

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

July 13, 2021

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 13, 2021.

Present were: Kevin L. Boyce, President  
Erica C. Crawley, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management & Budget; Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator; Erik J. Janas, Deputy County Administrator; and, Dean M. Hindenlang, 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: 530 479 003; or by joining at: <https://franklincountyohio.zoom.us/j/530479003>*

President Boyce called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

Approval of the minutes of the July 6, 2021, General Session. Commissioner Crawley moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0536-21**, authorizing non-general fund appropriation adjustments for the Adult Probation Department (Court of Common Pleas), presented by Kimberly Canada, Director of Finance and Purchasing, Court of Common Pleas.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0536-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Resolution regarding a prayer of petition to vacate a portion of Rarey Road (unimproved), in Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

President Boyce: I would like to open the Public Hearing. Would anyone like to speak regarding this Public Hearing? Seeing none, I will close the Public Hearing and have the Clerk read the resolution into the record.

**Resolution No. 0537-21**, prayer of petition to vacate a portion of Rarey Road (unimproved), in Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, granted (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0537-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0538-21**, establishing, altering and widening of the Hott Ditch Drainage Improvement project from Noe-Bixby Road to an outlet west of Portman Road, Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0538-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0539-21**, authorization for the Franklin County Engineer to enter into an agreement with the City of Hilliard for the cleaning and clearing of Hamilton Ditch, City of Hilliard, Brown 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.

President Boyce: I'm not sure I've ever seen a cleaning or clearing of a ditch resolution. Is this normal? Is this something we do regularly or is this something unique?

Mr. Robertson: This would be a common one of the various functions that we perform through the Drainage Engineer's Office. It may not have been labeled as a clearing and cleaning, but it is a very common maintenance we provide.

President Boyce: What are the costs to cleaning and clearing of a ditch, and typically do we cover that cost?

Mr. Robertson: This project is going to be a little over \$110,000.00, and the City of Hilliard is going to reimburse us for most of that cost. I believe \$100,000.00.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0539-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0540-21**, Resource International, Inc., consulting engineers appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer by providing engineering services for the Alton & Darby Creek Road over Clover Groff Run (PRA-C0272-1.88) Improvement project, Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio (\$199,196.00) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0540-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0541-21**, approval of The Farms at Jefferson Phase 7 subdivision plat, Jefferson 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.

President Boyce: Why do two resolutions if it's the same subdivision in the same development?

Mr. Robertson: Because they were broken out years ago in two separate phases. So, this is common, but coincidentally, both phases are ready for the same legislative action.

Commissioner Crawley: Since these two are the ones that are ready now, are there any additional phases that will come later?

Mr. Robertson: That is correct. This is a very large multi-phase subdivision and other phases have been completed and others still to come. I'm not sure how many total phases we have.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0541-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0542-21**, approval of The Farms at Jefferson Phase 8 subdivision plat, Jefferson 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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0542-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0543-21**, authorizing an extension contract with US Bank for Banking Services provided to the Franklin County Treasurer's Office (\$50,000.00) (Treasurer), presented by James Reese, Chief General Counsel, Treasurer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to postpone Resolution 0543-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was postponed until the July 20, 2021, General Session meeting, by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0544-21**, authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Franklin County Data Center and the Franklin County Convention Facility Authority for internet services at the Greater Columbus Convention Center (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Julie Lust, Director, Enterprise Financial Services, Franklin County Data Center.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0544-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0545-21**, review of a petition to annex 1.465 +/- acres from Mifflin Township to the City of Gahanna, Case #ANX-25-21 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0545-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0546-21**, resolution to adjust the boundaries of the City of Columbus and the City of Reynoldsburg, Case #ANX-28-21 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0546-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0547-21**, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Zerfe K. Zerihun at 458 Scandia Street, Blacklick, Ohio 43004 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by James Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0547-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0548-21**, authorizing the Franklin County Job and Family Services Director to authorize and execute inter-county adjustment agreements of allocated funds on behalf of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family and Services.

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

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator shared information regarding the inter-county government exchanges on how it assists our general fund, and how it allows us to exchange money that may be beneficial not only to Franklin County, but to other counties around the state.

President Boyce: I believe the exchange requires a resolution itself, right?

Ms. Bivens: Yes.

