

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

September 28, 2021

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 21, 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>

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

Commissioner Boyce: We're very excited to be partnering this evening with NBC4 on an eviction information phone bank. Channel 4 will be focusing a lot of their news programming to the issues surrounding eviction tonight from 4:00 to 7:30. Anyone who is struggling to pay their rent or facing eviction should watch NBC4 and call in during the news this evening to be directed to resources and information about rental assistance, tenant rights, landlord/tenant rights, and more. So, tune into that from 4:00 to 7:30 tonight.

Approval of the minutes of the September 21, 2021, General Session; and, the September 23, 2021, Briefing Session. Commissioner Crawley moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0744-21, authorizing a contract for attendance services with Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools (\$22,832.00) (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 0744-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0745-21, authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation to support the provision of meals at the Juvenile Intervention Center (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 0745-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0746-21, approving a ditch maintenance petition for Morrison Farms East Section 5, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Drainage 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 0746-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution regarding final hearing for establishing, altering, and widening of Commerce Street/Vause Road, County Road No. 233 from Lockbourne Road, County Road No. 13 to Canal Road, Township Road No. 247, Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

President Boyce: 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. 0747-21, final hearing for establishing, altering, and widening of Commerce Street/Vause Road, County Road No. 233 from Lockbourne Road, County Road No. 13 to Canal Road, Township Road No. 247, Hamilton 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 0747-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0748-21, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Strawser Paving Co., Inc., for the Private Water Service Plan for the Franklin County Engineer's East Maintenance Facility (\$167,489.80) (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 0748-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0749-21, authorizing a contract with Kindler & Associates, LLC., to provide consulting services (\$18,458.50) (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 0749-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0750-21, authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with option to purchase with the Grandview Crossing Community Authority for a portion of the premises known as 970 Dublin Road (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 0750-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0751-21, report (1st) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting Hilliard & Rome Road, County Road No. 3, Beacon Hill Road, and Hillbrook Drive, Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$2,000.00) (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 0751-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0752-21, report (1st) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting Lockbourne Road, County Road

No. 13, at London-Groveport Road, SR317, Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$1,100.00) (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 0752-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0753-21, report (7th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation and damages 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 (\$78,298.00) (Engineer), Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0753-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0754-21, report (12th) 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 (\$51,991.00) (Engineer), presented by Mr. Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0754-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0755-21, approval of the The Courtyards on Riverside subdivision re-plat, Perry Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0755-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0756-21, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a Settlement and Release Agreement for the settlement of an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Charge, Being EEOC Charge No. 532-2020-02839 and authorizing the County Administrator to take

additional actions necessary to effectuate the Settlement (Prosecuting Attorney), presented by Theresa Dean, Deputy Director Labor and Employment, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0756-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0757-21, authorizing a contract with Franklin County Children Services for police protection at its office locations within Franklin County (\$1,445,000.00) (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0757-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0758-21, authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Diversion Program Grant for the Franklin County Heroin Overdose Prevention & Education (HOPE) Task Force (Sheriff), presented by Dave Masterson, Director of Administrative Services, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0758-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0759-21, authorizing a Grant Agreement with the Columbus State Community College to provide Rental and Utility Assistance to Students in Franklin County (\$972,064.00) (Economic Development and Planning), Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Dr. Lisa Phillips, Student Financial Stability Administrator, Student Advocacy Center, Columbus State Community College, shared additional comment and addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce: What else do you do with the students in terms of rental assistance? Can you talk about the other support services that you provide them with and leverage these resources and make sure those students are successful?

Dr. Phillips: We have quite a few levels of support services on campus. We have our counseling center that provides counseling and mental health services, through our partnership with the Mid-Ohio Food Collective, we have the Mid-Ohio Market that provides food support, we have tutoring support to help students continue towards the completion of their degrees or certificates, and we've implemented some financial literacy training programs.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator: We will be establishing educational stabilization support case managers with Columbus State before the end of the year. They will do the same thing those specialists do, only on college campuses for vulnerable students.

Commissioner O'Grady: Are we doing anything on the back side of this to look at a measurement to track this to see if there's going to be some very positive impact to these dollars?

Dr. Phillips: We've had an ongoing assessment program of all our funds and will continue to do this. We track our students, and we look at it, tracking retention and completion of their degrees or certificates. So, obviously we've been doing these emergency funds with the HERF for the past year, so we'll continue to look at those each term, and each year to see how our students are doing. It allows us them to develop other programs or to find where we need to give them assistance and support.

Commissioner Crawley: For the students that are being supported through this program who may be veterans, do you have a veteran's liaison that is part of this program that you work with?

Dr. Phillips: We have a few departments on our campus that work directly with our students who are veterans and we do work closely to make sure they know the information about the programs and services that we provide and then check with them if there's any concerns as we are navigating different challenges with the students.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0759-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0760-21, approving COVID-19 Recovery Grants and TANF subaward amendments with the Columbus Urban League and IMPACT Community Action for Workforce Training Programs (an increase of \$3,200,000.00) (\$3,200,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

President Boyce: What does your waiting list like? Can you accommodate more, can we be more aggressive with the work, can we invest more?

Stephanie Hightower, President, Columbus Urban League: Your question is so timely, because what you need to know is what you all have created and committed to, is true economic empowerment and wealth building. As Ms. Turner pointed out, the average jobs are fifty thousand dollars [per year]. So, we are moving people into the middle class, and everyone knows about these programs and they want to be engaged. We have about 800 people on a waiting list that want to get into these programs. Leland, can you break that down to the Commissioners, please?

Leland Bass, Director of Apprenticeship Services, Columbus Urban League: We have roughly 600 individuals on the waiting list for Building Futures and those are individuals that already completed an application. That does not count the inquiries we get. For Driving Futures, our waiting list is around 200 individuals. We're interviewing for a class to start right now. We'll have eight individuals in that class. We are interviewing 80 people that we have scheduled for those eight openings that we'll have for the next class.

President Boyce: We have nearly a thousand people on the waiting list. Is there a way for us to invest more resources? What is your waiting list like for your respective programs?

Richard Crockett, President, Capital Transportation, Inc.: With the Roads to Work program, we average typically anywhere from 100 to 150 inquiries a month, and we have at least a couple hundred people on the waiting list to participate in the Roads to Work program. One of the things that happened this year is, we were able to have certified the CDL and placed on jobs. The 75 individuals who have been funded through the Commissioners program back in October, were able to complete their programs by mid-May. Your administration committed additional funds to an additional 75 individuals and those individuals will have completed the program by the end of this fiscal year, which is in a few days. So, of those 150 individuals that have been trained over the course of this fiscal year, approximately eighty percent of those individuals have been placed in jobs. Those individuals that are pending, generally it's a lagging indicator, they typically are placed on a job, with average wages of \$60,000 to \$65,000, to start and generally within thirty to sixty days of their graduation.

Bo Chilton, CEO, Impact Community Action: I think Richard covered it all. I will say that part of the secret sauce is the comprehensive case management. When we identify employment barriers, with the resources, we're able to provide through comprehensive case management to remove those employment barriers. That's what helps them achieve success.

Commissioner O'Grady: I've certainly been an advocate for trying to figure out how to do more through these programs. So, I agree with my colleague, Commissioner Boyce, that we have got to figure out something to do more than we are doing now.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: We would like to be adding even more than the \$3,200,000.00 we're asking you all to approve to run through September 30, 2022. We continued, and with the partners on the screen, to increase capacity to reach these 315 individuals to be served under this contract.

Dorsey Hager, Columbus Building Trades Council: Everyone has touched on the number of people on the waitlist, the things we are doing with wraparound services. The reason these programs are successful, is because there's opportunities out there, and that's what we must be cognitive of. Somebody called me and wanted to do a marketing campaign for Building Futures and Driving Futures, and I said no thanks, we're good. They said, how can you not be marketing this, and I said, we have 800 people on the waitlist, I think people know about the program. If you want to do some marketing for us, market with everybody outside who does business with the county, that's who need to be marketed to. Talk about the importance of paying a living wage, healthcare, pension, and annuity, because if we have these programs and we place people with employers who don't pay a living wage or offer the basic human decency of healthcare, then we're just perpetuating poverty and we're not fixing the situation. For anybody who's interested in reading more about the program and anybody who's applying, you can go to our website, columbusconstruction.org. All the information is there. You can also follow us on Facebook and twitter at buildcentraloh, to learn more about the programs.

Commissioner Crawley: I know you all have a lot of people on the waiting list, and you've been talking about increasing the number of participants in each cohort. Can you tell me going forward what has been the average number and what you're looking to have in a cohort?

Mr. Bass: We typically try to be at twenty to twenty-five individuals in the Building Futures cohorts. We've been mindful of that number due to COVID and being able to maintain our face-to-face presence, because our training is hands-on. On our Driving Futures program, we typically go between eight and ten individuals, and that is at the request of our partner to keep their class sizes reasonable, so everyone gets enough time on the road and in the trucks. We've had a lot of success with that, as far as now, we've had 100 percent of our participants that have been able to pass their CDL licensing test and go to work.

Mr. Wilson: We will continue to look at ways to increase capacity, and wherever possible, have people be able to go from training into jobs.

Mr. Crockett: You can come directly to Capital Transportation Academy and they will be provided the information related to participating in the program. The phone number is (614) 258-0400 and the email address is cta4cdl.com.

