

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

August 30, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 30, 2022.

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

Also present were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; and Brittany A. Razek, 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 Crawley called the meeting to order at 9:17 A.M.

Commissioner Crawley: Good morning. We have important guests with us today, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Mid-Ohio Food Collective, Matt Habash, and the Food Collective's Senior Vice President of Communications, Mike Hochron. Mike is also a former member of the Franklin County team. He was the Policy Director for Commissioner Marilyn Brown until she retired, and he helped me transition into this role. They are here with us today to recognize that Thursday, September 1, will start Hunger Action Month. Matt is here to speak about the Mid-Ohio Food Collective's high demand throughout the pandemic. It is this high demand that continues to bring new families to food pantries all the time. Unfortunately, this is happening all over the country. Food insecurity affects more than 38 million families in this country. We will vote on a resolution today to provide \$2.5 million in much-needed aid for the collective. Matt, in addition to talking about this critical issue, can you also tell us how the community can help? So many residents want to offer assistance.

Matt Habash, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mid-Ohio Food Collective: I just want to give you a real sense of what is happening. You may think that since we are coming out of this pandemic, people would be recovering, but what we are seeing is actually the opposite. July of this year saw a 38.4% increase in visits to food pantries compared to July of 2020. We are all experiencing inflation, and we are seeing what it takes to be able to buy food. The people whom we are helping are working. Some people say "tell them to get a job," but they have jobs, and some of them have multiple jobs, but the reality remains that we are seeing more and more need for help. The bigger challenge, most recently, is the supply chain challenges that we face with the USDA.

Mr. Habash (cont.): Approximately ten days ago, we had eleven loads of cereal that were canceled. That supply would have lasted us for the next three months. That is hundreds of thousands of dollars of food that we would've had for free to distribute to this community. This is in addition to the seventy-two loads that we have had canceled previously. The USDA is unable to buy food. In the thirty-nine years that I have been doing this, I have never had to worry about whether we would have enough food, but I am worried about that now. Today's Resolution is really going to help us; it follows on the heels of the Columbus City Council's funding so that Franklin County has money to buy food and ensure that our partner agencies have enough food for the near term. The longer-term strategy for us is our \$50 million request that we have submitted to the State of Ohio for the food banks in Ohio. We are waiting to hear whether we will receive those dollars. We have a meeting on Thursday about the Farm Bill. Senator Brown will be here, so we are going to talk about some of the challenges with the USDA to see if we can get additional food in. This challenge is not going to go away; it is going to take a long time to come out of this. We bought \$5 million worth of food at the beginning of the pandemic, and today that would buy \$2.5 million worth of food. That is the price increase that we are currently seeing; the dollar is not going as far. We are also having trouble finding certain types of food. We will put the dollars to work very quickly, and they will help us get through this fall. We are hopeful that the State of Ohio will step in with ARPA dollars from there. As you may know, we cover twenty counties, so we have made the same request in a lot of those other counties. I spoke at the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) meeting the other day about these requests. This has an impact all over the state. People got hurt in many ways during the pandemic, and as they are recovering, we are facing high inflation, high food costs, and high gasoline prices. I am very appreciative of this Board's willingness to step up so that no resident of Franklin County goes without food. We are going to continue to work as hard as we can to get through this. In terms of the ways in which people can help, this is really about neighbors helping neighbors. Seventy percent of our pantries are run by volunteers. We are seeing record numbers of people coming in to get help, but the volunteers are willing to keep coming in day after day. We lost our volunteers during COVID, and for fifteen months, we had the National Guard step in. Volunteers are starting to come back, and we are encouraging more people to get involved with their local food pantries.

