

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

January 30, 2024

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

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

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Kris J. 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.

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Commissioner Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

Commissioner Boyce: Before we get into this week's agenda, we have several guests that we would like to recognize. The first is Lisa Chambers, the National Executive Director of TechCorps. Last year, we approved a \$60,000 sponsorship to support 100 high school students of color as they learned app development at a TechCorps' Hack-A-Thon. The four winning teams developed apps to solve community problems having to do with mental health, communications, and emergency response, and I understand that a few of those students are with us here today. Welcome, Ms. Chambers. Please tell us a little more about the Hack-A-Thon, and then we'd love to get some pictures with you and the students.

*Lisa Chambers, National Executive Director, TechCorps, offered brief remarks, noting that TechCorps' new partnership with the Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion for the Hack-A-Thon has been amazing. She stated that in November, TechCorps had Hack-A-Thons taking place across the state of Ohio, and due to a new partnership with Apple, students could learn to use a new tool for mobile app development. She explained that each student was tasked with building an app that educated, excited, or empowered their community. Ms. Chambers introduced five students who participated in the Hack-A-Thon, and one student explained the app she designed.*

*Commissioner Boyce and Commissioner O’Grady offered brief remarks of congratulations and noted that the students have a bright future in Central Ohio in the tech industry.*

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Commissioner Boyce: Our last guest is Cornell Robertson, who has been our Franklin County Engineer since 2017 and is retiring after more than 30 years in the Engineer’s Office. Cornell has been hugely responsible for building and maintaining our community’s vital transportation and drainage infrastructure during that time and has been a leader among engineers throughout the state. During his time as County Engineer, Cornell’s office has been one of action, innovation, collaboration, and inclusion, and we are grateful to him for his service and leadership. Happy Infrastructure Tuesday, Cornell. Please come to the podium and tell us a little bit about what you have planned for the future. We’d love to get some pictures of you in front of the dais.

*Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer’s Office, offered brief remarks, stating that it has been his honor and privilege to serve at the Franklin County Engineer’s Office for 31.5 years.*

*The three Commissioners and Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, offered congratulations and gratitude to Engineer Robertson, especially regarding his public service, authenticity, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts.*

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**Resolution No. 0065-24**, authorizing appropriation adjustments for the addition of 3 full-time clinical positions to provide behavioral health assessments (Domestic Relations), presented by Monica Kelson, Court Administrator, Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0065-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0066-24**, plans approved for the rehabilitation of the structure on Alton & Darby Creek Road over Clover Groff Run (PRA-C0272-1.88), Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer’s Office.

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

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0066-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0067-24**, CHA Consulting, Inc., consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing general engineering services (\$100,000.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0067-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0068-24**, report (4th) of the Franklin County Engineer, establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting the Cleveland Avenue from Huy Road to Cooke Road Improvement project, Clinton Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$1,951.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0068-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0069-24**, accepting the annual bridge inspection report for 2023 (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

*Commissioner Crawley asked if the eight bridges rated "poor" pose an immediate risk. Engineer Robertson confirmed that these bridges do not pose an immediate risk. He explained that the Engineer's Office has a rating scale from 0 to 9, with a score of 0 indicating the bridge failed and needs to close, and a score of 9 would be a brand new bridge in perfect condition. He noted that the eight bridges rated "poor" scored a 4 on the scale. He added that no bridges in Franklin County are scored 0 through 3.*

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0069-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0070-24**, approving the 2023 Annual County Highway System Mileage Report (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0070-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0071-24**, to update the Local Road Safety Plan for the use and protection of constituents along county roads which are under the jurisdiction of the Franklin County Engineer (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0071-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0072-24**, authorizing a contract amendment agreement with Monark Management LLC to administer One Voice training services (\$275,000.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0072-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0073-24**, authorizing an agreement with the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging for case management services for Franklin County Senior Options (\$5,472,812.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0073-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0074-24**, authorizing a IV-D contract with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (\$426,894.55) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement Agency.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0074-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0075-24**, authorizing a IV-D contract with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office (\$429,667.46) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement Agency.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0075-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0076-24**, authorizing a contract extension, number one of two, with CBTS LLC (\$114,022.08) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement Agency.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0076-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0077-24**, authorizing a Community Partnership Grant Agreement with OhioHealth Corporation for calendar year 2024 (\$125,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0077-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

