

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 31, 2023

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 31, 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 Long, Deputy County Administrator; Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; 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 Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

Resolution No. 0820-23, authorizing CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, Inc. to receive the fees collected in 2024 for the support of shelters for victims of domestic violence (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, and Lillian Howard, Director of Clinical and Supportive Services, CHOICES.

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

Commissioner Crawley stated that deaths due to domestic violence and intimate partner violence have increased this year over last year. The State has made some progress related to protective orders. House Bill 1 grants more protections for victims in these instances. The County has provided over \$2 million to CHOICES over the past two years. Commissioner Crawley stressed the importance of continuing to advocate for more laws and stricter laws for domestic violence offenses. Commissioner Boyce shared his own story related to domestic violence, stating his father was murdered in a domestic violence dispute. The Commissioners thanked CHOICES for all the work that they do. Ms. Howard shared the number for the CHOICES hotline, which is staffed 24/7/365: (614) 224-4663.

Staff are there to provide education and safety planning, to discuss resources for victims, and to help bring victims into CHOICES services to protect them.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0820-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0821-23, establishing, altering, and widening of Cleveland Avenue, County Road No. 75, commencing at Oakland Park Avenue, County Road No. 322, and continuing approximately 1,000 feet northerly along Cleveland Avenue, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared 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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0821-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0822-23, establishing, altering, and widening of Dempsey Road, County Road No. 183, commencing at the intersection of Dempsey Road and Hempstead Road, Township Road No. 184, and continuing approximately 1,000 feet in each direction along Dempsey Road, Blendon Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared 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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0822-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0823-23, establishing, altering, and widening of Noe-Bixby Road, County Road No. 371, commencing at Winchester Pike, County Road No. 376, and continuing approximately 6,500 feet northeasterly along Noe-Bixby Road, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared 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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0823-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0824-23, authorizing the set aside for the Recorder's Technology Fund for calendar year 2024 (Recorder), presented by Daniel J. O'Connor, Recorder, Recorder's Office.

Mr. O'Connor reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0824-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0825-23, authorizing a supplemental appropriation within the Commissary Fund associated with food and personal items (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0825-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0826-23, authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for the Franklin County Land Bank (Treasurer), presented by Jaclyn Treadwell, Budget and Purchasing Coordinator, Treasurer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0826-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0827-23, authorizing a three-year Enterprise Enrollment for Microsoft Office 365 Software (\$9,107,971.81) (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Julie Lust, Chief Financial Officer, Data Center.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0827-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0828-23, authorizing Community Partnership Grant Agreements with 16 non-profit community agencies (\$3,704,831.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Brittany Stricklen-Hillyard, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. Stricklen-Hillyard reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0828-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0829-23, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant to the Childhood League to support The Center's Preschool Program as part of the Franklin County RISE Initiative (\$300,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Brittany Stricklen-Hillyard, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships, and Scott Solomon, Chief Advancement Officer, The Childhood League Center.

Ms. Stricklen-Hillyard and Mr. Solomon reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley asked Mr. Solomon to discuss the sustainability plan for this funding since these funds will support the salaries of many employees. Mr. Solomon stated that his team is meeting with legislators from the state to find funding that will be available as part of the Child and Youth Family Department. They have also reached out to their stakeholders to ask for increases in funding. The Center is exploring ways to increase its fundraising as a whole. Deputy County Administrator Bivens asked if she could connect her team with Mr. Solomon to discuss the funding required to stabilize the workforce of the Childhood League Center and collect data regarding early learning strategies, to which Mr. Solomon agreed.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0829-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0830-23, authorizing a COVID-19 recovery grant with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio to provide assistance for youth to attend weekend and summer camps (\$329,651.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Brittany Stricklen-Hillyard, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. Stricklen-Hillyard reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0830-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0831-23, authorizing a COVID-19 recovery grant with the Franklin County Agricultural Society to support improvements at the county fairgrounds (\$999,700.00)

(Community Partnerships), presented by Brittany Stricklen-Hillyard, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. Stricklen-Hillyard reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0831-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0832-23, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with Mid-Ohio Food Collective for emergency food assistance (\$500,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Brittany Stricklen-Hillyard, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

Ms. Stricklen-Hillyard reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0832-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0833-23, authorizing a contract agreement with Clarity Solutions Group LLC for consulting services for the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion data strategy and framework (\$96,000.00) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0833-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0834-23, authorizing a grant agreement with Columbus Urban League for support of the Minority Business Access Center (\$75,000.00) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0834-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0835-23, authorizing a grant agreement with Buckeye Entertainment for rental of the claw equipment to be used for small emerging business outreach for the first Franklin County Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Conference (\$900.00) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0835-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0836-23, authorizing a grant agreement with Orbit360 Photobooth for rental of a 360 photobooth to be utilized during the Connect & Ignite reception during the Franklin County Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Conference (\$200.00) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0836-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0837-23, authorizing the 2024 vehicle commitment with Byers Ford, LLC (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

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

Commissioner Boyce asked if Fleet was planning to obtain any all-electric cars. Ms. Ashcraft stated that Fleet always looks to buy electric or hybrid vehicles first unless the application does not have a vehicle available. For example, there is not yet an electric or hybrid version of the transport vans used as the convey units at the Sheriff's Office. There are currently two electric and forty-four hybrid vehicles in the fleet. Commissioner Crawley asked that charging stations be incorporated into the plans for the new childcare center. Deputy County Administrator Long agreed and stated that all of the new builds in the county, including the Forensic Science Center and the Corrections Center, have charging stations. Commissioner Boyce added that it is important to be aware of the type of chargers purchased because the County will need fast chargers.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0837-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0838-23, approving subaward agreements with multiple community agencies for Franklin County Out-of-School Time youth programs (\$9,316,858.04) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0838-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0845-23, approving a subaward agreement with the Columbus Urban League for a Franklin County Out-of-School Time youth program (\$400,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0845-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0839-23, authorizing a subaward agreement with UNIK Foundation for the implementation of a New American Adult Diversionary-Reentry Program under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (\$250,000.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs, and Hanad Duale, President, UNIK Foundation.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0839-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0840-23, authorizing the Franklin County Administrator to sign an Award and Acceptance Form in receipt of an FY 2024 Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) grant from the Ohio Attorney General's Office (\$107,260.64) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0840-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0841-23, authorizing the Franklin County Administrator to sign all acceptance documents and waivers related to the receipt of Franklin County's FY 2022 Title II Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Formula and Planning grants from the Ohio Department of Youth Services (\$245,000.00) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0841-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0842-23, authorizing the County Administrator to accept the FY 2023 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award to Franklin County and to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the cities of Columbus, Reynoldsburg, and Whitehall confirming an agreed-upon funding plan and to sign all certification and assurance documents related to the grant program (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0842-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0843-23, authorizing a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the construction phase of the Gladys-Inah Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Assistant Director, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0843-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0844-23, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$5,630,900.96) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0844-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0811-23, postponed on October 24, 2023, authorizing non-general fund appropriation adjustments for the provision and maintenance of zoological park services and facilities (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to postpone Resolution 0811-23, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously postponed until General Session on November 28, 2023, 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 #ANX-42-23, a municipal annexation petition, ANX-42-23, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on October 20, 2023. The petition is requesting to annex 5.633-acres from Washington Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on November 7, 2023. Site: Public Right-of-way of Hayden Run Boulevard and Avery Road.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 A.M.

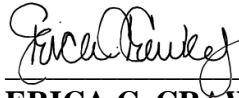
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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT



KEVIN L. BOYCE



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

Submitted by:



Lauren M. Graessle

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