Commissioner Boyce: I know you have been doing this for a long time, and I cannot think of anyone in this community that I would trust more than you at the helm at this time. I have known you my entire political career, and this is perhaps one of the easiest requests that I have seen come in, from a decision-making standpoint. This is not only because you are a great leader, but also because of the need of Franklin County residents. We are in an unprecedented time. The lag that has resulted from the last few years is real. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic from last year is just now hitting us, from an economic standpoint, and I think that the lag from this year will hit us later. The decisions that we make today are critical to helping our residents navigate a tough ecosystem. We need to make decisions and investments that support those families who are in need, in the best way that we can, and I believe this is one of the investments at the heart of that. Finally, I would like to comment in regard to your request for funding from the State of Ohio. We need to implore the State to invest in this core resource. It is a basic need, akin to air and water. This is an opportunity for them to make a decision that is not partisan, but people-oriented. If we can be helpful, such as with a letter or call of advocacy to the State of Ohio, we are all in.

Commissioner Boyce (cont.): You have an open invitation to come back here and engage with us about the food access needs of our residents, and we will do our best to support those needs.

Commissioner O'Grady: I was at the CCAO meeting last week, and I spoke with colleagues from all over the state. Regardless of political background, they are all expressing the same issues. Here in Franklin County, we have an unprecedented amount of growth happening. We have very low unemployment at the moment, but as you pointed out, many folks are having to work two jobs just to make ends meet. A lot of people are working two jobs and are still not making ends meet. Every time I come downtown, I notice more people on every street corner with signs saying that they are homeless and they need help. But at the same time, as you indicated, more people are willing to step up and help. Recently, we had a girl's softball team volunteer at the Hilliard food pantry by doing a small food drive in their off-season. They were able to collect 3,600 pounds of food just through this small effort. As a result of the pandemic, the cost of everything has increased, and it has been hard for everyone to deal with. We are going to have to do what we do as County Commissioners to help folks come out of this. We have always valued our relationship with the Mid-Ohio Food Collective, but we do even more now. You always have a welcome and open invitation here.

Commissioner Crawley: I would like to echo what my colleagues have said, and thank you for your service to our residents. I would like to thank your volunteers who show up every day and put their own adversities aside to be a benefit and a blessing to others. We do not always know what food insecurity looks like. Yes, we see people on street corners with signs asking for money. But it can also look like a single parent who moved to Dublin to try to give their children access to good schools, but can barely afford to keep the water running, the lights on, and food on the table. In Reynoldsburg, there is a food pantry right off Main Street, and the line goes all the way down Main Street and into Columbus. You can look at people's vehicles and try to make judgments about what they have, but you really don't know what people are dealing with, and we shouldn't make judgments based on how people appear. This is an easy resolution that we will do later on. We always say "every resident, every day," and we want to ensure that our residents can not only survive, but thrive. A way that they can thrive is to make sure that they have healthy, nutritious foods on their table every day and that they do not have to worry about where their next meal is coming from, especially when they have children to care for. We know how hunger impacts education. The State of Ohio does not get a pass. They are in recess, but hunger does not go on recess. I know you have submitted a request for ARPA dollars, and the legislators are not supposed to come back for several weeks, but residents can call their State Representatives and State Senators and apply pressure. We can apply pressure on the Governor's Office. They have been sitting on these dollars. Franklin County and the City of Columbus can do all that we can, but it still will not be enough to meet the need. To everyone who is listening, if you care about this issue, you can call your State Rep or State Senator, and ask them to go into session to try and put together a piece of legislation that will provide the dollars that the food collectives across the state need so that Ohioans have access to food. With that, again, thank you so much, Mr. Habash. We have a ceremonial resolution that we would like to present to the Mid-Ohio Food Collective for your tireless efforts.

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Commissioner Crawley: We would like to recognize that tomorrow, August 31, 2022, is International Overdose Awareness Day. I know that the Sheriff's Office has a resolution related to this on the agenda today. International Overdose Awareness Day is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose. This is a day for us to remember those who have died from a drug overdose, and to acknowledge the grief of the family and friends that have been left behind by this epidemic. I know our administration is working very hard with our stakeholders, the City of Columbus, our trustees, and others to address overdose awareness. County Administrator Wilson, would you like to speak regarding our efforts to reduce overdose deaths in our community?

