

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

September 26, 2023

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

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

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; 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 O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

Commissioner O'Grady: Good morning, everyone. Today, we are glad to be celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, which kicked off on September 15th and runs through October 15th. This Thursday, September 28th, we'll be live-streaming a Lunch & Learn discussion about Hispanic Heritage Month on the commissioners' Facebook page at noon, so please plan to join us for that. Here to tell us a little more about the celebrations this month and introduce our speaker, Guadalupe Velasquez, Founder and Managing Director of Welcoming City, is Perla Martinez, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Administrator.

Perla Martinez, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion: It is my great honor as a Mexican immigrant who chose to make Franklin County her home twelve years ago to introduce Guadalupe Velasquez, Managing Director for Welcoming City, to offer some remarks about Hispanic Heritage Month and the importance of the Hispanic community here in the County.

Guadalupe Velasquez, Founder and Managing Director, Welcoming City: Buenos días. It is an honor to be here. I was born in Lorain, Ohio, to immigrant parents. I am the youngest of eighteen children.

Ms. Velasquez (cont.): On my mother's side of the family, we were one of the first five Mexican families to settle there. My family took the responsibility of immigrant integration very seriously. My uncle was the first Hispanic principal in Ohio and created the first Spanish bilingual program in Ohio at Lorain City Schools. The first bilingual program in the state was in Columbus, and it was a German-English program. Hispanic Heritage Month was originally a one-week celebration. It was established in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson. President Ronald Reagan then established it as a month-long celebration in 1988. For as long as I can remember, especially after leaving Lorain, I have been asked whether I prefer to be called "Latina" or "Hispanic." The truth is that they are both labels. Other than the history of the Dominican Republic being called "Hispaniola," the term "Hispanic" originated during the Nixon administration. When they saw how many different ethnic cultures were arriving here and speaking Spanish, they termed those populations "Hispanic" for data and census purposes. The term "Latino" originates from Latin America and is a geographical term. In reality, neither "Hispanic" nor "Latino" are really representative of how one identifies. I do not speak for all Latinos; I just have my own experience of working with Latinos my whole life. It has been a pleasure to serve. Our community is very rich and contributes in so many ways: socially, economically, and culturally. All of that makes a difference in how we connect with each other and learn from each other, especially from a young age. It warms my heart tremendously to have been introduced today by a Latina. Since 1995, I have worked as an advocate and a government servant. I worked for ten years under Mayor Coleman with the New Americans Initiative and as Assistant Director of the Community Relations Commission. I then worked for two years under Mayor Ginther's administration as the Assistant Director of the Department of Neighborhoods. We have always encouraged representation at all levels and have asked to have a seat at the table. To see that here, in action, warms my heart and makes such an impact in our community. For the young Latinx community to see themselves in leadership roles makes a huge impact. With that, I would also like to thank you and tell you I appreciate you for what you are doing throughout the county. I have worked with Welcoming America for the past twelve years and have seen what other cities, counties, and municipalities in the United States are doing. Franklin County has very high-quality individuals who really want to learn about diversity. To work with your Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion and be a part of the training offered to the various county agencies has been very impressive, and I do not say that lightly. What you are doing here as leaders matters.

Commissioner Boyce: Thank you so much for what you represent and what you do. One of the beauties of being an American is the rich history that American history is made of. American history is world history because America is a microcosm of the world. The more we celebrate that, the stronger we become and the more intelligent we become. When there is a heritage month, I always take the time to read a little bit about that heritage, and I learn something new every time. We started the New American Advisory Council several years ago because Franklin County wanted to embrace the idea that we are better when we embrace all of our heritage and when we direct our resources to best meet the needs of all of our residents. It is that kind of effort that will allow Franklin County to go to the next level.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you for being here. As Commissioner Boyce said, all of the different cultures make up American history, which is a microcosm of world history.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): My daughters' father and grandmother were born and raised in Panama, and their ancestors came by way of Jamaica by way of Africa. Their ancestors were enslaved in different places, and they ended up rooting in Panama and raising a family. For my children, who are Afro-Latina, as they are trying to figure out their identities, they are finding that it is complex and there is a richness there that they are interested in learning about. That goes to show that we are not monolithic. There is a community here in Franklin County that embraces all of that. We try to show that by being a welcoming county and trying to find places where the voices of individuals with different perspectives and backgrounds can be in the community and educate us. Through this education and community, we really can be a county that serves every resident, every day. Thank you for all of the work that you are doing and for being a partner. You partner with us on a number of different initiatives, and you sit on boards, and you are a great representative of Franklin County.

