

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

December 6, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

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

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; and 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 9:16 A.M.

Commissioner Crawley: Good morning, and welcome to December. Last week on December 1, we observed World AIDS Day, which is an opportunity for people around the world to unite in the fight against HIV, show support for people living with HIV, and remember those who have died from AIDS-related illnesses. 38 million people are living with HIV worldwide, and the virus has been responsible for more than 35 million deaths since it was first identified in 1984. Scientific advances have greatly improved the treatment options and prognosis for many who are living with this disease, but there is still a vital need to raise awareness, raise funds for research, and fight prejudice. For local information about AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, visit the Sexual Health and Wellness Program at Columbus Public Health: [Columbus.gov/PublicHealth](http://Columbus.gov/PublicHealth).

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Commissioner Crawley: Also, last week, on December 3, was the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. This recognition day celebrates the ways that we are all different and is an opportunity to promote inclusion and accessibility in all places for people with disabilities. An estimated 46% of people over the age of 60 are living with a disability.

Commissioner Crawley (cont.): One in five women will experience a disability at some point in their life, and one-in-ten children have a disability. People with disabilities are among those who most often experience discrimination and violence in addition to the day-to-day barriers they encounter. Franklin County residents support an excellent resource for people with developmental disabilities through the levy-funded Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. More information on their programs and services can be found at FCBDD.org. This is an issue that is important to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, and we are always working to promote inclusion and accessibility throughout county government and county facilities. There is a bill that passed the House and is currently in the Senate that is for parental rights for the disabled. During my time in the Legislature, this was brought to me by the National Federation of the Blind, but then Disability Rights Ohio and other groups reached out to support the bill, so we changed it from parental rights for the blind to parental rights for the disabled. Those who are differently abled are discriminated against, even in the justice system, when it comes to their parental rights. They have had their children taken away and then had to fight to regain custody. In the instances of divorce or custody battles, this bill shifts the burden of proof to the person who is making the claim that the other person that has the disability is unfit to be a parent. In the past, the burden of proof was placed on the person with the disability to prove that they were an able parent, and we thought that was unfair. So, when you get a chance, you can look up that bill and support it.

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Commissioner Crawley: Finally, I want to take a moment to acknowledge tomorrow as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. On December 7, 1941, the Japanese military attacked an American Naval base without warning at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and marked the entrance of the United States into World War II. On that day eighty-one years ago, 2,403 American service members and civilians were killed, more than a thousand more were injured, 188 American aircraft were destroyed, and 15 U.S. ships were damaged or sunk. President Roosevelt called it “a date which will live in infamy,” and the U.S. would go on to experience three and a half years of war in which more than 16 million Americans served in the armed forces and more than a million were killed or wounded. Flags at county buildings will be flying at half-staff tomorrow in remembrance of the courageous people who have served our country.

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Approval of the minutes for the November 29, 2022, General Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

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**Resolution No. 0902-22**, approving a ditch maintenance petition for Morrison Farms East Section 6, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Drainage Engineer), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0902-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0903-22**, HDR Engineering, 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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0903-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0904-22**, the Franklin County Engineer is authorized to use County forces during 2023 for maintenance and repair projects involving County roads and bridges within limits established by the Ohio Revised Code (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 0904-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0905-22**, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into agreements with farmers to leave cornstalks in the ground as snow fence barriers (\$20,000.00) (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 0905-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0906-22**, awarding contract and approving contract bond to M.P. Dory Co., for the 2023 Franklin County Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract (\$697,720.00) (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 0906-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0907-22**, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Shelly & Sands, Inc., for the Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road & Havens Road Roundabout (\$6,331,456.11) (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 0907-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0908-22**, approval of the Morrison Farms East Section 6 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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0908-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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**Resolution No. 0901-22**, authorizing a contract with Huntington National Bank to provide banking services for the Franklin County Clerk of Courts of Common Pleas (\$250,000.00) (Clerk Of Courts), presented by Shawn Rieder, Director of Fiscal Services, Clerk of Courts.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0901-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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**PUBLIC HEARING:** Public hearing to consider the initial feasibility of the improvement of the ODOT-Argabright Drainage Improvement, Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio.

Commissioner Crawley: I would like to open the Public Hearing. Would anyone like to speak regarding this Public Hearing?

