

## Minutes

Cuyahoga County Board of Control

Monday, August 25, 2025 - 11:00 A.M.

County Headquarters

2079 East Ninth Street

Committee Room B

### **I – CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m.

#### Attending:

Katherine A. Gallagher, Chief of Operations & Community Innovation County Executive Administration  
(Alternate for Chris Ronayne, County Executive)

Michael Chambers, Fiscal Officer, serving as Chairman

Mellany Seay, Finance and Operations Administrator, Department of Public Works  
(Alternate for Michael Dever)

Paul Porter, Director, Department of Purchasing

Levine Ross, County Council (Alternate for Meredith Turner)

Trevor McAleer, County Council (Alternate for Michael Houser)

Councilmember Robert Schleper

### **II. – REVIEW MINUTES – 8/18/2025**

Michael Chambers motioned to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2025, meeting; Paul Porter seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote, as written.

### **III. – PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public Comment.

### **IV. – CONTRACTS AND AWARDS**

#### **A. – Tabled Items**

#### **B. – New Items for Review**

##### **BC2025-541**

Department of Public Works, recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 25003261 to APG Office Furnishings in the amount not-to-exceed \$69,672.19 for a joint cooperative purchase, installation and design services of various office furnishings and fixtures to outfit the new Financial Empowerment Center offices to be located at the County Administrative Headquarters.

Funding Source: Delinquent Tax and Assessment Collection Fund

Matthew Rymer, Department of Public Works, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Paul Porter seconded. Item BC2025-541 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2025-542**

Department of Public Works, recommending an award on RQ16067 and enter into Contract No. 5547 with Cook Paving & Construction Co., Inc. (64-4) in the amount not-to-exceed \$348,350.50 for rehabilitation and resurfacing of the County-owned parking lot located at East 40th Street and Perkins Avenue in the City of Cleveland, effective upon signatures of all parties through project completion.

Funding Source: General Fund

Matthew Rymer, Department of Public Works, presented. Mellany Seay supplemented. Trevor McAleer commented I think you just answered but so employees right now don't pay to park there; so they weren't charged because the lot was not set-up for payment when the lot first opened up; asked does that include the full-time employees of the Board of Elections, Prosecutor's Office and County Archives; asked whether that'll change when we do away with the lease lots closer to Jane Edna Hunter and stuff; asked have we used this vendor before. Paul Porter thanked Matthew Rymer and his team for kind of bearing with us on this project. This was a smaller project than a lot of our typical paving projects so we struggled to get some vendor interest in it. This was bid out three times before receiving any bids at all. Acknowledged that on this last bid attempt Matt and his team did a good job reaching out to vendors and putting the word out. From this last effort we were pleased to see we went from multiple no bid submissions to getting four bids to choose from. Matthew Rymer in turned thank Paul and his team for their efforts. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Trevor McAleer seconded. Item BC2025-542 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2025-543**

Fiscal Office,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to Point and Pay, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$215,000.00 for electronic bill payment services for the period 9/1/2025 – 8/31/2027.
- b) Recommending an award and enter into Contract No. 5439 with Point and Pay, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$215,000.00 for electronic bill payment services for the period 9/1/2025 – 8/31/2027.

Funding Source: General Fund

Domonique Tatum, Fiscal Department, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Levine Ross seconded. Item BC2025-543 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2025-544**

Department of Information Technology, recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 25003080 to SHI International Corp. in the amount not-to-exceed \$77,000.00 for a joint cooperative purchase for renewal of (1) Enterprise runZero, Inc. software license for the period 10/28/2025 – 10/27/2026.

Funding Source: General Fund

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Paul Porter seconded. Item BC2025-544 was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **BC2025-545**

Department of Information Technology, recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 25003174 with Carahsoft Technology Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$39,439.40 for a state contract purchase for the renewal of (110) Slack Enterprise Grid licenses for the period 9/10/2025 - 9/9/2026.

