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FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 13, 2026

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 13, 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 Boyce called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

Commissioner Boyce: Good morning and thank you all for joining us. Before we begin today's agenda, I'd like to take a moment to talk about early voting for the November 3rd election.

Franklin County residents can vote early through Sunday, November 1st. This week, the Board of Elections is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Since days and hours change from week to week, please visit vote.franklincountyohio.gov for the full schedule, where you can also find your polling location if you plan to vote on Election Day. And if you're voting by mail, remember that Ohio law now requires absentee ballots to be received by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, so please send yours early.

Commissioner Boyce encouraged residents to make a voting plan and discussed planning additional time to vote with his mother, including transportation and accessibility needs. Commissioner Boyce also noted that his son votes by absentee ballot and emphasized the need to mail absentee ballots early enough to ensure they are received by Election Day.

Commissioner Crawley discussed her Election Day tradition of voting with her daughters and coordinating with a group of friends to vote around the same time and encourage one another to participate.

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Commissioner O'Grady discussed his family's tradition of voting at the polls on Election Day and an Election Day luncheon his father started in 1990 that has continued with family and community members.

Commissioner Boyce reflected on the late Pete O'Grady's role as a longtime community and political leader and recalled receiving guidance and mentorship from Mr. O'Grady early in Commissioner Boyce's career.

Commissioner O'Grady: I'd also like to recognize the 330 participants in last Sunday's Franklin County 5K, representing 37 of our 45 cooperative agencies. Congratulations to our top finishers, Mariah Hicks and Spencer Nekervis, and to our winning agencies: the Clerk of Courts, the Guardianship Service Board, and Emergency Management. Thank you to everyone who took part and made this all possible. One of those race participants was my colleague, Commissioner Boyce, so I'd like to turn it over to him to say a few words.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, discussed the strong turnout for the eighth annual Franklin County 5K despite rainy and cool weather, reflected on the event's origins, and recognized the Benefits and Wellness team and community partners for incorporating employee health and wellness resources into the event.

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Resolution No. 0666-26, authorizing an agreement with Mobile Communications America, Inc. to provide licensing and server configuration of Milestone Software ($110,307.12) (Sheriff), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Director, Finance, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0666-26, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0667-26, authorizing a contract with iVideo Technologies LLC for work related to the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Emergency Operations Center Technology upgrade ($401,054.22) (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Jeff Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0667-26, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0668-26, authorizing execution of the previously approved State of Ohio Release of Easement for the radio tower at 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068, Licking County (Emergency Management Agency), presented by Jeff Young, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0668-26, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0669-26, authorizing a grant agreement extension with the Central Ohio Workers Center ($300,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0669-26, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0670-26, authorizing Community Partnership Grant Agreements with various Health Equity partners for the 2026-2027 grant cycle ($2,030,000.00) (Community Partnerships), presented by Curtis Brown, Community Partnerships Administrator, Community Partnerships.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0670-26, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0671-26, Review of a petition to annex 3.008 +/- acres from Blendon Township to the City of Columbus, Case No. ANX-29-26 (Economic Development and Planning), presented by Tamara Ennist, Planning Administrator, Economic Development and Planning.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0671-26, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0672-26, approving subaward agreements with Action for Children, The Homeless Families Foundation dba Home for Families, and Young Men's Christian Association of Central Ohio for Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids for kindergarten readiness programming ($952,425.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Carmen Barnes, Chief Operations Officer, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0672-26, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0673-26, approving a subaward agreement with the St. Vincent Family Center to support transportation services for Medicaid eligible youth participating in day treatment programs ($600,000.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Carmen Barnes, Chief Operations Officer, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0673-26, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0674-26, approving a contract with IMPATTO, LLC for consultation services that support the Achieve More and Prosper Youth in Care initiative ($12,500.00) (Job and Family Services), presented by Carmen Barnes, Chief Operations Officer, Job and Family Services.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0674-26, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0675-26, authorizing a professional service contract agreement with John Reesman for peer support and case management services for justice involved residents served via SAFER ($55,296.00) (Justice Policy and Programs), presented by Ernest Stockton, Director, Justice Policy and Programs.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0675-26, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0676-26, authorizing a Supplemental Contract with Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP to secure services for installing and upgrading security equipment across multiple county facilities ($1,459,701.60) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0676-26, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0677-26, authorizing a Services Contract with Quality Custom Signs, LLC to provide wayfinding signage manufacturing and installation services associated with developing a wayfinding signage plan for the Franklin County Government Center and connected buildings ($872,807.00) (Public Facilities Management), presented by Darla Reardon, Director, Public Facilities Management.

