

Minutes

Cuyahoga County Board of Control
Monday, March 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
Laura Black, County Council (Alternate for Councilmember Meredith Turner)
Councilmember Michael Houser
Councilmember Robert Schleper

II. – REVIEW MINUTES – 2/23/2026

Michael Chambers motioned to approve the minutes from the February 23, 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

BC2026-88

Department of Public Works, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 4693 with ms consultants, Inc. for engineering services for the replacement of Miles Road Bridge No. 12.10 over the Chagrin River in the Villages of Chagrin Falls and Moreland Hills for the period 12/10/2024 through project completion to expand the scope to include additional engineering design services and related ancillary services, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$678,809.00, effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: County Motor Vehicle \$7.50 License Tax Fund

Eric Mack, Department of Public Works, presented. Michael Chambers asked when construction will begin. Robert Schleper commented this is in his district and he drives over this bridge every morning on

his way down here; asked when we're looking at this, do we take into consideration other pieces like the area's infrastructure and the road outside of the parameters of the bridge; asked or of the ability to put sidewalks in, things like that; asked when the engineering piece is being done do they take into consideration those pieces where there may be a future sidewalk or roads needing resurfacing at the same time, things like that. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-88 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-89

Department of Public Works, submitting a Memorandum of Understanding with Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District (via Contract No. 5881) for technical assistance and administrative services for construction and post construction activities related to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System in support of soil and water conservation measures in the amount not-to-exceed \$19,500.00 for the period 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2027.

Funding Source: Road and Bridge

Eric Mack, Department of Public Works, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Paul Porter seconded. Item BC2026-89 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-90

Department of Public Works, submitting a Memorandum of Understanding with Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District (via Contract No. 5980) for technical support and for Public Involvement and Public Education Program activities in order to help meet the standards of Ohio EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System general permits in the amount not-to-exceed \$33,000.00 for the period 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2030.

Funding Source: Sanitary Operating Fund

Eric Mack, Department of Public Works, presented. Michael Chambers asked is this a requirement. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Paul Porter seconded. Item BC2026-90 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-91

Fiscal Office, recommending an award on RQ16249 and enter into Contract No. 5973 with Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People, Inc. dba Benjamin Rose (20-3) in the amount not-to-exceed \$498,404.00 to provide financial counseling services in the County's Financial Empowerment Center for the period 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2027.

Funding Source: Delinquent Tax Assessment Collection

Domonique Tatum, Fiscal Department, presented. Michael Houser asked is the counseling services for a specific population or if anyone can take advantage of it; asked how we are getting the word out that these services are available. Robert Schleper commented that this is about \$500,000.00; asked if this amount is to pay the individuals that are providing the counseling services or an amount going to

Benjamin Rose to kind of support the center. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Michael Houser seconded. Item BC2026-91 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-92

Department of Information Technology, recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26000187 to Logicalis, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$25,000.00 for a joint cooperative purchase for the renewal of Elasticsearch digital solutions subscription services 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; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-92 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-93

Department of Information Technology,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to Melissa Data Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$20,225.00 for the renewal of subscription services for various address verification software for the period of 7/8/2026 - 7/7/2027.
- b) Recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26000556 to Melissa Data Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$20,225.00 for the renewal of subscription services for various address verification software for the period of 7/8/2026 - 7/7/2027.

Funding Source: Real Estate Assessment Fund

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-93 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-94

Department of Law, submitting amendments to Contract No. 5203 (formerly Contract Nos. 1472 and CE1400416) with Matrix Pointe Software, LLC on the Matrix Civil Electronic Document and Records Management System for the period 3/1/2014 – 2/28/2026 to extend the time period to 2/28/2028, to update the insurance requirements, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$74,139.00, effective upon signatures of all parties for:

- a) maintenance and support in the amount not-to-exceed \$51,015.00.
- b) data hosting services in the amount not-to-exceed \$23,124.00.

Funding Source: General Fund

Domonique Tatum, Fiscal Department, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Mellany Seay seconded. Item BC2026-94 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-95

Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division, recommending an award on RQ16014 and enter into Contract No. 5741 with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. (35-5) in the amount not-to-exceed \$80,000.00 for drug screening and testing services for the period 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2028.

Funding Source: Health and Human Services Levy Fund

Robert Watson, Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Laura Black seconded. Item BC2026-95 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-96

Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division, recommending an award and enter into Contract No. 5873 with Jamaica Childers, LLC (30-2) in the amount not-to-exceed \$44,000.00 for professional hair care services for youth in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center for the period 1/1/2026-12/31/2027.