Commissioner O'Grady: We appreciate all of the work that you have been doing with us and for us for a number of years. We have a ceremonial resolution to present to you.

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Commissioner O'Grady: September is also Hunger Action Month, and we're pleased to recognize the important work that the Mid-Ohio Food Collective does throughout the whole year to help make sure that Central Ohio families have the food and nutritional resources they need. Here to tell us a bit about the Mid-Ohio Food Collective and their work and the need that they are seeing throughout the community is Senior Vice President of Communications, Mike Hochron.

Mike Hochron, Senior Vice President of Communications, Mid-Ohio Food Collective: I am delighted to be here today to speak a little bit about Hunger Action Month and the work that is underway in our community to make sure that every resident of Franklin County has access to the fresh and nutritious food they need to thrive. Mid-Ohio Food Collective is the largest hunger relief organization in Central and Eastern Ohio. Each day, we distribute enough food for about 180,000 meals, which is an incredible amount of food to address an incredible level of need. Our mission is to end hunger, one nourishing meal at a time, while co-creating communities where everyone thrives. In September, here in Franklin County and all across the nation, it is Hunger Action Month. During this month, food banks from across the National Feeding America Network work to engage their communities to learn more about hunger and how the community can come together to be a part of the work to help end hunger in their neighborhoods. At Mid-Ohio Food Collective, we take Hunger Action Month seriously because it is a way to bring every one of our residents to the table, whether it is someone who needs help putting food on their plate or someone who is in a position to give back. Our theme this year is "Hunger lives here, and so does help." The truth is, wherever you live in Franklin County, there are neighbors who are struggling to keep food on the table, as well as incredible organizations and volunteers who are a part of meeting that need. During our last fiscal year, from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, approximately one out of every three Franklin County residents came to our service network at least once to get help putting food on the table, which is an astounding number.

Mr. Hochron (cont.): That means someone on your street, your child's classroom, and someone sitting next to you at church is one bad day away from needing a bit of help. Across the twenty counties we serve in Central and Eastern Ohio, the Mid-Ohio Food Collective and our partners helped put food on the tables of over 700,000 Ohioans. That speaks to the fact that in today's economy, with the challenges of inflation and high costs, so many folks are just one medical bill, flat tire, or sick day from needing help. August 2023, last month, was the single busiest month in our organization's history in terms of the level of service. The previous record was set in 2020, at the peak of COVID, and then we started setting new records when inflation started kicking in last year. This year, the numbers have continued to climb. In fact, so far this year, the number of service visits is up 35% from where it was over the first eight months of last year. But while hunger lives here, so does help. An incredible number of our neighbors step up every single day to ensure their neighbors and community have the help they need. Volunteers donated over 100,000 hours of their time to the Mid-Ohio Food Collective last year. My first touchpoint with the Mid-Ohio Food Collective was when I was a Franklin County Board of Commissioners employee. We had a volunteer day, which was my first time in the warehouse. Over 17,000 of our neighbors stepped up last year alone to help us keep food on our neighbors' tables. While we work to meet the needs today, we also plan for the future. During Hunger Action Month, we call upon people to volunteer, donate, and advocate and to give help and get help. I want to thank the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for their continued support in both meeting the need and working to improve access and dignity, whether that is expanding the capacity we have for fresh and frozen foods at our headquarters warehouse in Grove City, or investing in the future of our Mid-Ohio markets. We will be opening our new Mid-Ohio Market on Gantz Road in Grove City in October 2023. This will finally take the COVID-era drive-through operations that have been in place for three and a half years and will move them back to a more dignified, in-person shopping experience. We have some transformational projects, including the work in the Eastland community on Refugee Road and our plans to turn that into a true, integrated, transformational Prosperity Center – a service hub for every neighbor, so they can access not only food, but we can address the needs of the ZIP code in Franklin County that has the highest rate of evictions and infant mortality. We want to be there to serve the holistic needs of families. Food will bring people in, and then we want to address whatever else is happening in their lives. Thank you for your ongoing support for our work to end hunger in Franklin County.

