

Minutes

Cuyahoga County Board of Control
Monday, March 9, 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 11:00 a.m.

Attending:

Erik Janas, Chief of Staff (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)
Anitra Curry, Purchasing Manager (Alternate for Paul Porter, Director, Department of Purchasing)
Trevor McAleer, County Council (Alternate for Councilmember Meredith Turner)
Joseph Nanni, County Council (Alternate for Councilmember Michael Houser; entered the room at 11:11
a.m. – Mr. Nanni continued as alternate)
Councilmember Robert Schleper

II. – REVIEW MINUTES – 3/2/2026

Michael Chambers motioned to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2026, meeting; Mellany Seay 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

BC2026-103

Department of Public Works, Division of Public Utilities, submitting an amendment to a grant agreement with The U.S. Department of Energy for the Euclid Microgrid Design Project in connection with the Grid Infrastructure Deployment and Resilience Program for the period 3/1/2024 – 2/28/2026, to extend the time period to 6/30/2027, to modify and/or replace various attachments including Terms and Conditions and Budget attachments, and to decrease the Cost Share and Total Award Value by \$543,183.00.

Funding Source: (50%) \$1,500,000.00 Cost Share from Compass Energy Platform and (50%) \$1,500,000.00 from U. S. Department of Energy

Matthew Hrubey, Department of Public Works, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Joseph Nanni seconded. Item BC2026-103 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-104

Department of Public Works, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 4928 with Relocation Specialists, Inc. for professional services for transition planning, move coordination and management services including but not limited to movement of furniture and fixtures from various County facilities, for the period 11/5/2024 – 11/4/2027 for additional moving services and to expand the scope to include additional departments, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$516,843.00, which includes a contingency reserve of \$25,000.00, effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: Capital Project – General Fund

Matthew Rymer, Department of Public Works, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-104 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-105

Department of Housing and Community Development, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 4943 with Community Housing Solutions to provide home repair grants and loans to eligible homeowners for the Homeowner Repair Program for the period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2026 to expand the scope of services to add sewer tie-in assistance services and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00, effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: Community Development Block Grant

Kellie Glenn, Department of Housing and Community Development, presented. Robert Schleper asked is this just for transitioning folks on a septic system to a municipal utility. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-105 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-106

Department of Information Technology,

- a) Submitting an RFP Exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to Bynder LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$14,169.33 for renewal of Gather Content Transform annual subscription for the period 5/11/2026 – 5/10/2027.
- b) Recommending an award and enter into Purchase Order No. 26000707 with Bynder LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$14,169.33 for renewal of Gather Content Transform annual subscription for the period 5/11/2026 – 5/10/2027.

Funding Source: General Fund

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Trevor McAleer seconded. Item BC2026-106 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-107

County Prosecutor’s Office, recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26000682 with The Ohio State University dba OARnet in the amount not-to-exceed \$98,894.88 for VMware Cloud Foundation Edge software subscription and support services for the period 10/12/2026 - 7/30/2029.

Funding Source: General Fund

Josh Brower, Prosecutor’s Office, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Erik Janas, seconded. Item BC2026-107 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-108

Department of Health and Human Services/Community Initiatives Division/Office of Early Childhood, recommending an award and enter into Agreement No. 5809 with Cuyahoga County Board of Health in the amount not-to-exceed \$216,000.00 for Child Fatality Review Board services for the period 1/1/2026-12/31/2027.

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; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-108 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-109

Department of Health and Human Services/Community Initiatives Division/Office of Homeless Services, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 4574 with Bitfocus, Inc. for various Clarity products, licenses and services for operation of the Homeless Management Information System for the period 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2029 for use by the County and its Continuum of Care providers to purchase additional licenses as outlined in Exhibit I-C and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$81,800.00, effective 1/1/2026.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Planning Grant

Marcos Cortes, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Erik Janas seconded. Item BC2026-109 was approved by unanimous vote.