Funding Source: General Fund

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2025-545 was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **BC2025-546**

Medical Examiner's Office, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 1831 (fka Contract No. 549 and CE1400287) with VertiQ Software, LLC for maintenance and support on CME Case Management Software for the period 9/1/2014 – 8/31/2025 to extend the time period to 8/31/2026 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$12,974.00, effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: General Fund

Hugh Shannon, Medical Examiner's Office, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Trevor McAleer seconded. Item BC2025-546 was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **BC2025-547**

Department of Health and Human Services/Office of the Director,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to A Place 4 Me Collaborative in the amount not-to-exceed \$41,298.00 for facilitation of focus groups with system-involved youth and young adults, provision of no-cost national-level training opportunities for Division of Children and Family Services staff, and introducing participants to their broader support services in order to gather insights from youth and young adults receiving services for the period 5/1/2025 - 4/30/2026.
- b) Recommending an award and enter into Contract No. 5540 with A Place 4 Me Collaborative in the amount not-to-exceed \$41,298.00 for facilitation of focus groups with system-involved youth and young adults, provision of no-cost national-level training opportunities for Division of Children and Family Services staff, and introducing participants to their broader support services in order to gather insights from youth and young adults receiving services for the period 5/1/2025 - 4/30/2026.

Funding Source: Cuyahoga County Systems Impact Grant

Marcos Cortes, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2025-547 was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **BC2025-548**

Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Children and Family Services, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 3938 with Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division for psychological evaluation services for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025 for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$30,000.00, effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: 65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund

Marcos Cortes, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2025-548 was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **C. – Exemptions**

#### **BC2025-549**

Department of Purchasing, recommending to amend Board Approval No. BC2025-537, dated 8/18/2025, which approved an alternative procurement process resulting in an award recommendation to Brink's U. S., a Division of Brink's Incorporated in the total amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for armed guard and armored truck services for Fiscal Office/Auto Title Bureau locations and the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter locations for the period 9/1/2025 – 12/31/2025, to change the time period of 9/1/2025 to 7/1/2025.

Funding Source: 60% General Fund and 40% Other Health & Safety Fund

Paul Porter, Department of Purchasing, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Mellany Seay seconded. Item BC2025-549 was approved by unanimous vote.

#### **D. – Consent Agenda**

There were no questions or comments on the Consent Agenda items. Michael Chambers motioned to approve Consent Agenda Item No. BC2025-550 through BC2025-551; Robert Schleper seconded. The Consent Agenda Items were approved by unanimous vote.

#### **BC2025-550**

Department of Public Works, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 3952 with The Great Lakes Construction Co. for rehabilitation of North Main Street Bridge No. 00.12 over the Chagrin River in the Village of Chagrin Falls; no additional funds required effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: Village of Chagrin Falls

**BC2025-551**

Department of Purchasing, presenting proposed purchases for the week of 8/25/2025:

**Direct Open Market Purchases**  
**(Purchases between \$10,000.01 - \$200,000.00 unless requiring assistance from**  
**the Department of Purchasing – See Below):**

Purchase Order Number	Description	Department	Vendor Name	Total	Funding Source
25003219	(1) 2026 New Never Titled Ford F-350 Super Cab 4x4 Truck	Department of Public Works	KG Cleveland LLC dba Ken Ganley Ford West	\$68,691.00	Road & Bridge Fund
25003105	Delivery, rental and pick up of portable restrooms for Cleveland Browns' home games	Department of Public Works	Johnny on the Spot LLC dba United Site Service	\$17,160.00	Parking Services Fund

**Items/Services Received and Invoiced but not Paid:**

Purchase Order Number	Description	Department	Vendor Name	Total	Funding Source
25003199	Factory Authorized – Engine repairs on 2017 Ford F450 Super truck*	Department of Public Works	Sarchione Ford of Alliance	\$18,658.95	Sanitary Fund
25003141	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 7/1/2025-7/31/2025 **	Division of Children and Family Services	Compassion Care Group	\$77,350.00	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund
25003165	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 4/1/2025-4/30/2025 and 5/1/2025-5/31/2025**	Division of Children and Family Services	Michael A Mitchell dba The Anthony House	\$45,750.00	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund
25003235	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 7/1/2025-7/31/2025**	Division of Children and Family Services	Michael A Mitchell dba The Anthony House	\$23,250.00	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund

\*Approval No. BC2025-13, dated 1/6/2025, which amended BC2023-452 dated 7/17/2023, which approved an alternative procurement process and exemption from aggregation on various purchase orders, which will result in various award recommendations to various Factory Authorized Dealers for vehicle and equipment repairs, parts and services for the period 11/29/2022 – 12/31/2024 by changing the total amount not-to-exceed from \$1,475,000.00 to \$1,925,000.00 and extending the time period to 12/31/2025.

