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FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 6, 2026

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

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

Also present on the dais were Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator; Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator; Damika Withers, Deputy County Administrator; Shayla D. Favor, Prosecutor, Prosecuting Attorney; Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget; and Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Using hybrid meeting technology, participants were also able to access General Session via Zoom Webinar Meeting ID: 811 9053 2115; Passcode: 1803, to attend virtually and watch the session live, click here to register in advance.

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Commissioner O'Grady called the meeting to order at 9:09 A.M.

Commissioner O'Grady: Good morning, everyone, and welcome! This is Stormwater Awareness Week. It's a chance to recognize the work being done to protect our local streams, rivers, and wildlife. It's also a reminder that clean water is a responsibility we all share. We're pleased to welcome Kyle Wilson, Assistant Director of the Franklin County Conservation District. We also want to acknowledge the Franklin County Engineer's Office for the important role they play in managing stormwater and protecting our waterways.

While Kyle makes his way to the podium, many of you know this organization as the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District. They recently introduced their new name, Franklin County Conservation District, and this updated name and look will better reflect their growth and commitment to reaching more residents and communities across Franklin County. Congratulations on this new chapter!

Kyle, please share more about Stormwater Awareness Week and the steps we can all take to protect our waterways and drinking water.

Kyle Wilson, Assistant Director, Franklin County Conservation District, discussed Stormwater Awareness Week, increased heavy rainfall in Central Ohio, the effect of stormwater runoff on

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streams and rivers, and actions residents and businesses can take to reduce pollution. Mr. Wilson thanked the Board, participating townships, Economic Development and Planning, and the Engineer's Office for their support of stormwater efforts.

Nick A. Soulas, Jr., Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office, thanked Mr. Wilson and the Franklin County Conservation District and discussed the agencies' partnership in implementing the County's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit and addressing stormwater management.

Commissioner O'Grady noted personal experience with stormwater issues in Brown Township and the Mando Ditch area, and thanked the Engineer's Office, Drainage Engineer, and Franklin County Conservation District for their partnership.

Commissioner O'Grady recognized Commissioner Crawley, who made a point of privilege.

Commissioner O'Grady recognized Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, who made brief remarks.

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Approval of the minutes for the September 24, 2026, Briefing Session; and the September 29, 2026, General Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0640-26, authorizing an addendum to the existing contract with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for the CCA 2.0 Grant, increasing the grant award by $2,400.00 ($12,772,369.00) (Court of Common Pleas), presented by Kimberly Canada, Director of Finance, Court of Common Pleas.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0640-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0641-26, authorizing non-general fund appropriation adjustments for the Adult Probation Department (Court of Common Pleas), presented by Kimberly Canada, Director of Finance, Court of Common Pleas.

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

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Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0641-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0642-26, authorizing a consultant contract with MurphyEpson, Inc. for the provision of services related to a visual identity update ($98,000.00) (Auditor), presented by Brad Steen, Staff Counsel, Auditor's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0642-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0643-26, awarding contract and approving contract bond to Layton Trucking, Inc., dba Layton Services for the Kropp Road Drainage Outlet Improvement Part 2 project ($1,936,722.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick A. Soulas, Jr., Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0643-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0644-26, Report (2nd) of the Franklin County Engineer establishing sums of compensation for a portion of the owners of property abutting Johnstown Road at 17th Avenue and I-670E Exit Ramp, Mifflin Township, City of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio ($675.00) (Engineer), presented by Nick A. Soulas, Jr., Government Affairs Liaison, Engineer's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0644-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0611-26, authorizing a Master Client Agreement with OARnet for the procurement of Broadband and Technology services (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Julie Lust, Chief Financial Officer, Franklin County Data Center.

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

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Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0611-26, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0645-26, in support of Cybersecurity Awareness Month education and activities (Franklin County Data Center), presented by Trevor Kanzler, Chief Information Security Officer, Franklin County Data Center.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0645-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0646-26, authorizing a transfer of General Fund appropriations for the support of the immediate financial assistance and medical transportation programs (Veterans Services), presented by Matthew Zelnik, Interim Executive Director, Franklin County Veterans Service Commission.