Commissioner Boyce: Mid-Ohio Food Collective is a great organization. Give CEO Matt Habash our best. We see him as a partner in meeting a great need. I had the opportunity to tour South Linden recently with Nationwide Children's Hospital, and we visited some of their food bank services. The food bank partners in the region stood out to me. My office is working on a project with New Salem Baptist Church with some of their food bank delivery services. I know that the Collective is a big part of undergirding the survival of this stretch of time, from COVID to the present, that has been tough for all of us. Thank you for your work, and give your CEO our best because we know he is on the front lines and knows how to leverage those resources best to maximize their impact. Keep up the great work.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you for all of the work that you all do. I want to underscore the work of the food banks here in Franklin County and all across Ohio, as well as the other organizations working to fight hunger.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): Food insecurity is a real thing, and it is one of the social determinants of health that can really destabilize a family. If you do not have access to food and healthy food options, or you are making poor food choices because of your income, that contributes to health issues, and that has a ripple effect. Yesterday, I spoke with the President and CEO of the Kellogg Foundation at OSU about all they are doing in this area, and I uplifted the Board of Commissioners' program, Urban ROOTS. Urban ROOTS is a partnership with school districts to get kids in middle school and high school involved in all things agriculture, including urban farming, making healthy food choices, hydroponics, and so on. I also spoke about Commissioner O'Grady's Food Action Plan, the food board and council, and all our work with our partners in this space. We cannot address hunger in a real way if we do not continue to foster relationships and collaboration. Funding is also a big part of this. There is only so much we can do at the County; we continue to need investment from the State and the federal government. As you said, you continue to see the need increase, and I do not know if that will go away anytime soon. As much as we advocate for people getting higher wages in their jobs, as long as eggs continue to be \$9.00, the dollars can only go so far. It will take a collective effort, and I want the public to know that they have a role to play in this, too, which could include volunteering at the Mid-Ohio Food Collective. There are places where you can give of your time, and it will make a tremendous difference for families and I hope you consider doing that.

Commissioner O'Grady: This is some of the most important money we spend in Franklin County. When we decide on all of the dollars we want to expend each year, the money we spend with the Mid-Ohio Food Collective is at the top of the list. We started noticing this at the beginning of the pandemic, but at this point in the county's history, we have more people accessing your resources than we have in the past. Many of those are people who probably never thought they would find themselves reaching out for your services. It is an odd time, and we must continue to have that partnership with your agency. You have been a great partner of ours. The work that you all are doing is critical. We have a ceremonial resolution to present to you.

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Approval of the minutes for the July 27, 2023, Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0725-23, approving a ditch maintenance petition for Headley Farms, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Drainage Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0725-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Establishing, altering, and widening of Chambers Road, County Road No. 56, from Kenny Road, County Road No. 57, to Hess Boulevard, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

Commissioner O’Grady opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak. Seeing and hearing none, Commissioner O’Grady closed the public hearing, and the resolution was read into the record.

Resolution No. 0726-23, establishing, altering, and widening of Chambers Road, County Road No. 56, from Kenny Road, County Road No. 57, to Hess Boulevard, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0726-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Establishing, altering, and widening of Waggoner Road, County Road No. 106, from East Main Street, US 40, to East Broad Street, SR16, Truro Township and Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

Commissioner O’Grady opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak. Seeing and hearing none, Commissioner O’Grady closed the public hearing, and the resolution was read into the record.

Resolution No. 0727-23, establishing, altering, and widening of Waggoner Road, County Road No. 106, from East Main Street, US 40, to East Broad Street, SR16, Truro Township and Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0727-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Establishing, altering, and widening of all streets located within the Westbrook Subdivision, including Westfield Drive, Westfield Drive North, Westbrook Drive, Marsdale Avenue, Westfield Drive South, Gantz Road, Eastbrook Drive South, Eastbrook Drive, Eastfield Drive North, and Eastfield Drive, Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

Commissioner O’Grady opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak. Seeing and hearing none, Commissioner O’Grady closed the public hearing, and the resolution was read into the record.

Resolution No. 0728-23, establishing, altering, and widening of all streets located within the Westbrook Subdivision, including Westfield Drive, Westfield Drive North, Westbrook Drive, Marsdale Avenue, Westfield Drive South, Gantz Road, Eastbrook Drive South, Eastbrook Drive, Eastfield Drive North, and Eastfield Drive, Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0728-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0729-23, approval of the Headley Farms subdivision plat, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Operations Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0729-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Mr. Foster offered an invitation to the 37th Annual Snowfighters Roadeo on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at the Franklin County Engineer’s Office at 970 Dublin Road between 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. He stated that this is a snowplow obstacle course event, which helps the Engineer’s Office prepare for the upcoming 2023-2024 snow and ice season. Administrator Wilson noted that this event is a good time, and it provides an appreciation for how difficult it is to perform the skills on the obstacle course.

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Resolution No. 0730-23, approving the settlement of legal claims and authorizing the County Administrator to execute a Settlement Agreement and Release (\$50,000.00) (Prosecuting

Attorney), presented by Amy Hiers, Deputy Chief Counsel and Director of Litigation, Civil Division, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0730-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0731-23, authorizing a Contract Extension #1 with Duraline Medical Products, Inc. for Incontinence Supplies (\$1,183,327.50) (Office on Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0731-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0732-23, authorizing a First and Second Contract Extension with Crosby's Drugs, Inc. for Durable Medical Equipment (\$110,414.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Director, Office on Aging.

Ms. Wingo noted that the information she presented for Resolution No. 0731-23 was in error. Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, noted that since the information in the Resolution was correct, and she made a correction to her presentation, the Resolution was passed correctly, and no further action was required.

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

Commissioner Crawley asked for clarification regarding the nature of this resolution being a first and second contract extension. Laurice Cohens, Chief Financial Officer, Office on Aging, noted that the first contract was supposed to be renewed in January 2023. When it did not get renewed, the Office on Aging met with the vendor, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and the Purchasing Department to discuss how to move forward with this contract instead of starting the entire process over again. The original contract allowed for four one-year extensions, the first of which could be backdated to January 1, 2023, through the end of 2023, and the second extension covers through the end of 2024. This is what makes it a first and second contract extension. Commissioner Crawley asked if the second contract extension would start on January 1, 2024, to which Ms. Cohens replied in the affirmative. The Office on Aging negotiated a 1.5% increase for each year, for a total of 3%.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0732-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0733-23, review of petition to annex 0.9 +/- acres from Truro Township to the City of Reynoldsburg Case #ANX-32-23 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Matt Brown, Planning Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Ms. Hummer noted that there was a slight deviation from the standard procedure for this annexation, but it was the opinion of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office that it was not substantial. Mr. Brown explained that there is a requirement that the agent for a petition must notify the township and the city when an annexation petition is filed with Franklin County. In this case, the agent for the petitioners did not provide the proper notice to the township; however, staff has reviewed this petition as though the township objected to the annexation petition. The petition meets all of the statutory requirements that would be reviewed if the township had formally objected to the petition.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0733-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0734-23, review of petition to annex 9.9 +/- acres from Plain Township to the City of New Albany Case #ANX-37-23 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Matt Brown, Planning Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0734-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0735-23, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Joyce F. Fleming at 3784 Armuth Avenue, Mifflin Township, Ohio 43219 (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0735-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0736-23, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Richard F. Guinsler at 1391 Greenleaf Road, Franklin Township, Ohio 43223 (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0736-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0737-23, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Cynthia L. Thompson at 1320 Brownleaf Rd., Township of Franklin, OH 43223 (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0737-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0738-23, approving a contract amendment with Access 2 Interpreters, LLC for interpretation and translation services (an increase of \$1,775,000.00) (\$3,342,389.00) (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 asked what the increase was for. Ms. Turner stated that during last year's term, the facilities were not open, so there was a reduced number of interpreters onsite at the Opportunity Centers. Since opening, there has been an increased need for additional in-person interpreters at all three Opportunity Centers. Commissioner Crawley asked how many onsite interpreters there were and how many interpreters were being added. Ms. Turner stated that she could provide that information to the Commissioners. Commissioner Crawley noted that this contract extension is for more money than the original contract, and she would like to understand what the need looks like. Ms. Turner explained that a cushion was built into this contract due to variations in need throughout the year. Administrator Wilson asked if this contract is based on a not-to-exceed amount, to which Ms. Turner replied in the affirmative. She stated that this is a unit-based service for the number of hours of interpretation services that Access 2 Interpreters offer. Administrator Wilson asked for clarification regarding the difference in price between the