\*\*Approval No. BC2025-324, dated 5/12/2025, which amended BC2024-987 dated 12/23/2024, which amended multiple prior approved alternate procurement processes resulting in purchase orders to various licensed providers for reimbursement for out of home care placement services for the period 12/1/2022 – 12/31/2025 in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000.00 by changing the amount not-to-exceed from \$1,500,000.00 to \$1,750,000.00.

## V- OTHER BUSINESS

### Item of Note (non-voted)

#### Item No. 1

Department of Purchasing, on behalf of the County Treasurer's Office, submitting an Item of Note in connection with the Master Services Agreement Contract No. 4645 with Keybank National Association for banking services and related routine payments for the period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2028 to increase allocations for various user departments, to add a new user department, to provide funding sources and to update card holder for Department of Housing and Community Development in accordance with the Procurement Card Program Services section of the Master Services Agreement.

#### 1) Increased allocations

- a) Cuyahoga County Board of Development Disabilities increased from \$24,000.00 to \$39,000.00; General Fund
- b) Veterans Service Commission increased from \$25,000.00 to \$71,000; General Fund
- c) Department of Public Works (Facilities) increased from \$40,000.00 to \$45,000.00; General Fund
- d) County Executive's Office increased from \$5,000.00 to \$11,240.00; General Fund
- e) Department of Law increased from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00; General Fund
- f) Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division increased from \$35,625.00 to \$45,625.00; General Fund
- g) Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division increased from \$5,000.00 to \$15,000.00; Health and Human Services Levy Fund

#### 2) Add (1) user Department

Department of Public Safety and Justice Services \$10,000.00; General

Funding source: 91% General Fund and 9% Health and Human Services Levy Fund

#### Item No. 2

### Contracts up to \$10,000.00 – Processed and executed (no vote required)

RQ No.	Contract Number	Vendor	Service Description	Amount	Department	Date(s) of Service	Funding Source	Date of Execution
n/a	5546	City of Parma Heights	FY 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant	\$10,000.00	Department of Public Safety and Justice Services	Effective upon signatures of all parties – 11/14/2025	General Fund	(Executive) 8/15/2025 (Law) 8/15/2025

## VI – PUBLIC COMMENT

When the Clerk announced there was no Public Comment a man shouted out we are here for Public Comment. It says in the instruction that there was going to be a form provided immediately prior. There was no form. We've been here 10 minutes. So we are asking the board for an opportunity to speak. The two of us are from Washington DC. We came quite a long ways to be able to public comment. The Clerk commented, "I wasn't aware you were here for public comment." I have a sign-in sheet here. The sign-in sheet was completed. A female came to the podium and said Thank you so much. I appreciate you guys letting us speak. She introduced herself as Jessica Saxton, a Civil Right Advocate and Litigator from Washington DC. Ms. Saxton stated she is here to provide public notice in accordance with U.S.C.S. Rules of Civil Procedure as well as Rule 17 and Rule 20 of the United States Supreme Court. The Constitution for the United States is the overarching requirement that every state must follow. I don't think anyone here would disagree with that. She stated that states are not able to enact their own alternative legislation and substitute that for the guarantees of the Constitution. That would mean that your state laws are more powerful than the Constitution. That's simply illegal. She further went on to state the following: Clause one of Amendment Five to the United States Constitution says that no person should be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime unless on presentment or indictment by a grand jury. However, the State of Ohio has enacted its own alternative legislation that permits prosecuting attorneys, police officers, Sheriff's Departments, and judges to charge by way of information as opposed to indictment. That's simply unconstitutional. An emolument violation is when you pay a public official to commit a crime. There are two areas of the Constitution that reinforces this. The first is Article I § 10 and that's where it says that no state shall create any law that shall impair the obligation of contract. So police officers, prosecutors, and sheriff, they're all under a contract. That is a contract to perform based on their oath or affirmation that they took to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. So when a state enacts a law that directs their agents to disobey the Constitution, that is in fact a violation of Article I § 10. The 14<sup>th</sup> amendment is the other place that you find a reinforcement of this issue. And that's where it says that no state shall create or enforce any law that shall abridge the privileges or immunities of United States citizens. Privileges and immunities of the United States citizens already minimum protects those that are enumerated within the Bill of Rights and the first 10 amendments. I'm simply here to provide notice to let you know that you cannot continue to pay public officials to commit these crimes against us without following the Constitution. And when the Constitution says all persons, that includes the Juvenile Detention Centers that you guys were just referring to. So, I do have a notice I would like to put on the record, if you don't mind and please I encourage you to direct your agents to act in a lawful constitutional manner that is consistent with the obligations codified in the Constitution for the United States of America. Please see Notice of Constitutional Non-Conformance and Action Item request at the end of these minutes. The next individual to make a Public Comment was Tanawah Downing, Civil Rights Litigator. Mr. Downing commented he is about to argue what Ms. Saxton was just talking about at the United States Supreme Court on behalf of more than 700k people currently in prison here in America on direct facial constitutional violations. He further went on to state the following: What I have is approximately 14k criminal affidavits on behalf of victims that have been charged improperly by the State of Ohio, which many of them are from right here within Cuyahoga County. We're not here to get anybody into trouble. We are here to inform you of the situation so we can work together to resolve this. Again, no state can create their own alternative legislation, substitute for the guarantees of the Constitution, then go out and enforce that as though it's law. That would obviously be unconstitutional. So, if your Sheriff's Department are going out and executing a warrant because they're relying upon a judge who relied upon a prosecutor who relied upon an inferior state statute to deprive a person's rights guaranteed by the Constitution, that means that Sheriff is now acting unconstitutionally and you guys are paying for that to occur. Right? Again, an emolument violation is when you pay someone to violate the