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: County Administration has been working with the Columbus and Franklin County Addiction Plan Committee to try to tackle the issue of addiction in our community. We have been working in multiple facets. Our Office of Justice Policy and Programs has been a longtime champion of various grants that can be used to combat the effects of addiction in our community. As this Board approved a couple of weeks ago, we are in the final process of completing the OneOhio bylaws and composing the Region 1 Board. That body will be meeting and putting in the work as the opiate settlement dollars flow within the county. This will be a marathon, not a sprint. We have to be very strategic in how we address the opiate epidemic and the issue of substance use disorder. These issues are multifaceted and must be looked at from multiple angles.

Commissioner Crawley: To your point about looking at it from every angle and every perspective, this Board has to be composed of members of the community who work in this area. We have Erika Clark Jones from ADAMH, Joe Mazzola from Franklin County Public Health, and Ruchelle Pride, Director of our Office of Justice Policy and Programs. We are also looking for those with lived experiences, whether it is someone who has suffered from addiction, or someone who has lost a loved one to addiction and is in this fight with all of us. We are continuing to make sure that we have diverse voices at the table so that when these dollars come in, we can ensure they are allocated appropriately to address the need in the community.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: I would like to add that as a community, Franklin County must recognize that substance use disorder is not a character flaw in an individual; it is an illness that we should treat like any other illness. That is why this Board invests in ADAMH's Mental Health and Addiction Crisis Center. That is a \$60 million investment, which will be another outlet for those in need. The last thing that we want to do is inappropriately incarcerate individuals that are dealing with mental health and substance use disorders. Whenever possible, we would like to find treatment and a pathway to recovery and stabilization for these individuals. This just goes to the point of our residence not just surviving, but thriving.

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Commissioner Crawley: We also would like to recognize that August is Black Business Month. It was established in 2004 by entrepreneurs Frederick E. Jordan and John William Templeton to drive the policy agenda in a way that would help empower Black-owned businesses and allow them to build equity. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Black-owned businesses account for only about 10 percent of all businesses in the country and 30 percent of all minority-owned businesses. Black business ownership is increasing, with the most significant gains coming from Black women. Even as the number of Black businesses has grown, Black entrepreneurs have always faced an uphill challenge that has only been compounded by the pandemic. We must recognize it is not always individual missteps or faults, but deliberate destruction and systematic obstacles. Racist policies and systematic barriers have made it difficult to build generational wealth, difficult to obtain access to loans with affordable interest rates, and difficult to access capital and support. In this way, there have always been systemic barriers for Black businesses to get financial and business resources. And we know Black-owned businesses can be powerful vehicles for advancing economic empowerment and closing the racial wealth gap in the Black community. Franklin County offers assistance to small and emerging businesses through the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The office partners with other county departments and outside agencies to offer training, loans, and grants, among its many activities, to help minority business owners and residents. To learn more, please visit equity.franklincountyohio.com. Please join us in recognizing August as National Black Business Month to show our support for these businesses. Apart from our Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners helped to create the Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), which partners with the Urban League. I was able to serve on that working group as we were creating it, before I came to the Board of Commissioners. During the pandemic, businesses got access to Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, but we know, historically, who was excluded: Black and minority-owned businesses, and women-owned businesses, who did not have relationships with large banks. Those businesses were shut out, which resulted in some closing, and others struggling to remain open. We continue to work with our Office of Economic Development and Planning to help fund small and minority-owned and women-owned businesses. There are a number of efforts that we are undertaking every single day here at the County to ensure that Black businesses, and small and minority-owned businesses continue to thrive. We know that small businesses and Black-owned businesses are the economic engines of our community, so we want to make sure that they continue to succeed. All month, we will be recognizing Black businesses.

