

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

September 27, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 27, 2022.

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

Also present on the dais 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 9:16 A.M.

Commissioner Crawley: I'd like to begin this morning by recognizing the International Day of Democracy, which was a couple of weeks ago on September 15th. This annual observance brings awareness to the importance of protecting democracy around the world and recognizing the threats to democracy that we're seeing more and more, including here at home. This year's focus is on the importance of media freedom, which I think is especially timely, as we have seen threats to a free and fair press both around the world and here in the U.S. Sometimes those threats take the form of violence: according to the United Nations, 55 journalists were killed in the line of duty last year. Sometimes it takes the form of disinformation, which misinforms people and erodes trust in high-quality established news outlets. We know that a free American press is not only protected by the constitution, but is vital for the success of our democracy, and it's something that we believe in passionately and will work to protect here in Franklin County. Please visit ProtectPressFreedom.org to learn more.

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Commissioner Crawley: Next, I'm pleased to recognize that September is Baby Safety Month. Baby Safety Month was originally founded by the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association or JPMA – the companies that make products for babies. Unfortunately, choking or suffocation is the leading cause of accidental death for infants, while hundreds of American children die in automobile accidents each year and many more may be injured by seemingly innocuous items in their homes.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): The JPMA now has a certification program to guide parents and caregivers toward purchasing products for their kiddos that are built with safety in mind, and which covers everything from toys to car seats, and from bathtubs to sleepwear. Parents can visit JPMA.org to learn more and download resources or find products that have been certified by the organization.

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Commissioner Crawley: Finally, National Family Day was celebrated yesterday, and I want to take a moment this morning to shine a spotlight on the people that make our lives meaningful. Families come in all shapes and sizes, but what they all have in common is unconditional love and support. According to psychologists, family ties are critical for healthy development. Research shows that our family relationships have significant effects on our well-being and quality of life. Strong ties with family members support us under pressure, help us process trauma, and boost our self-esteem. Whether we are linked by blood or the family we choose in the form of friends and partners, we here in Franklin County understand the important place that families play in our community and it's my pleasure to devote a day to appreciating and engaging with the important people in our lives.

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Approval of the minutes for the September 20, 2022, General Session. Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: 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, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

Commissioner Crawley: I would like to open the Public Hearing. Would anyone like to speak regarding this Public Hearing? Seeing none, I will close the Public Hearing and have the Clerk read the resolution into the record.

Resolution No. 0702-22, 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, viewed – Engineer to file plans as 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 0702-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING: Establishing, altering, and widening of Gardner Road, County Road No. 281, between the Madison County line and Riebel Road, Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

Commissioner Crawley: I would like to open the Public Hearing. Would anyone like to speak regarding this Public Hearing? Seeing none, I will close the Public Hearing and have the Clerk read the resolution into the record.

Resolution No. 0703-22, establishing, altering, and widening of Gardner Road, County Road No. 281, between the Madison County line and Riebel Road, Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as 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 0703-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0704-22, preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County Motor Vehicle License Fee (\$5) Funds for the City of New Albany (\$500,000.00) (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 0704-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0705-22, authorizing an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for the purchase of the Axon Evidence digital evidence storage and management system (\$1,550,000.00) (Prosecuting Attorney), presented by Robin Moorhead, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady: You mentioned the Columbus Police Department. Will this system also store the body-worn camera data from the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office?

Ms. Moorhead: That is the intent. We will have to transfer that evidence from the Sheriff's Office to Axon Evidence.

Commissioner Crawley: Who is the current provider for digital evidence storage?

Ms. Moorhead: We currently receive the evidence on discs and it is stored that way. It may be uploaded into our Matrix system, which is our matter management system in the Prosecutor's Office.

Commissioner Crawley: So, are we just moving to a new system, or are we trying to integrate?

Ms. Moorhead: We are moving to an entirely new system. Once Axon Evidence is uploaded and up and running, we will be able to store the evidence from the Columbus Police Department by direct transfer into our Axon Evidence system. The systems in place at the Columbus Police Department and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office will be entirely separate from this system, but they will be able to transfer evidence directly to us through this Axon system, rather than burning all of their video evidence onto a disc and submitting the disc to the Prosecutor's Office.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0705-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0706-22, authorizing supplemental appropriations for the operation of the animal shelter (Animal Control), presented by April Ricciardo, Assistant Director, Animal Control.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0706-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0707-22, authorizing Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency to enter into a contract with the Urban Family Development Center for the provision of professional services related to the implementation of the Charting a Course for Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting (EMRP) - Cohort 2, grant project (\$97,170.00) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner Crawley: About how many teens or young parents are you targeting with the second cohort?

Ms. Brown: We are going into schools, youth centers, community centers, and other venues that provide resources and services to children. The grant does not dictate a target number of participants, so it is a matter of getting out into the community and into the schools and reaching as many youths as possible.

Commissioner Crawley: The contract is from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024, for Urban Family Development Center. Is that the length of the grant, as well?

Ms. Brown: Yes.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0707-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0708-22, amending Resolution No. 0685-22, regarding the authorization a funding agreement with the Ohio Department of Health to support a tuberculosis detection and treatment program and administer medically approved courses of treatment in the management of individuals diagnosed with tuberculosis (Community Partnerships), 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 0708-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0709-22, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant to the Rise Together Innovation Center for the establishment of the Community Information Exchange (\$2,000,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

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

Danielle Sydnor, Chief Executive Officer, Rise Together Innovation Center, and Jordan Davis, Executive Director, Smart Columbus, shared brief remarks.