*All witnesses were sworn in prior to providing testimony, and a robust discussion with the Commissioners ensued.*

*Testimony was heard from the following members of the public: Joseph Lee, Barbara Sims, Kenneth Yarnell, Gregory Pell, Curtis Hughes, Jeff Anderson, and Kathy Myers.*

*Testimony was heard from John Adams, District 6 Hydraulic Engineer, Ohio Department of Transportation.*

*Testimony was heard from the following members of the Franklin County Engineer's Office: Cornell Robertson, Engineer; Nick Soulas, Government Affairs Liaison; and Abigail Obert, Drainage Project Engineer in Training.*

*Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, provided a legal explanation in response to the Commissioners' clarifying questions.*

Commissioner Crawley: I would like to close this Public Hearing and have the Clerk read the resolution into the record.

**Resolution No. 0909-22**, considering the initial feasibility of the improvement of the ODOT-Argabright Drainage Improvement, Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners), 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 0909-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0910-22**, authorizing a modification to the original contract agreement with Elford, Inc. to provide Construction Manager at Risk Services, including Preconstruction Services, associated with the planning, design and new construction of a mental health and addiction crisis center at an increase in the amount of the contract not to exceed \$168,695.00 (Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Board), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0910-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0911-22**, authorizing the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with Abnormal Security Corporation for the evaluation of technology security software (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Julie Lust, Chief Financial Officer, Data Center.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0911-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0912-22**, authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for the support of the immediate financial assistance program (Veterans Services), presented by Robert Bramlish, Executive Director, Veterans Services.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0912-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0913-22**, review of petition to annex 19.05 +/- acres from Franklin Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-37-22 (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0913-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0914-22**, review of petition to annex 2.9 +/- acres from PlainTownship to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-40-22 (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0914-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0915-22**, review of petition to annex 4.8 +/- acres from Plain Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-41-22 (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0915-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0916-22**, Review of petition to annex 9.81 +/- acres from Plain Township to the City of Columbus Case #ANX-42-22 (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0916-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Commissioner O'Grady moved to remove Resolution 0893-22 from the table, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously removed from the table by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0893-22**, approving a subaward agreement with Partners Achieving Community Transformation for a workforce training program (\$254,234.23) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0893-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

**Resolution No. 0917-22**, approving subaward agreement with Liberians in Columbus, Inc. for a new Community Wellness Navigator initiative (\$188,742.43) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0917-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0918-22**, approving a subaward agreement with the City of Columbus for the CelebrateOne infant mortality interventions, education, and outreach strategies (\$800,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0918-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0919-22**, approving a subaward agreement with Tech Corps Ohio for youth technology programming (\$496,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0919-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0920-22**, approving a subaward agreement with the Columbus Urban League for the Journey to Wealth program (\$150,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Boyce: I have heard nothing but really good things about this program and I am excited to make this investment. I work in finance, and I don't understand how the credit score system works. Getting folks to understand the basic elements of how it works is definitely a component of wealth-building for families and individuals. I would like to meet with the Urban League so that I can learn more about what they do. I am very enthusiastically supportive of this resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0920-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.



**Resolution No. 0921-22**, approving a contract with Arbor E & T, LLC dba Equus Workforce Solutions for the Ohio Works First work activities services and management (\$2,923,200.02) (Job and Family Services), presented by Vivian Turner, Chief Administrator, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0921-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0922-22**, authorizing three contract modifications of sub-awards issued to the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital dba Abigail Wexner Research Institute, University of Cincinnati, and Healing Broken Circles through the FY 2019 Second Chance Act Addressing Needs of Incarcerated Parents and their Minor Children grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice (\$76,370.61) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Melissa Pierson, Chief Operating Officer, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner O'Grady moved to approve Resolution 0922-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

**Resolution No. 0923-22**, authorizing a second modification to the contract with Amick Consulting Group, LLC for funding acquisition services (an increase of \$261,771.49) (\$261,771.49) (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Stephen Renner, Director, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0923-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0924-22**, authorizing appropriation adjustments for the county's wellness incentive and public transportation benefit programs, termination payouts, workers' compensation expenses, and to offset budgeted vacancy reductions (Board of Commissioners), 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 0924-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0925-22**, authorizing an application to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas for employment of Bricker & Eckler and a contract to perform services associated with arbitrage, rebate, and yield restriction compliance, and to serve as bond counsel and provide advice in public finance and economic development matters as needed (Board of Commissioners), 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 0925-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0926-22**, authorizing an application to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas for employment of Frost Brown Todd and a contract to serve as bond counsel and provide advice in public finance, economic development, and zoning matters (Board of Commissioners), 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 0926-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 0927-22**, authorizing an application to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas for employment of Ice Miller and a contract to serve as legal counsel regarding labor relations matters (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zachary Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

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

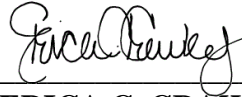
Commissioner O’Grady moved to approve Resolution 0927-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022.



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**ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT**



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**KEVIN L. BOYCE  
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