

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

December 13, 2022

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 13, 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 9:05 A.M.

Commissioner Crawley: Good morning, and welcome to General Session. This is our last General Session meeting of 2022, and we'll finish both the meeting and the year with the passage of our 2023 annual budget. Before we get to the agenda, though, I'd like to take a minute to recognize that this past Saturday, December 10, was United Nations Human Rights day. UN Human Rights Day recognizes the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights that are common to everyone worldwide. It commemorates the 1948 passage of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in which all member nations pledged themselves to promote universal respect for, and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms. That declaration has 30 articles, including that all human beings are born free; that they have the right to life, liberty, and security; that they are all equal before the law; that they are entitled to equal rights to marriage; and many others. It's important to have these baselines established even though we are still working toward a point where these freedoms are universally available, and I encourage everyone to take a few minutes today to look up the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

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Commissioner Crawley: Lastly, I want to recognize the many winter holidays that our residents are celebrating. Here at the county, we have time off for Christmas and New Year's Day because those are the holidays that Congress recognizes, but we know that there are many other holidays at this time of year. Our Jewish residents will be celebrating Hanukkah starting next week. Las Posadas begins on Friday. Yule, or the Winter Solstice, is on December 21. And, of course, Kwanzaa begins on December 26. These holidays and others are celebrated by many people in our community at this time of year, and it is my pleasure to wish all of our residents a happy holiday season and a healthy new year.

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Resolution No. 0928-22, authorizing consulting services from Raising the Bar Performance Group LLC for developing a diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility (DEIA) initiative (\$100,000.00) (Court of Common Pleas), presented by Kimberly Canada, Director of Finance, Court of Common Pleas, General Division.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0928-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0929-22, authorizing a lease with Great Southern Shopping Center, LLC. for office space for the Auto Title South location (\$989,437.80) (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0929-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0930-22, authorizing a supplemental contract with MAPSYS, Inc. to provide application support services for the Franklin County Clerk of Courts and Probate Court (\$251,900.00) (Clerk Of Courts), presented by April Hughes, IT Program Manager, Clerk of Courts.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0930-22, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0931-22, requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on portions of Winchester Pike, County Road No. 376, Madison 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 0931-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0932-22, authorizing the Seventh Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the Franklin County Engineer's Office, and the Franklin County Transportation Improvement District (Board of Commissioners), 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 0932-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0933-22, ordering the County Engineer to prepare plans, specifications, estimates, and assessments for the improvement of the ODOT-Argabright Ditch Watershed, Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by Cornell Robertson, Engineer, Engineer's Office.

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

The following residents spoke against Resolution No. 0933-22: Kenneth Yarnell, 4688 London Groveport Road Orient, Ohio 43146; and Kathy Myers, 5306 London Groveport Road, Orient, Ohio 43146.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0933-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0934-22, authorizing the County Administrator to sign Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) on behalf of the Board of Commissioners to add members to the Franklin County Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) for the remainder of calendar year 2022 (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 0934-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0935-22, supporting the Sheriff's Office to continue as lead agency in the Countywide DUI Task Force, and the approval of contracts with 22 member agencies participating on the Countywide DUI Task Force (\$224,855.92) (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 0935-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0936-22, authorizing a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment #1 to modify the original Contract Agreement with Elford, Inc. to provide Construction Manager at Risk Services, including Construction Services, associated with the construction of a mental health and addiction crisis center (\$3,456,941.00) (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 0936-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0937-22, authorizing the execution of a fifth amendment to an agreement of sublease with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction pertaining to the financing of a portion of the cost of the Franklin County Community Based Correctional Facility (Community Based Correctional Facility), 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: I just want to clarify. So, we lease that facility to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC)?

Ms. Long: The leasing amendment, as I understand it, has a whole host of capital leases from ODRC, but I will defer to Jacki Dickinson from the Franklin County Community Base Correctional Facility (CBCF), as well as ODRC to go back to the original element. To your point, Commissioner, the original amendment is from 1991 and 1992.

Jacki Dickinson, Executive Director, Franklin County Community Based Correctional Facility: I would like to explain the original concept of the CBCFs, because there are seventeen others in the state of Ohio. These facilities and our prison diversion program are used to keep offenders from going to prison, but they were originally locally-controlled. They were controlled by local courts and the Commissioners provided the land and the building. ODRC leases that to use it as a place for offenders to be rather than prison.