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

Commissioner Boyce challenged Public Facilities Management to continue developing an advanced, technology-supported wayfinding system that makes County facilities easier for residents to navigate, including consideration of mobile navigation, preregistration, notifications, and other tools that improve the visitor experience.

Commissioner O'Grady agreed that navigating the downtown County complex can be difficult and intimidating for residents, particularly those visiting the courthouse under stressful circumstances, and expressed support for the County navigator program, improved signage, and additional wayfinding tools.

Commissioner Crawley also expressed support for the navigator program and suggested that navigators have more visible identification so residents can readily understand their role.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, stated that jackets and uniforms identifying the County navigators had been ordered.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0677-26, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0678-26, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies ($1,242,263.95) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0678-26, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0679-26, approving one purchase for the Franklin County Public Facilities agency ($16,478.86) (Purchasing), presented by Megan Perry-Balonier, Director, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0679-26, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote, with Commissioner Boyce abstaining.

Resolution No. 0680-26, establishing a pilot program for the Franklin County Affordable Housing Pre-Development Incentive Fund and approving Program Guidelines and Application Procedures ($3,000,000.00) (Board of Commissioners), presented by Robin Moorehead, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney.

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

Commissioner Boyce sought confirmation that approval of the resolution would establish the fund and obligate the resources but would not fully launch the program or allow applications to be submitted until a separate action determines how the program will be administered. Ms. Moorehead confirmed that understanding.

Commissioner Crawley emphasized the need for feedback loops and data after the first year to assess whether the pilot is effective, whether the funding amount and application process are appropriate, and whether the County should continue or modify the approach.

Kenneth N. Wilson, County Administrator, stated that the pilot is one of the first actions following adoption of the Housing Action Plan and that staff will track the number of units created and the program's impact. Administrator Wilson stated that the County will use the pilot period to evaluate needed changes and will return with a second action addressing whether administration is handled internally or through a qualified community development financial institution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0680-26, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0681-26, accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission for collection in calendar year 2027 and authorizing the necessary tax levies and

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certifying them to the County Auditor (Board of Commissioners), presented by Zak Talarek, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

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

Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, advised that a speaker slip on the proposed resolution has been submitted. The speaker was given three (3) minutes to speak.

D.J. Byrnes spoke in favor of the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0681-26, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Brittany A. Razek, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read two (2) journalizations into the record:

1. Case #ANX-30-26: An expedited Type 2 annexation petition, ANX-30-26, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on September 21, 2026. The petition is requesting to annex 5.9 acres from Franklin Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on October 27, 2026.

   Site: 1028 through 1030 Frank Road (PID No. 140-003394)

2. The Franklin County Board of Commissioners has received a proposal from the Franklin County Recorder's Office for funding the Recorder's Technology Fund. The Board of Commissioners will review the proposal on Thursday, October 22, during Briefing as required by Section 317.321(D) of the Revised Code.

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Resolution No. 0682-26, of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to convene into Executive Session to confer with the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office concerning pending or imminent litigation (Board of Commissioners)

Commissioner Crawley moved to approve Resolution No. 0682-26 to convene into Executive Session to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, seconded by Commissioner Boyce. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote. The Commissioners convened into Executive Session at 10:08 A.M.

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At 11:50 A.M., Commissioner Crawley moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Boyce, 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 11:50 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session for Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

JOHN O'GRADY, PRESIDENT

KEVIN L. BOYCE

ERICA C. CRAWLEY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Submitted by:

Michael E. Ruehrmund
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners