

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

September 21, 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:

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 O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:11 A.M.

Approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2021, General Session; and, the September 16, 2021, Briefing Session. Commissioner Crawley moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

*Commissioner O'Grady: This morning we would like to recognize the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from September 15th through October 15th, and celebrates the incredible histories, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic Americans who immigrated from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. Hispanic Heritage Month is a chance for us to acknowledge not only the rich history of our diverse Hispanic communities, but the continuing contributions of our Hispanic neighbors, entrepreneurs, classmates, colleagues, and friends moving us all forward today. Hopefully residents can join in a few of the celebrations in the community over the next month, including Columbus Hispanic Restaurant Week starting on October 11<sup>th</sup> – go to [ExperienceColumbus.com/blog](https://ExperienceColumbus.com/blog) to see what's happening in your neighborhood!*

**Resolution No. 0724-21**, authorizing the Fourth Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the Franklin County Engineer's Office, and the Franklin County Transportation Improvement District (\$1,023,159.20) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Cornell Robertson, Franklin County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0724-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0725-21**, authorizing the execution of a contract with e-Builder, Inc. for the licensing of construction program management software, Franklin County, Ohio (\$161,993.74) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Franklin County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0725-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0726-21**, report (6th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation 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 (\$33,028.40) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Franklin County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0726-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0727-21**, approval of the Darby Knolls subdivision re-plat, Brown Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Franklin County Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0727-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0728-21**, authorizing the acceptance of Federal Homeland Security Funds from the State Homeland Security Program – Law Enforcement Grant and the continuation of a full-time position in the Sheriff’s Rotary Fund (\$140,000.00) (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 0728-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0729-21**, authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations for the Franklin County Concealed Carry Program (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 0729-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0730-21**, authorizing a COVID-19 Response Grant to Franklin County Public Health for the support of A Kid Again (\$1,125,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

*Oyauma Garrison shared additional comments and addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.*

*Commissioner Crawley: How are the children and families made aware of the program?*

*Mr. Garrison: Most of our families are referred to us from Nationwide Children’s. We have a great partnership Nationwide Children’s Hospital and their social workers, as well as through other agencies and organizations throughout Central Ohio.*

*Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator: This partnership also is a part of Franklin County Public Health that will also assist in providing some those referrals.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0730-21, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0731-21**, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with Franklin County Public Health (\$200,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0731-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0722-21**, authorizing the acceptance of a subgrant award from Franklin County Public Health's Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Grant to support collaboration, expand the data analysis and investigative capacity for overdoses to aid in prevention strategies and outreach activities (\$145,051.68) (Coroner), presented by Amanda Alvarez, Director of Operations, Coroner's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0722-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0723-21**, authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations and an agreement for recruiting services (\$55,000.00) (Coroner), presented by Amanda Alvarez, Director of Operations, Coroner's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady: Are you guys down any pathologist now?

Ms. Alvarez: Yes. We just had one retire, but we do have one that was hired, but they're not starting until next month. Then we had another pathologist retire recently.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0723-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0732-21**, authorizing a Grant Agreement with the Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS) to provide Rental and Utility Assistance to New American Households in Franklin County (\$940,840.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley: Our new Afghan refugees who will be coming to Franklin County, would they qualify for any of these funds for assistance or does it depend on a different status?

*Angela Plummer, Executive Director, CRIS: Yes, they will qualify for these funding, plus we have some other funds coming in from other sources that will also help with housing assistance.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0732-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0733-21**, authorizing a Grant Agreement with the YMCA of Central Ohio to assist their Relocation Strategy for the Residents of the Downtown YMCA at 40 W. Long Street (\$2,133,802.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady: What is the total number of men moving?