C. – Exemptions

BC2026-110

Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Children and Family Services, requesting an alternative procurement process to make award recommendations to various licensed providers as listed

below and enter into a single Master Contract for Out-of-home care placement services in the total anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$195,000,000.00 for the period 4/1/2026 – 3/31/2029:

1. Vendors selected by a modified formal solicitation (RQ16303) from approved alternative procurement BC2025-676.
2. Vendors selected by a re-issued modified solicitation (RQ16323).
3. Vendors with children in DCFS custody currently placed at their facilities.

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

Marcos Cortes, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers commented that this is a difficult contract. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Joseph Nanni seconded. Item BC2026-110 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. BC2026-111 through BC2026-113; Joseph Nanni seconded. The Consent Agenda Items were approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-111

Department of Public Works, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 3299 with Perk Company, Inc. for resurfacing of Hilliard Road (CR-69) from Warren Road to Riverside Drive in the City of Lakewood in connection with the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for a decrease in the amount of (\$1,607.00); recommending to accept construction as complete and in accordance with plans and specifications; requesting authority for the County Treasurer to release the escrow account, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 153.63.

Funding Source: 50% \$5.00 Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund and 50% Municipality

BC2026-112

Fiscal Department, presenting proposed travel/membership requests for the week of 3/9/2026:

Dept:	Sheriff’s Department							
Event:	FBI-LEEDA Annual Training Conference							
Source:	FBI-LEEDA							
Location:	Fort Lauderdale, FL							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Chris Kozub	5/31/2026-6/4/2026	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$1,750.00	\$500.00	\$550.00	\$3,700.00	Continuing Professional Training Fund

- *Paid to host
- **Staff reimbursement
- *** Airfare will be covered by a contract with the County’s Travel Vendor

Purpose:
 To attend educational and leadership conferences to learn best practices in law enforcement. This conference will also allow networking opportunities with other law enforcement professionals from across the United States.

Dept:	Department of Public Safety and Justice Services							
Event:	2026 National VOAD Conference (Visionaries is the theme)							
Source:	National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOA)							
Location:	Reno, NV							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Serena Steele	5/3/2026-5/8/2026	\$575.00	\$224.00	\$1,196.50	\$445.20	\$800.00	\$3,240.70	General Fund

- *Paid to host
- **Staff reimbursement
- *** Airfare will be covered by a contract with the County’s Travel Vendor

Purpose:
 National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters), an association of organizations that mitigate and alleviate the impact of disasters, provides a forum promoting cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration; and fosters more effective delivery of services to communities affected by disaster. National VOAD is a non-profit association of over 60 voluntary disaster relief organizations. In addition, National VOAD has an affiliate in every State and Territory, called State VOADs. These State VOADs are the best way to get involved with disaster relief efforts in your area. National VOAD hosts its annual conference. This year’s conference is May 4-7, 2026, in Reno NV and is titled Visionaries. The County's Office of Emergency Management manages the County's volunteer agency initiative Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) which consist of agencies/departments that assist the County during emergencies and incidents. COAD/VOAD was also instrumental with developing the County's Long Term Recovery Plan (LTR)

BC2026-113

Department of Purchasing, presenting proposed purchases for the week of 3/9/2026:

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
26000849	Various parts for GapVax Truck	Department of Public Works	Hicks Municipal & Industrial LLC	Not-to-exceed \$18,000.00	Sanitary Sewer Fund
26000877	Annual purchase of (1,200) cases clear can liners	Sheriff's Department	Central Poly-Bag Corporation	\$19,992.00	General Fund
26000848	(29) Portable P25 Radios for Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) Police Department	Department of Public Safety and Justice Services	Cleveland Communications, Inc.	\$63,604.51	FY24 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant

Items/Services Received and Invoiced but not Paid:

Purchase Order Number	Description	Department	Vendor Name	Total	Funding Source
26000777	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 1/1/2026-1/31/2026 *	Division of Children and Family Services	White Deer Run, LLC dba Cove Prep	\$69,750.00	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund
26000791	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 1/1/2026-1/31/2026 *	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
26000806	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 1/1/2026-1/31/2026 *	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

*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)

ION2026-16

Department of Public Works, submitting an amendment to a Grant Agreement with U. S. Department of Energy/Office of State and Community Energy Programs for the Solar for Schools Program in connection with Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025, to extend the time period to 12/31/2026; no additional funds required, effective 1/1/2024.