Commissioner Boyce: I was always under the impression that it was under our control. I do not think I knew that history, so thank you, that is helpful.

Commissioner Crawley: What is the amount?

Ms. Long: The amount of the fifth amendment is \$450,000.00 to replace a flooring area in the facility. Again, I will defer to Director Dickinson if there are any further details to Commissioner Crawley's question.

Ms. Dickinson: Originally, we requested three projects. We requested an enclosure in the back area of the facility for storage purposes; we requested an air conditioning unit be placed in our technical closet; and finally, we requested flooring throughout the facility. The majority of the flooring throughout the entire facility is original, from 1993. Over the years, there have been sections that have worn, and now it is to the point that it all needs to be redone. Because of inflation, ODRC decided to give us the \$450,000.00 for just the flooring, and we will revisit the other projects in the future.

Commissioner Boyce: So, this is just an amendment to the agreement, but the State is actually paying for the flooring?

Ms. Dickinson: Yes, that is correct, but because it is a permanent addition to the building, they need to redo the lease.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0937-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0938-22, authorizing the County Administrator to enter into an agreement with Mimecast North America, Inc. 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 0938-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0939-22, authorizing a consultant contract with Proven FM for consulting and support services to aid in selecting and implementing a financial tool (\$157,150.00) (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 postpone Resolution 0939-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was postponed until Tuesday, January 10, 2023, by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0940-22, approving fifteen (15) contracts for Home Delivered Meals and Emergency Response Systems (\$11,808,670.70) (Office On Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Interim Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0940-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0941-22, authorizing an allocation of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to support the Franklin County Property Tax Assistance Program (\$120,000.00) (Office On Aging), presented by Chanda Wingo, Interim Director, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0941-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0942-22, authorizing the acceptance of a gift from The Estate of Kathryn D. Denton (\$50,000.00) (Animal Control), presented by Lionel Hamilton II, Fiscal Officer, Animal Control.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0942-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0943-22, authorizing a consultant contract with Counter Point Mediation Services, LLC for professional mediation services (\$45,000.00) (Child Support Enforcement), presented by Susan Brown, Director, Child Support Enforcement.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0943-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0944-22, making certain findings required under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 349 and setting a date for the required public hearings to establish a new community authority (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 0944-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0945-22, approving a first amendment to Service Agreement (Resolution 0989-21) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (“County”) and the Community Development Collaborative of Greater Columbus (“The Collaborative” or “Grantee”) to provide Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) support program in Franklin County (\$48,571.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Genee’ Cosby, Community Development Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0945-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0946-22, approving a first amendment to Service Agreement (Resolution 0691-21) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (“County”) and the Community Refugee & Immigration Services (“CRIS” or “Grantee”) to provide translation and case management services for individuals impacted by COVID-19 in Franklin County (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Genee’ Cosby, Community Development Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner O'Grady: How many languages does CRIS provide?