Commissioner Crawley: Upon the passage of the resolution, there will be an initial \$1 million payment, and then the remaining \$1 million will be paid within thirty days of the mid-year grant report. In that report, what type of metrics are we looking to capture? Since this is a new thing that we are doing, we cannot necessarily measure it in the same way that we would measure any other program.

Mr. Brown: Exhibit A of the resolution packet outlines what the Rise Together Innovation Center and Smart Columbus will be doing for the full term of the contract.

Mr. Brown (cont.): At the mid-year point, my office will assess how things are going so far with what has been put into place in the first six months. We look to see if they are on track with their plan, and if so, we will continue with the second payment. If they are not on track, we will work with them to create an action plan to reach the goals that they have set so that they may move forward and get back on track.

Ms. Davis: There is a mid-year report and an end-of-year report. The mid-year report will predominantly focus on pacing. It will ensure that we have issued the correct contracts, engaged with the correct people, and developed the correct plans and framework so that the Commissioners have an opportunity to weigh in on the next set of investments. Examples include ensuring that we have the project management team and consultants in place, the documentation of all of the main objectives and key results, the technical roadmaps, the pilot design schedule, the user stories with end-user input, and the user needs and experience research, which will allow us to have the voice of the residents in at the beginning of this process. This is really an opportunity to check in and make sure that we are getting substantive answers from the community. This will all be informed by a coalition of partners. One of the other milestones is setting up the governance board so that we have community accountability for this asset as it is developed. The end-of-year milestones include the full, completed deliverables, as well as the sustainability and funding plan.

Mr. Brown: Around the time of the mid-year report, there is usually a site visit, so I would be going out to see how the technology is set up and see how things are running on site. This would be in addition to a mid-year checkpoint meeting with Ms. Sydnor and Ms. Davis.

Commissioner O'Grady: Ms. Davis, you indicated that this is an initial investment. What do you expect the total investment to be?

Ms. Davis: The estimated total community-wide investment over four years is \$18 million. We are not expecting the County to foot the entire bill. We appreciate your leadership in taking the first step with this investment. We will be soliciting an additional investment from the city and exploring the viability of private sector investments, as well as membership models from those who would benefit from the exchange. We will be doing all of that in year one to really set us up for long-term sustainability. I would also like to acknowledge that the \$18 million is the largest estimate that we came up with. We did some research based on some of the questions we received during Briefing last week. With a similar project in Seattle and San Diego, there is about \$1-1.5 million of general operating and maintenance costs long-term, which is after the initial build. We will build out all of those feasibility models and viability models for you in the first year.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0709-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0710-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Jonathan Benner and Margaret Benner at 1000 Hunt Valley Drive, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 (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 0710-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0711-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Charles E. Daugherty and Betty A. Daugherty at 6520 Bartlett Court, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 (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 0711-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0712-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Mary Larson and Richard Larson at 3727 Walford Street, Columbus, OH 43224 (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 0712-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0713-22, approving a subaward agreement with the Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital dba Abigail Wexner Research Institute for the South Side Thrive family support services initiative (\$32,848.60) (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 0713-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0714-22, approving subaward agreements with Community Refugee and Immigration Services, Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, Jewish Family Services, and US Together, Inc. for refugee employability services (\$2,292,173.63) (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 0714-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0715-22, authorizing a contract renewal with Impact Community Action for peer support and case management services through the FY 2020 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (\$85,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Caitlin Looney, Grants Coordinator, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0715-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0716-22, authorizing the President of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the cities of Columbus, Reynoldsburg, and Whitehall confirming an agreed-upon funding plan for the FY 2022 Justice Assistance Grant application and to sign all certification and assurance documents related to the grant application (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Caitlin Looney, Grants Coordinator, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0716-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0717-22, authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Columbus Public Health for the implementation of the Prevention Vending Pilot Program at the Office of Justice Policy and Program's Rapid Resource Center and SAFER

Station (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Caitlin Looney, Grants Coordinator, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Crawley: Why is there an MOU with Columbus Public Health for the implementation of the vending pilot program and not Franklin County Public Health?

Ms. Looney: Columbus Public Health received the funding to purchase seven machines for our community. Franklin County Public Health is not far behind, but they have not received their funding yet to complete the purchase. So, Columbus Public Health has established seven ideal venues, with two of them being at our locations, to pilot the program. If it goes well, they plan to share information and data with Franklin County Public Health to facilitate their release of additional vending machines once they receive their funding.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: The five zip codes with the highest rates of overdose deaths are identified in the documentation attached to this resolution as being Columbus zip codes. That is another reason that we are partnering with Columbus Public Health to make these machines available, along with other harm-reduction materials and community resources.

Ms. Looney: Both of these locations are consistently in our top five zip codes for overdose fatalities, including the Jackson Pike Jail and SAFER Station on the west side. So, this is a really targeted effort to try to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, as well as fatal overdoses.

Mr. Wilson: These strategies were identified in the Columbus and Franklin County Addiction Plan. I am excited about kicking this off; I think it has great potential to impact a lot of our residents in the community.

Commissioner Crawley: Where does the grant originate?

Ms. Looney: I do not have that information available right now, but I will happily follow up with Columbus Public Health. I believe it is Federal funding, but I would like to confirm.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0717-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0718-22, 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 (\$69,525.00) (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 0718-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0719-22, 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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0719-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0720-22, authorizing a Contract Extension and Modification with United Healthcare Services, Inc. (UHC) for medical plan administration services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (Cooperative) (\$4,000,000.00) (Human Resources), presented by Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Benefits and Wellness, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0720-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0721-22, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,144,711.24) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

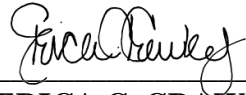
Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0721-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2022.



ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT



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