

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 18, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

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

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; and Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners; and Dax Mendenhall, Clerk Staff.

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 9:11 A.M.

Commissioner Crawley: Good morning. October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, and here in Franklin County, we've got the largest and best dog shelter in the region. Our shelter takes in nearly 10,000 dogs per year and has more than one hundred dogs of all ages, sizes, and breeds available for adoption at any given time. We're proud of all the work that our dog shelter has done to achieve a 90% "live release rate", which qualifies it as a "no-kill" shelter, and also of all of the important community services it provides. The SNYP-IT program offers free spay and neutering services for eligible dog owners receiving public assistance. The Community Pet Pantry provides food and other supplies for pet owners who are experiencing temporary financial challenges. Community outreach programs, such as the Junior Dog Warden program, focus on youth safety and pet owner responsibility. We're also able to offer free vaccinations, microchips, and other resources to dog owners in need so that we can help them continue to care for their pets and keep them out of the shelter. We're proud to be a part of a thriving and active community of dog advocates here in Franklin County, and we couldn't do any of our work without our dedicated Animal Care and Control staff and our more than 800 shelter volunteers who freely give their time to make the days brighter for all of the pups in our care. And now, here to tell us more about the shelter and how you can adopt a new best friend, we have the Assistant Director of Animal Care and Control, Dwayne Young.

Dwayne Young, Assistant Director, Animal Care and Control: Thank you for having us and for acknowledging October as Adopt a Shelter Dog Month. Unfortunately, Franklin County has no shortage of stray dogs roaming around. But that also means that we have plenty of dogs for you to choose from at the shelter. We have just under two hundred dogs in our shelter and over one hundred of those dogs are available for adoption. Someone asked me earlier this week, “What makes a good adopter?” and I told them that any family or person who has space in their heart and space in their home for a furry family member makes a perfect adopter. All that it takes is love and a desire to have a dog as a part of your family. There are many reasons to adopt a dog rather than shop for a dog. One benefit of coming to Franklin County Animal Care and Control is that the dog will come spayed or neutered, microchipped, and with all of their vaccinations up-to-date. If they do have any type of injury or illness, we will be treating that at the shelter, and we will send you home with any medication you may need when you adopt your dog. If you are not sure if you would like to own a dog, whether you are a potential first-time dog owner, or you have owned a dog before, we are here to support you. If you have behavior or training questions, we have staff and volunteers that are ready and available to answer those questions. If you have any issues with getting food for your dog, we have a pet food pantry that is supplied by the community and it goes right back to the community. As I said, we have plenty of dogs to choose from. Come to the shelter at 4340 Tamarack Boulevard, and one of our adoption counselors will ask you what type of dog you are looking for so that we can make a perfect match. You may foster to adopt or adopt on the spot.

Commissioner O’Grady: They do a great job at the shelter. My family has been working with the shelter for fifteen years, and we are on our second shelter dog. They will talk to your family and figure out what you are looking for. Both times, the shelter worked with our kids to find the right fit, and we had great success.

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Commissioner Crawley: This is also Stormwater Awareness Week. Here to tell us about that and about how we can take small actions as individuals to make a big impact in protecting drinking water for our community is Jennifer Fish, Director of the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District.

Jennifer Fish, Director, Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District: Stormwater Awareness Week has grown to become a statewide event. This week in Franklin County, we have events scheduled, such as storm drain art, tree plantings, invasive plant removals, and more. Stormwater is the rainwater that runs off of our land and into our storm drains and rivers, carrying with it pollution and trash. In urban areas, there are fewer green areas with plants and trees to soak up that water, so larger storm events result in flooding and stream erosion. We need to find every opportunity to soak in the rainwater with native plants, rain gardens, trees, and more. A good example of this is the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, where they have a green roof, as well as a rain garden collection system that allows for the water to be reused. At Franklin Soil and Water, we continue to build on our education and incentives for businesses and residents on developed and developing land.

Ms. Fish (cont.): We know that in order to have a sustainable future, we need to do more than the minimum that is required by stormwater standards. With climate change and increased population, we will only see more stormwater runoff. We work closely with the Franklin County Drainage Engineer's Office on stormwater issues, and Jim Ramsey from their office is also here to share a few words.

