

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

September 14, 2021

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 14, 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 9:18 A.M.

President Boyce took a personal point of privilege to reflect on the events of the weekend and the reflection of twenty years ago since the attacks of September 11th. President Boyce asked that a moment of silence and remembrance be taken for the victims of 9/11, and to reflect on what you were doing that day, and how it has impacted your own life.

Approval of the minutes of the September 7, 2021, General Session; and, the September 9, 2021, Briefing Session. Commissioner Crawley moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0703-21, PRIME AE Group, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer with general engineering services, Franklin County, Ohio (\$100,000.00) (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 0703-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0704-21, Proudfoot Associates, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer with general engineering services, Franklin County, Ohio (\$100,000.00) (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 0704-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0705-21, report (11th) 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 (\$68,500.00) (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 0705-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0706-21, authorizing supplemental appropriations within the Board of Elections Capital Fund for the purchase of equipment (Board of Elections), presented by Antone White, Director, Board of Elections.

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

Commissioner Crawley: With the purchased of the printers and the endpoint routers, do you plan to purchase them and have them all installed by this November's election or what is the timeframe in purchasing and having these installed?

Mr. White: Our goal would be to deploy this equipment for this upcoming November's election. We conducted a pilot with this equipment during our May election, and our August Congressional Primary election and the pilot was very successful.

Commissioner Crawley: Were there any glitches that you were made aware of that the manufacturer were able to address?

Mr. White: There were no problems. Our vendors were able to loan us some equipment and we were able to test the printers and we had success, and had no calls from our poll workers. With the cradle points, we were able to see in real time through our Election

Management System the connectivity of the router with the poll pad. We can see when information was being downloaded; we could monitor that.

Commissioner O'Grady: This is a good update that's going to help in the upcoming election cycles.

Mr. White: That's correct, Commissioner O'Grady.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0706-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0707-21, authorizing a consultant contract with Linda Norris, M.A., for professional mediation services (\$35,555.56) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0707-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0708-21, authorizing a IV-D contract between Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Franklin County Clerk of Courts (\$211,634.97) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0708-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0709-21, authorizing an Independent Contractor Agreement with Cassandra Young, for program consulting services (\$6,890.00) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner Crawley: How often is she providing training for the staff?

Ms. Brown: Through this contract, she's providing recorded training modules, so we can use this training for new hires and existing staff. So, once the contract is over, we can continue to use the training modules.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0709-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0710-21, authorizing the Franklin County Community Funding Initiative supported by funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (\$5,000,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

President Boyce: As each appropriation is made to those respective agencies, will that come back before the Board of Commissioners?

Ms. McCrary: Yes.

President Boyce: Are you going to do it as a block or are you going to do them as they come and as they're approved from your agency?

Ms. McCrary: We will download approved applications into a spreadsheet on a weekly basis and bring that information to each of your offices to see if there's any questions or concerns, and with approval, we will move the applications forward for funding. The Board will have the last say about each application before it moves forward to be funded.

President Boyce: Will it be a vote, or are you going to just bring it to our office? So, will there be a vote for a resolution for each one?

Ms. McCrary: No, there won't be a formal vote, however, if there is a question or a concern regarding an application, we will pull it from the batch and get it resolved.

President Boyce: I'm going to support this resolution today, but I want to publicly state my caution at this type of resolution. This is not a blank check. There's a process that would be implemented and I would prefer that as items come, as they're appropriate and awarded, that they come via resolution to the Board of Commissioners. I'm asking that we incorporate those requests in our weekly staff meetings, because I want to see them, and I want to see the detail on them, so I don't want this to be the process going forward.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: We will be conscientious about the process in bringing these non-profits forward as outlined by Community Partnerships Administrator. Also, before any documents associated with the grants under this funding initiative, I will

also be outlining those funds in a second measure during my weekly meetings with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Crawley: I too want to see who is being recommended or referred moving forward, but I'm curious about those who aren't recommended for funding. I'm used to serving on Boards where if there's grants and they're recommended, we move forward with the process, but if they're not recommended, I'm made aware of why they were not recommended. But if we're having this funding open until all the funds are exhausted, maybe there's some corrective actions that the organization may be able to take to come into compliance with whatever the criteria is. So, I would like to know who they are and why they were disqualified moving forward.

Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, Board of Commissioners, shared additional comments on the reporting guidelines.

President Boyce shared final comments and stated he expects to be very much in the loop before funds are awarded to these agencies.

