

Minutes

Cuyahoga County Board of Control  
Monday, March 30, 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 Michael Houser)  
Councilmember Robert Schleper

**II. – REVIEW MINUTES – 3/23/2026**

Michael Chambers motioned to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2026, meeting; Meredith Turner 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**

**BC2026-144**

Department of Public Works, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 4637 with Independence Excavating Inc. for the construction of 2.66 miles of shared use path along North Marginal Road Connector from East 9th Street to East 55th Street in the City of Cleveland for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$178,488.65, effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: 52.6% Federal Fund; 43.4% Cleveland Metroparks, 2.8% County Motor Vehicle \$7.50 License Tax Fund and 1.2% City of Cleveland

Eric Mack, Department of Public Works, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Paul Porter seconded. Item BC2026-144 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-145**

Department of Purchasing, recommending an award on RQ16240 and enter into a Revenue Generating Agreement (via Contract No. 6003) with Auctions International, Inc. (19-2) in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00 for Online auction services for selling County surplus property and unclaimed property, effective upon signatures of all parties through 12/31/2026.

Funding Source: Revenue Generating

Paul Porter, Department of Purchasing, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Mellany Seay seconded. Item BC2026-145 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-146**

Sheriff's Department,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to State Cleaning Solutions a Division of State Industrial Products Corp. in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00 for the purchase of various laundry chemicals for use in the County Jail for the period 3/1/2026 – 12/31/2026.
- b) Recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26000713 to State Cleaning Solutions a Division of State Industrial Products Corp. in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00 for the purchase of various laundry chemicals for use in the County Jail for the period 3/1/2026 – 12/31/2026.

Funding Source: General Fund

Kathryn Guinther, Sheriff's Department, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Laura Black seconded. Item BC2026-146 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-147**

Sheriff's Department, submitting a Grant Agreement with Oriana House, Inc. (via Contract No. 6038) in the amount not-to-exceed \$134,240.00 to provide funding to improve outcomes for substance abuse counseling and treatment for inmates at the Cuyahoga County Community Based Correctional Facility in connection with the 2025 Opioid Remediation Grant program, effective upon signatures of all parties through 12/19/2026.

Funding Source: Ohio Attorney General

Kathryn Guinther, Sheriff's Department, presented. Meredith Turner asked do we have any data on the numbers are they going down as it relates to inmates that are afflicted with this addiction, do we have numbers that tell us how many inmates are actually utilizing these drugs- these services, is there some kind of comprehensive report maybe a past one or something that's coming up, said I think we had received an update a couple months back that there is a shift now away from opioid use and more so to cocaine and other things that you discussed, it would be good to see some numbers. The Presenter will

follow up. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-147 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-148**

Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authority to apply for grant funds from Youth Villages in the amount of \$783,559.00 for supporting transition-age youth in connection with the Lifeset Opportunity Grant for the period 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2030.

Funding Source: \$783,559.00 Youth Villages LifeSet Opportunity Grant. The overall project also includes \$1,723,410.34 Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds and \$200,038.70 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood Grant Funds for a total project cost of \$2,707,008.04.

Sharonda Mason, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-148 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-149**

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

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in a payment to The Children's Hospital Medical Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$32,175.00 as final payment for the period 10/1/2025-12/31/2025 for poison control services and support of the Drug and Poison Information Center rendered on Contract No. 5073 (fka Contract No. 3797) during the contract term 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2025.
- b) Recommending a payment on Purchase Order No. 26001062 to The Children's Hospital Medical Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$32,175.00 as final payment for the period 10/1/2025-12/31/2025 for poison control services and support of the Drug and Poison Information Center rendered on Contract No. 5073 (fka Contract No. 3797) during the contract term 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2025.

Funding Source: Health and Human Services Levy Fund

Sharonda Mason, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-149 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-150**

Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Children and Family Services, recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26001130 with Biometric Information Management LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$14,330.00 for a state contract purchase of (2) mobile fingerprinting units, related accessories, system configuration and training.

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

Remon Kaldas, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-150 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-151**

Department of Health and Human Services/Community Initiatives Division/Office of Early Childhood, submitting a Memorandum of Understanding with United Way of Greater Cleveland, Cuyahoga County Public Library and Cleveland Public Library to define the roles and responsibility for spending down the remaining funds previously paid to United Way of Greater Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$73,159.87 on Contract No. 1784 for implementation and administrative services for the Family Space Program, effective 1/1/2026 through 9/30/2026.

