

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 25, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 25, 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.

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 9:13 A.M.

Commissioner Crawley: Good morning. Today, we're recognizing that October is National Women's Small Business Month and I want to talk a little bit about why we must make recognitions like this. Not that long ago, women needed a male relative to cosign their applications for small business loans. In 1988, Congress passed the Women's Business Ownership Act, identifying barriers to the success of women-owned businesses, including the inequality of access to commercial credit; inadequacy of information and data relative to businesses owned by women; the need for additional technical training for women business owners to maximize their growth; and the virtual exclusion of women-owned businesses from government procurement activities. Now, there are more than 13 million women-owned businesses in America, representing 42% of all businesses and generating almost \$2 trillion in annual revenue. Also, 50% of all women-owned businesses are minority-owned, and Black women are the fastest-growing demographic of entrepreneurs. That's great progress, but we know some of these barriers still exist that prevent women-owned businesses from having long-term success. The public, private, and nonprofit sectors have all worked hard to promote entrepreneurship for women, and I'm proud to say that this Board has made significant investments to assist small businesses, especially during this post-pandemic recovery. In addition, the County has looked internally at how we can support women-owned businesses. We created an Economic Equity Administrator position to help promote the success of businesses owned by women and minorities and to ensure diversity among the suppliers with whom our county does business.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): Progress can be made in this area, but only when purposeful actions are taken to address the inequities. You can learn more about the County's Small and Emerging Business Program at equity.franklincountyohio.gov.

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Commissioner Crawley: October is also LGBT History Month, and a great opportunity to recognize some of our neighbors in the LGBTQIA+ community, as well as national heroes and the movement they've helped to propel. LGBT History Month was created by a high school teacher in 1994 because he felt that most students were not learning the history of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in America, and he wanted to identify role models for his LGBT students and help them to build a community in their school. Now, the Equality Forum organization identifies 31 lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender icons for students across the country to learn about each October. You can find them and learn more about the history of this year's icons at LGBTHistory.com.

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Commissioner Crawley: This is also National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, and even though the use of lead in common household materials has been restricted, lead can still be found in some of the paint on our walls, in plumbing fixtures, in the soil, and in many painted toys, furniture, and pieces of jewelry. When lead is breathed in or swallowed by our children, it can result in damage to the brain and nervous system, as well as slowed growth and physical development, hearing and speech problems, and learning and behavioral challenges. Unfortunately, hundreds of Franklin County children are found to have elevated levels of lead in their blood each year. However, there are steps we can take to help reduce the chances of lead poisoning in our own homes. First, be aware that any house built before 1978 can have lead paint on the walls. Don't try to remove lead paint yourself. You can hire a lead-safe certified company to help you renovate. If you rent, talk to your landlord about fixing surfaces with peeling or chipping paint. Wash your children's hands, pacifiers, and toys frequently. Take off your shoes when entering the house. And make sure your children have a healthy diet with foods high in iron, calcium, and vitamin C. Lead can be devastating to growing kids' bodies. You can find out more about keeping them safe and healthy and find resources to assess the risk in your own home through the Franklin County Public Health Healthy Homes program or at EPA.gov/Lead.

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Commissioner Crawley: Our last recognition this week is a particularly sad one. As many of you know, October is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): Tens of thousands of American families lose a baby each year, but the grief that these families experience isn't always acknowledged. Around the world, about one-in-four pregnancies result in miscarriage; there are about 2.6 million annual stillbirths; and about 4 million infants die before their first birthday. In Ohio, the infant mortality rate is about 7.4 per 1,000 live births, but it's more than twice as high for Black babies. We all know people whose lives have been changed by the loss of a pregnancy or the death of an infant and it's important that we recognize the grief that they are experiencing. I also want to encourage people who are pregnant to visit [Columbus.gov/celebrate-one](https://columbus.gov/celebrate-one) to be connected with prenatal care, and parental support groups, to learn about supporting a healthy pregnancy, and so much more.

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Approval of the minutes for the October 18, 2022, General Session; and the October 20, 2022, Briefing Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0773-22, requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on a portion of Renner Road, County Road No. 27, Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0773-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0774-22, requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on a portion of Lambert Road, County Road No. 291, Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0774-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0775-22, granting approval to declare equipment obsolete and no longer needed for Franklin County use, and authorizing sale of said equipment (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0775-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0776-22, accepting the final report, plans and schedule of assessments, and fixing an hour and date for the final hearing on the Cook Tri-County Ditch Watershed Petition, Franklin County, Delaware County, and Licking County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0776-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0777-22, authorizing a transfer of appropriations and a purchase order for the return of prisoners (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0777-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0778-22, designating eligible institutions as public depositories (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0778-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0779-22, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant Amendment with Franklin County Public Health to improve the efficacy of public health programs (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Boyce: How much is this for?

Mr. Brown: The grant is for \$1,710,000.00.

Commissioner Boyce: I am a big believer that we need to invest deeper in public health, especially given what we have learned during this pandemic. Keep in mind that there have been many pandemics in our lifetime, but this one was a little different, underscoring the need to be prepared and be able to execute a strategy that does everything possible to protect our public. I am very supportive of these resources, but I want to make sure that I understand what this funding is being used for. Since it is coming out of Community Partnerships, I presume these are one-time funds, as opposed to an annual commitment. Is that correct?

Mr. Brown: Correct, this is funding from the COVID-19 Recovery Grant. The programs include those for Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Data and Technology, Workforce Development, as well as some others.

Commissioner Crawley: I believe a significant amount of this funding is to upgrade the data infrastructure; is that correct? I would like for Health Commissioner Mazzola to speak to this.

Joe Mazzola, Health Commissioner, Franklin County Public Health: That is absolutely correct. This would be a historic investment in our public health capabilities and infrastructure. Many of the identified areas within this request stem from our After-Action Report and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commissioners helped to fund that report. These are one-time investments in our public health capabilities and will have a long-standing impact on us. In addition to the areas of investment that Mr. Brown mentioned, we also have investments in respect to strategic planning, our next Community Health Improvement Plan, and some supplemental programmatic support in areas such as naloxone distribution. We appreciate the Commissioners' continued support of public health, and this would be a significant investment in our public health capabilities, and it would allow us to continue to serve the residents of Franklin County.

Commissioner Crawley: I think that it is important, especially from the public health perspective, that the public and the Board understand how impactful these investments are. First, this investment will help with data capabilities. If we are able to move to a Community Information Exchange (CIE), it would allow for the exchange of information. Additionally, part of this investment is also for vehicles to help distribute vaccinations, correct?

Mr. Mazzola: That is correct. Part of this investment would be for us to procure a new immunization van, a new emergency-preparedness vehicle, and some additional lease

vehicles for our community health workers to help them reach out to the community. I would also like to mention that in addition to some of the programmatic support that I mentioned earlier, this would also fund more emergency-preparedness training, known as Stop the Bleed, as well as investments in programmatic and policy development for adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you. I want folks to have a clear understanding of what we are investing in, so I wanted to have a more in-depth conversation about what this resolution would fund.

Commissioner Boyce: I am very supportive of this, but I want it to be a part of a bigger strategy around public health. There is no reason that Franklin County cannot lead the way for other county public health divisions. We can set the stage for all of Ohio. If you could, please give a quick snapshot of the Workforce Development and the Diversity Equity and Inclusion elements of this resolution.

Mr. Mazzola: Regarding workforce development, because of the extended nature of the COVID response over the last couple of years, we have identified a need to make additional investments in our workforce development for our staff. The funding would be used to help pay for things such as certifications, conferences, and other professional development opportunities for our staff. Our staff has provided so much to us over the last couple of years, so we would like to invest in them. Regarding Diversity Equity and Inclusion, this funding would allow us to do additional DEI training for our staff, and it would fund a comprehensive cultural audit for Franklin County Public Health. That is part of our strategic plan with respect to Diversity Equity and Inclusion, and it is aligned with the Commissioners' plans in this area.

Commissioner Boyce: You mentioned conferences and training. To me, it sounds like those would be ongoing investments because they must occur regularly in order to keep everyone up to speed on the latest techniques and strategies in a given field. I want to be thoughtful about our ongoing investment in public health.

Commissioner O'Grady: I agree with my colleagues as it relates to increased funding for public health, but I would also like to point out the need for expanded public health policy. I would like to see Franklin County lead the state in expanding public health policy. Too often, there are folks who are trying to curtail public health policy, and I would like to see us continue to lead the way toward expanding it instead.

Commissioner Crawley: For any agency coming before the Board, especially when it comes to COVID-19 and recovery dollars, it would help us if you could be more detailed about how these funds will be used to combat or mitigate things that have taken place during the pandemic.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): I know you mentioned ACEs, but I want to talk about the work that you are doing in response to what Commissioner O'Grady said about being a leader in the state when it comes to public health. The money that is going toward the