Commissioner Boyce: When Black businesses do well, we all do well because it shows the stretch of resources in our community and allows us to zero in on weaknesses for wealth distribution in our community. That is what diversity and inclusion are all about; it doesn't really matter what color you are or what gender you are, or what your background is. It gives anyone an opportunity to provide a resource that is needed somewhere in the community. This is a great month and a great topic to celebrate. One of the things that I really love about being a Commissioner for Franklin County is that our value set is oriented towards access to those kinds of resources. We dedicate a lot of our resources to working to create a level playing field in Central Ohio. We are not there yet. The reality is that we have a ways to go in our society, but our work in Franklin County and our commitment to this topic have been tremendous.

Commissioner Boyce (cont.): Since I have been here, we have never missed a beat, and I would like to commend my colleagues for taking the opportunity to try to expand the access resource. It started when we were building the correctional institution and set a goal of inclusion to give everybody a chance to be a part of that. It is hard to find a positive outlook on building a jail, other than the fact that it creates crisis management opportunities that protect our community. I want to say to those entrepreneurs out there, especially women and minorities, and anyone who thinks they have something that they can provide as a resource to this community: stay with it. It is hard work, and you are involved in every piece of the business, from bookkeeping to taking out the trash. The life of an entrepreneur is up and down, but at the end of the day, they create a better society and a better community. I hope that that is what we can celebrate this month, and I hope that businesses come forward so that we may highlight them.

Commissioner O'Grady: In building the jail, our goal was to have 12% minority business participation, and we more than doubled that. For too long, Black and minority-owned businesses lacked access to capital. It has been our goal as a Board to do something about that and make an impact, whether it be through CDFI or any of our other efforts. This Board has had a very intentional focus on setting policy that helps to address the issue of inequity. It is a public policy that is our way of saying "this hasn't been right," and we are trying to make it right for the public.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: This Board has been focused on economic mobility. When this was identified as a problem, the Board did not just sit back and admire the problem; rather they asked County Administration to take action. That work began in 2017 when Commissioner Boyce helped to form an advisory council of business leaders and governmental staff to study economic mobility. They tried to come up with plans to create better opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses. When the pandemic hit, the Board put all hands on deck and funded the formation of the Franklin County Small Business Growth and Equity Alliance, which brought forth Freedom Equity, which works the CDFI. When the PPP funds did not work for everyone, this Board answered with the Equity Fund, and worked with the Urban League and One Columbus. That work will complement other activities here in the County, and position Franklin County to be able to compete on a national scale in regard to attracting minority business owners and entrepreneurs of color to grow their businesses here and create wealth. Wealth creation builds stronger neighborhoods, increases health outcomes, and increases incomes across the spectrum. We all know the importance of small businesses in our community, and the more diverse our small business base is, the stronger our community will be as it continues to grow. As the largest county in the state, we cannot rest on what we are doing today, but I think the foundation is being built each day through our actions, our agencies, and this Board's focus on minority business development and creating health equity in our community. All of these strengthen the fabric of Franklin County. Our Poverty Blueprint falls right into this. We have formed a close partnership between Franklin County Public Health and Columbus Public Health. All of these things will pay dividends in the future. We have learned through this pandemic that it is all about collaboration and the public protecting the private sector. We need to come together to deal with the ongoing public policy challenges we face. It is all of the things that this Board votes on each Tuesday that make a difference.

Commissioner Crawley: We have a Resolution today coming through the Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion that is helping to give small businesses training to be able to go after contracts. That matters, too. We can recognize Black businesses and help them grow, but if they don't have the tools to formulate a bid for a contract, then they will never be successful. Those types of small things that we do can help businesses along the way. By building the jail, we gave small and minority businesses opportunities to grow their portfolios and expand their businesses, and that is economic mobility.

Commissioner O'Grady: When I was at the CCAO meeting last week, we had a long conversation about the legislature, its composition, and the things that they are doing. We had a bipartisan conversation about a lot of the struggles that we have with the legislature as County Commissioners. When we talk about all of the work that we are doing in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion, it is important to recognize that there are some folks in the legislature that would like to take away our ability to do these things. We have to be willing and able to continue to make those phone calls and visits to fight against that type of legislation.