Christy Russell, Assistant Director: I just want to clarify Commissioner Boyce, on your question. The individual exchanges will not require a resolution to be brought before the Board, because of timing allotted of the transfers. That is why this resolution is presented and why we did it two years ago for the last two state fiscal years, so that the transfers can happen when we get down to the final week or two of some of the grants. So, a resolution

would not be required to do the individual transfers, but we would provide you with the information.

President Boyce: I've been consistent about this and I'm not a fan of the abdication of authority when it comes to this kind of thing. I know this has been a helpful resource for Franklin County and when you have a complex county and financial structure like Franklin County has that just makes sense. But I do want to say, I want to be briefed as those exchanges occur. I want to know before they happen. I think there should be a sign-off process.

Ms. Bivens: When we do these, we go to our County Administrator, letting him know that we're going to do them before we do them, get an approval from him, relying on that he is having a briefing with each one of you, every day, in order to move forward with those approvals.

President Boyce: I hear what you're saying, but that's why I want to be on the record. I want to be briefed as those come forward. I want to have a handle on any financial exchanges that we're having with other counties. I would like to make a request, maybe you could do a summary of the last several exchanges in case I just don't recall them or being briefed on those.

Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator: We'll make sure we convey your wishes to the County Administrator when he returns.

Commissioner Crawley: How does the exchanges even come about or is there a request that is made? Maybe I could wait until we get the briefing document so I can see how it normally transpires, since I'm not familiar and there isn't a resolution.

Ms. Bivens: We can set up a briefing for you on how those arise within the agency.

President Boyce: I am thinking about a requirement for an annual report that makes sense for us, because when we do the budget, we can kind of see it. I like to see the report and then let's revisit through our briefing just this conversation about that an annual sort of update on what the exchanges are.

Ms. Bivens: I would request Christy Russell, as we're developing that report that there would be a description of each funding source, and what the details of the restrictions and the allotments and all of that are, so the Commissioners are well briefed on what we can and cannot do.

Mr. Janas: Commissioners, if I may add, the resolution stipulates that report is done on a quarterly basis, but that is after the fact. So, that will coincide with the rules by the regulations associated with the resolution, but I think what I'm hearing is that you'd like to know about those exchanges in advance, and so we'll communicate that to Administrator Wilson.

Ms. Bivens: With the description of the funding sources.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney: I think you must decide of whether you want a pre-report and post report, and I think the way the resolution is written, it is a post report. I think we must understand from the Deputy Administrator the effects of having pre-report could have on the exchange.

President Boyce: I wouldn't want to slow down the process, because I understand those widows could be tight, because embedded in the restrictions that are often on those funds are deadlines for usage. There must be some time when county receives this request and it's processed, there's an opportunity for the Commissioners to be knowledgeable about what those funds are, and we just need to be worked into that part of the process.

Commissioner Crawley: I would like to see the same, I second what Commissioner Boyce said. I would like to know what the request is before there's a transfer.

President Boyce: I want to make the adjustment and we don't have to do it now, but I want to make it and I want to make sure that we come back to this and make that adjustment for a more formal deliverance of what those transfers are. Maybe it's simply changing it from this quarterly report, to also a notice of that exchange, as soon as the county is informed, that the Commissioners are briefed or knowledgeable.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0548-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0549-21**, authorizing a Contract Modification with Ohio Health Corporation (OHES) for continued provision of Wellness Services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (Cooperative) (\$1,172,590.00) (Human Resources), presented by Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

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

President Boyce: Are we doing the 5K this year?

Ms. Leis: 2019 was our first year, we did it in-person. 2020, for obvious reasons, we did a virtual race. This year we are doing a hybrid race. I will be bringing a resolution for a contract with Columbus Running Company next week to secure their services for the 5k. I believe October 13, 2021, is the date, and we will be offering both an in-person and a virtual race this year.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0549-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0550-21**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$1,694,830.55) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing and Marleise Wicker, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0550-21, seconded by President Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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Dean M. Hindenlang, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners read one (1) Journalization to records:

From Commissioner Crawley: While conducting an in-depth review of the committees that the Commissioner makes appointments to, Commissioner Crawley has affirmed the remaining appointments of former Commissioner Dawn Tyler Lee, dated May 27, 2021. All appointments will be assessed for affirmation or reappointment on an ongoing basis. The updated 2021 Board of Commissioners Committee Assignments listing will be made available to all interested parties and filed with today's meeting minutes for reference.

