

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

November 1, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 1, 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 Lauren M. Graessle, Deputy 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 9:17 A.M.

Commissioner Crawley: Good morning, and happy Military Family Month. There are more than 2 million active duty or reserve members of the U.S. Armed Forces and nearly 20 million living American military veterans, but no one serves alone. Everyone in uniform and every veteran represents a family at home that has supported them so that they can serve our nation. We here in Franklin County recognize that our service members' families share in the sacrifices they make and provide the support from home that allows them to serve our country so faithfully. The Franklin County Veterans Service Commission provides support for vets and their families here in Central Ohio and can be found online at Vets.FranklinCountyOhio.gov. As a military veteran, I can definitely attest to the fact that it would be very difficult to serve this country, whether domestically or abroad, if not for our family members who support that service and send care packages or emails. I was in the Navy, and during times of conflict, having those reminders that we are being thought of and that we are loved means a lot. Thank you to all of the military families, veteran families, spouses, and friends who support our service.

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Commissioner Crawley: November is also National Adoption Month, and a great opportunity to bring attention to both the joys and challenges that adopters and adoptees sometimes face. At any given time, there are more than 100,000 young people in America who are at risk of aging out of the foster care system without permanent family connections. More than half of them are boys; their average age is eight, but more than 20% are teenagers; their average time in foster care is more than two and a half years. There are thousands of wonderful kids in need of foster care, adoption, and kinship care right here in Ohio. To learn more about these options and how you can make an amazing difference in the life of a young person, visit ChildrenServices.FranklinCountyOhio.gov or FosterAndAdopt.JFS.Ohio.gov. I also would like to mention Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children. I volunteered with CASA for two years, and then ended up working for CASA. They provide an opportunity to represent the best interests of the kids that are in the foster care system because of abuse and neglect, until they can find a permanent home. As they are going through the judicial process, it always helps to have a CASA or guardian ad litem (GAL) who is there to be a steadfast presence in the child's life. The CASA/GAL is usually there longer than the caseworkers, who sometimes may change often. A CASA volunteer can help to find permanency for a child that is in care, so please consider volunteering your time with CASA.

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Commissioner Crawley: Lastly, I want to recognize No-Shave November, which is an opportunity to promote cancer awareness, mental health resources, and suicide prevention for men, who die on average five years earlier than women from largely preventable causes. About one-in-eight men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime. It is responsible for almost 35,000 deaths in America each year, and Black men are twice as likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer than White men. Meanwhile, men make up 49% of the U.S. population but account for 80% of suicides. Around the world, one man dies by suicide every minute. Many will be putting away their razors this month to help bring awareness of these preventable causes of death and the resources that are available to our brothers, sons, fathers, and husbands throughout the community. Fortunately, prostate cancer is very treatable when detected early, and mental health and suicide prevention resources are available. Franklin County residents can find a whole suite of free mental health resources at FranklinCountyOhio.CredibleMind.com, and can access the new nationwide suicide hotline available by dialing 988. Don't forget to get all of your recommended cancer screenings.

Commissioner O'Grady: I didn't shave this morning. This is about the sixth or seventh year in a row that I have done this, and I will definitely have a full beard by the end of this month.

Commissioner Boyce: The principle behind this is so important. I definitely know the impact of cancer, mental health, and suicide. All of those things are very real, and statistically, Black men in America stand out as outliers in every category. That is something that I hope we will do additional posts about on our social media for the Board of Commissioners. I hope everyone spreads awareness about getting screened for certain things and getting the help needed for mental health.

Commissioner Boyce (cont.): The last couple of years have been extraordinarily different when it comes to mental health at every level. You see it everywhere. I ran into a gentleman on the sidewalk yesterday, and I was quite moved by what was happening with him. It reminded me that there is so much more that we need to do in the area of mental health. So, hopefully, awareness creates an environment in which people will seek the help and attention that they need, and we will do more to provide those resources.

Commissioner O'Grady: Commissioner Boyce and I have done this for a while, and we certainly both have felt the impact of cancer and suicide in our lives. For years, this Board has promoted the need for mental health services and care, not just in Franklin County, but we push for statewide mental health services at NACo. Growing a beard is easy for me, and it is an easy symbol to promote this important cause.

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Resolution No. 0796-22, authorizing an application to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas for employment of Carl Davis, Esq., Beverly Steward, Esq., Barry Ward, Esq., J. Michael Evans Esq., Greg DuPont, Esq., Paul Friedman, Esq., Susan Gwinn, Esq., Kelly Patton, Esq., and Danielle Pierce, Esq., to serve as special counsel to the legal counsel to the Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Board of Franklin County (ADAMH) (Prosecuting Attorney), presented by Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce: I do not recall ever seeing this type of resolution. Do we always do this, or is this something unique?