Constitution. Now, again, when that Sheriff takes that person after arresting them unconstitutionally, puts them into a jail, that jail is now housing them unconstitutionally. Again, you guys pay for that budget as well. So, we're letting you guys know that we need to get this corrected. Having been made aware of this, the difference between today and tomorrow would be negligence to willful criminal conduct. So, the affidavits indicated above identify two different crimes. The first is USC Title 18 subsection 242, which is Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law. What that statute says is that any person who under the color of any state statute, ordinance, custom or regulation deprives any person of any right secured by the Constitution commits that crime. The second crime is Title 18 subsection 24.1 is conspiracy to deprive of rights. What that says that when two or more persons conspire with the purpose of depriving any person of any rights secured by the Constitution commits that crime. Now the laws of criminal conspiracy with regard to public officials. What that states is that any person who having knowledge of any of the wrongs conspired to be done and who have the power to prevent or aid in the prevention of the commission of the same neglects or refuses to do so may be joined to dispense the action. So, upon having been provided with this notice, letting you know that these actions are being done unconstitutionally, and there's more than 300k people just since 1976, according to Representative Humphrey here in the State of Ohio, that have been charged by way of information. That's a significant number of people with direct facial constitutional violation and those judgements are absolutely void. Now, I'm not saying these are good people, okay? I'm not saying these are lawful people, but what I'm saying is that these are rightful people whose rights have clearly been abridged by the State of Ohio and agents that work for you. So, we would ask you to please let's go ahead and get this corrected because the next alternative we would have to convert these criminal affidavits into criminal complaints and we don't want to go down that path and I know that your agents don't want us to head down that path either. We've been in contact with the Director of FBI Kash Patel as well as the ranking member of the Senate Judicial Oversight Committee Senator Kennedy. They both agree that when agents of the state abridge their constitutional obligations and fail to follow Federal law they are subject to arrest. Again, we don't want to head down that path. So, let me be clear and I'll end it right here. I'm not trying to change the laws. Rather, I'm pointing out what the laws state and that the ways in which they're being enforced directly contradict what is specified. Therefore, I'm not trying to change laws. Rather, I'm asking we uphold the laws. If the laws state that something will be done in a certain way, we must follow that way. Laws do not change arbitrarily, that's tyranny. Constitutionalism demands that the laws evolve only through suffrage. Therefore, it's up to the people to decide whether or not the Constitution applies them and not a judge or a state. So, if in the opinion the people of the United States any of the provisions are guarantees Constitution being in any particular way wrong, then let it be corrected by an amendment in the way in which the Constitution so designates. Closed with Thank you guys so much. God Bless.

There was a comment prior to adjourning the meeting by Trevor McAleer, acknowledging this is Levine's last Board of Control as an alternate for Council, so we'd like to thank her. Michael Chambers commented I hear she's going to the better side; Trevor McAleer commented oh, that's debatable. Paul Porter congratulated Levine.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Michael Chambers motioned to adjourn; Mellany Seay seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 11:24 a.m.