*Sue Darby, Senior Vice President Housing and Healthy Living, YMCA: Currently we have around three-hundred fifty men. The plan is to provide relocation services for all three-hundred fifty men. We're focusing on the two-hundred fifty men that are in permanent supportive housing and affordable housing to make sure that they have a short-term and long-term plan. So, it's relocating all, but really focusing on that two-hundred fifty.*

*Commissioner Crawley: I just want to highlight, there is a consultant that is working to help with these men as they transition to their temporary housing, but finding long-term housing as well, making sure that the placements, the hotels are on the bus line, and not flipping their world that is already hectic. So, is there a consultant working with each man individually, correct?*

*Ms. Darby: That is correct. We do have support services that's going to be a wraparound service through this whole process.*

*Ms. Snapp: In the consultant that you referenced is the contract you approved a month ago on August 17<sup>th</sup>, we funded half of that, the City funded the other half. I believe that was around \$133,000 that the Commissioners funded.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0733-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0734-21**, authorizing a Grant Agreement with the Columbus Federation of Settlements to provide Rental and Utility Assistance to Seniors in Franklin County (\$1,141,732.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

*Tamar Mont-Forrest, Executive Director of the Central Community House shared additional comments and addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.*

Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator: Because there was a lot of national reporting over the last couple of months about the slow rollout of these emergency rental assistance dollars, I wanted to provide a quick summary. With the contracts you're considering today and with the final contract that we are bringing forward for your consideration next week with Columbus State, we will have obligated more than ninety percent of our original \$13,000,000.00 of our allocation of emergency rental assistance dollars, by September 30, 2021, well above the sixty-five percent threshold required by the federal government. So, while there has been reporting about dollars getting out slowly in the community into other communities throughout the country, we want to highlight the fact that we have been very effective in being strategic about funding our core provider networks, but also strategically investing in distressed populations.

Mr. Janas expressed thanks to Jenny Snapp and Vivian Turner, and Commissioner O'Grady and Ken Wilson, County Administrator, also expressed thanks to Erik Janas, Vivian Turner, Jenny Snapp, the teams of Job and Family and Economic Development and Planning for their work in this space.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0734-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0735-21**, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for James T. Cronin and Virginia L. Cronin at 3541 South Hamilton Road, Columbus, Ohio 43232 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0735-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0736-21**, appointing Erica C. Crawley, Franklin County Commissioner, and Kelly Fuller, Workforce Director for the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, to the Franklin County Criminal Justice and Community Corrections Planning Boards (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.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0736-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0737-21**, authorizing a Master Services Agreement with Global Tel\*Link Corporation to provide Inmate Telephone and other enhanced services (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 0737-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0738-21**, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with Electrical Specialists Inc., dba The Superior Group, to perform additional electrical activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$971,413.00 and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$27,905,838.00) (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 0738-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0739-21**, authorizing a Contract with Gordon Flesch Company, Inc. for the provision of professional services in maintaining the PlanetPress Connect printing application (\$12,500.00) (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 0739-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0740-21**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$409,131.93) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Ryan, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity, and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0740-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0741-21**, appointing Lawrence A. Hilsheimer, to the National Veterans Memorial and Museum's Foundation Board (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0741-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0742-21**, appointing Frederick L. Ransier, III, to the board of the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris Long, Deputy Administrator.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0742-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0743-21**, resolution of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters, and to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body (Board of Commissioners).

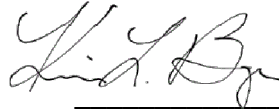
Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0743-21 for the purpose of considering personnel matters, and to confer with an attorney for public body concerning disputes involving the public body, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 10:00 A.M.

At 11:24 A.M., Commissioner Crawley moved to come out of Executive Session, with Commissioner O'Grady seconding, which was 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 11:24 A.M.



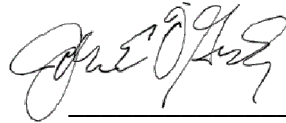
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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of Tuesday, September 21, 2021.



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**KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT**



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**JOHN O'GRADY**



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

Submitted by:



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Victoria A. Caldwell