Ms. Hummer: It is not unique; it is something that we were able to determine is necessary for following the proper process.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0796-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0797-22, authorizing the Settlement of Legal Claims Brought in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Being Case No. 2:19-cv-04238 (Prosecuting Attorney), presented by Theresa Dean, Deputy Director Labor and Employment, Civil Division, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0797-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0798-22, authorizing the set aside for the Recorder’s Technology Fund for calendar year 2023 (Recorder), presented by Javier Gonzalez, Deputy Fiscal Officer, Recorder.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0798-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0799-22, authorizing First Contract Extension and Modification with Bob Barker Company, Inc.; White Feather Farms of Ohio, Inc; Performance Food Group Inc; Care Supplies, LLC; Union Supply Group, Inc; and McKee Foods Corporation for the continuation of providing Commissary Items for Resale in the Franklin County Correctional Facilities (\$950,000.00) (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 O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0799-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0800-22, authorizing a non-general fund supplemental appropriation for the Franklin County Land Bank (Treasurer), presented by Julie Collins, Human Resources Director, Treasurer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce: I noticed that this is a “supplemental appropriation.” Are these funds a result of better performance in the tax collection? Is that how it is allocated?

Ms. Collins: Yes.

Commissioner Boyce: To be clear, is that a fee that comes from land transfers or land purchases?

Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget: The five percent comes from the collection of delinquent taxes during the first and second half collections. That five percent gets split evenly between the Treasurer’s Office and Prosecutor’s Office for collection of delinquent taxes. Another five percent gets allocated for the Land Bank.

Mr. Talarek (cont.): The remaining ninety percent gets allocated to the political subdivisions based on the tax duplicate.

Commissioner Boyce: So, are we collecting delinquent taxes at a higher rate, or is it an implication that more taxes are going delinquent?

Mr. Talarek: I believe more was collected higher, especially in the first half settlement. I do not know if some of that may be with the real estate market. Before a home sells, the delinquent taxes need to be paid. That is something that we can work with the Treasurer's Office and Prosecutor's Office to answer.

Ms. Collins: I also believe that it is because, in 2020, we did not have a tax lien sale, but we did in 2021, and the proceeds of those sales go toward the first half of collection.

Commissioner Boyce: That is an interesting statistical point and something that we should keep our eye on in terms of trying to prepare for economic changes.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0800-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0801-22, authorizing a contract with Peraton/Remotec for the provision of the delivery and supply of a Bomb Squad Robot and Equipment (PPE) for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Bomb FBI certified Region 4 Bomb Squad (\$378,732.00) (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Jeffrey J. Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

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

Commissioner O'Grady: Are you replacing your current robot?

Mr. Young: Yes.

Commissioner O'Grady: Are you replacing it with another similar model?

Mr. Young: Yes, it is as close to the existing model as we could get. It has the same manufacturer, but it has upgraded technology and the ability to service it by the original equipment manufacturer.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0801-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0802-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Noah Hall and Verna L. Hall at 2640

Millrace Drive, Columbus, OH 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 0802-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0803-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Karen R. Michael at 3818 Earl Ave., Township of Mifflin, OH 43219 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0803-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0804-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Danita Oxley at 3830 Armuth Avenue, Mifflin Township, OH 43219 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0804-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0805-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Ken Walls at 3717 Plainview Drive, Township of Franklin, OH 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 0805-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0806-22, approving agreements with the Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio and The Legal Aid Society of Columbus for housing stabilization services and legal assistance (\$440,000.00) (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 0806-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0807-22, approving a subaward agreement with Columbus Urban League for a workforce suiting program (\$35,000.00) (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 0807-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0809-22, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a modification to the contract agreement with Omni Fireproofing Co., LLC to perform additional fireproofing activities associated with the construction of the Franklin County Corrections Center Continuation Phase 2A in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$97,235.00.00 and authorizing the County Administrator to approve and execute additional minor modifications to the contract agreement (\$774,888.00) (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 0809-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0810-22, authorizing recycling of information technology equipment declared obsolete by the Franklin County Automatic Data Processing Board (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 0810-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0811-22, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,478,718.51) (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 0811-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0812-22, authorizing an application to the State of Ohio to participate in the State Capital Improvement Program for Local Jail Projects (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 Crawley: We still have an additional phase for the Franklin County Corrections Center. Could it be used for the additional building of the jail, or are there any restrictions around the funding?

Mr. Talarek: The application is focused on the Fisher Road facility, as part of that construction.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0812-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0813-22, authorizing a Maintenance Agreement with Sherpa Government Solutions, LLC for the budget system (\$247,065.00) (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 O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0813-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0814-22, a resolution approving the issuance of Michigan Finance Authority Hospital Revenue and Refunding Bonds (Trinity Health Credit Group), in one or more series, in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$900,000,000 (Board of Commissioners), presented by Joshua Grossman, Associate, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0814-22, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Lauren M. Graessle, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read three (3) journalizations into the record:

Case number ANX-34-22, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-34-22, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on October 24, 2022. The petition is requesting to annex 0.47-acres from Franklin Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on November 29, 2022. Site: 766 Greenlawn Avenue (PID #140-003103).

Case number ANX-35-22, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-35-22, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on October 24, 2022. The petition is requesting to annex 0.59-acres from Mifflin Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on November 29, 2022. Site: 2588 Agler Road (PID #190-004668).

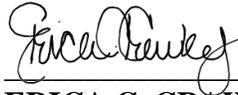
Case number ANX-36-22, an expedited type 2 annexation petition, ANX-36-22, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on October 24, 2022. The petition is requesting to annex 37.45-acres from Hamilton Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on November 29, 2022. Site: 1200 Vause Road (PID #150-002714).

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 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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