research that you will be doing on ACEs is pretty significant. The ACEs assessment asks about adverse childhood experiences and whether the individual lived in poverty, or saw violence, and so on. These investments that we are making are trying to change the life course of our residents by understanding their ACEs and their ACEs score. When interventions are put in place, they can change the trajectory of an individual's life. When we have higher ACEs scores, there is a lower life expectancy. But if we mitigate that with interventions, we can increase the number of years that individuals, particularly Black men, in Franklin County can live. I think it is important for everyone to know how these investments are going to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 that exacerbated problems that we know already existed prior to the pandemic.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: I agree. This is a historic investment in public health by the Board of Commissioners. I think that some of the highlights of this investment were muted by the fact that this is a contract amendment on top of initial investments in public health. After this Board declared racism a public health crisis, the Commissioners made an investment in health equity by helping Franklin County Public Health establish its first Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion. From its inception, this Board has funded the position of Associate Director for DEI at Franklin County Public Health. This position focuses on looking at the community health improvement plan, and public health as a whole, through a lens of racial equity.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0779-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0780-22, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant to provide assistance to Gladden Community House (\$80,665.75) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0780-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0781-22, authorizing a no-cost extension of the grant agreement extension with Southeast Healthcare (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0781-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0782-22, authorizing a no-cost extension of the grant agreement extension with LifeCare Alliance (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0782-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0783-22, to adjust the boundaries of Montgomery Township, thereby making them conform to the boundaries of the City of Columbus Case #ANX-33-22 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Chief Operating Officer, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0783-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0784-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Wanda Gain at 5576 Bellview Drive, Pleasant Township, Ohio 43123 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0784-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0785-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Kimberly Inland nka Kimberly Harris, and John W. Blankenship at 1709 Arcadia 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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0785-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0786-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for James Stricklett at 2441 Chambers Avenue, Columbus, 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 0786-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0787-22, approving a contract agreement with Access 2 Interpreters, LLC for interpretation and translation services (\$1,567,389.00) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0787-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0788-22, authorizing a Data Use Agreement between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services, Advocacy & Communication Solutions, LLC and EMC Research (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0788-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0789-22, approving a subaward agreement with the Derrick L. Owens Group, LLP for adult court diversion alternative services (\$360,000.00) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0789-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0790-22, approving contracts with the House of Hope for Alcoholics, Inc. and Maryhaven, Inc. for residential and non-residential treatment services (\$205,000.00) (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: My team recently visited Maryhaven, and I got to see the new addition that they are building and renovating at the same time. They are doing transformational work, and I appreciate all of the work that they are doing for our residents who are experiencing addiction or who may have a dual diagnosis with mental health and addiction. I appreciate all of the efforts that they are making to help people feel comfortable and to give them a nice environment in which to heal. I appreciate all of the work that both Maryhaven and House of Hope for Alcoholics do.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0790-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0791-22, authorizing a professional service contract agreement with Maleka Brown for re-entry navigation support for justice involved residents served via the Franklin County Rapid Resource Center (\$57,200.00) (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 Crawley: How many individuals did the Rapid Resource Center see in just two weeks, during the third shift?

Ms. Pierson: They have helped 112 individuals during the third shift in just two weeks, which exceeded even our expectations.

Commissioner Crawley: While I am happy that we have this third shift, this speaks to how many people were leaving Jackson Pike in the middle of the night and did not have the resources that they needed. I am glad that we have this investment and that Maleka Brown is coming on because there is nothing better than having peer support and having someone who understands what people are going through and can help them navigate this situation. We are giving individuals resources, as well as support services so that hopefully, they do not come back through our doors.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0791-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0792-22, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$3,494,109.77) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0792-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0793-22, authorizing a General Fund supplemental appropriation related to the arena lease (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0793-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0794-22, authorizing a one-year contract with Future Ready Columbus in support of the Future Ready by 5 kindergarten readiness plan (Board of Commissioners), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Crawley: MiKayla Bivens is here from Future Ready to provide comments, especially about the public awareness campaign, since she is leading that effort. Please speak to how this relates to the Board of Commissioners’ priorities, Goal #11 of the Poverty Blueprint, and mitigating the unfortunate disparities that we see in education for our children.

MiKayla Bivens, Director of Communications, Future Ready Columbus: It is projected that 11,435 children in Franklin County will not be ready for kindergarten each year. To break that down even further, 76% of African-American children and 82% of Hispanic children are not ready for kindergarten. The communities identified in the Poverty Blueprint as experiencing poverty and being high on the social determinants of health are the same communities where we see children who do not demonstrate kindergarten readiness when assessed. Low performance on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment and lack of kindergarten readiness affect our children’s ability to pass their third-grade reading assessment and their likelihood of graduating from high school. It increases their incarceration rate, as well as their usage of public assistance in the future. Future Ready Columbus is committed to being transparent, accountable, and equitable.