Funding Source: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law 2021

ION2026-17

Sheriff's Department:

- a) Requesting authority to apply for grant funds from The Ohio Attorney General's Office in the amount of \$134,240.00 to improve outcomes for substance-addicted inmates in Ohio jails in connection with the 2025 Opioid Remediation Grant effective upon receipt of funding by the Recipient and end 1 year from issuance of grant funding.
- b) Submitting a Memorandum of Understanding with The Ohio Attorney General's Office in the amount of \$134,240.00 to improve outcomes for substance-addicted inmates in Ohio jails in connection with the 2025 Opioid Remediation Grant effective upon receipt of funding by the Recipient and end 1 year from issuance of grant funding.

Funding Source: Ohio Attorney General

ION2026-18

Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, submitting an amendment to a Grant Agreement with Ohio Emergency Management Agency for the FY2024 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program for the period 9/1/2024 – 12/31/2026, to extend the time period to 5/31/2027; no additional funds required.

Funding Source: FY24 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program

ION2026-19

Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Senior and Adult Services, submitting a grant agreement with Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging in the amount not-to-exceed \$21,043.61 for the HOME Energy Assistance Program effective upon signatures of all parties through 8/31/2026.

Funding Source: SFY2026 HOME Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Outreach Grant

ION2026-20

Department of Health and Human Services/Community Initiatives Division/Office of Homeless Services, submitting an amendment to a grant agreement with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System in connection with FY2024 Continuum of Care Homeless Program Competition grant for the period 2/1/2025 – 1/31/2026 to extend the time period to 7/31/2026, no additional funds required.

Funding Source: Funding Source: 75% U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program and 25% Cash Match (Health and Human Services Levy Fund)

ION2026-21

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
8219	5959 (fka 2276)	Chagrin Valley Engineering, Ltd.	For general sanitary engineering services	\$0.00	Department of Public Works	5/10/2022-2/28/2026; to extend the time period to 2/28/2027	(Original) Sanitary Operating Fund	(Executive) 3/2/2026 (Law) 3/4/2026
NA	4966	PenWill Group, LLC	For technical assistance, administrative support for the Office of Small Business and outreach support to Small Business Entities; to change and replace the terms of Exhibit B and Schedule 1, effective upon signatures of all parties.	\$0.00	Department of Development	12/24/2024-12/23/2025; to extend the time period to 6/30/2026	(Original) Economic Development Fund	(Executive) 3/2/2026 (Law)
6211 & 7102	Master Amend Contract No. 5635	White Deer Run, LLC dba Cove Prep	Out of Home Care Services; to add White Deer Run, LLC dba Cove Prep, effective upon signatures of all parties.	\$0.00	Department of Health and Human Services/ Division of Children and Family Services	1/1/2022-3/31/2026	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund	(Executive) 3/2/2026 (Law) 3/4/2026
6211 & 7102	Master Amend Contract No. 5949	Lakeland Hospital Acquisition, LLC dba Lakeland Behavioral Health System	Out of Home Care Services; to add Lakeland Hospital Acquisition, LLC dba Lakeland Behavioral Health System, effective upon signatures of all parties.	\$0.00	Department of Health and Human Services/ Division of Children and Family Services	1/1/2022-3/31/2026	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund	(Executive) 3/2/2026 (Law) 3/4/2026
6211 & 7102	Master Amend Contract No. 6001 (fka (4296))	RTC Resource Acquisition Corporation dba Residential Treatment Center	Out of Home Care Services; to add RTC Resource Acquisition Corporation dba Residential Treatment Center, effective upon signatures of all parties.	\$0.00	Department of Health and Human Services/ Division of Children and Family Services	1/1/2022-3/31/2026	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund	(Executive) 3/2/2026 (Law) 3/4/2026

NA	Master Amend Contract No. 5938	Joy Adoption Services	Adoption Services; to add Joy Adoption Services, effective upon signatures of all parties.	\$0.00	Department of Health and Human Services/ Division of Children and Family Services	1/1/2025-12/31/2026	(Original) State Child Protection Allocation	(Executive) 3/2/2026 (Law) 2/25/2026
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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 11:14 a.m.