

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

July 27, 2021

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 27, 2021.

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

Also present on the dais were Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Erik J. Janas, Deputy County Administrator; Victoria A. Caldwell; 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 9:04 A.M.

Approval of the minutes of the July 20, 2021, General Session; and, the July 22, 2021, Briefing Session. Commissioner Crawley moved to approve the minutes, seconded by President Boyce. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0564-21**, expressing the enduring support of the Board of Commissioners for the right of workers to organize and collectively bargain, and for strong legal and policy protections of that right (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren Rummel, Government Affairs and Ethics Director, Board of Commissioners.

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

*Dorsey Hager, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Columbus Building Trades Council; John Lacy, Chairman, Labor & Industry Committee, Columbus NAACP; and, Mark Fluharty, Executive Director, Central Ohio Labor Council, all addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.*

*President Boyce, Commissioner O'Grady, and Commissioner Crawley all shared comments in support of the proposed resolution.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0564-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0565-21**, authorizing the Franklin County Coroner to sign an Agreement with Nationwide Children's Hospital for Non-Hospital Teaching Agreement (Coroner), presented by Amanda Alvarez, Director of Operations, Coroner's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0565-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0566-21**, authorizing the Franklin County Coroner to sign an Agreement with Ohio University Heritage College of Medicine for Non-Hospital Teaching Agreement (Coroner), presented by Amanda Alvarez, Director of Operations, Coroner's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0566-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0567-21**, authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for the purchase of materials and services (Coroner), presented by Amanda Alvarez, Director of Operations, Coroner's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0567-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0568-21**, determining that a real and present emergency exists in that there is physical disaster to the Borrer Road 0.11 over Tributary of Strader Ditch (JAC-TR266-0.11) structure, Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio; and authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to provide services as necessary for the immediate replacement of said structure (\$168,281.11) (Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

President Boyce: What is the cost of the Bridge?

Mr. Robertson: In using our own crew, it will be approximately \$168,000.00. The lowest bid that we received was about \$279,000.00. Our constituents will realize a savings of close to fifty percent compared to the competitive bid process.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0568-21, but requested that there be a statement in today's proceedings for the findings that the Engineer laid out, and with regard to the emergency resolution, and the need for it due to the condition of the bridge, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

*Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office: As requested and approved by the BOC, the following is entered into the minutes to reflect a determination that a real and present emergency exists based on the County Engineer's presentation and documents admitted into the record. The County Engineer has established there is an actual physical disaster. The requirements of ORC 307.86(A)(2) has been established for the BOC to make that determination and reflected in Resolution No. 568-21.*

**Resolution No. 0569-21**, authorizing County Engineer Cornell R. Robertson to submit applications and execute project agreements on behalf of Franklin County for Ohio Public Works Commission funding of road and bridge projects (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 0569-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0570-21**, authorizing a contract with Gordon Flesch Company, Inc. to provide printer/ copier lease maintenance and support for the printer fleet upgrade (\$15,000.00) (Treasurer), presented by Dusten Kohlhorst, IT Director, Treasurer's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0570-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0571-21**, authorizing three COVID-19 Recovery Grants to address digital inequity among vulnerable seniors in Franklin County (\$80,585.00) (Office On Aging), presented by Amy Funk, Assistant Director, Office On Aging.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0571-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0572-21**, authorizing a COVID-19 Recovery Grant with the Mid-Ohio Food Collective to meet the increased food security needs of Franklin County residents (\$7,000,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Dayna McCrary, Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

*Matt Habash, President & CEO, Mid-Ohio Food Collective, shared additional comments and addressed the Board in support of the proposed resolution.*

*All three Commissioners shared brief comments in support of the proposed resolution.*

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0572-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0573-21**, second Amendment to the Grant agreement with the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio to administer the Franklin County Skills Boost program for the recently unemployed in Franklin County (\$500,000.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Stephanie Robinson, Director of Policy & Initiatives, Workforce Development Board.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0573-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0574-21**, authorizing the approval of associated agreements for a HOME loan agreement with the Community Housing Network for the Touchstone Field Place Apartments housing project (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Mark Paxson, Community Development Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0574-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0575-21**, responding to the notice received concerning proposed Tax Increment Financing Districts, the Jefferson Park Incentive District, in Jefferson Township (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Josh Roth, Sr. Program Coordinator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution 0575-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

*Jim Schimmer, Director, Economic Development and Planning, took a moment to recognize that Josh Roth will be leaving Franklin County and wished him good luck.*

*Erik Janas, Deputy County Administrator also shared comments on his work and is excited for his future success.*

*President Boyce, Commissioner O'Grady, and Commissioner Crawley all shared comments and wished him well in his future endeavors.*

**Resolution No. 0576-21**, review of petition to annex 1.044 +/- acres from Mifflin Township to the City of Columbus, Case #ANX-26-21 (Economic Development and Planning), 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 0576-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0577-21**, approving a subaward agreement with The Ohio State University for the LiFEsports summer youth program (\$40,000.00) (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 0577-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0578-21**, authorizing the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services Director to enter into a subgrant agreement with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for the provision of the Refugee Support Services (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 0578-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0579-21**, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$3,543,230.46) (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 0579-21, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting of Tuesday, July 27, 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