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

Commissioner Crawley asked whether the increased costs of utilities and housing assistance were accompanied by an increase in veterans seeking assistance. Mr. Zelnik stated that financial assistance requests were running approximately one percent above the prior year, when the agency processed approximately 6,000 requests, and noted that average utility and mortgage assistance awards had also increased.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0646-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0647-26, authorizing a first contract extension with seven (7) existing vendors and a second contract extension with four (4) existing vendors for General Minor Home Repair Services ($2,800,000.00) (Office on Aging), presented by Laurice Cohens, Chief Financial Officer, Office on Aging.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0647-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0648-26, approving the recommendations of the 2026 Franklin County Tax Incentive Review Councils (TIRCs) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0648-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0649-26, authorizing a funding agreement with Action for Children utilizing FY-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to provide technical assistance to microenterprise childcare business owners operating in Franklin County ($270,943.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Gretchen Armstrong, Community Development Official, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0649-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0650-26, authorizing a funding agreement with the Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI) utilizing FY-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to provide business development and capital readiness training to low- to moderate-income microenterprise business owners operating in Franklin County ($51,057.00) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Gretchen Armstrong, Community Development Official, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0650-26, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0651-26, authorizing a funding agreement with Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services utilizing FY-2024 and FY-2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to provide consolidated services including community-based learning, financial empowerment, and wellness support to residents of Franklin County ($124,078.70) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Gretchen Armstrong, Community Development Official, Economic Development and Planning.

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

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Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0651-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0652-26, authorizing a funding agreement with the Community Shelter Board utilizing FY-2023 and FY-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to provide emergency shelter and intimate partner violence services in Franklin County ($372,785.30) (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Gretchen Armstrong, Community Development Official, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0652-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0653-26, Review of a petition to annex 4.79 +/- acres from Prairie Township to the City of Columbus, Case No. ANX-21-26 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0653-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0654-26, Review of a petition to annex 0.6914 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City, Case No. ANX-22-26 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0654-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0655-26, Review of a petition to annex 1.985 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City, Case No. ANX-23-26 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

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Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0655-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0656-26, Review of a petition to annex 0.6914 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City, Case No. ANX-24-26 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Emanuel Torres, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0656-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0657-26, authorizing a grant agreement with South-Western City Schools to support its Adult Hub, providing accessible workforce development opportunities for residents of Franklin County ($150,000.00) (Economic Engagement and Community Development), presented by Talishia Williams, Fiscal Officer, Economic Engagement and Community Development, Purchasing, and Fleet Management.

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

Christine Galvin, Director of Career Technical Education at South-Western City Schools, thanked the Board for its support of Adult Hub programming.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0657-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0658-26, authorizing a grant agreement with WrightChoice Mentoring to support mentorship, career exploration, career coaching, confidence-building, and life-skills development for high school seniors, college students, and early-career professionals ($150,000.00) (Economic Engagement and Community Development), presented by Talishia Williams, Fiscal Officer, Economic Engagement and Community Development, Purchasing, and Fleet Management.

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

Tykiah Wright, CEO/Founder and Chief Mentor, WrightChoice Mentoring, thanked the Board and discussed the organization's work serving young people through mentorship, career exploration, professional development, internships, and career rotation opportunities.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0658-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0616-26, approving a subaward agreement with Nationwide Children's Hospital for the Franklin County Ready 2 Earn summer youth employment program ($75,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Bart Logan, Assistant Director, Communications, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0616-26, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0659-26, authorizing an agreement with The Ohio State University for the purchase of Management Advancement for the Public Service (MAPS) training units for agencies of the Board of Commissioners ($74,500.00) (Human Resources), presented by Sue Hamilton, Assistant Director, Human Resources.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0659-26, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0660-26, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies ($3,311,431.97) (Purchasing), presented by Traci Mathew, Assistant Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0660-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0661-26, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies ($4,150.00) (Purchasing), presented by Traci Mathew, Assistant Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0661-26, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

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Resolution No. 0621-26, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies ($5,595.96) (Purchasing), presented by Traci Mathew, Assistant Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0621-26, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0662-26, approving a Second Amended and Restated Franklin Park Conservatory Joint Recreation District Agreement with the City of Columbus (Board of Commissioners), presented by Eli Redfern, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney.

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

Commissioner Boyce asked about the rationale for increasing the board from eighteen (18) to twenty-five (25) members and the effects on County-appointed seats. Mr. Redfern stated that the County would retain six (6) seats and that he did not have a clear explanation for the increase in the total number of seats.

Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney, advised that the Board could postpone the item at their discretion.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0662-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was denied by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0663-26, appointing Paul Denton to the Franklin County Rural Zoning Commission (Board of Commissioners), presented by Michael E. Ruehrmund, Assistant Director, Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0663-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0664-26, appointing Lisa Shirkey to the Franklin County Rural Zoning Commission (Board of Commissioners), presented by Michael E. Ruehrmund, Assistant Director, Community Appointments, Board of Commissioners.

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

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Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0664-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read one (1) journalization into the record:

1. The documents presented to each of you today have been sent to your offices via email and are being journalized as required by the following resolutions:
    - Resolution No. 0064-24, temporary fiscal staffing and consultant services with accounting firms;
    - Resolution No. 0392-24, intergovernmental agreements;
    - Resolution No. 0855-25, no-cost amendments;
    - Resolution No. 0891-25, subscriptions and leases with a $40,000 limit; and Resolution No. 0892-25, real property agreements, rights of way, estoppel certificates, and lien releases.

    The Clerk's Office has been tracking each contract signed by the County Administrator pursuant to the authority granted under these resolutions, as required by the respective resolutions. The list provided today will be incorporated into the minutes of today's meeting.

Resolution No. 0392-24 - Intergovernmental Agreements
Clerk to journalize monthly
new items for journalization in red

Date Signed	Contract Information
9/1/2026	FY 2025 JAG Award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance
9/15/2026	Columbus Public Health
9/30/2026	JPP MOU w/ADAMH

Resolution No. 0855-25; No Cost Amendment
Clerk to journalize quarterly
new items for journalization in red

7/29/2026	Bloom License Agreement	HR
7/29/2026	I Know I Can	JFS
8/6/2026	Amendment for County's Contract with Homeport	EDP
8/11/2026	FY26 TCAP Ours Brothers Keepers Award Mod	JPP
8/11/2026	LSS Final Extension	JPP
8/11/2026	ML Associates, 4th Amendment	EDP
8/14/2026	Wayne State Student Affiliation Agreement	CRNR
8/19/2026	Godman Guild Association	JFS
8/20/2026	Transition and Amendment Agreement RTII	BOC
9/10/2026	Nationwide Children's Hospital	DORE
9/14/2026	Novation Agreement with St. Stephens Community House to Greater Columbus Community House	AGIN
9/15/2026	Grant Agreement Amendment - Urban Resurrection Community Development Corporation	CMPT

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Resolution No. 0891-25; Subscriptions and Leases with $40,000.00 Limit Clerk to journalize quarterly *new items for journalization in red*		
Date Signed	**Contract Information**	**Agency**
7/13/2026	GeoTab X 5	Fleet
7/14/2026	DanCo.	FCSO
7/20/2026	Cred iQ	Auditor
9/17/2026	GeoTab	Fleet

Resolution No. 0892-25; CA to execute real property agreements and related documents including: ROW, estoppel certificates, and lien releases Clerk to journalize quarterly *new items for journalization in red*	
Date Signed	**Contract Information**
7/14/2026	Discharge of Mortgage for Joseph P. Smiley and Penny L. Smiley, 1055 Hart Road, Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio 43204
7/14/2026	Discharge of Mortgage for Brandon L. Beckett, 1540 Little Avenue, Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio 43223
8/24/2026	Discharge of Mortgage for Renee Chaffin, 1111 Chenoweth St., Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio 43126
9/14/2026	Discharge of Mortgage - Betty J. Phenice, 1258 Hart Road, Franklin Township, Franklin County, Ohio 43223
9/15/2026	Discharge of Mortgage - Judith Rock, 7087 Iris Drive, Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio 43123
9/22/2026	Discharge of Mortgage -Glenner W. Chavis and Robin C. Chavis, 3040 Inn Road, Columbus, Ohio 43232
9/29/2026	Discharge of Mortgage - Judy C. Dulin, 3511 Cadell Road, Columbus, Ohio 43232

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Resolution No. 0665-26, 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 No. 0665-26 to convene into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote. The Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 10:11 A.M.

At 11:20 A.M., Commissioner Boyce moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Crawley, and the motion 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 11:20 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session for Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

10/26/2026
JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT

10/22/2026
KEVIN L. BOYCE

10/23/2026
ERICA C. CRAWLEY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Submitted by:

Melissa K. Kohler
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners