

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

August 24, 2021

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

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

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; and, Dean M. Hindenlang, 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: 960 5294 1195; Passcode: 320357, or by joining at: <https://franklincountyohio.zoom.us/j/96052941195>

President Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:09 A.M.

President Boyce: This morning we have the honor of recognizing the Job and Family Services (JFS) Emerging Leaders class of 2021. In it's ninth year, the Emerging Leaders Program is a continuing education and professional development program that prepares JFS employees for the next steps on their career path. This year's graduating class, all women, received leadership training which offers a unique insight into their JFS agency as well as an overview of all county government operations. Congratulations and welcome to this year's twelfth cohort of graduates.

Angela Wagner, JFS Training Administrator, offered a brief overview of the program, and introduced this year's class of JFS leaders:

Denise Daniel-Keith
Krystal Allmon
Sylvia Gaddis
Adrienne DeGrands
Kristen Gautier

Janice Howell-Rodgers
Shardae Postway
Jennifer Neal
Kristin Collins
Adrienne Mandzak

President Boyce: Let me say to the 2021 Emerging Leaders Class of JFS, thank you for your service, your leadership, and your commitment to being more engaged in that role in your jobs. As a county commissioner, we rely on the work you do every day, because we're graded by that work, because people can see that in the strength of our community and we know that our

community is only as strong as those who are most vulnerable amongst us. You are a part of the catalyst that allows those people to thrive, those people to improve their lives to take on whatever challenge's life brings them, and you are very much a part of that front line. We're only as strong as the work that you're able to do in your various capacities and taking on more of a leadership role is a great element of ensuring that Franklin County can be the best place in America to live, work, and raise a family. We're so grateful for your service, your commitment, and we're grateful that you have taken this opportunity to strengthen your own leadership capacity. I do want to challenge Deputy Administrator Bivens, who has been bringing you forward to us. I would like to see all of our agencies with leadership programs, because we must begin to build our army tomorrow, to take on all these issues across the board and that's what you represent.

Commissioner Crawley: I just want to say congratulations. Typically, I am not mad when it's all women in leadership positions or in classes succeeding, but I think it would be helpful to have in the next cohort some men who apply and make it all the way through the program.

Commissioner O'Grady: I am glad to see my colleagues point out the fact there's all women in this group and as a father of two daughters, a wife, and seven sisters who are all very strong and I've always had very strong colleagues that I've worked with, and it does my heart good to see so many strong women leaders in the Job and Family Services department. It is a good morning to see all of you doing such wonderful work on behalf of the residents of Franklin County.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners: Thank you for the challenge. We are going to be opening this up to all our agencies. As government agencies, we've done a lot of transactional services because we are mandated by state and federal rules. As we begin to build a new bench of people for the generations of people to come, they are going to learn more transformation foundational methodologies like behavioral economics, the human services value curve, and social terms of health.

Approval of the minutes of the August 17, 2021, General Session; and, the August 19, 2021, Briefing Session. Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0648-21, authorizing a Third Contract Extension with Trinity Services Group, Inc. to provide, manage, and operate a food service program for the Franklin County Juvenile Intervention Center (\$380,000.00) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, Domestic Relations.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0648-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0649-21, authorizing contracts for attendance services with Canal Winchester, Groveport Madison, Hilliard, New Albany Plain Local, Reynoldsburg and South Western City Schools (\$195,344.00) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, and Julie Troth, Deputy Director of Programs and Services, Domestic Relations.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0649-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0650-21, report (10th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Morse Road at Babbitt Road Improvement project, Plain Township and Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0650-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Mr. Robertson shared updates on the Borrow Road emergency bridge project and that their Snow Fighters Rodeo has been scheduled for Thursday, September 30, 2021, at the main headquarters on Dublin Road.

Resolution No. 0651-21, authorizing the acceptance of a gift from Maddie's Fund to Franklin County Dog Shelter and Adoption Center (Animal Control), presented by Allison Watters, Fiscal Officer 2, Animal Control.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0651-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0652-21, authorizing one-year extensions related to the Catalyst Grant Program (\$1,486,601.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Tammy Forrest, Columbus Federation of Settlement Houses, shared a few remarks and addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley: Of these organizations that are outlined in the resolution and the amounts affiliated with that, are those the original amounts from the first contract, even though they had an opportunity to extend? Does the amount ever change?

Ms. McCrary: The funding amounts have remained flat from year to year, so we have not increased the funding.

Commissioner Crawley: Was there any organization that were originally awarded or had an appropriation that did not make the cut or get extended?

Ms. McCrary: No.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0652-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0653-21, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority to provide enhanced safety and health improvements to Nationwide Arena and the Greater Columbus Convention Center (\$1,250,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Don Brown, Executive Director, Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority, shared a few words about the improvements to the Greater Convention Center and Nationwide Arena, and addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O'Grady: The investment of \$950,000, for the new technology for the air handling unit, that will be helpful now during COVID, but I mean that's a major investment that's going to pay benefits well into the future, correct?

Mr. Brown, Yes, it's a long-lived asset. We'll be able to use that investment for ten to twenty years. We have also asked the city to match the county's investment in order to complete the entire upgrade.

President Boyce: Tell me more about this temperature sensing technology. You said it had the ability to scan the crowds for people who had a temperature.

Mr. Brown: These are walk through units, and as guests arrive and present themselves for admission, they walk through a body scanning machine which merely signals whether they are running a temperature or not, and if so, they're asked a few questions to double check

whether they're feeling well or feeling any other symptoms. This is a way of protecting those around them from exposure to anyone who may be feeling ill, coming down with COVID or COVID-like symptoms.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0653-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0654-21, authorizing a Grant Agreement with The Homeless Families Foundation to provide Rental and Utility Assistance to Households as part of the Resiliency Bridge Pilot Program (\$711,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0654-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0655-21, authorizing a modification to the contract agreement with ms consultants, inc. to provide professional civil engineering services associated with the planning, design and construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center at an increase in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$124,100.00 (\$1,371,499.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0655-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0656-21, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a contract agreement with Only Experienced Professionals, LLC dba OEP Clean to perform final cleaning 1st floor work activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center (\$116,800.00) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0656-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0657-21, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a contract agreement with Only Experienced Professionals, LLC dba OEP Clean to perform final cleaning 2nd floor work activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center (\$94,000.00) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0657-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0658-21, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with Teemok Construction, Inc. to perform additional general trades activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$829,886.00, and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$9,878,630.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0658-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0659-21, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,464,207.60) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Wicker, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0659-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0660-21, Resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering details relative to security arrangements and emergency response protocols (Board of Commissioners).


Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0660-21, to consider security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, seconded by Commissioner

O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote, and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 9:59 A.M.

At 11:03 A.M., Commissioner Crawley moved to come out of Executive Session, with Commissioner O'Grady 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 11:03 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of Tuesday, August 24, 2021.



KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT



JOHN O'GRADY



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

Submitted by:



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