Ms. Bivens (cont.): As we move forward in our work, one of our goals is to create a targeted approach with our messaging to ensure the definition of “kindergarten readiness” is understood. This means taking our message and catering it in ways that can be received and understood in African-American and Hispanic communities. For example, Commissioner O’Grady may understand algebra with just two study guides, but for me, that same message might not be understood with just two study guides. I may need three additional study guides and four sessions of tutoring. This is a critical issue in our communities, and we must be strategic in our approach. Although the message does not change, the approach does. Additionally, in this targeted approach, we are reviewing data to understand the social determinants of health and barriers residents are facing so that we may ensure that we provide a holistic approach for children and families to achieve stabilization. Our second goal is to help communities understand and receive practical and educational ways to support their children while achieving kindergarten readiness. For example, we want to educate families that kindergarten readiness includes knowing how to put on a coat, knowing their first and last names, being able to write their first name, being able to use school supplies, and being able to use the restroom independently. These are just a few indicators that demonstrate readiness that many in our communities may not be aware of. Thank you again, Commissioners, for supporting us in our mission and our plan to achieve 100% kindergarten readiness by the year 2030 across Franklin County.

Commissioner Crawley: I serve on the Future Ready Board of Directors on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, and I know that we are amending the language in this resolution to reflect that. We do not have time to let our children and our families try to figure out the steps to get their kids ready for kindergarten, so we have to be specific and strategic in our approach. We are going to be strategic with these dollars. I know that Mr. Brown spoke about the Future Ready by 5 (FR5) plan, which is a massive plan, but we are only targeting specific areas that coincide with the goals that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners have based on the Poverty Blueprint, community needs, and the new data that came out from Columbus City Schools regarding report cards. We see the numbers continue to worsen in Groveport and Whitehall, so we are focusing on areas within the city of Columbus, as well as in our suburbs where families need help. We are especially supporting our new-American and immigrant populations. I just want to be clear on that and state that the FR5 plan is massive, and we are deliberate in this investment.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney’s Office: Commissioner Crawley has been participating with regard to this resolution. She is serving on the Future Ready Board in her official capacity. For that reason, we ask the Commissioners to amend the current resolution to reflect two additional whereas clauses. The first whereas clause would state that Commissioner Crawley is serving on the board in her official capacity and as a representative of the Board of Commissioners. The second whereas clause that will be added to this resolution states that Future Ready and the Board of Commissioners recognizes that as a representative to this board, she has been instructed to represent the Board of Commissioners’ interests on the board.

Commissioner Boyce moved to amend Resolution 0794-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously amended by roll call vote.

Commissioner Boyce: Young people and kindergartners who are in poverty all around Central Ohio are faced with so many additional challenges on top of learning and pedagogy in the classroom. The way I see it from my own life experience, it requires those young people have the ability to access pedagogy and classroom learning in the right way. There are so many forces and factors that need to be in place at home with their diet, their wellness, both medical and dental care, and so much more. Some people wonder why the County is investing in education since it is not normally a County duty, as outlined in our political subdivision stature. But you must understand that these programs undergird a very good learning process to help young people overcome some of the challenges they face. I can tell you from personal experience that I would not be the person that I am today if not for a lot of those supplemental resources that exist in our community. It might be a rec center, an after-school program, or classroom support to provide that young kindergartner with their own learning experience. Getting families, starting with the youngest generation, out of poverty is something that we all have a responsibility to do. That is why Franklin County invests in education. I remember when the pandemic first started, we made an investment in laptops and iPads for schools because we need to understand the big picture. Our role is to be the safety net entity in that bigger picture. I like the idea of Commissioner Crawley serving as the Board's representative on the Future Ready Board because as we dig into our Rise Together strategy and planning, that is how we keep the dots connected. I think this is going to enhance what Future Ready is doing in its pathway.

Commissioner O'Grady: By statute, it is not our business model to invest in education, but it is our business model to invest in our citizens. It is our business model to invest in the things that are going to ensure that our citizens are succeeding. It is in our best interest to ensure that the entire community has the right investments and return on those investments, so at the end of the day, we are spending fewer dollars over the course of the year. If we invest these dollars, these young kids are going to have a better chance of succeeding, and therefore, they will have a better chance of not needing the rest of the services that Franklin County provides. We do things like this across the board all of the time. This is just another example of the type of work that we do on a regular basis.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve amended Resolution 0794-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The amended Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0795-22, of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters (Board of Commissioners).

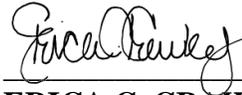
Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0795-22, to convene into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The

Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote, and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 10:25 A.M.

At 12:15 P.M., Commissioner Boyce moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady, which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. No substantive action was taken upon exiting Executive Session, and with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.



ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT



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

Submitted by:



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