James Ramsey, Riparian and Environmental Engineer, Engineer's Office: As Jennifer mentioned, in this time of climate change, we need to deal with this problem not only locally, but globally. Global factors are influencing stormwater flooding and runoff. This morning, I did a quick search of the word "flood" on a popular news media outlet's website and it yielded several international news articles just from the last month involving flooding and the devastation that accompanies it. I then did a search of the word "drought" and it yielded a similar number of results. It seems clear that extreme weather is happening now. We failed to prevent climate change completely, so now we need to minimize it and deal with its consequences. Currently, we are in the process of updating the Franklin County Stormwater Drainage Manual. Manuals like ours have always been based on historical data sets. As we move forward, we would like to apply the most up-to-date rainfall data. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is the producer of most of the data that is used for stormwater manuals and standards. That data is currently being updated, and the next rollout will likely include projections for rainfall, as well. There has always been some change in the climate and in rainfall, but historically, the change was slow enough that static data could be used to track it. Now, we are dealing with a more rapidly changing climate. This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the Clean Water Act. This Act was passed in 1972, and we have made great progress toward eliminating some of the most significant point sources and some of the most significant environmental disasters, such as the Cuyahoga River catching fire multiple times, including the 1969 fire that prompted the passage of the Clean Water Act. We are continuing to make progress in Ohio, and we are now working on non-point source pollution through the H2Ohio program, which aims to solve problems such as harmful algae blooms, nutrient pollution, and failing septic systems. But, there is still more to do. There are currently five garbage patches in the earth's oceans; two in the Pacific, two in the Atlantic, and one in the Indian Ocean. In 2021, the Lake Erie algal bloom covered 530 square miles; for comparison, Franklin County is 544 square miles. Our water drains to the Gulf of Mexico, and the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico was nearly twelve times the size of Franklin County. As a community and a society, we need to continue to help to solve these problems by doing what we can locally and calling on others to do the same.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you. We have a ceremonial resolution to present to you.

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Commissioner Crawley: October is also National Bullying Prevention Month. Bullying is repeated and unwanted aggressive behavior that involves an imbalance of power, and it can have devastating effects on any of us at school or at work. There's also a newer and darker version of bullying that takes place in the virtual world.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): Cyberbullying can occur via text messages, email, or on social media, and it features the added awfulness of instant wide reach and potential anonymity. Unfortunately, bullying is something that most of us have experienced at some point in our lives. Twenty percent of students report being bullied in the past year, including more girls than boys. The most common things that students report being bullied about are their race or ethnicity; gender; disability; religion; and sexual orientation. Students who are bullied are at increased risk for depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, lower academic achievement, and dropping out of school. Fortunately, school-based bullying programs are shown to reduce bullying by up to 25%, and each of us can help reduce bullying and its negative effects by pledging to speak up when we see it and to be role models of acceptance. You can learn more about bullying and how to stand up to it at StopBullying.gov.

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Commissioner Crawley: Lastly, this is also National Cyber Security Awareness Month. As more and more of our lives are spent online, and our data and personal information move to the websites and apps that we rely on, we need to be more and more vigilant in the fight against cybercrime. For instance, one in three home computers is infected with malicious software. Forty-seven percent of American adults have had their personal information exposed by cybercriminals. Additionally, 600,000 Facebook accounts are hacked every single day. Here to tell us more about Cyber Security and how we can all make ourselves a little safer online is Nikki Milburn from the County's Data Center.

Nikki Milburn, Chief Information Security Officer, Data Center: Cybersecurity is near and dear to my heart, and I appreciate the continued support that you have provided to ensure the infrastructure here at Franklin County. Cyber Security Awareness Month draws focus to our need to pay attention to the ever-changing world of technology and how we use it. There is a lot of risk out there associated with technology and the internet, but there are also a lot of true benefits. Technology allows us to make services available to everyone in the county at the click of a button. We need to protect that infrastructure to the best of our ability. Ransomware is the threat that scares me the most because it will stop those services that the county offers and that the residents of Franklin County rely on. For example, under a ransomware attack, if they call 9-1-1, we have to re-route the call, and so on. This impacts every part of the county and every part of our lives. There are things that we can do to protect ourselves both at work and at home. Use long, complex passwords; the longer they are, the harder they are to break. Move to using passphrases. Use biometrics when possible; it is hard to steal your thumb or your face. Use multi-factor authentication. I know that it is more time-consuming and cumbersome, but it goes a long way in terms of cybersecurity because I can steal your password, but it is a lot more difficult to also steal your phone and be able to unlock it to complete the multi-factor authentication request. Commissioner Crawley mentioned how people have malware and viruses on their computers. Make sure that you keep your computers updated and have an anti-virus running on them because they get threat intelligence from around the world.

Ms. Milburn (cont.): So, if there is a malware outbreak in Spain, for example, that information gets fed to anti-virus companies and as long as your anti-virus subscription is up-to-date, you will also get that information on your computer. Operating system updates are also important to patch vulnerabilities. We have a consistent patch and update cycle here at Franklin County, and that is what is needed to be more secure. If you are working from home, do not plug directly into the modem; use a router instead because it has a built-in firewall. These are all simple things that we can do and they go a long way in preventing threats and preventing malicious actors from compromising you and your accounts.