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President Boyce: I believe that we've just made history today, in that, this is the first Franklin County Board of Commissioners meeting ever that was led by two African Americans. So I thought that was a neat point to point out. I think that says a lot about how Central Ohio is growing, because just five years ago, there had never been an African American Commissioner in the history of Franklin County. Today, the majority of Board of Commissioners is African American, and we have our first African American woman as a Commissioner. I think it is always important to reflect on that moment in those times in history. That it's not insignificant and I just wanted to point that out today, we're all part of history today.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you for highlighting history, that was great. I also want recognize Deputy Administrator Bivens and we just came back from the NACO conference and would love to brag on her and the Family Stabilization Unit for the award that they won.

Ms. Bivens: A year ago, right before the days before George Floyd, I believe, I called our commissioners. I know you all have been pressing me to do something different as it relates to My Brother's Keeper, because it needed to be revamped. Commissioner Boyce particularly kept saying, that's not it, go back to the drawing board. So, what we did, we looked at things from the perspective of the poverty blueprint and looking at it from a racial equity lens. In that people's plan that we call the poverty blueprint, the community said there are too many silos and too much



for us to navigate. We're infused in your systems, but it's so difficult for us to stay on hold somewhere and then jump to another building to access the new services that we needed. We looked at the data and the data showed us that minorities make up the smallest amount of the population, however, the highest amount of those are interfacing with the Juvenile Justice System. So, we partner with the Juvenile Justice System, develop this integrated Health and Human Services roundtable, our higher education institutions are sitting at the table as well as some businesses and our Fortune 500 companies are now engaged.

Ms. Biven (cont.): What they do, when a young person interfaces, whether it's truancy or diversion, whether it's with their grandmother, their aunt, whoever walks into that building with them, this team wraps around that family. Not just who walks into that building, but the entire household. They walk into the household because we believe the environment contributes to a lot of what we are seeing as it relates to our young people. They develop a relationship with the entire household to figure out what do you need in order to be stabilized and how can we assist you, and they follow these families for a year. For the first time in county history, this is the first time we've collaborated in this way and being intentional about looking at things from a racial equity lens. So, when we look at the policies and everything involved in working with the school systems as well, we submitted that as an opportunity to our National Association of Counties. This is the first time Franklin County has ever won a Best in Category for Health and Human Services. Finally, we've had several of our counties from around the country, who have asked us to assist them to access a system in developing the same methodology based on their data as well.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of Tuesday, July 13, 2021.

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**KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT**

  

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**JOHN O'GRADY**

  

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

Submitted by:

  

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Victoria A. Caldwell

## JOURNALIZATION

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021

**RE:** UPDATED: Board of Commissioners' Committee Assignments for 2021

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The following individuals have been assigned to represent and/or serve the respective offices for the 2021 calendar year, for the named agencies or organizations, as listed:

### **Commissioner John O'Grady**

- \*Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC): *Eric Wagenbrenner*
- \*Franklin County Emergency Management Agency: *Erik Janas*
- \*Franklin County Investment Advisory Board: *Erik Janas*
- \*Franklin County Planning Commission: *Annie Ryznar*
- \*Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)†  
Board of Revision: *Kris Long, Jamie Riley, Kevin Pangrace*
- Franklin County Data Board: *Juan Torres, Zak Talarek*
- Franklin County Family and Children First Council: *Kevin Pangrace*
- Franklin County Microfilming Board: *Dean Hindenlang*

### **Commissioner Kevin L. Boyce**

- \*Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC): *Tamara Howard*
- \*Franklin County Emergency Management Agency: *Kenneth N. Wilson*
- \*Franklin County Planning Commission: *Tamara Howard, Jessica Sullivan*
- \*Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)†  
Franklin County Records Commission: *Dean Hindenlang*
- Chemical Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (CEPAC): *Joy Bivens*
- Public Works Integrating Committee (PWIC): *Kenneth N. Wilson*
- Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO): *Jessica Sullivan*

### **Commissioner Erica C. Crawley**

- \*Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation (COCIC): *James Schimmer*
- \*Franklin County Emergency Management Agency: *Michael Hochron*
- \*Franklin County Investment Advisory Board: *Kenneth N. Wilson*
- \*Franklin County Planning Commission: *Nancy White*
- \*Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)†  
Central Ohio Communications Advisory Board (COCAC): *Johnna Sells*
- Franklin County Enhanced 9-1-1 Board†
- Franklin County Criminal Justice Planning Board/Community Corrections Board: *TBD*

\*All Commissioners  
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