Mr. Wilson: Because we are in a pandemic period and there are reporting requirements to the Treasury associated with these funds, we must have a process of due diligence and transparency at multiple levels and accountability, because these funds are appropriated to us from the federal government. As part of this Act most recently adopted, all the funds that had been expended up to the reporting period, most recently August 31, 2021, contained all our expenditures up to that point, would have included expenditures under this resolution if approved, and subsequent reports will cover that. We must have a process in place where the Commissioners all see a letterhead level report; all the proposed non-profit organizations to receive funds in each of the installments that are recommended by the Community Partnerships Administrator and all the Commissioners sign off on that.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0710-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0711-21, entering into an Agreement with the Economic and Community Development Institute to provide a Microenterprise Loan program to county businesses utilizing the second round of COVID-19 Federal Stimulus Community Development Block Grant CARES Act Funding (\$1,343,592.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mark Paxson, Community Development Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Inna Kinney, Founder and CEO, and Steven Fireman, President and General Counsel, ECDI, both shared additional comments and addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley: Is there a maximum amount that could be loaned to an enterprise?

Ms. Kinney: The maximum amount currently is up to \$500,000.00.

Mr. Fireman: Though we can go up to \$500,000.00, our average size loan is still \$22,000.00.

Commissioner Crawley: Is this correct that the aggregate loan program is required to create or retain a minimum of one job per every \$24,000.00?

Ms. Kinney: That is correct.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0711-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0712-21, approving a second amendment to Service Agreement (Resolution 0226-20) between the Board of Commissioners and the Community Shelter Board to develop and implement strategies that decrease homelessness in Franklin County (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mark Paxson, Community Development Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: In the resolution summary, it has, I'm hoping an erroneous zero next to Economic Development and Planning, as it describes the resolution content.

Mr. Paxson: That would be my mistake. I was under the impression, is that the contract was already in place and we're just asking permission to finish the last \$44,000.00. I wasn't sure we had to add the \$44,000.00 to that line item. But if that's what we need to do going forward, I'll certainly make sure that occurs.

Mr. Wilson: So, does the total expenditure is \$5,000,489,389.00, after the balance of the contract has been expended?

Mr. Paxson: That is correct.

Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk: I will note it is listed only in the resolution summary, so with the Commissioner's permission, we can update the summary to match the actual resolution language.

Mr. Wilson: Yes. If we can match the resolution itself, that would resolve it.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0712-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0713-21, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Susan D. O’Sail at 4360 Lafayette Court, Columbus, Ohio 43213 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mark Paxson, Community Development Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0713-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0714-21, authorizing a first modification to the general engineering services contract with Arcadis U.S., Inc., (an increase of \$70,000.00) (\$268,900.00) (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0714-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0715-21, authorizing a second modification to the contract with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc., for additional services for the Timberlake Water Treatment Plant Upgrades Project (an increase of \$65,000.00) (\$629,684.52) (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0715-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0716-21, approving subaward agreements with Action for Children, The Homeless Families Foundation, and Young Men’s Christian Association of Central Ohio for the SPARK kindergarten readiness programs (\$910,674.14) (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 0716-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0717-21, approving subaward agreements with Community Refugee and Immigration Services, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, Jewish Family Services, and US Together, Inc., for refugee employability programs (\$561,923.99) (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.

Dr. Asfaw Seleshi, Executive Director, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS), shared additional comments and addressed the Board in Support of the proposed resolution.

Nadia Kasvin, Co-Founder and Director, Us Together, shared additional comments and addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0717-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0718-21, authorizing non-general fund appropriation adjustments for the support of various grant programs (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson, COO, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

President Boyce: What are the changes?

Ms. Pierson: When we budgeted last year, we were in the heart of COVID, and I think we underestimated the grant-related expenses, that would be liquidated during this calendar year. I think we also had some pass-through funding to support the Catalyst Grant that flows through our office, and I’m not sure if that was included in our original budget, so those appropriations weren’t included in our 2021 budget.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0718-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0719-21, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,590,071.92) (Purchasing), presented by Sharon Sabree, Fiscal Support Analyst, Purchasing, and Marleise Ryan, Economic Equity Administrative, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0719-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0720-21, approving and authorizing the grant of a temporary construction easement to the City of Columbus, Ohio for waterline improvements at 1919 Frank Road, and authorizing and approving a Waiver of Acquisition Requirements document related to the grant of the temporary construction easement (Board of Commissioners), presented by Jesse Armstrong, Assistant Prosecutor, Prosecutor’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0720-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0721-21, accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission for collection in calendar year 2022 and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor (Board of Commissioners), 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 0721-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read three (3) Journalizations into the record:

Case number ANX-31-21, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-31-21, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on September 3, 2021. The petition is requesting to annex 0.523-acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City. The

petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on October 5, 2021. Site: White Road; PID #160-000325.

Case number ANX-32-21, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-32-21, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on September 3, 2021. The petition is requesting to annex 34.9-acres from Madison Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on October 5, 2021. Site: 5141 Ebright Road; PID #180-005121.

Case number ANX-33-21, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-33-21, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on September 3, 2021. The petition is requesting to annex 27.5-acres from Clinton Township and Mifflin Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on October 5, 2021. Site: 3251 Westerville Road, PID #130-000001; 3269 Westerville Road, PID #190-000013; Innis Road, PID #190-002339.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT



JOHN O'GRADY



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

Submitted by:



Victoria A. Caldwell