

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

November 28, 2023

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

Present were: John O'Grady, President  
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 O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:12 A.M.

Commissioner O'Grady: Before we begin with our General Session agenda today, we'd like to recognize National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month, which is celebrated each year in November. We recognize that our community is in what was the original homeland of the living nations of the Shawnee Tribe, the Delaware Nation, the Delaware Tribe, the Wyandotte Nation, the Mingo Nation, and others, and we extend our gratitude and respect to the many indigenous people who call these lands home. We are committed to celebrating these native communities and to listening to and learning from native voices from across our county each November and throughout the year.

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**Resolution No. 0908-23**, authorizing a first amendment to the 2024 grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Youth Services (\$80,000.00) (Domestic Relations), presented by Barb Reeves, Deputy Director, Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0908-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Final hearing for establishing, altering, and widening of Chambers Road, County Road No. 56, from Kenny Road, County Road No. 57, to Hess Boulevard, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

*Commissioner O’Grady opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak. Seeing and hearing none, Commissioner O’Grady closed the public hearing, and the resolution was read into the record.*

**Resolution No. 0909-23,** Final hearing for establishing, altering, and widening of Chambers Road, County Road No. 56, from Kenny Road, County Road No. 57, to Hess Boulevard, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Engineer of Operations, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0909-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Final hearing for establishing, altering, and widening of Brown Road, Township Road No. 142, at Dyer Road, Township Road No. 260, Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

*Commissioner O’Grady opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak. Seeing and hearing none, Commissioner O’Grady closed the public hearing, and the resolution was read into the record.*

**Resolution No. 0910-23,** Final hearing for establishing, altering, and widening of Brown Road, Township Road No. 142, at Dyer Road, Township Road No. 260, Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Engineer of Operations, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0910-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Plans approved for the improvement of Genessee Avenue, from Stelzer Road to Mifflin Street, Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

*Commissioner O’Grady opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak. Seeing and hearing none, Commissioner O’Grady closed the public hearing, and the resolution was read into the record.*

**Resolution No. 0911-23**, plans approved for the improvement of Genessee Avenue, from Stelzer Road to Mifflin Street, Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Engineer of Operations, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0911-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Establishing, altering, and widening of Cleveland Avenue at Dunedin Road and at Piedmont Road/Dunbar Drive, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

*Commissioner O’Grady opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak. Seeing and hearing none, Commissioner O’Grady closed the public hearing, and the resolution was read into the record.*

**Resolution No. 0912-23**, establishing, altering, and widening of Cleveland Avenue at Dunedin Road and at Piedmont Road/Dunbar Drive, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Engineer of Operations, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0912-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Establishing, altering, and widening of Dempsey Road at Hempstead Road, Blendon Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

*Commissioner O’Grady opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak. Seeing and hearing none, Commissioner O’Grady closed the public hearing, and the resolution was read into the record.*

**Resolution No. 0913-23**, establishing, altering, and widening of Dempsey Road at Hempstead Road, Blendon Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Engineer of Operations, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0913-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Establishing, altering, and widening of Noe-Bixby Road, commencing at Winchester Pike, and continuing approximately 6,500 feet northeasterly along Noe-Bixby Road, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary.

*Commissioner O’Grady opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak. Seeing and hearing none, Commissioner O’Grady closed the public hearing, and the resolution was read into the record.*

**Resolution No. 0914-23**, establishing, altering, and widening of Noe-Bixby Road, commencing at Winchester Pike, and continuing approximately 6,500 feet northeasterly along Noe-Bixby Road, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, viewed – Engineer to file plans as necessary (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Engineer of Operations, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0914-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0915-23**, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to renew a contract With M. P. Dory Co. for the 2024 Franklin County Traffic Signal Maintenance Program (\$697,720.00) (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Engineer of Operations, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0915-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0916-23**, replacement or rehabilitation of various bridges and structures in Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Brad Foster, Chief Deputy Engineer of Operations, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0916-23, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0917-23**, authorizing a contract extension with Point & Pay, LLC for the Franklin County Treasurer's Office Online Payment System (\$5,000.00) (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 0917-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0918-23**, approving the Memorandum of Understanding for the Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect between Franklin County Children Services and its community partners pursuant to R.C. 2151.4220-2151.4234 (Franklin County Children Services), presented by Kathryn Congrove, Chief Legal Counsel, Franklin County Children Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0918-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0919-23**, authorizing a sixty-month Service Agreement with AT&T for AT&T Switched Ethernet on Demand Services (\$102,888.00) (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 0919-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Resolving Adverse Effects to the Historic Woodyard East Chapel Funeral Directors building located at 2300 E. Livingston Avenue, Bexley, Ohio 43209, by the Bexley Apartments-Livingston Project Undertaking.