# TANAWAH DOWNING

CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATOR & ADVOCATE

*Subject: Notice of Constitutional Non-Conformance and Action Item request*

Honorable Commissioner or Councilman,

I'm writing to you today to inform you of a situation that is of the utmost urgency and asking that you immediately take action to investigate the non-conformance of Constitutional obligations that I have outlined below. Be advised that this dispute has been submitted to the United States Supreme Court and Article III has been invoked by a United States Citizen demanding that the Court fulfill the obligation of Original Jurisdiction, as codified within the United States Constitution. As a Constitutional obligation, when Article III is invoked, because a State is named a Party, the obligation is not discretionary and non-delegatable and must be performed. Failure to do so would be a breach of Constitutional obligation resulting in a public wronging. Unfortunately, the Clerk of Court is obstructing the administration of Justice by refusing to docket the case, which is of course a crime and intentional refusal to enforce the body of laws governing this nation, by an agent obligated to do so as a result of the Oath or Affirmation taken upon entry into their Office. I will be addressing these criminal acts in the very near future, however, the intent of this letter is to bring to your attention a different matter and to give you and your office sufficient time to consider the issue so that you can be adequately prepared when it is brought forward to the public domain.

As an Advocate for the People, I hereby submit this Action Item request to you to immediately take action to address these direct, willful deprivation of rights secured by and enumerated in, the Constitution for the United States of America, by states subjected to the jurisdiction thereof.

Let me be clear, I am not trying to change the laws, rather I am pointing out what the laws state and that the ways in which they are being enforced directly contradict with what is specified. Therefore, I am not trying to change the laws, I am asking that we enforce them. If the laws state that something will be done, in a certain way, then we must follow that way. Laws do not change arbitrarily, that is tyranny. Constitutionalism demands that the laws evolve only through suffrage therefore, it is up to the People to decide whether or not the Constitution applies to them and not a judge or a State. If in the opinion of the People of the United States, any of the provisions or guarantees of the United States Constitution be in any particular way wrong, then let it be corrected by an amendment in the way in which the Constitution so designates. Until, if and when that time comes, every single United States Citizen is entitled to every single right secured by and enumerated in the

United States Constitution, regardless of where they choose to reside within the jurisdictional United States of America.

## **NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL NON- CONFORMANCE**

Currently, there are more than 700,000 people across the United States who are imprisoned on direct, facial Constitutional violations, because their judgements derive from direct breaches in Constitutional obligations by numerous states that are acting in direct, willful defiance of the procedures and processes codified within the United States Constitution for the adjudication of crimes. Unfortunately, any judgement rendered as a result of a breach of Constitutional obligation is unconstitutional because such judgements are tainted by the illegality of the way in which they were obtained. No judgement can be Constitutional if they derive from an unconstitutional act.

Clause 1 of Amendment 5 to the United States Constitution states, "No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime unless on presentment or indictment by a Grand Jury." That is clear, no person can be arrested and held to answer for a capital or infamous crime unless upon a presentment or indictment by a grand jury. Title 18 USC §4083 defines an infamous crime as, "Any crime punishable by more than 1 year imprisonment in a penitentiary."

There are 13 states that outright do not conduct a Grand Jury proceeding at all, including the State of Washington. These states are choosing to charge persons for infamous crimes by information and not by indictment, as Constitutionally required, however, according to Title 18 USC §555, "Information can only be used for other than infamous crimes." As a result, millions of United States Citizens have been deprived of Due Process and are now unlawfully imprisoned because the states failed to adhere to the procedures and processes required for the adjudication of crimes, resulting in judgements that are void and completely without force or effect under Civil Rule 60.

This systemic failure of the Justice System to adhere to the agreed upon code of conduct established by the majority goes far beyond those 13 states that are acting in direct, willful defiance of the Constitution because most other states permit the Prosecuting Attorney to charge by Indictment or Information, as required by law, such as the State of Oklahoma or the State of Florida. Unfortunately, states do not have the power to substitute their own alternative legislation for the provisions and guarantees of the United States Constitution and if they do, then the "Judges in every state are bound thereby anything in the Constitution." According to the Rules of Civil Procedure, "Rules must not conflict with statutes, nor impair the rights of the party's involved in the dispute, thus a court has no power to create a rule which would constitute a waiver of a Constitutional right." Or as stated by the United States Supreme Court in the case *Miranda v. Arizona*, "Where rights secured by the Constitution are involved, there can be no legislation created nor rule made which would abrogate them." Furthermore, sedition is defined as, "The speaking or writing of words, such as law established, to cause disaffection to the Constitution in order to procure its alteration in any way other than lawful manner." Our Constitution is a rigid Constitution that can only be altered in accordance with the Special Amending Procedures found within Article V. Any attempt to alter it in any other manner, such as by legislation enacted by a State, would be an act of sedition by a body of men attempting to procure its alteration in any way other than lawful manner. There is only one way to change the Constitution and that is through an authentic act of the People and until that happens, the Constitution is wholly with force and effect on all persons individually and collectively.