Susan Gregorek, Leadership Interpretation & Case Management Program, Community Refugee & Immigration Services: I would say we offer at least over fifty languages right now. Right now, we can offer in-person interpretation for Arabic, Somali, and Spanish. We use an app for other languages that we do not have on staff. The in-person interpretation is so vital to the community because it provides the extra care that customers need when they are accessing social services. The other great thing about our services is that we do not do just word-for-word interpretation, but we also help them fill out forms, do intake packages, navigate services, connect them with other resources, and do wrap-around services, all in their language. It makes it much easier and more comfortable for them to go through the process of becoming economically self-sufficient and stable.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0946-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0947-22, approving a first amendment to Service Agreement (Resolution 0818-19) between the Franklin County Board of Commissioners ("County") and Community Housing Partnership, Inc. DBA Homeport ("Homeport" or "Grantee") to provide a First-Time Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance and Homebuyer Counseling Program in Franklin County. (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Genee' Cosby, Community Development Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to amend the resolution from "Community Housing Partnership, Inc." to "Columbus Housing Partnership, Inc.," seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously amended by roll call vote.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve amended Resolution 0947-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The amended Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0948-22, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Discharge of MORTGAGE" instrument for Amanda Collmar at 5631 Sullivant Avenue, Galloway, Ohio 43119 (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 0948-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0949-22, approving a contract extension between the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services and FB Columbus, LLC for the lease of the Franklin County West Opportunity Center (\$2,425,050.00) (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 0949-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0950-22, granting authority to the County Administrator to sign all certification and assurance documents related to the FY 2022 Justice Assistance Grant application (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 0950-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0951-22, supporting the adoption of the Justice Counts initiative to enhance and standardize justice system data collection intended to provide policymakers with timely, reliable, and relevant data and to encourage partner justice agencies to sign a Memorandum of Understanding formally adopting the Justice Counts Tier One metrics (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 0951-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0952-22, authorizing a professional service contract agreement with Kevin Irby for peer support and case management services for residents served via SAFER Station (\$35,000.00) (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 0952-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0953-22, accepting the dedication of a sanitary sewer collection system to the County and accepting a Sanitary Sewer Easement for the sewer system from Epcon Riverside, LLC (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0953-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0954-22, authorizing a first modification to the professional engineering services contract with ms consultants, inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project (Sanitary Engineers), presented by Ryan Stowe, Project Engineer, Sanitary Engineers.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0954-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0955-22, authorizing a Contract Modification between Franklin County and OptumRx PBM of Illinois, Inc. (OptumRx) to incorporate updated pricing and reporting requirements for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (Cooperative) (\$953,200.00) (Human Resources), presented by Laura Repasky, Director, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0955-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0956-22, authorizing a Business Associate Agreement with CancerBridge, LLC (CancerBridge) to allow data collection, aggregation and reporting for the cancer-focused navigation program for the Franklin County Cooperative Health Improvement Program (Cooperative) (Human Resources), presented by Laura Repasky, Director, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0956-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0969-22, revising the Wellness Incentive Program policy for non-bargaining Board of Commissioner employees. (Human Resources), presented by Laura Repasky, Director, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0969-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0957-22, authorizing an agreement with Gordon Flesch Company, Inc. for FusionPro VDP Creator and Expression Software (\$7,875.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0957-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0958-22, authorizing a Contract Modification (“Modification #2”) with Brink’s U.S., a Division of Brink’s Incorporated for the provision of Armed Courier Services (\$200,000.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0958-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0959-22, authorizing a purchase order to Byers Ford, LLC for the procurement of a 2022 Ford F350 Transit Van (\$62,513.00) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0959-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Commissioner Crawley: Before we move on with the remainder of the agenda, I would like to take a moment to say a few words. I have had the privilege to serve one full year as a Commissioner, and as the President of the Board of Commissioners. I just want to highlight some of the things that we have done, and express how grateful I am. When my colleagues bestowed this opportunity upon me after only six months as a Commissioner, I said that I wanted to really work to bring the County out of the shadows. Sometimes, we fly under the radar, and when things happen, people often think about the State or the City, and not the County. Sometimes that can be a good thing, but it is also important for our residents to know that we work for them, and to know how we are working for them each and every day. We have done some really awesome things this year, such as Creating Central Ohio Futures, Tech Women of Color, and Franklin County RISE (a childcare initiative). We have represented the Board at a number of speaking events that continue to raise our profile and raise awareness of the things that we are doing. We funded a number of different initiatives that have not always made it into the Dispatch or on the news, or on social media, but they impact the lives of our neighbors each and every day. We have advocated individually and collectively at the Federal level. It has been an honor to serve every resident, every single day. I am extremely humbled and grateful that I get to work with two amazing men who do this work passionately each day, and an administration that wakes up every day and figures out what else we can be doing to make sure that everyone has the same opportunities to thrive and not just survive, and to be able to move up the economic mobility ladder. To all of our agencies, whether under the Board of Commissioners, or County government as a whole, if it were not for our employees who come to work every day to deliver services, this county would not be in the position that it is in. Other counties are looking to us for best practices, and taking what we do here and implementing it in their own communities. I cannot say “thank you” enough, and “thank you” does not even begin to explain the gratitude that I have for all of our staff and employees. It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve as the President of the Board and to work with you each and every day. Thank you so much! There is still much work to be done, and I am looking forward to 2023.