**Resolution No. 0078-24**, authorizing Community Partnership Grant Agreements with various Health Equity partners for calendar year 2024 (\$1,558,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0078-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0079-24**, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant Extension with Bridgeway Academy to provide educational services to youth (\$250,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0079-24, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0080-24**, adopting the certification of the 2023 Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Interim Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0080-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0081-24**, authorizing a second renewal of a lease agreement with Rain Brothers LLC to continue implementing the SAFER Station program (\$32,500.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0081-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0082-24**, authorizing the adoption of the Franklin County Reentry Advisory Board Strategic Plan for 2024-2026 (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ruchelle Pride, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0082-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0083-24**, approving a subaward agreement with Action for Children for quality early learning support and childcare training services (\$394,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Carmen Barnes, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

*Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator, asked if this was a continuation grant for Action for Children, to which Ms. Barnes replied in the affirmative. Ms. Bivens asked if a status report could be sent to the Commissioners regarding the work done with the original funding to align all of the early learning support efforts that the County offers. Ms. Barnes agreed.*

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0083-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0084-24**, approving a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with the City of Columbus, Office of the Mayor, CelebrateOne for the Health Equity Innovation and Birth Centers Initiative (\$130,784.16) (Job and Family Services), presented by Carmen Barnes, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services, Danielle Tong, Executive Director, CelebrateOne, and Whitney Gordon, Senior Project Manager, Maternal Child Health Equity and Innovation, CelebrateOne.

Ms. Barnes, Ms. Tong, and Ms. Gordon reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

*Commissioner Crawley noted that maternal and infant health are very important to the Board of Commissioners, and they have made significant investments over the past two years to provide access to doulas and community health workers and expand those partnerships. She stated that the Board is really looking to CelebrateOne as a partner to provide answers to the community around these topics. She added that people in the community are affected by maternal deaths and maternal morbidity, and they are looking for alternative care to help prevent these instances, especially in the ZIP codes that are most affected. Commissioner O’Grady added that Franklin County has been a major funder of CelebrateOne for at least ten years, and he appreciates all the work that they are doing.*

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0084-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0085-24**, approving a subaward agreement with Creating Central Ohio Futures for the Franklin County Futures workforce initiative (\$400,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Carmen Barnes, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0085-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0086-24**, approving a subaward agreement with IMPACT Community Action for the Franklin County In-School Youth Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (\$770,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Carmen Barnes, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0086-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0087-24**, approving a subaward agreement with I Know I Can for youth career development services in Franklin County (\$574,999.69) (Job and Family Services), presented by Carmen Barnes, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

*Commissioner Boyce asked for an overview of I Know I Can, noting that he sees it as a longstanding bridge builder and catalyst for many young people attending college. He added that he was in the first class of I Know I Can, and it played a tremendous part in him going to college. Commissioner Boyce stated that both of his sons are I Know I Can graduates, and one is now an Ivy League school graduate, and the other is attending a top school in Los Angeles. Katina Fullen, Executive Director, I Know I Can, provided an overview of the program and noted that they just celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Ms. Fullen provided statistics for Southwestern City Schools and Whitehall City Schools. She noted that the class of 2023 spent their entire high school careers in a pandemic/post-pandemic world. She stated that for both districts, there was a 6% increase in the college enrollment rate for the class of 2023. She explained a 40% college enrollment rate in 2022 and a 46% college enrollment rate in 2023. She added that this statistic was achieved through 6,500 one-on-one, small-group advising sessions and over 2,400 college applications submitted. Ms. Fullen stated that FAFSA is the number one indicator of college enrollment, and in the Southwestern City School District, there was a 9% increase in FAFSA completion from the class of 2023. There was a 16% increase in Whitehall, respectively. Ms. Fullen shared that the focus of I Know I Can is to help students create a success plan for life after high school, and they work with community partners to provide a wide range of opportunities for students. Commissioner Boyce offered his gratitude to I Know I Can for the services and support they offer students and families.*



*Ms. Bivens added that several years ago, the Board of Commissioners approached I Know I Can to expand their services beyond just Columbus City Schools to help the schools in the municipalities, as well. She stated that they stepped up to the challenge in a significant way and thanked them for their efforts.*

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0087-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0088-24**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$15,972,631.21) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Tameca Bumper, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

Ms. Perry-Balonier and Ms. Bumper reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0088-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0089-24**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$41,369.98) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

Ms. Perry-Balonier reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0089-24, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

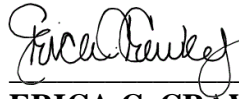
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**KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT**



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

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