When a Prosecuting Attorney chooses to rely upon a state statute to deprive a person of a right secured by and enumerated in the Constitution for the United States of America, that act is a crime called Deprivation of Rights under Color of Law (Title 18 USC §242) and when a state judge chooses to hold a person over for trial without

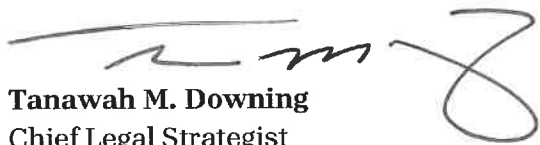
having the proper charging instrument, as Constitutionally required, that judge has entered into a Conspiracy to Deprive of Rights (Title 18 USC §241) and when that judge then orders law enforcement to perform an arrest on that individual without the correct charging instrument, as Constitutionally required, those performing the arrest are complicit in the criminal conspiracy and the crime of kidnapping has occurred, which if the crime of Deprivation of Rights under Color of Law occurs in conjunction with a kidnapping, the penalty is death, as prescribed by law. This is a very serious matter that happens in every single state across the nation, every single day effecting millions of United States Citizens and it is imperative that the Legislative Branch immediately take action to correct the criminal acts of those enforcing and administering the laws of our nation unlawfully.

In light of the evidence raised, as well as the supporting evidence that I can provide, upon request for the deprivation of Constitutional rights for millions of United States Citizens, I again implore you and appeal to your honorable nature to immediately initiate a public investigation of these criminal acts to ensure that those tasked with administering and enforcing those laws of this nation are doing it in compliance with the authority with which they are invested by law and when it is determined that there was an abuse of delegated authority, that any and all liberties be immediately restored to all effected party's without delay or obstruction. Any person who pays any public official to act unlawfully, are subject to criminal sanctions, which carry a possible punishment of death, as prescribed by law. I would advise this commission to immediately cease any further payment, benefits, or programs which permit any public official to act contrary to the Supreme Law of the Land.

While it is not the duty of a servant to question the motives of his superior, if he has reason to believe that his acts are unjust, he should obey his conscience and refuse to comply. Ultimately, the servant of a tyrant cannot take refuge in the excuse that he was just "following orders". Therefore, in the wise words of President Abraham Lincoln, "I do suppose that it will be much safer for all, both in private and public station to abide by and conform to, all those acts which stand un-repealed, than to violate any of them trusting to find impunity in their absolute immunity." Absolute immunity only covers civil liability and not criminal liability, so any deprivation of Constitutional rights under the authority of an inferior law or ruling is a crime that no public official can avoid liability for violating and the punishment, as required by law, is one which none of them want to be enforced.

I am available for discussion, should this governmental body desire my professional guidance in further understanding or addressing this matter, as I am currently actively engaged in bringing this matter to the attention of the public and preparing to present this debate to the United States Supreme Court. Your timely response to this matter is in the best interests of your constituents and this nation.

Respectfully and Peacefully  
a Servant of Justice,



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# TANAWAH DOWNING

CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATOR & ADVOCATE

Introducing the We Shall be Free Tour: Embrace Equality and Empowerment.

Justice is not just a product; it's a movement. With a focus on equality, this exceptional series of events empowers individuals to stand up for what is right. By promoting fairness and inclusivity, the We Shall be Free Tour fosters a society where everyone's voice is heard and respected.

Many along the way are able to experience the greatness of the Tour as it breaks down barriers and continues to pave the way for a better world. The Tour notified media of its intent to hold 37 press conferences at 37 state capitals and numerous major cities over its length, leading up to the presentation of oral arguments to the United States Supreme Court for what will be the most significant civil rights decision in American history, effecting every single Citizen of the United States of America. Join the movement and be a catalyst for change. Together, let's create a world where freedom truly knows no bounds.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the tour, please contact:

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