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Resolution No. 0960-22, appointing Damika Withers to the IMPACT Community Action Board of Directors (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren Graessle, Assistant Director of Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0960-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0961-22, reappointing Dennis K. Hartz to the Franklin County Conventions Facilities Authority Board of Directors (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren Graessle, Assistant Director of Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0961-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0962-22, reappointing Jacquelin R. Lewis to the Franklin County Conventions Facilities Authority Board of Directors (Board of Commissioners), presented by Lauren Graessle, Assistant Director of Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0962-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0963-22, authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio, to assist in their efforts to create their own Building Futures program and to ensure recognition of Franklin County Board of Commissioners as the initial creator and model for Building Futures (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: I was listening to Secretary of Labor Walsh give a speech the other day, and he was really digging into the need for organized labor. He was talking about how a national effort is needed to fuel building trades for the long haul. With all of the funds that the White House and the Federal government have put into infrastructure over the last year or so, he was talking about a shortage in building trades nationally and the need to re-up that. Thinking about Central Ohio and building trades, it was easy for us to support this resolution. I also like seeing the work that we are doing replicated around the country because there is a bigger picture. It is about bringing the County out of the shadows, because we do great work and we have a lot of great initiatives. Sometimes, when we move, you can see the reverberation through society. While we weren't the first to do it, when we declared racism as a public health crisis, it was at a key point in time and it really created a wave. I believe Building Futures has a similar kind of momentum. I think this is exactly what Secretary Walsh was talking about. We should be sending this to Secretary Walsh to show him what we are doing in Franklin County. It is a great idea and it is something that can be replicated, and they can help to spur that at a higher level and a greater capacity than we could ever do.

Ms. Long: I will work with Director Rummel, Administrator Wilson, and others to ensure we get that done on the behalf of the Board.

Commissioner O'Grady: Have we heard from counties other than Hamilton County? I know that I have heard from multiple counties that they are either talking about it or are interested in doing it. Fairfield County, as well as counties across the countries, have expressed this to me. I have told them to contact County Administration to get the details and information necessary. I do not know if any of them have reached out yet.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: We have had counties reach out, but they have not gotten to the point where the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio currently is. I anticipate that counties nationally will advance because of presentations that have been made during the Build Back Better process. There is a heightened awareness of Building Futures and an ability to replicate this, so I anticipate that will happen. There is also an effort to get in a Federal earmark to support the Building Futures program, which is being advanced by members of our Congressional Delegation.

Commissioner Crawley: I have had a conversation with Mayor Bibb about Building Futures, and I think that was one of the conversations that spurred us getting to an MOU, because there has been a lot of outreach. I have asked County Administration if we can trademark this to show that the County's vision for this five years ago has really taken off and expanded. Some of the materials are proprietary; they have come from the County and have been developed by the County, and with the County. These materials are being used in the training and curriculum. A trademark would not just be for recognition, but it would be a way to recognize the sweat equity that goes into these programs. It should be noted that when we expand this, Franklin County should be recognized for their efforts and the work that has been done.

Leland Bass, Director of Apprenticeship Services/Building Futures, Driving Futures, Build Back Together, Columbus Urban League: We have formally been contacted by Greater Salt Lake City in Utah and Cuyahoga County in Cleveland to enter into discussions about what it would take to assist them in propping up their own version of Building Futures.

Joy Bivens, Deputy County Administrator: We have gone down to Cincinnati with the President of the NAACP here, Nana Watson, who is a big supporter of Building Futures. We have had conversations with the Vice Mayor of Cincinnati, as well as the Board of Commissioners there, regarding this effort. We informed them that this program cannot move forward, from our prospective, until we put the right MOU in place. We need to put a "how-to" manual together for Building Futures to show our partners how Franklin County has done this.

Commissioner O'Grady: When I went to the White House this summer and we did the American Rescue Plan Workforce Summit, the White House was promoting this, and counties all over the country have been recognizing this and talking about it. Every time I go to either LUCC or NACo, I get more and more questions about it. My standard answer to everyone is that we are happy to help you and work with you because we would love to see this in other counties across the country. And I agree that Franklin County needs to be recognized as the originator of this program.

