

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

September 20, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

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

Also present on the dais was 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 Crawley called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

Commissioner Crawley: I want to take a moment this morning to acknowledge National Black Women's Equal Pay Day, which takes place tomorrow. Black women work 579 days to earn what white men do in 365 days. That means Black women must work an extra 214 days to catch up with what their white male counterparts make. Today, this unfortunate wage gap affects everything from the ability to save for retirement, pay off student debt, manage household expenses, and obtain access to quality housing, to the costs of healthcare and groceries. Based on the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (AAUW article on "Black Women & the Pay Gap"), the percentage of Black women working in full-time minimum wage jobs is higher than for any other racial group. With more than 1-in-3 Black women on the front lines of the pandemic in 2020, many in low-paying jobs with a high risk of exposure to the virus, we are faced with even further discrepancies to address as we work to remedy these inequities. Equality is an American ideal, and we expect that all men and women should have equal opportunities for good-paying jobs. I challenge every Franklin County business to look at their pay scale with a discerning eye and work to ensure equality for all workers.

Commissioner Boyce: This is really an important topic. It starts in the leadership and management part of any organization. Years ago, I went to a panel discussion about pay equity, and I learned about how systemic pay inequity happens over time. Essentially, once a person is in the hole, they are always in the hole, even if they take on a new job with a pay increase. I want to encourage those who are in the position to correct pay inequities to be thoughtful about the people who work for you, the role they play in your organization, and the contributions they make every day, and do your best to address the inequities that might exist.

Commissioner Crawley: I applaud businesses and municipalities that do not ask about pay history. Historically, Black and Brown women, especially, have been underpaid; so when businesses are basing a new wage on pay history, they will continue to be behind. It is also important that people have access to paychecks and pay stubs. There are a number of businesses that do not give employees pay stubs, which impacts their ability to find housing because that requires them to provide a history of payments. I know that there was a bill that was championed in the legislature here regarding the need for businesses to provide pay stubs, but it has not passed. I encourage all businesses to make sure that they are providing pay stubs to employees so that they do not continue to have barriers to housing and other employment opportunities.

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Commissioner Crawley: Today is National Voter Registration Day, a time to celebrate our (small D) democratic heritage while educating Americans on the value of voting and the requirements for registering. For one day, volunteers and voting rights organizations collaborate by setting up registration tables, knocking on doors, and producing media awareness campaigns over the importance of voting. I was raised in a family that emphasized the importance of voting and viewed exercising our right to vote as one of our most cherished civic duties. As a Navy Veteran and elected official, I have an even greater understanding of the obligation we have to this country, locally and nationally, to exercise our inalienable rights as citizens to vote. To learn more about registering to vote in Ohio, visit the Secretary of State's website at www.ohiosos.gov, or for voter information in Franklin County, go to www.vote.franklincountyohio.gov. Take an opportunity today to check your voting status, and keep in mind October 11th is the deadline to register or update your registration to vote in Ohio for the upcoming November 8th General Election. I updated my voter registration yesterday because I moved. I thought that I had updated my registration when I changed my mailing address, but you cannot always be sure. I went onto the Franklin County Board of Elections website and realized that it had not been updated, so I was able to change it on the website. It has not been that long since my family has been able to vote. My great-grandmother was born in 1899, so for most of her life, she was not able to vote. When she could, she did. My grandmother and great aunt, who were born in 1927 and 1933, respectively, did the same. I come from four generations of women, and when there was a right to vote and an ability to be poll workers, that is what my family did. Because of that foundation, I registered to vote when I could. No matter where I have lived, I have registered to vote and have voted in elections, whether special or primary. My daughters have turned eighteen and are registered to vote, and they are looking forward to doing so this November. Check your voter registration, and if you are not registered to vote, please do so and encourage your family and friends to do the same.

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Commissioner Crawley: Tomorrow marks the 41st Anniversary of the International Day of Peace, organized by the United Nations and celebrated around the world. We mark this occasion to globally share a day for all humanity to commit to peace and to contribute to building a culture of peace. This year's theme, "End Racism. Build Peace." is dedicated to strengthening the ideals of peace through the non-violent period of a 24-hour cease-fire. In particular, the United Nations wishes to address hate speech and violence directed at racial minorities. On this day, we are encouraged to speak out and promote a message of anti-racism through education. We look to those who have been peacemakers and peacekeepers to learn how we can individually make the world a more peaceful place for every resident, every day. Thank you!