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Approval of the minutes for the October 11, 2022, General Session; and the October 13, 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. 0753-22, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Danbert, Inc. for the Jefferson Township Maintenance Facility Site Development (\$308,093.87) (Engineer), presented by James Ramsey, Riparian and Environmental Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0753-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0754-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Carol E. Blanton at 478 Benson Drive, Groveport, Ohio 43125 (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 0754-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0755-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Derek M. Brumfield at 1576 Hillcrest Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207 (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 0755-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0756-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Richard L. Humphrey at 2580 Valleyview Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43204 (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 0756-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0757-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Ralston G. Johnson at 4178 Elbern Avenue, Whitehall, OH 43213 (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 0757-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0758-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Erika R. Maki at 3668 Washburn Street, Whitehall, Ohio 43213 (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 0758-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0759-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Janet A. Mattox aka Janet A. Weidner at

4926 Meadowbrook Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43207 (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 0759-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0760-22, authorizing the purchase of mobile offices (\$938,000.00) (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management, and Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0760-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0761-22, approving a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with IMPACT Community Action for the Housing Stability Navigator Program (\$399,351.96) (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0761-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0762-22, approving subaward agreements with multiple community agencies for the Franklin County In-School Youth Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (\$5,045,000.00) (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0762-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0763-22, approving subaward agreements with multiple community agencies for the Franklin County Out-of-School Youth Comprehensive Case Management and Employment

Program (\$5,428,000.00) (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0763-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0764-22, approving a subaward agreement with The Center for Healthy Families, Inc. for teen parenting and pregnancy prevention services (\$250,000.00) (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: I wanted to follow up on my questions from last week regarding this resolution and working with Child Support. Since Child Support has its grants and they were supposed to be working with different stakeholders in the community to serve pregnant and parenting teens, I wanted more clarification regarding how this resolution factors into that work, which is targeting the same population.

Ms. Turner: Under the Child Support grant, the Center for Healthy Families is one of their subcontractors, so they are actively participating in their new grant program, as well as providing the historical services for teen parents that we currently support. We will work with Child Support and the Center for Healthy Families to ensure that teen parents are offered the services across both programs.

Commissioner Crawley: So, to clarify, the Center for Healthy Families is a subcontractor under the grant that Child Support has, but then we are also giving them resources through this resolution for the same services?

Ms. Turner: We have been funding this initiative since 2009, specifically targeting in-school teen parents to help keep them in school. So, we believe that the services will complement each other. The grant can serve beyond TANF-eligible families.

Commissioner Crawley: Under the Child Support grant, the families do not have to be TANF-eligible, but they could be, correct?

Ms. Turner: They could be, yes. We are looking at this resolution as a way to serve more youth and more teen parents throughout Franklin County.

Commissioner Crawley: The grant does not specify how many youths can be served, but I know that in this resolution, it is one hundred teens. Can you speak to that?

Bill Peltcs, Assistant Director, Child Support Enforcement: For our grant, the Center for Healthy Families will be working with our peer educators. We are also delivering the No Kidding Ohio curriculum in the schools. Our individuals do not have to be TANF-eligible, so there will be a mix in the populations that we will both be serving. We are serving 16 to 24-year-olds.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0764-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0765-22, approving a subaward agreement with Action for Children for quality early learning support and child care training services (\$394,000.00) (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0765-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0766-22, approving a subaward agreement with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio on behalf of the Franklin County Family and Children First Council for Trauma-Informed Care Training (\$675,000.00) (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0766-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0767-22, authorizing receipt of Franklin County's FY 2020 Title V Community Prevention Block and Planning Grants and granting authority to the County Administrator to sign all acceptance documents and waivers related to the Grant Program (\$245,000.00) (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 0767-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0768-22, authorizing a professional service contract agreement with Tanisha Drummond for peer support and case management services for residents served via SAFER Station (\$35,000.00) (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 0768-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0769-22, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with Farber Corporation to perform additional plumbing activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center Continuation Phase 2A in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$144,470.00 and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$5,126,470.00) (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 0769-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0770-22, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with Kastle Technologies Co., LLC to perform additional communications activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center Continuation Phase 2A in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$101,915.00 and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$1,717,915.00) (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 0770-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0771-22, approving a no-cost agreement with T-Mobile and authorizing the County Administrator to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners (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 0771-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0772-22, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,142,215.01) (Purchasing), presented by Sharon Sabree, Fiscal Support Analyst, Purchasing, and Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0772-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2022.



ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT



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**KEVIN L. BOYCE
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