original contract and this amendment. He asked if it was due to the previous year's interpretation services being mostly delivered by telephone while this year's amendment would cover in-person interpreters. Ms. Turner confirmed. Mr. Wilson asked for information regarding the number of in-person interpreters used pre-pandemic to compare the per-unit costs. Ms. Turner agreed to provide all requested information. Commissioner Crawley noted there may be a way to partner with other organizations who believe their communities do not have the resources they need for translation services. Ms. Turner stated that these services are acquired through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, as required by statute, but noted that JFS would coordinate with other agencies to look at these options. The Commissioners and County Administration discussed the possibility of postponing this resolution. Deputy County Administrator Long asked that Ms. Turner discuss with legal counsel, after which the Commissioners would return to this resolution for consideration.

At this time, no vote was taken for Resolution No. 0738-23. Resolution No. 0739-23 was read into the record and presented.

Resolution No. 0739-23, authorizing the County Administrator to accept an award through the Ohio HEALing Communities Study to support overdose prevention and access to treatment services (\$90,380.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Boyce informed Director Pride that he was approached by residents who commented on the great work the Justice Policy and Programs Department is doing and specifically commented about Director Pride's leadership. Commissioner Crawley added that the Justice Policy and Programs Department received an award last week. Ms. Pride stated that her office was recognized at the Fourth Annual Central Ohio Social Justice Awards, and the department received a Public Service Award for its work.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0739-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0740-23, authorizing an agreement with The Ohio State University for the purchase of Management Advancement for the Public Service (MAPS) training units for agencies of the Board of Commissioners (\$76,050.00) (Human Resources), presented by Laura Repasky, Director, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0740-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0741-23, approving and authorizing the County Administrator to execute a consultant agreement with S4 Consulting, Inc. and authorizing the County Administrator to take additional actions necessary to effectuate the agreement not inconsistent with this Resolution (Human Resources), presented by Laura Repasky, Director, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Boyce asked for the contract amount, and Ms. Repasky stated it has a not-to-exceed amount of \$395,000.00.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0741-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0742-23, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$5,203,177.05) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Tameca Bumper, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0742-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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The Commissioners returned to Resolution No. 0738-23 for consideration. Deputy County Administrator Long noted that the contract in the referenced resolution expires on September 30, 2023, so if this resolution were to be considered during a Voting Session on Thursday, September 28, 2023, it would be within that timeframe.

Commissioner Boyce moved to postpone Resolution 0738-23, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously postponed until Voting Session on September 28, 2023, by roll call vote.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 A.M.

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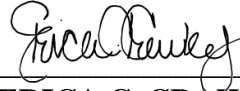
These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.



JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



KEVIN L. BOYCE



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

Submitted by:



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