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Approval of the minutes for the September 6 and September 13, 2022, General Sessions; and the September 8 and September 15, 2022, Briefing Sessions. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0681-22, extending the period for filing an application for the registration of dogs in Franklin County without penalty pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 955.01 (Auditor), presented by Michael Stinziano, Auditor, Auditor's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0681-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0682-22, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with Prime AE Group, Inc., for construction inspection services, an increase of \$48,960.00, for a revised contract amount of \$168,510.00 (\$48,960.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0682-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0683-22, authorizing the settlement, for the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), of a disputed bodily injury claim asserted against the County by Cameron Eldridge arising from an automobile accident and involving a Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy

(\$50,000.00) (Prosecuting Attorney), presented by Jesse Armstrong, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0683-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0684-22, authorizing the acceptance of funding from Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office to support the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force (\$45,000.00) (Sheriff), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Finance Director, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0684-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0685-22, authorizing a funding agreement with the Ohio Department of Health to support a tuberculosis detection and treatment program and administer medically approved courses of treatment in the management of individuals diagnosed with tuberculosis (Community Partnerships), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0685-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0686-22, supporting the issuance of a United States Postal Stamp to honor Muhammad Ali (Office of Diversity Equity & Inclusion), presented by Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

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

Commissioner Crawley: I was at the U.S. Conference of Mayors a few weeks ago, and I had the opportunity to sit next to Mayor Fischer, who is very passionate about ensuring that the Champ has a stamp. He has been working in Louisville and across the country to make sure that this happens. How many cities or counties have already passed a resolution in support of this effort?

Ms. Withers: Los Angeles has passed a resolution. The City of New York is working to pass its resolution. I can get you more information regarding all of the resolutions that have been passed or are in progress.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0686-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0687-22, review of petition to annex 20.8 +/- acres from Norwich Township to the City of Hilliard Case #ANX-31-22 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Jenny Snapp, Chief Operating Officer, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0687-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0688-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Linda L. Gregg at 3052 Brice Road, Brice, Ohio 43109 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0688-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0689-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for William Haycock at 6801 London Groveport Rd, Pleasant Township, Ohio 43123 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0689-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0690-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached “Discharge of MORTGAGE” instrument for Cathy L. James aka Cathy L. Judd at 1102

Sycamore Street, Village of Harrisburg, Ohio 43126 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Julissa Tiruchelvam, Executive Assistant, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0690-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0691-22, approving subaward agreements with multiple community agencies for Franklin County Out-of-School Time youth programming (\$1,977,475.55) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0691-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0692-22, approving a subaward agreement with Greater Columbus Helping Hands, Inc. for a college and career preparation program (\$225,482.30) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Melanie Cage, Executive Director, Greater Columbus Community Helping Hands: I would like to present some highlights from the results that we have achieved through this program. Our Mapping Your Future Program, which started in March of 2021, has been implemented in three separate school districts. As a result of our work, last year, we served just over seven hundred ninth graders over the three school districts. For a first-time program to have that kind of impact was significant. Your approval of this resolution will allow us to continue implementing the program at Groveport Madison High School and Whitehall-Yearling High School. From our discussions with those schools, we estimate we will be impacting over six hundred ninth graders through their first two semesters. We conducted a survey with the ninth graders we served last year. We learned that our modules on conflict resolution and decision-making resulted in 85% of students feeling that the program positively influenced their decision-making and ability to deal with conflict. As a result of our work in Groveport Madison High School, the school district has provided us with the opportunity to work in all three of their middle schools this year. This will allow us to work with approximately three hundred thirty more students. Now, transitioning to our Stepping Off to College Program, since our inception, we have given away one thousand dorm room packages to students who have completed our program.

Ms. Cage (cont.): Those packages have consisted of bed linens and bath linens to help them make a successful transition to college. We have given away over six hundred fifty laptops and printers to students. Prior to COVID, of the students who had completed our program, 80% of them finished their first year of college. Since COVID, 75% of the students who completed our program finished their first year of college. COVID has had a significant impact on learning, but we have still been able to prepare students to make a successful transition to their first year of college. Your approval of this resolution will allow us to continue working with the youth at Groveport, Whitehall, and Columbus City Schools.

Commissioner Crawley: What grade are the students who participate in Stepping Off to College?

Ms. Cage: The students who participate in this program are all high school seniors, and we are in the midst of recruiting for those slots now.

Commissioner Crawley: Which students will you be working with in the middle schools that you referenced?

Ms. Cage: We will be working with the eighth graders in those middle schools and the ninth graders in the high schools for the Mapping Your Future Program.