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Commissioner Crawley: August is also Children's Eye Health and Safety Month, with 2022 designated as the "Year of Children's Vision." Nearsightedness is rising dramatically, and many more people need glasses than in the past. Unfortunately, this rise in nearsightedness also means a lot more children today are at risk of developing vision-threatening eye conditions that will plague them in the future. We understand families may struggle to pay for glasses or trips to the eye doctor, which in turn can affect a child's ability to focus and learn in the classroom. No child should be scarred with life-long vision limitations due to their socioeconomic status. That is why we recognize August as Children's Eye Health and Safety Month.

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Approval of the minutes for the August 2 and August 9, 2022, General Sessions; the August 11, August 16, and August 23, 2022, Executive Sessions; and the August 4, 2022, Briefing Session. Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0598-22, authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency 2022 Community and Litter Grant (Auditor), presented by Trenton Weaver, Staff Counsel, Auditor.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0598-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0599-22, authorizing Drainage Engineer Cornell R. Robertson to submit applications and execute project agreements on behalf of Franklin County for Ohio Public Works Commission funding of drainage systems (Drainage Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0599-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0600-22, establishing, altering, and widening of Alkire Road, County Road No. 11, between Darby Creek Drive and Johnson Road, Prairie Township and Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0600-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0601-22, establishing, altering, and widening of Gardner Road, County Road No. 281, between the Madison County line and Riebel Road, Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0601-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0602-22, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5543.06, setting Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. at the Boat House at Confluence Park for the Annual Meeting of the Franklin County Engineer between Township and County authorities (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0602-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0603-22, Andover Associates, LTD., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing general engineering services (\$100,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0603-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0604-22, HNTB Ohio, Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in performing a feasibility study for the Hayes Road, County Road No. 2, at Richardson Road, County Road No. 119, Improvement project, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$55,272.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0604-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0605-22, requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on a portion of Wilson Road, County Road No. 25, Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0605-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0606-22, to update the Local Road Safety Plan for the use and protection of constituents along county roads which are under the jurisdiction of the Franklin County Engineer (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0606-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0607-22, authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Diversion Program Grant for the Franklin County Heroin Overdose Prevention & Education (HOPE) Task Force (\$55,000.00) (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0607-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0608-22, authorizing a contract with Duraline Medical Products, Inc. for Incontinence Supplies (\$1,165,783.56) (Office on Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Interim Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0608-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0609-22, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio for a facility expansion (\$1,000,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnerships, Office of Management and Budget.

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

Bruce Burkholder, President, Board of Directors, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio: I started volunteering for Ronald McDonald House thirty years ago, as a young lawyer. Ronald McDonald House has gone through a number of expansions, and I have dearly enjoyed my experience. Twelve years ago, my son had a tragic accident, and we ended up at Children's Hospital. We spent the next six months at Ronald McDonald House with our son as he went through his recovery. With that as an overview, I want to tell you how much we would appreciate the funds. We have been working very hard to

expand Ronald McDonald House, and we are close to closing out our campaign. We will be adding more than eighty rooms, which will increase the total to over 200 rooms. We will serve 6,500 families and over 200,000 meals. As was previously mentioned, families do not have to worry about paying for anything when they walk into Ronald McDonald House. I can personally attest that when you are at that House or at the hospital, the last thing that you want to think about is pulling out a credit card to see how you can be taken care of. This Resolution is extremely meaningful to us, and we are very thankful for your consideration.

Commissioner Boyce: I want to thank you for your courage to share your story. All of the Commissioners on this Board have children of their own, and I am certain that we have all faced scenarios in which all that you can focus on is the child that you brought into this world. We stand with you, and we know how much of a resource the Ronald McDonald House can be to families. This is indicative of the growth of Central Ohio. Right now, we are experiencing unprecedented growth, and the need for Ronald McDonald House will be greater. This is one of the investments that we are making that projects into the future. God bless you, and thank you for your work and your volunteerism with the Board of Directors.