*Commissioner O'Grady opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak. Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, explained that this public hearing is required by federal law. She explained that by federal law, the County is the responsible entity for HUD funding for this project. She added that since this project involves a historic structure, there are additional steps that need to be taken, and this public hearing is one of those requirements. She confirmed that the requirement was met, and there would be another*

*public hearing to allow public comment on this topic. Commissioner O'Grady closed the public hearing, and the resolution was read into the record.*

**Resolution No. 0920-23**, authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Affordable Housing Trust to create more affordable home ownership and rental housing and to strengthen neighborhoods within Franklin County (\$4,000,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Carolyn Thurman, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0920-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0921-23**, authorizing the County Administrator to execute a mortgage subordination and consent to easement for the benefit of the easement between Marsh Brook Place, LLC and Poplar Fen Place, LLC (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Carolyn Thurman, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0921-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0922-23**, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Subordination Agreement" to allow Richard L. Cosner and Nancy L. Cosner to refinance their mortgage at 1455 Little Avenue, Township of Franklin, OH 43223 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Carolyn Thurman, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0922-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0923-23**, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Laura Bowling at 1146 Hart Road, Township of Franklin, Ohio 43223 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Carolyn Thurman, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0923-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0924-23**, approving a TANF subaward agreement with Think Make Live Youth to facilitate programming to decrease youth gun violence in Franklin County (\$100,000.00) (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.

*Deputy County Administrator (DCA) Bivens asked for data that shows the reason for targeting Independence High School. She also noted that the County has a global anti-gun violence initiative, and she would like to link Think Make Live Youth into that.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0924-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0925-23**, approving a subaward agreement with City Year Columbus for youth educational support programming (\$142,324.28) (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 0925-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0926-23**, approving a subaward agreement with The Center for Healthy Families, Inc. for pregnant and parenting teen 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 asked if there was another resolution that was previously adopted for The Center for Healthy Families for pregnant teens. Ms. Turner stated that the recent resolution for these services was an amendment to last year's agreement. Commissioner Crawley asked when that amendment was passed, to which Ms. Turner replied that she believed it was in mid- to late-September. Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget, noted that the original contract amount last year was*

*\$250,000.00, and the amendment was for an additional \$33,000.00. Commissioner Crawley asked why Resolution No. 0926-23 was only for \$250,000.00 if last year's contract was for the same amount and required additional funding. Ms. Turner stated that the additional funding last year covered a special program that was offered last year. That program/event is not on the plan to be held this year. Commissioner Crawley asked for a report on how many teens were served. Ms. Turner stated that 95 teens were served in the program last year.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0926-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0927-23**, 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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0927-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0928-23**, approving a subaward agreement with Image Character Etiquette, Inc. for boys and girls youth mentoring programming and services (\$488,939.14) (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 0928-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0929-23**, approving a contract agreement with Arbor E & T, LLC dba Equus Workforce Solutions for the Ohio Works First work activities services and management (\$2,923,200.00) (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 0929-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.



**Resolution No. 0930-23**, approving a subaward amendment with the Franklin County Office on Aging for adult protective services (an increase of \$2,234,000.00) (\$2,234,000.00) (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 0930-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0931-23**, 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 moved to approve Resolution 0931-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0932-23**, authorizing an Equipment, Maintenance, Software and Professional Services Agreement with DMT Solutions Global Corporation to provide a mail sorter unit and software solutions for the Franklin County Mailroom (\$569,779.34) (Purchasing), presented by Traci Mathew, Assistant Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0932-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0933-23**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$860,245.07) (Purchasing), presented by Traci Mathew, Assistant Director, Purchasing, and Tameca Bumper, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

Ms. Mathew and Ms. Bumper reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0933-23, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0811-23**, postponed on October 31, 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 O’Grady. The Resolution was postponed until General Session on December 12, 2023, by roll call vote.

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*The Commissioners and County Administrator congratulated Lauren Rummel, Director, Government Affairs and Ethics, on accepting a new position, and thanked her for her service to the County.*

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 2023.



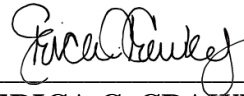
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**JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT**



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

Submitted by:



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Lauren M. Graessle

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