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FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

October 20, 2026

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026.

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

Also present on the dais were Kris Long, Deputy County Administrator; Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney; and Melissa K. Kohler, Deputy 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 9:17 A.M.

Commissioner O'Grady: October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to honor survivors, support victims, and recognize the impact of domestic violence on individuals and families. Each year, an estimated 10 million Americans experience domestic violence. Here in Franklin County, a small fee collected through marriage, divorce, and annulment filings helps fund local support services. We're proud to direct these funds to CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, one of Ohio's oldest and largest domestic violence shelters, which provides critical resources and support to survivors and their families.

Today, we welcome Bridget DeCrane, Executive Director of CHOICES, to accept these funds and share more about the important work her organization does in our community.

Bridget DeCrane, Executive Director, LSS CHOICES for Survivors of Domestic Violence, thanked the Board for its support of a coordinated domestic violence response and discussed CHOICES' role as Franklin County's only domestic violence emergency shelter. Ms. DeCrane stated that law enforcement responds to more than 28,000 domestic violence calls each year in Franklin County and that CHOICES provided shelter and safety to more than 900 survivors, including 460 children, and more than 50,000 nights of safe housing during the past year. Ms. DeCrane also highlighted services that help survivors secure housing, increase stability, access resources, and build long-term safety and independence.

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Commissioner O'Grady read a ceremonial resolution recognizing LSS CHOICES for Survivors of Domestic Violence during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Resolution No. 0685-26, authorizing CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, Inc. to receive the fees collected in 2027 for the support of shelters for victims of domestic violence (Board of Commissioners), presented by LaGrieta Acheampong, Senior Budget Officer, Office of Management and Budget.

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

Commissioner Crawley thanked CHOICES for its work and emphasized that the Board's support for survivors extends beyond the filing-fee revenue, including investments in intervention programming and the Domestic Violence Task Force. Commissioner Crawley stated that the County works with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Columbus City Attorney's Office to identify gaps and strengthen a coordinated system that supports survivors and families.

Ms. DeCrane thanked the Board for its broader systems-level investment and stated that the coordinated approach is producing meaningful results for survivors, offenders, and families while also ensuring that legislatively collected funds support direct services.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0685-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Commissioner O'Grady: If you or someone you love is experiencing domestic violence, the CHOICES 24-hour crisis hotline is 614-224-HOME.

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Approval of the minutes for the October 1, 2026, Briefing Session; and the October 6, 2026, General Session. Commissioner Boyce moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The minutes were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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Resolution No. 0686-26, approving a contract with County Towing & Storage, LLC for Towing and Impound Management Services ($100,000.00) (Sheriff), presented by Albert J. Smith III, Assistant Director, Finance, Sheriff's Office.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0686-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0687-26, Review of a petition to annex 11.9 +/- acres from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City, Case No. ANX-26-26 (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0687-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0688-26, Review of a petition to annex 1.92 +/- acres from Mifflin Township to the City of Columbus, Case #ANX-27-26 (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0688-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0689-26, Review of a petition to annex 0.4 +/- acres from Jefferson Township to the City of Gahanna, Case No. ANX-28-26 (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 Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0689-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0690-26, authorizing disposition of personal property, including motor vehicles and equipment, that are no longer needed for public use, are obsolete, or are unfit for the use it was acquired, and authorizing the Director of Fleet Management to dispose of said items in accordance with the Disposal of County Owned Personal Property Policy (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0690-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0691-26, authorizing the supplemental contract with Cardinal Bus Sales & Service, Inc. for the purchase of a transport bus ($180,064.00) (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0691-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0692-26, approving an agreement with Churchill Claims Services Inc. for automobile claims adjuster services and authorizing the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents ($20,000.00) (Fleet Management), presented by Charlotte Ashcraft, Director, Fleet Management.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0692-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0693-26, approving purchases for various Franklin County agencies ($1,561,520.33) (Purchasing), presented by Nick Brefeld, Compliance Program Manager, Purchasing.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0693-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0694-26, dissolving The New Albany Community Authority pursuant to the authority of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners in its capacity as the organizational board of commissioners pursuant to Chapter 349 of the Ohio Revised Code (Board of Commissioners), presented by Jeanine Hummer, First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Chief Counsel, Prosecuting Attorney, and Kevin O'Donnell Stanek, Attorney, FBT Gibbons.

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Ms. Hummer and Mr. Stanek reviewed information found in documents submitted with the proposed resolution.

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0694-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0695-26, authorizing an adjustment in the per diem charge for the housing of prisoners (Board of Commissioners), presented by LaGrieta Acheampong, Senior Budget Officer, Office of Management and Budget.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0695-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 0696-26, authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Franklin County Family and Children First Council, Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Franklin County Juvenile Court, Franklin County Children Services, Columbus City Schools, Franklin County ADAMH Board, Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services, Educational Services Center of Central Ohio, The United Way of Central Ohio (Board of Commissioners), presented by LaGrieta Acheampong, Senior Budget Officer, Office of Management and Budget.

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

Commissioner Boyce moved to approve Resolution No. 0696-26, seconded by Commissioner Crawley. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

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Melissa K. Kohler, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, read two (2) journalizations into the record:

1. Case #ANX-33-26: A Municipal annexation petition, ANX-33-26, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on October 13, 2026. The petition is requesting to annex 6.24-acres from Plain Township to the City of New Albany. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on November 3, 2026.

Site: Right-of-Way located at the intersection of E. Walnut St. and SR-605 (New Albany-Condit Road)

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2. Case #ANX-34-26: An expedited Type 2 annexation petition, ANX-34-26, was filed with the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department on October 8, 2026. The petition is requesting to annex 1.949-acres, more or less, from Mifflin Township to the City of Columbus. The petition will be considered by the Board of Commissioners on October 27, 2026.

Site: 3269 Westerville Road (PID No. 190-000013)
3275 Westerville Road (PID No. 190-005139)
State of Ohio 1.160 ac. (I.N. 202107160125972)
State of Ohio 0.064 ac. (DB 3253, PG 288)
City of Columbus 0.462 ac. (I.N. 201510230150577)

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There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Commissioners' General Session for Tuesday, October 20, 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