Mr. Chilton: We take referrals from multiple sources, including referrals from Mr. Crockett. To be enrolled in this specific program, they will need to go through our intake process. They can reach us at (614) 252-2799. To find out more about this program on the website, www.impactca.org.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0760-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0761-21, approving amendments to agreements with the Franklin County Office on Aging and Franklin County Probate Court for adult protective and guardianship services (an increase of \$322,153.22) (\$322,153.22) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0761-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0762-21, authorizing an Agreement with AVI Foodsystems, Inc. to provide Vending Services at various Franklin County facilities (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 0762-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0763-21, authorizing and approving the Settlement Agreement and Release for the purposes of settling the litigation between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners pertaining to Fairfield County's participation in and withdrawal from the Franklin County Cooperative Health benefits Program (\$7,300,000.00) (Human Resources), presented by Amy Hiers, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0763-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0764-21, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,909,492.08) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0764-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0765-21, authorizing a contract with MAPSYS Inc. to provide Support Services for the Commissioners' Resolution Management System (\$47,524.00) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Juan Torres, CIO, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0765-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0766-21, authorizing an allocation of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to Franklin County Public Health for mask compliance education and communications (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0766-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read one (1) Journalization into the record:

Commissioner Crawley has completed her review and assignment of committee assignments for 2021. With that, I will issue you an updated list of the Board of Commissioners assignments to all interested parties and a copy of said notice will be filed with today's meeting minutes.

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Commissioner O'Grady: This will be the very last Board of Commissioners meeting for our current Clerk, Mr. Dean Hindenlang. I've been asked by President Boyce to send along his considered thoughts and opinions on the tenure of Clerk Hindenlang, over the last two years.

Commissioner O'Grady, Commissioner Crawley, and County Administration shared their heartfelt comments on his new endeavor, and new position.

Dean Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board: I would like to thank Commissioner Brown, O'Grady, Boyce, Tyler Lee, and Commissioner Crawley, for always welcoming me into your offices and your lives, which was sometimes intrusive, and it happened frequently, and I appreciate you indulging me. To Administrator Wilson and Deputy Administrators Long, Janas, and Bivens, thank you for your leadership. My time with the County has been remarkable and COVID has undoubtedly changed this position and much was out of necessity. I believe that it is now something that requires the right person at the right time. I know that with the Clerk's staff, who have continued to support me over the last two years, and with our new incoming Clerk, the Commissioners will be very well taken care of, so thank you.

Commissioner Crawley: Can we acknowledge that Dean defended his dissertation last week, so congratulations.

(Applause).

Dr. Hindenlang: It's my honor to introduce the new incoming Clerk, who I will say, I am confident the Commissioners, County Administration, the fourteen county agencies, and elected officials that we serve, each of you will be in very good hands. It's my honor to introduce Clerk Brittany Razek.

(Applause).

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of Tuesday, September 28, 2021.



KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT



JOHN O'GRADY



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

Submitted by:



Victoria A. Caldwell

JOURNALIZATION

DATE: Tuesday, September 28, 2021

RE: UPDATED: Board of Commissioners' Committee Assignments for 2021

The following individuals have been assigned to represent and/or serve the respective offices for the 2021 calendar year, for the named agencies or organizations, as listed:

Commissioner John O'Grady

- *Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC): *Eric Wagenbrenner*
- *Franklin County Emergency Management Agency: *Erik Janas*
- *Franklin County Investment Advisory Board: *Erik Janas*
- *Franklin County Planning Commission: *Annie Ryznar*
- *Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)†
Board of Revision: *Kris Long, Jamie Riley, Kevin Pangrace*
- Franklin County Data Board: *Juan Torres, Zak Talarek*
- Franklin County Family and Children First Council: *Kevin Pangrace*
- Franklin County Microfilming Board: *Dean Hindenlang*

Commissioner Kevin L. Boyce

- *Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC): *Tamara Howard*
- *Franklin County Emergency Management Agency: *Kenneth N. Wilson*
- *Franklin County Planning Commission: *Tamara Howard*
- *Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)†
Franklin County Records Commission: *Dean Hindenlang*
- Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC): *Joy Bivens*
- Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC): *Kenneth N. Wilson*
- Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO): *Tamara Howard*

Commissioner Erica C. Crawley

- *Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC): *James Schimmer*
- *Franklin County Emergency Management Agency: *Moriah Lieberman*
- *Franklin County Investment Advisory Board: *Kenneth N. Wilson*
- *Franklin County Planning Commission: *Nancy White*
- *Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)†
Central Ohio Communications Advisory Board (COCAC): *Johnna Sells*
- Franklin County Enhanced 9-1-1 Board†
Franklin County Criminal Justice Planning Board/
Community Corrections Board: *Autumn M. Mitchell*

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