Commissioner O'Grady: My kids have been in and out of Children's Hospital more times than I can count. When I was sick years ago, my wife and I had access to an adult facility that was very similar to Ronald McDonald House. So, we know and understand the need and the type of service that goes into this. I have been to Ronald McDonald House on a number of occasions, and we appreciate all that you do for the community.

Commissioner Crawley: I am a huge supporter of the Ronald McDonald House. It used to be in my district when I was in the legislature. When you have to renew your license plate, get a Ronald McDonald license plate because the proceeds go to help the children and families at the Ronald McDonald House. The impact of the House is not just centrally here in Ohio; they impact families from all over the world who come here for the specialized services that Children's Hospital provides. This investment that we are making today is not only for the residents of Franklin County, but it will also have a global impact. I am happy to support this Resolution today, and again, thank you for your volunteerism and for sharing your story.

Mr. Burkholder: When we are done with our expansion, Franklin County will have the largest Ronald McDonald House in the world.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0609-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0610-22, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant to the Mid-Ohio Food Collective for emergency food needs and support of the local food system infrastructure across Franklin County (\$2,500,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown,

Community Partnership Coordinator, Community Partnerships, Office of Management and Budget.

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

Matt Habash, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mid-Ohio Food Collective: One of the things that I did not mention in my earlier comments is the long-standing support of this Board to make sure that no one in this community goes hungry. We have had three out of every ten residents of Franklin County access our services since COVID. We want to strengthen our network of partners because that is the lifeblood of what we do. We can have the biggest warehouse in the world with the most food, but if we do not have a strong network of partners to get the food out to the community and make it easy for residents to access, we will never be successful. That is what the extra million dollars of your funding will go towards. Thank you for your support as we face an ongoing challenge. There is the potential that enhanced SNAP benefits will be removed, which will have an impact, particularly in our senior population. Some seniors are getting over \$200 per month in SNAP benefits, and that could go back to \$21 per month, which will make a significant impact, especially with inflation.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0610-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0611-22, approving a contract agreement with Columbus Council on World Affairs for racial equity training (\$29,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by LeAndra Trikouros, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Patrick Terrien, President and Chief Executive Officer, Columbus Council on World Affairs: There are some exciting changes happening in Franklin County. Each of the Commissioners has mentioned the growth happening in our region. Based on our last global report, 64% of growth in the last two years has been from people moving from overseas to Franklin County. According to the last census, our region's top four immigrant groups come from India, China, Mexico, and Somalia. We are excited, privileged, and honored to be working with the County to help ensure that each Franklin County employee has access to tools, educational resources, and training that allows them to provide the best service to our very diverse community.

Commissioner Boyce: Is that the rate of arrival, or is it based on the current population?

Mr. Terrien: It is based on the current population.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0611-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0612-22, approving a contract agreement with YWCA Columbus for racial equity training (\$17,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by LeAndra Trikouros, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Phyllis Flanagan, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Coordinator, YWCA Columbus: If this Resolution is adopted, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners will be our twenty-second community partner contract this year. Some of our public partnerships include the Greater Columbus Arts Council, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, and more recently, the Short North Alliance. Our Justice Equity and Belonging team has been very busy this year, facilitating important and overdue conversations about race, antiracism, equity, belonging, and restorative practices. The feedback from our workshops has been overwhelmingly positive and has given us the opportunity to continue fine-tuning our offerings for different learning styles.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0612-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0613-22, approving a contract agreement with Performance Consulting Services for racial equity training (\$13,600.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by LeAndra Trikouros, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0613-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0614-22, authorizing an agreement with the Ohio Business Development Center for Small Business Legal Aid Program (\$50,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Ambrose Moses III, Attorney, Moses Law Office, and Community and Economic Development Law Group: We thank the Commissioners for their support of Black-owned businesses and the small business community. There is a need for professional services to help build or buttress the viability and capacity of small businesses. We look forward to the opportunity to put in place this Small Business Legal Aid Program to provide those services and strengthen local small businesses.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0614-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0615-22, authorizing an agreement with the Ohio Business Development Center for Construction Management Training (\$15,000.00) (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0615-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0616-22, authorizing an Affordable Housing Development agreement with National Church Residences, to receive funding through the Magnet Fund Program to assist the development of an affordable housing project (\$1,350,000.00) (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.