Funding Source: General Fund

Robert Watson, Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division, presented. Michael Chambers asked if we had a similar item a couple of weeks ago. Michael Houser commented this is a great service and it is an excellent price; asked what type of services are available and whether it's available to all the youths. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Michael Houser seconded. Item BC2026-96 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-97

Sheriff's Department,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to OD Security North America, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$11,000.00 for the purchase of an extended warranty on (1) Soter RS Full Body Security Scanning System for the period 2/1/2026 – 1/31/2027.
- b) Recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26000277 to OD Security North America, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$11,000.00 for the purchase of an extended warranty on (1) Soter RS Full Body Security Scanning System for the period 2/1/2026 – 1/31/2027.

Funding Source: General Fund

Tanisha Gates, Sheriff's Department, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Michael Houser seconded. Item BC2026-97 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-98

Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, recommending an award and enter into Contract No. 5943 with Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland, Ohio in the amount not-to-exceed \$63,334.00 for teen dating violence prevention services for the Know Abuse Project in connection with the 2025

Title II Formula Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant for the period 10/1/2025 – 3/31/2027.

Funding Source: Ohio Department of Youth Services. The Formula Grant program is authorized under Part B, Title II of the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

Mary Beth Vaughn, Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Mellany Seay seconded. Item BC2026-98 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-99

Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, recommending an award and enter into Contract No. 5970 with Cleveland Rape Crisis Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$63,333.00 for juvenile diversion services for at-risk minority youth for the Positive Youth Development: Preventing Delinquency Through Gender-Specific Programming in connection with the 2025 Title II Formula Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant for the period 10/1/2025 – 3/31/2027.

Funding Source: Ohio Department of Youth Services. The Formula Grant program is authorized under Part B, Title II of the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

Mary Beth Vaughn, Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-99 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-100

Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services, submitting a Revenue Generating Agreement (via Contract No. 5979) with Light of Hearts Villa in the amount not-to-exceed \$17,353.00 to provide financial assistance for staffing services for determining income eligibility and processing of Medicaid applications for Light of Hearts Villa residents enrolled or seeking enrollment for the period 3/1/2026 - 2/28/2027.

Funding Source: Revenue Generating

Marcos Cortes, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Paul Porter seconded. Item BC2026-100 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-101

Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Community Initiatives/Office of Early Childhood, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 3725 with Cuyahoga County Board of Health for program administration services for the Newborn Home Visiting Program for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025 to extend the time period to 6/30/2026, to expand the scope of services, to amend budget terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$312,500.00, effective 1/1/2026.

Funding Source: Health and Human Services Levy Fund

Marcos Cortes, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Mellany Seay seconded. Item BC2026-101 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. BC2026-102; Laura Black seconded. The Consent Agenda Items were approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-102

Department of Purchasing, presenting proposed purchases for the week of 3/2/2026:

Items/Services Received and Invoiced but not Paid:

Purchase Order Number	Description	Department	Vendor Name	Total	Funding Source
26000728	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 1/1/2026-1/31/2026 *	Division of Children and Family Services	The BridgeWay, LLC	\$29,915.00	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund
26000740	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 1/1/2026-1/31/2026 *	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
26000732	Armed guard and armored truck services for Fiscal Office/Auto Title Bureau locations for the period 1/1/2026 – 1/31/2026	Department of Purchasing	Brink’s Inc.	\$3,365.60	General Fund

*Approval No. BC2026-29, dated 1/27/2026, which amended BC2025-324, dated 5/12/2025, 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 to extend the time period to 12/31/2026 and to change the total amount not to exceed from \$1,750,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00.

V- OTHER BUSINESS

Item of Note (non-voted)

ION2026-15

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
7469	2354	Karpinski Engineering, Inc.	For general mechanical, electrical, plumbing, architectural and engineering services.	\$0.00	Department of Public Works	5/12/2022-2/28/2026; to extend the time period to 2/28/2027	(Original) General Fund	(Executive) 2/19/2026 (Law) 2/19/2026
9480	5972 (fka 4218 & 2686)	The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland	For immigration and refugee legal services.	\$0.00	Department of Development	10/20/2022-10/19/2025; to extend the time period to 10/19/2026	(Original) 85% General Fund - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue Replacement/ Provision of Government Services 85% and 14% Economic Development Fund	(Executive) 2/19/2026 (Law) 2/24/2026
14451	4969	Summit Food Service, LLC	For Jail food services in the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center; to postpone the pricing adjustments for the minimum required price increases until July 1, 2026, effective upon signatures of all parties.	\$0.00	Sheriff's Department	1/1/2025-12/31/2027	(Original) General Fund	(Executive) 2/19/2026 (Law) 2/18/2026
NA	5946	Partners in Medical Education Inc.	Consulting services related to documentation, review, and site visit preparation for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical	\$7,225.00	Medical Examiner's Office	2/1/2026-3/31/2026, effective upon signatures of all parties.	General Fund	(Executive) 2/19/2026 (Law) 2/24/2026

			Education (ACGME) accreditation.					
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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 11:20 a.m.