Commissioner Crawley: Are you working with the school counselors to identify qualifying students to recruit? I know that low-income and high-risk students benefit from these programs.

Ms. Cage: For Mapping Your Future, we are able to go into the classrooms, and we are working directly with the teachers in those classrooms. We have met with the principals of the schools, as well as the school district boards, to determine how we will interact with their students through Mapping Your Future. For Stepping Off to College, there is an application process. The school districts have provided a contact person for each school who works with the students to identify who may be interested in going to college and provides the application to the appropriate students to be considered for participation in our program. The contact person for each school is given guidelines to help identify students who would benefit most from this program. We also have a kick-off meeting with the students so that they understand what we are expecting of them and we can learn what they are expecting of us.

Commissioner Boyce: I would like to say to Ms. Cage, your mother had a heart as big as this entire Franklin County complex. She is sorely missed, and it is great to see the legacy of her work continue. As a first-generation college student, I know the impact of the resources that you provide. When I went to college, all I had was what people had donated to me. Resources such as a laptop and printer can make or break a first-year student who is already in the hole when it comes to the resources that they have to be successful. Thank you for what you do. I am so happy that we have an opportunity to invest in those students through you all.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0692-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0693-22, authorizing non-general fund supplemental appropriations for social services contracts (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0693-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0694-22, authorizing two professional service contract agreements with Hubert Hayes and Valerie Coleman for peer support and case management services for justice involved residents served via the Franklin County Rapid Resource Center (\$83,000.00) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0694-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0695-22, authorizing the County Administrator to accept the receipt of an administrative award from the City of Columbus, Department of Public Health for services related to the development and implementation of a legacy project for the Columbus and Franklin County Addiction Plan (\$5,000.00) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0695-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0696-22, authorizing a 12-month contract between Franklin County and Sikich, LLC for general benefit administration system consulting and support services for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (Cooperative) (\$56,250.00) (Human Resources), presented by Jodi Leis, Assistant Director, Benefits and Wellness, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0696-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0697-22, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies (\$2,046,352.17) (Purchasing), presented by Sharon A. Sabree, Fiscal Support Analyst, Purchasing, and Damika Withers, Chief Economic Equity and Inclusion Officer, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion.

Ms. Sabree and Ms. Withers reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0697-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0698-22, to authorize Hannah Estabrook as a joint appointment representative to the OneOhio Region 1 Board arising out of NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0698-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0699-22, to authorize Dr. Robert Graessle as a joint appointment representative to the OneOhio Region 1 Board arising out of NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0699-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0700-22, to authorize Savana Sprague as a joint appointment representative to the OneOhio Region 1 Board arising out of NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION

(Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Crawley: Could you provide a brief overview of the backgrounds of these appointees?

Ms. Long: Dr. Robert Graessle is a former emergency room physician who now runs Base Camp Recovery Center, which works with individuals in the community who have recovery and addiction issues. Hannah Estabrook is the Executive Director of Sanctuary Night, which provides a safe space for women and other folks in the community who have opioid-related concerns. Savana Sprague was recommended to us by Director Pride. She has lived experience, is a peer counselor, and is a member of the LGBTQ+ community. In addition to these three appointees, there are other appointees already on the Board. One is a dentist whose son passed from opioid addiction. Joe Mazzola, who is the Health Commissioner, was previously appointed by this Board, along with Erika Clark Jones, CEO of ADAMH. Edward Johnson, who is the Assistant City Health Commissioner, is also on this Board, along with Chief Brian Fraley from the Clinton Township Division of Fire, and a firefighter from the City of Columbus, who represent first responders. They are joined by Amy O’Grady, Vice President of Provider and Community Relations, Lighthouse Behavioral Health Solutions. We have a very well-rounded, local group of people to represent our region on this Board.

Commissioner Crawley: Thank you. I wanted the public to be aware that we were very intentional in ensuring we appointed people from the community, people with lived experience, and people who assist those with lived experience or who suffer from addiction.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0700-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0701-22, to set appointment terms for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners representatives and the Franklin County Township representative to the OneOhio Region 1 Board arising out of NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION (Board of Commissioners), presented by Kris J. Long, Deputy County Administrator, Board of Commissioners.

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

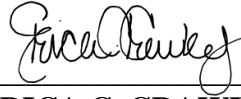
Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0701-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022.



ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT



JOHN O'GRADY

**KEVIN L. BOYCE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

Submitted by:



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