Sarajane Steffes, Senior Project Leader, Affordable Housing Development: I want to thank Franklin County for supporting affordable housing. As we know, Franklin County is growing rapidly, and having affordable places to live is key to ensuring that our community thrives. National Church Residences appreciates the partnership of Franklin County and the Franklin County Magnet Program. This would be our second award. We do have the first award currently under construction. We are excited to continue to bring affordable housing to our community. We look forward to providing new affordable housing with this project, Clover Glen, and we hope to continue to do so with future projects. Thank you for making affordable housing a priority, and continuing to do so as we grow.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0616-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0617-22, approving the recommendations of the 2022 Franklin County Tax Incentive Review Councils (TIRCs) (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 O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0617-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0618-22, review of petition to annex 10.63 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City Case #ANX-29-22 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Chief Operating Officer, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0618-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0619-22, review of petition to annex 23.3 +/- acres from Blendon Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-30-22 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Chief Operating Officer, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0619-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0620-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Arnel N. Capulong and Tita G. Capulong at 912 Worthington Woods Blvd., Worthington, OH 43085 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0620-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0621-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Dairl D. Gillespie and Barbara E. Gillespie at 2379 Hyde Road, Grove City, OH 43123 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0621-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0622-22, 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 programming (\$952,411.57) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0622-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0623-22, approving a contract extension for on-site case management services between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services and Nationwide Children’s Hospital (\$185,690.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0623-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0624-22, approving a subaward amendment with Image Character Etiquette, Inc for a youth mentoring program (\$330,877.64) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0624-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0625-22, authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding for the continuation of support for the Franklin County Municipal Court Specialty Dockets (\$980,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson, Chief Operating Officer, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0625-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0626-22, authorizing a Private Sewer Agreement with Epcon Riverside, LLC for the Courtyards on Riverside, Phase 2 sanitary sewer collection system (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Stephen Renner, Director, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0626-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0633-22, authorizing the submission of an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission to participate in the State Capital Improvement Program for the Inah Avenue and Gladys Road Sanitary Sewer Collections System projects (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Stephen Renner, Director, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0633-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0627-22, authorizing execution of a Parking Rental Agreement with OSERS Broad St. LLC for leased parking spaces in support of the operation of county agencies located at Memorial Hall (\$63,000.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0627-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0628-22, authorizing a contract to purchase a Learning Management System for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (\$566,842.12) (Human Resources), presented by Laura Repasky, Director, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0628-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0629-22, authorizing a contract for Consulting Services for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (\$60,000.00) (Human Resources), presented by Laura Repasky, Director, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0629-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0630-22, authorizing a Fourth Contract Extension for two Countywide Contracts for Print Shop Paper and Supplies (\$450,000.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0630-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0631-22, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$11,386,582.67) (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0631-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0632-22, authorizing appropriation adjustments for the implementation of a classification and compensation study (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0632-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0634-22, authorizing the President of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to perform certain administrative functions and to authorize a memorandum of understanding related to the employment terms (Board of Commissioners), 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 O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0634-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read one (1) journalization into the record:

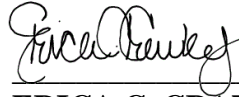
Case number ANX-31-22, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-31-22, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on August 15, 2022. The petition is requesting to annex 20.8-acres from Norwich Township to the City of Hilliard. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on September 20, 2022. Site: 4701 Leppert Road (PID #200-001352) Leppert Road (PID #200-001350).

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2022.



ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT



JOHN O'GRADY

**KEVIN L. BOYCE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



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