

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

July 20, 2021

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

Present were: John O'Grady, Commissioner  
Erica C. Crawley, Commissioner

Also present on the dais were Amy Hiers, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; 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>*

Commissioner O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

Approval of the minutes of the July 13, 2021, General Session; the July 15, 2021 Briefing Session; and the July 15, 2021, American Rescue Plan Public Hearing. Commissioner Crawley moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0551-21**, authorizing a modification and extension of the current contract with The Whitestone Group, Inc. for security services (\$63,000.00) (Coroner), presented by Kara Cruikshank, Director of Facilities Management & IT, Coroner's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0551-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0552-21**, authorizing the acceptance of an Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund Grant for the Franklin County Drug Task Force (\$118,419.67) (Sheriff), presented by Albert Smith, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0552-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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**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 approve Resolution 0543-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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**Resolution No. 0553-21**, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant on behalf of Job and Family Services with Lead With Purpose (\$55,472.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

*Commissioner Crawley shared that she saw some pictures of the girls on social media at the Statehouse, and how happy they looked.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0553-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0554-21**, resolution to adjust the boundaries of Montgomery Township, thereby making them conform to the boundaries of the City of Columbus, Case #ANX-29-21 (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 0554-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0555-21**, resolution to adjust the boundaries of Montgomery Township, thereby making them conform to the boundaries of the City of Columbus, Case #ANX-30-21 (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 0555-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0556-21**, approving subaward amendments with the Columbus Urban League, Godman Guild Association, and TECH CORPS Ohio, for the Franklin County Ready 2 Earn summer youth work readiness program (an increase of \$1,148,036.06) (\$1,148,036.06) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley: How are the youth identified? Are there partnerships with the schools?

Ms. Turner: The program is widely advertised with young people, either being TANF eligible or low income. They call the partnering agencies, which includes Godman Guild, Columbus Urban League, as well as TECH CORPS Ohio, to register for the program. They are contacted and determined eligible for the program, and then enrolled.

Commissioner Crawley: The program was able to be expanded for an additional four hundred and fifty youth. Was that known prior to going into the summer program or was there a waiting list?

Ms. Turner: So, when the first week started, we recognized the extensive waiting lists at all of the agencies, and that's when we talked about extending and offering more young people an opportunity.

Commissioner Crawley: Is there still a waiting list?

Ms. Turner: There was a waiting, but we have been able to enroll all the nine hundred young people this summer.

*Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator shared additional comments regarding the program.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0556-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0557-21**, approving a subaward agreement with the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital dba Abigail Wexner Research Institute for a South Side Thrive family support services initiative (\$30,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Assistant Director, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0557-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0558-21**, authorizing a contract for services with the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital dba Abigail Wexner Research Institute to provide trauma-informed counseling and childhood programming as supported by the 2019 Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and their Adolescent Children grant (\$104,784.00) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0558-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0559-21**, Resolution authorizing contracts to the Columbus Urban League and Basecamp Recovery Center for reentry, treatment and case management services through the FY 2020 Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison grant program (\$201,273.00) (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 Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0559-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0560-21**, authorizing a Contract with the Columbus Running Company (CRC), for event management services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (Cooperative) (\$18,680.00) (Human Resources), presented by Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0560-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0561-21**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,626,018.10) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing, and Marleise Wicker, Economic Equity Administrator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0561-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0562-21**, disapproving an application to apply oil-well brine to unpaved roads and lots and affirming that the Board does not intend to approve future applications for the use of oil-well brine for this purpose within Franklin County due to environmental and public health concerns (Board of Commissioners), presented by Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

*Bill Lyons, 245 Walhalla Road, addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.*

Commissioner Crawley: Can you help me understand what Aqua Selena is? Is that the RA226 and 228, or is that the name of the type of brine?

Mr. Lyons: There is this facility that's in Mogadore in Cleveland, Duck Creek Energy, but they also have Nature's Source, and they create this product called Aqua Selena. He takes this brine, filters it so that he takes out the oil, so it is no longer black, and it's clear. He then colors it and promotes it as a deicer and a dust-suppressant. Well, this product used to be on shelves in Lowe's and they pulled it, because the public let Lowe's know, that ODNR as well as some scientists at Duquesne University, tested his product and found it had just as much radium, and all these heavy metals in it as brine does. He has been trying to promote it as safe and to put it back on the shelves with not regulations.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you. I do have a question for Deputy Administrator Janas. Are there other products that we can use that are not radioactive, that does not harm the environment and our neighbors here in Franklin County?

Mr. Janas: That is correct. In fact, as part of our analysis, we reached out to the County Engineer's Office, and they use alternative products that do not have these elements in them. They use other types of products to do their dust control and for roads. So, there are alternatives for private entities to use.

Commissioner Crawley: So, if we approve this resolution, Franklin County will be the second county in the state to move in this direction, is that correct?

Mr. Lyons: Yes. I know Athens County; the Commissioners have also passed a resolution.

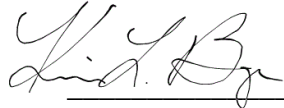
Mr. Janas: Just to clarify, this resolution does two things. One, per Ohio Revised Code, it acts on the actual application that we received, so we are recommending its disapproval. But in addition to that, we wanted to make sure we made the policy statement to the public that we don't condone the use of these products and don't intend to approve them in the future.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0562-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 P.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of Tuesday, July 20, 2021.



**KEVIN L. BOYCE, PRESIDENT**



**JOHN O'GRADY**



**ERICA C. CRAWLEY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Submitted by:



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