

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

September 24, 2024

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

Present were: Kevin L. Boyce, President
Erica C. Crawley, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners; and Melissa Kohler, 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 Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.

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Approval of the minutes for September 5, and September 12, 2024, Briefing Sessions; and the September 10, 2024, General Session. Commissioner Crawley moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0725-24, approving a supplemental contract with MNJ Technologies Direct, Inc. to provide digital docket display signage (\$76,300.00) (Court of Common Pleas), presented by Susan Bedsole, Deputy Director, Clerk of Court.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0725-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0726-24, authorizing a supplemental appropriation in the Special Food Fund to support program operations (Domestic Relations), presented by Barbara Reeves, Deputy Director of Business Operations & Finance, Domestic Relations.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0726-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0727-24, authorizing a first contract extension with Action for Children for parenting Seminars (\$45,623.40) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barbara Reeves, Deputy Director of Business Operations & Finance, Domestic Relations.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0727-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0728-24, authorizing a maintenance agreement with Sadler-NeCamp Financial Services, Inc. dba PROWARE (\$353,140.00) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barbara Reeves, Deputy Director of Business Operations & Finance, Domestic Relations.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0728-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0729-24, authorizing a third amendment to the Contract with Hoover Blanket Inc. dba Main Street Computing for the provision of dog licensing software (\$54,000.00) (Auditor), presented by Trenton Weaver, Director of Consumer Services, Auditor.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0729-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0730-24, authorizing a supplemental contract with Agilent Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of toxicology equipment utilizing awarded American Rescue Plan Act grant funds (\$107,790.34) (Coroner), presented by Patrick McLean, Chief of Staff, Coroner.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0730-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0731-24, Report (3rd) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Renner Road, County Road No. 27, from Alton & Darby Creek Road, County Road No. 272, to Spindler Road, County Road No. 153, Improvement project, Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$38,736.50) (Engineer), presented by Terri Pritchard, Executive Assistant, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0731-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0732-24, Report (7th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road, County Road No. 6, at Havens Road, Township Road No. 203, Improvement project, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$109,350.00) (Engineer), presented by Terri Pritchard, Executive Assistant, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0732-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0733-24, approving street, storm sewer and water improvement plans for Woodland Preserve, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Terri Pritchard, Executive Assistant, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0733-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0734-24, approving street, storm sewer and water improvement plans for the Villages at Galloway, Phase 4, Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Terri Pritchard, Executive Assistant, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0734-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote...

Resolution No. 0735-24, authorizing an agreement with Franklin County Job and Family Services for police protection at three office locations within Franklin County (\$1,359,000.00) (Sheriff), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Director of Finance, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0735-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0736-24, authorizing a supplemental appropriation within the Community Outreach Fund for a new therapy dog and associated equipment (Sheriff), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Director of Finance, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0736-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0737-24, authorizing the acceptance of a gift from John G. Shaver (\$18,907.82) (Animal Control), presented by April Ricciardo, Assistant Director, Animal Control.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0737-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0738-24, authorizing a contract agreement with Purple Star Photography for photography services rendered for the second Franklin County Board of Commissioners DEI

Conference (\$2,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Danielle Devoise, DEI Program Administrator, Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0738-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0739-24, authorizing an agreement with the US Together, Inc. to implement Central Ohio's Welcoming Plan for services and support for immigrants and refugees (\$251,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Danielle Devoise, DEI Program Administrator, Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0739-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0740-24, authorizing a contract agreement with KatBro LTD for conference branding, marketing, and social media communications for the second Franklin County Board of Commissioners DEI Conference (\$19,500.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Danielle Devoise, DEI Program Administrator, Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0740-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0741-24, authorizing the Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion to execute an agreement with Experience Columbus to boost tourism and revenue for Franklin County (\$750,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Danielle Devoise, DEI Program Administrator, Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Brian Ross, CEO, Experience Columbus.

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

Brian Ross, CEO, Experience Columbus, discussed the 2023 economic impact on the travel economy and noted that Columbus had 52 million visits and \$8.2 billion in direct visitor

spending, which generated over \$340MM in city and county tax revenue. Mr. Ross added the need to increase awareness of Franklin County and Columbus, and Experience Columbus is currently pursuing Black MBAs, Black Engineers, and other multicultural groups in the region.

Commissioner Boyce thanked Mr. Ross for the exceptional work and discussed the focus on the inclusion element in conferences to expand the Franklin County-City of Columbus brand. Commissioner Boyce asked Mr. Ross how the convention center compared in size to other large cities in Ohio. Mr. Ross noted it was the largest in Ohio, and the fourth largest in the region.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0741-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0742-24, authorizing a grant agreement with the Now Foundation for the empowerment of minority small businesses and creatives, focusing on visual and performing arts, culinary, and fashion (\$500,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Danielle Devoise, DEI Program Administrator, Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Jeffrey Gilliam, CEO, NOW Foundation.

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

Jeffrey Gilliam, CEO, NOW Foundation, thanked the commissioners for allowing him to participate in Franklin County's economy and noted that the NOW Foundation's goal is to make Central Ohio and its events the best in the Midwest.

Commissioner Crawley noted that if not for the NOW Foundation, there would be a void in the Black Cultural Arts and Entertainment space in Franklin County.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0742-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0743-24, to review of petition to annex 6.4 +/- acres from Truro Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-14-24 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0743-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0744-24, approving a contract amendment with Access 2 Interpreters, LLC for interpretation and translation services (\$1,800,000.00) (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 0744-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0745-24, approving a contract amendment with Arbor E & T, LLC dba Equus Workforce Solutions for the Ohio Works First work activities services and management (\$600,000.00) (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 0745-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0746-24, approving and certifying amendments to the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services' Prevention, Retention, and Contingency Plan for the 2024-2025 biennial period (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 0746-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0747-24, authorizing a subgrant award agreement with Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the purchase of interoperability equipment under the FY 2021 Justice Assistance Grant (\$37,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Courtney Moats, Grants Specialist, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0747-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0748-24, authorizing two professional service contract agreements for peer support and case management services for residents served via SAFER Station (\$28,512.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Courtney Moats, Grants Specialist, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0748-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0749-24, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,914,147.71) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Andrena Austin, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0749-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0750-24, authorizing and reappointing Joe Mazzola in his official capacity as the Franklin County Board of Commissioners representative to the OneOhio Region 1 Board arising out of NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION (Board of Commissioners), presented by Michael Ruehrmund, Assistant Director of Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0750-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0751-24, authorizing Dr. Robert Graessle as a joint reappointment representative to the OneOhio Region 1 Board arising out of NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION (Board of Commissioners), presented by Michael Ruehrmund, Assistant Director of Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0751-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0752-24, authorizing Ruchelle Pride in her official capacity as the Franklin County Board of Commissioners representative to the OneOhio Region 1 Board arising out of NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION (Board of Commissioners), presented by Michael Ruehrmund, Assistant Director of Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0752-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 A.M.

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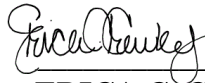
These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session for Tuesday, September 24, 2024.



KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT



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

Submitted by:



Melissa K. Kohler
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners