

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

January 17, 2023

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

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

Also present on the dais were Kris J. Long, Acting 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 O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

Resolution No. 0022-23, authorizing a two-year contract with Pediatric Academic Association, Inc. for medical services for the Franklin County Juvenile Intervention Center (\$1,929,723.00) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0022-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office: Before I present our first resolution, I would like to mention something that we are very excited about at the Franklin County Engineer's Office. One week from today, on January 24, 2023, from noon until 2:00 P.M. we will be hosting our second annual job fair. This is for our youth programs for summer employment or as college interns.

Mr. Robertson (cont.): Our youth program has been very strong for a long time, and we will offer positions in bridge design, bridge maintenance, communications, construction services, drainage, highway design, highway maintenance, mobility, planning and programming, land survey, and tax map. We are covering a wide range of responsibilities, not just engineering. We are offering positions starting at \$17/hour and ranging to \$22/hour. We will also offer professional headshots, resume and interviewing workshops, and on-site interviews. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please spread the word. Those who are interested can call (614) 525-5820, or they can visit our website at www.franklincountyengineer.org.

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Resolution No. 0023-23, for the 2023 Resurfacing Program for Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary and hearing fixed for Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. (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 0023-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0024-23, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with Terracon Consultants, Inc., for construction inspection services for the Fisher Road project, Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, for an increase of \$46,225.00, for a revised contract amount of \$198,889.00 (\$198,889.00) (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 0024-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0025-23, authorizing Franklin County agencies to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0025-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0026-23, declaring personal property obsolete and no longer needed for Franklin County use, and authorizing sale and/or destruction of said personal property (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0026-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0027-23, authorizing the County Administrator and the County Prosecutor to amend the contracts with the forensic pathologists who are no longer employed by the Franklin County Coroner for professional services (Prosecuting Attorney), presented by Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0027-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0028-23, authorizing a one-year agreement with Criterion Pictures USA, Inc. for the nonexclusive rights to provide viewing access of motion picture DVDs for inmates in the Franklin County Correctional Center (\$2,370.00) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0028-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0029-23, authorizing the County Administrator to sign a letter of agreement to allow the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to provide physical space for use by the Franklin County Coroner's Office as an alternate morgue location (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0029-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0030-23, authorizing the execution of the Pre-Award Conditions and future acceptance of a 2022 American Rescue Plan Grant to augment the Central Ohio Violence Eradication Response Team (\$2,096,327.35) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0030-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0031-23, appointing four members to the Villages at Galloway New Community Authority's board; and fixing the surety for those trustee's bonds (Economic Development and Planning), presented by James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0031-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0032-23, approving a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with Besa Community, Inc. for volunteer event coordination to support distressed Franklin County neighborhoods (\$250,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0032-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0033-23, approving a contract agreement with the United Way of Central Ohio, Inc. for tax preparation services (\$75,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley: When I was attending law school at Capital University, I used to volunteer with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. I absolutely love that program and the assistance it provides, especially to our seniors, not just low and moderate-income individuals. Seniors sometimes get taken advantage of when they try to go to other tax preparers. I really support this program, and I am glad we continue to support it here.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0033-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0034-23, approving a subaward agreement with Anexsis Inc., dba Peerro for a technology platform that connects youth and young adults to employment and training opportunities (\$75,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0034-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0035-23, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$41,826,905.65) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0035-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0036-23, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$4,250.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0036-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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Lauren M. Graessle, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read one (1) journalization into the record:

With the recent selection of Commissioner O'Grady as President of the Board of Commissioners for 2023, and in consideration of Commissioner Boyce and Commissioner Crawley's selections, the 2023 committee assignments for the Board of Commissioners have been made. The noted assignments will be filed with today's meeting minutes for the record, and be distributed to our internal and external partners who may be impacted by these selections.

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 Wellert, Dax Mendenhall, Annie Ryznar, Kevin Pangrace*
- Franklin County Data Board: *Juan Torres, Zak Talarek*
- Franklin County Family and Children First Council: *Kevin Pangrace*
- Franklin County Microfilming Board: *Brittany Razek; Lauren Graessle*
- Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO): *Kevin Pangrace*

Commissioner Kevin L. Boyce

- *Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC): *Emily Cooner*
- *Franklin County Emergency Management Agency: *Kris Long*
- *Franklin County Planning Commission: *TeLisa Harrison*
- *Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)†
Franklin County Records Commission: *Brittany Razek; Emily Cooner*
- Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC): *Emily Cooner*

Commissioner Erica C. Crawley

- *Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC): *Joy Bivens*
- *Franklin County Emergency Management Agency: *Autumn Mitchell*
- *Franklin County Investment Advisory Board: *Kris Long*
- *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: *Dayla Murphy*

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Commissioner O'Grady: Before we move on, I would like to say a few words. The work that we do as County Commissioners is work that we all value.

Commissioner O’Grady (cont.): During the holidays, we had a very impactful situation that we dealt with here in Franklin County with the issue at Sawyer Tower. All of our employees, led by Deputy County Administrator Bivens, really stepped up. We are still working with our partners to deal with the impact of that situation. Our slogan is “every resident, every day,” including on Christmas morning. We do this work with our colleagues across the state and across the country. We think about our colleagues across the country on a regular basis because they deal with natural disasters that we do not often have to deal with here in Central Ohio. We have colleagues in South Florida or on the Gulf Shore that are dealing with hurricanes; others who are dealing with wildfires out in the Rockies; and over the last couple of weeks, we have had friends and colleagues from California who are dealing with disaster and flooding from all of the rainfall. The flooding is causing devastation to the infrastructure. People are being impacted by their homes being flooded, but the flooding also impacts the economy in California. People are out of work for an extended period of time because of the disaster they are dealing with. Sonoma County will now have to step up and deal with the impact that the flooding has had on its residents. The work that we do as County Commissioners is the same in every county, whether the counties are poor or rich, red or blue, urban or rural. I just wanted to share that with everybody this morning.

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Resolution No. 0037-23, of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters, to consider the purchase of property, to confer with the Franklin County Prosecutor’s Office concerning pending or imminent litigation, and to consider information related to economic development assistance (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0037-23, to convene into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes. 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 and, to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that the following conditions apply:

The information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715., 725., 1724., or 1728. or sections 701.07, 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project. Further, that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic

development project, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote, and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 9:49 A.M.

At 11:50 A.M., Commissioner Crawley moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Boyce, which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. No substantive action was taken upon exiting Executive Session, and with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

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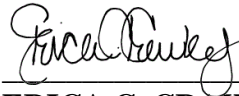
These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



KEVIN L. BOYCE



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

Submitted by:



Lauren M. Graessle

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