvement project, Madison 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 O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0578-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Plans approved for the improvement of Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Havens Road, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer).

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 Clerk read the resolution into the record.

**Resolution No. 0579-22**, plans approved for the improvement of Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road at Havens Road, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0579-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0580-22**, report (3rd) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Norton Road, County Road No. 3, and Kropp Road-Grove City Road, County Road No. 135, Improvement project, Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$20,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0580-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0581-22**, approving street and storm sewer improvement plans for the Estates at Albany Acres, Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0581-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0582-22**, approval of the Briarfield subdivision plat, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0582-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0583-22**, approval of The Farms at Jefferson Phase 9, subdivision plat, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0583-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0584-22**, authorizing a transfer of appropriations and a purchase order for the return of prisoners (Sheriff), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0584-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0585-22**, authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund Grant for the Franklin County Drug Task Force (\$165,437.69) (Sheriff), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0585-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0586-22**, authorizing a supplemental contract with Crown Castle to provide dedicated internet access to various County locations (\$1,000,000.00) (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Julie Lust, Chief Financial Officer, Data Center.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0586-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0587-22**, authorizing the acceptance of the James V. Allen Trust to Franklin County Dog Shelter and Adoption Center (Animal Control), presented by April Ricciardo, Assistant Director, Animal Control.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0587-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0588-22**, authorizing a partnership with Spencer 4Higher Media LLC in sponsoring the 3rd Annual Caring for the Caregiver Expo at The Boat House Venue (\$25,000.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Interim Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0588-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0589-22**, adopting the 2022 Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan (Economic Development and Planning), presented by James Schimmer, Director,

Economic Development and Planning, and Genee' Cosby, Community Development Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

Mr. Schimmer and Ms. Cosby reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley: I know I asked last week about public input, and I know that there is an advisory board that you all are trying to re-establish. What actions have been taken to publicize the public hearing portion of this process so that input from the community can be received? How are you communicating that public comment is welcome and needed?

Ms. Cosby: We put an ad in the Columbus Dispatch on July 29, 2022. We will also be updating our website shortly to let people know where the public hearing is being held. We have reached out to some of our partners to extend invitations to anyone who may be interested in attending. We plan to post flyers around the building, as well.

Commissioner Crawley: Anything on social media?

Ms. Cosby: Not at this time, but we will begin posting about it on social media tonight.

Commissioner Crawley: For the Action Plan, itself, where are we with home ARPA dollars and CDBG? Did you say that there are fifteen participants this year?

Ms. Cosby: This year will be fifteen partners, totaling over twenty contracts. We have received roughly \$3 million of home ARPA dollars, and we will be developing a plan on how to disperse those shortly.

Commissioner Crawley: Would the advisory board be helping with those, too?

Ms. Cosby: We are still fielding resumes for the Community Development Advisory Board, and we are awaiting feedback from County Administration as we move forward with re-establishing it.

Commissioner Crawley: Historically, is that board responsible for providing input on CDBG and things of that nature?

Mr. Schimmer: Absolutely. As you know, we are renovating the program, and the Community Development Advisory Board is critical to that process. The key has been transparency and when we spend Federal Dollars, we want to know that the public has input, but also knows how we are spending that money.

Commissioner O'Grady: How much did we receive in CDBG funds this year?

Ms. Cosby: We received \$2,059,111.00 in CDBG funds this year.

Commissioner O'Grady: How does that compare to past years?

Ms. Cosby: It is a 1.8% decrease from last year for CDBG, but home increased by 16%, and ESG increased by 1.3%.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0589-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0590-22**, authorizing the purchase of a digital production press and 5-years of full-service maintenance for the Franklin County Print Shop (\$368,702.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0590-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0591-22**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,505,842.90) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0591-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0592-22**, authorizing a contract modification with Calfee Halter & Griswold for legal services for the drafting of construction management contract documents (\$30,000.00) (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0592-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0594-22**, to authorize participation in and adopt the bylaws of the OneOhio Region 1 Governance structure arising out of IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION and to appoint representatives to the Region 1 Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0594-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0593-22**, Resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters, and to confer with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office concerning pending or imminent litigation (Board of Commissioners).

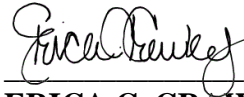
Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0593-22, to convene into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official and to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote, and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 9:51 A.M.

At 10:43 A.M., Commissioner O'Grady moved to come out of Executive Session, with Commissioner Boyce seconding, which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. No action was taken upon exiting Executive Session, and with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 A.M.

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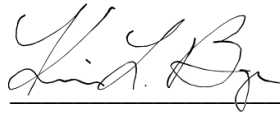
These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2022.



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**ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT**



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

Submitted by:



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