

Minutes

Cuyahoga County Board of Control  
Monday, February 2, 2026 - 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  
Councilmember Meredith Turner  
Laura Black, County Council (Alternate for Councilmember Michael Houser)  
Joseph Nanni, County Council (Alternate for Councilmember Robert Schleper)

**II. – REVIEW MINUTES – 1/27/2026**

Michael Chambers motioned to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2026, 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**

**BC2026-31**

Department of Public Works, recommending an award on RQ16283 and enter into Contract No. 5823 with RAM Construction Services of Cleveland, LLC (74-4) in the amount not-to-exceed \$382,916.70 for maintenance and repairs at the Huntington Park Garage, including concrete work, associated plumbing repairs, and markings for safety, parking space and directional indicators, effective upon signatures of all parties through project completion.

Funding Source: Parking Services Fund

Matthew Rymer, Department of Public Works, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Paul Porter seconded. Item BC2026-31 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-32**

Department of Public Works on behalf of the Veterans Service Commission,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to Green Oz LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$37,524.00 for lease of space located at 2302 Hamilton Avenue, Cleveland consisting of 6,665 square feet of storage on the first floor with loading dock access for use by the Veterans Service Commission for a period of 12 months, effective upon signature of all parties.
- b) Recommending an award and enter into Contract No. 5840 with Green Oz LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$37,524.00 for lease of storage space located at 2302 Hamilton Avenue, Cleveland consisting of 6,665 square feet of storage on the first floor with loading dock access for use by the Veterans Service Commission for a period of 12 months, effective upon signature of all parties.

Funding Source: General Fund

John Myers, Department of Public Works, presented and Jon Reiss, Veterans Service Commission supplemented. Meredith Turner asked what happens after the conclusion of the year; asked will there still be a need; asked will there ever be an accommodation in the new building; asked why it was not included in the new space. Jon Reiss provided the following explanation: The purchase of the new headquarters began four years ago prior to undertaking the “VetConnect” through programmatic changes; post COVID needs and new programs initiated resulted in the need to obtain and maintain long term storage. We house for the VetConnect 30-40 pallets worth of winter clothing items to be handed out which takes up significant space. It would have been nice to have the storage in the new space. A capital plan is under development to look at a longer term solution than an ongoing lease. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-32 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-33**

Department of Public Works, recommending awards on RQ16236 and enter into contracts with various providers (17-5) in the total amount not-to-exceed \$350,000.00 for various services in connection with the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program effective upon signatures of all parties through project completion:

- a) Contract No. 5870 with Manufacturing Works for Manufacturing Engagement Services in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00.
- b) Contract No. 5871 with Joel Ratner Community Partnership LLC for Community Engagement Services in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00.

Funding Source: U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Matthew Hrubey, Department of Public Works, presented. Meredith Turner requested that Council members be informed when projects are going on in their districts. Elizabeth Lehman supplemented that Community Outreach would not only include County Council but City Council and other elected

officials. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-33 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-34**

Department of Information Technology, recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26000128 to SHI International Corp. in the amount not-to-exceed \$61,788.20 for a joint cooperative purchase for renewal of software licenses, support and maintenance services on the Sitefinity Web Content and Case Management System for the period 5/1/2026 – 4/30/2027.

Funding Source: General Fund

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Joseph Nanni seconded. Item BC2026-34 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-35**

Department of Human Resources,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to Medical Resource Group, Inc. dba MRG Exams in the amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00 for independent medical, psychiatric, and psychological evaluation services for the period 1/1/2026 - 3/31/2029.
- b) Recommending an award and enter into Contract No. 5781 with Medical Resource Group, Inc. dba MRG Exams in the amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00 for independent medical, psychiatric, and psychological evaluation services for the period 1/1/2026 - 3/31/2029.

Funding Source: Workers' Compensation Fund

Stephen Witt, Department of Human Resources, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-35 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-36**

Sheriff Department, recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26000320 to The MetroHealth System in the amount not-to-exceed \$525,000.00 for reimbursements of offsite medical services for inmates for the period 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026.

Funding Source: General Fund

Tanisha Gates, Sheriff's Department, presented. Meredith Turner asked for examples of the off-site services being provided; asked is there a checklist or specific criteria used when determining whether inmates are referred for outside medical services versus services we're actually doing in the jail. The Presenter will follow up. Michael Chambers asked of Council Member Turner whether she wanted to hold this item. She was okay with it moving forward. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-36 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-37**

Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, on behalf of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, submitting a grant agreement with Ohio Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency in the amount not-to-exceed \$63,000.00 for the FY2025 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program Year 1 for the period 10/1/2025 – 9/30/2026.

Funding Source: 80% Ohio Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency passed through from U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and 20% Local Match \$12,600.00 - Local Emergency Planning Committee Discretionary Fund and/or FY26 State Emergency Response Commission Grant Funds

Mary Beth Vaughn, Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Joseph Nanni seconded. Item BC2026-37 was approved by unanimous vote.

**C. – Consent Agenda**

There were no questions or comments on the Consent Agenda items. Michael Chambers motioned to approve Consent Agenda Item No. BC2026-38 through BC2026-39; Meredith Turner seconded. The Consent Agenda Items were approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-38**

Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Children and Family Services, submitting an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for out-of-home placement and foster care services for the period 1/1/2022 – 3/31/2026, to change the name of a provider; no additional funds required, effective upon signatures of all parties.

- 1) Contract No. 5817 (fka Contract No. 4143) with ENA, Inc. dba Necco Center to change the name to Necco SE, LLC

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

**BC2026-39**

Department of Purchasing, presenting proposed purchases for the week of 2/2/2026:

**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
26000048	(273,600) U.S. Flags for Veterans Service Commission	Department of Public Works	Bridge Associates LLC dba U.S. Flagmaker	Not-to-exceed \$186,048.00	General Fund

26000252	Various replacement auto parts	Department of Public Works	A&H Equipment Company	Not-to-exceed \$15,000.00	67% Sanitary Sewer Fund and 33% Road and Bridge Fund
26000265	Dog food for the County Animal Shelter	Department of Public Works	Medina Farmer's Exchange	Not-to-exceed \$50,000.00	Animal Shelter Operating Funds
26000318	Lift equipment rentals on an as-needed basis for various County buildings	Department of Public Works	Sunbelt Rentals, Inc	Not-to-exceed \$49,990.00	General Fund

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

Purchase Order Number	Description	Department	Vendor Name	Total	Funding Source
26000267	Factory Authorized – Accident repairs on 2016 Ford Explorer *	Department of Public Works	Montrose Ford, LLC	\$11,621.43	General Fund
26000098	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 12/1/2025-12/31/2025 **	Division of Children and Family Services	Compassion Care Group	\$58,650.00	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund
26000163	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 12/1/2025-12/31/2025 **	Division of Children and Family Services	RTC Resource Acquisition Corporation	\$15,160.24	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund
26000220	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 12/1/2025-12/31/2025 **	Division of Children and Family Services	Excel Beyond Limits	\$15,500.00	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund
26000242	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 12/1/2025-12/31/2025 **	Division of Children and Family Services	Care One Home Health Care Services LLC	\$24,286.74	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund
26000246	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 11/13/2025-12/12/2025 **	Division of Children and Family Services	Safely Home Inc	\$16,437.75	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund
26000249	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 10/1/2025-10/31/2025 & 12/1/2025-12/31/2025 **	Division of Children and Family Services	White Deer Run, LLC dba Cove Prep	\$144,750.00	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund

\*Approval No. BC2025-805, dated 12/22/2025 which approved an alternative procurement process, which will result in award recommendations and issuance of purchase orders to Factory Authorized Dealers in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00 for vehicle and equipment repairs, parts and services for the period 1/1/2026-12/31/2027.

\*\*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)**

#### **ION2026-01**

Court of Common Pleas/Corrections Planning Board, submitting a grant award from Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (fka Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services) in the amount of \$345,000.00 for salaries, related payroll expenses for Supervisors or Assessment Specialists assigned to any of the five Drug Court Specialized Dockets (Adult Drug Court, MAT, Human Trafficking, Veterans Treatment Court and HOPE Court) and client sober support in connection with the Specialized Docket Support – Payroll Subsidy Grant Program for the period 7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026, allocated as follows:

- a) Adult Drug Court Docket – \$75,000
- b) MAT Docket – \$65,000
- c) Human Trafficking – \$65,000.00
- d) Veterans Treatment Court Docket – \$65,000
- e) HOPE Court – \$75,000.00

Funding Source: Ohio Department of Behavioral Health

#### **ION2026-02**

Department of Health and Human Services/Office of the Director, submitting a grant award from Cleveland Foundation in the amount of \$250,000.00 to support the integration of AI technology into the SNAP benefits enrollment process to reduce error rates on benefits applications in connection with AI-assisted quality control project for the period 01/01/2026 - 12/31/2027.

Funding Source: Cleveland Foundation

#### **ION2026-03**

Department of Health and Human Services/Office of the Director, submitting a grant agreement with The George Gund Foundation in the amount of \$100,000.00 for AI platform and accompanying technical assistance to assist the County in reducing error rates on benefits applications in connection with the AI-assisted quality control project for the period 1/1/2026-12/31/2026.

Funding Source: The George Gund Foundation

**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
NA	5525	Cleveland Metropolitan School District	Master Contract with various providers for the purchase and installation of solar arrays	\$0.00	Department of Public Works	10/22/2025-12/31/2025 <b>to extend the time period to 12/31/2026</b>	(Original) 62% U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Grant No. 00E03859 and 38% U.S. Department of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) No. DE-SE0000458	(Executive) 1/21/2026 (Law) 1/26/2026
NA	5527	Maple Heights School District	Master Contract with various providers for the purchase and installation of solar arrays	\$0.00	Department of Public Works	10/22/2025-12/31/2025 <b>to extend the time period to 12/31/2026</b>	(Original) 62% U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Grant No. 00E03859 and 38% U.S. Department of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) No. DE-SE0000458	(Executive) 1/21/2026 (Law) 1/26/2026

**VI – PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**VII – ADJOURNMENT**

Michael Chambers motioned to adjourn; Mellany Seay seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 11:16 a.m.