Mr. Wilson: Currently, there is no better model for promoting economic mobility than Building Futures, Driving Futures. I think Mr. Bass has the keys to a program that is going to continue to multiply and expand. We appreciate your partnership. I have also had conversations with Wayne County, Michigan, regarding this effort, so I would not be surprised if they were one of the partners to join us.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0963-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0964-22, reconciling 2022 appropriations to align with projected ending revenues in the amended certificate of estimated resources (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 0964-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0965-22, authorizing a General Fund supplemental appropriation to record the administrative fee charged by the State Tax Commissioner for the collection of the County's sales tax (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 0965-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0966-22, authorizing transfers to various operating, reserve, and capital funds (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 0966-22, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0967-22, authorizing the annual appropriation measure for Fiscal Year 2023 (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.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator: I want to thank everyone involved in the process to bring the 2023 budget appropriation measure forward for final consideration. Zak, your team in the Office of Management and Budget is a very experienced team, yet a very innovative group of individuals. They are very thoughtful in working under the leadership of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to ensure that we bring forth budgets that are in line with the top counties in the country, as measured by our double Triple-A bond rating. I want to express my genuine thanks to the Board of Commissioners for their leadership, and to all of Team Franklin County. There are too many individuals to name, but as County Administrator, I am blessed to be in this leadership role in what I believe is one of the finest-managed and innovative counties from a public policy standpoint. We are able to do great things for every resident, every day, and it is not just talk, it is backed up by action. I am privileged to be here to see this budget be over \$2 billion, yet it is a very fiscally responsible, forward-thinking budget at the same time.

Commissioner Boyce: Budget is a reflection of your value set. When you look at how we are spending money to help our residents every day, I think that really shows how this Board of Commissioners thinks and what our values are. We do not get it perfect all of the time; we make adjustments. That is what the legislative process is for. I appreciate all of the staff across Franklin County who wake up every day to help deliver and carry out those value sets that we have bestowed upon this institution. Two billion dollars is a lot of money to spend in a year, but I shudder to think what it would be like if we didn't have those resources. The additional "thank you" that I would like to offer is to the public, who generates those tax revenues and trusts us with the authority and ability to appropriate those funds in the right direction.

Commissioner O'Grady: Since I have been a Commissioner, our All-Funds budget has almost doubled. We were only a little over \$1 billion when I first became a Commissioner. Our General Fund was about \$350 million, and now it is almost \$600 million. But that is a product of the county's growth. Franklin County is one of the fastest-growing counties in this part of the country. It is amazing to see what we have become and what we will continue to become. I want to echo the comments of Commissioner Boyce and Administrator Wilson. We are a nationally respected county for our fiscal prudence and our fiscal management. The respect is not just based on our double Triple-A bond rating, but on the leadership of County Administration, the County Commissioners, and our directors. The things that our staff and employees do every day are certainly recognized. I hope that the residents of Franklin County know and understand and appreciate what Franklin County is all about. We need to do a better job of making sure that the residents of Franklin County are aware of the services that we provide. We can always be better, and we should strive for that. I appreciate all that you all do every day. Thank you!

Commissioner Crawley: In government, there is a saying: “Show me your budget, and I’ll tell you your priorities.” We on the Board value what the community has said that we need to prioritize. I appreciate everyone who has worked with OMB and Administration to get this budget right because it is each agency and its staff who have a pulse on the community. We use taxpayer dollars in the effort to make transformational change in the lives of our neighbors. Our neighbors have said they want barriers removed when they come out of the injustice system; they want barriers removed when it comes to having access to affordable, safe housing; they want barriers removed to be able to support their children. We spend taxpayer dollars in a fiscally responsible way toward this cause. I look forward to supporting this budget and seeing all of the good work that gets highlighted next year. I also look forward to hearing more of our residents’ stories about the impact that the services that Franklin County provides have had on their lives. Thank you, Zak, for the work that you and your staff have done to put the budget together with Administration. I appreciate it.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0967-22, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

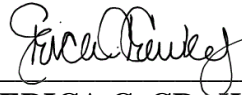
Resolution No. 0968-22, of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of considering personnel matters (Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution 0968-22, to convene into Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public employee or official, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote, and the Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 11:07 A.M.

At 11:27 A.M., Commissioner Boyce moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner O’Grady, which was unanimously approved by roll call vote. No substantive action was taken upon exiting Executive Session, and with no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2022.



ERICA C. CRAWLEY, PRESIDENT



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