Funding Source: Health and Human Services Levy Fund

Sharonda Mason, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-151 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-152**

Department of Health and Human Services/Community Initiatives Division/Office of Homeless Services, submitting an amendment to a Grant Agreement with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. (via Contract No. 4981) to provide funding to support the operation and administration of the temporary, emergency shelter for women located at 2710 Walton Avenue, Cleveland, for the period 4/1/2024 – 3/31/2026 to extend the time period to 10/31/2026, to amend and replace various terms of the agreement and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$291,666.67, effective 4/1/2026.

Funding Source: Health and Human Services Levy Fund

Sharonda Mason, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. Robert Schleper asked if this is just an extension because we have a need because our other shelter is currently under construction. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-152 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-153**

Department of Health and Human Services/Community Initiatives Division/Office of Homeless Services, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 5198 (fka Contract No. 4141) with Housing Innovations, LLC for technical assistance to develop and implement a strategy to comply with the HEARTH ACT, including 5 short-term and long-term planning and implementation of strategies at reducing and ending homelessness in connection with the Cuyahoga County Continuum of Care Evaluation and Planning Project for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026, to amend and replace various terms of the agreement and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$75,000.00, effective upon signatures of all parties.

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

Sharonda Mason, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Paul Porter seconded. Item BC2026-153 was approved by unanimous vote.

**BC2026-154**

Department of Health and Human Services/Community Initiatives Division/Office of Homeless Services, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 5937 (fka Contract No. 4500) with The Salvation Army to provide shelter and rapid re-housing services to families experiencing homelessness or domestic violence in connection with the FY2023 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Program for the period 6/1/2024 – 5/31/2026, to amend and replace various terms of the agreement and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$23,185.00, effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Rapid Rehousing for Families Grant Fund

Sharonda Mason, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-154 was approved by unanimous vote.

**C. – Consent Agenda**

Robert Schleper asked in relation to BC2026-155, Contract No. 3952 the (\$55,712.36) a decrease that was not spent, will it be allocated back into those funding sources based on the percentages that are listed.

There were no additional questions or comments on the Consent Agenda items. Michael Chambers motioned to approve Consent Agenda Item No. BC2026-155 through BC2026-159 as amended; Robert Schleper seconded. The Consent Agenda Items were approved by unanimous vote as amended.

**BC2026-155**

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 for a decrease in the amount of (\$55,712.36); 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: 44% Federal, 30% Ohio Public Works Commission, 19% Village of Chagrin Falls Municipality, and 7% \$5.00 Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund

**BC2026-156**

Department of Public Works, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 5066 with Vandra Brothers Construction, Inc. for resurfacing of 1.39 miles of Broadway Avenue from Macedonia Road to Richmond Road in the Village of Oakwood in connection with the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for a decrease in the amount of (\$257,414.41); 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: 80% Federal and 20% Ohio Public Works Commission

**BC2026-157**

Department of Information Technology, on behalf of Sheriff’s Department recommending to declare excess County computers and IT Equipment as surplus County-owned property, no longer needed for public use; requesting authority to sell surplus property to Info@Ret3.org. for a fee in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1.00 for the month of March 2026 in accordance with E02012-0001.

Funding Source: Revenue Generating

**BC2026-158**

Fiscal Department, presenting proposed travel/membership requests for the week of 3/30/2026:

Dept:	Department of Public Works							
Event:	Microgrid Knowledge Conference							
Source:	Microgrid Knowledge							
Location:	Orlando, FL							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Valerie Katz	5/4/2026 - 5/6/2026	\$195.00	\$148.00	\$636.61	\$80.00	\$319.46	\$1,379.07	Utility Operations Fund U. S. Department of Energy Grant

\*Paid to host

\*\*Staff reimbursement

\*\*\* Airfare will be covered by a contract with the County’s Travel Vendor

**Purpose:**

Panel participant at the following session:

This session will explore how Cuyahoga Green Energy, a public utility formed by Cuyahoga Country, OH, is bypassing traditional distribution to deliver reliable, high-quality power directly from transmission via utility-scale microgrids. Featuring insights from their flagship Euclid industrial district project, panelists will share how the utility is using private capital, innovative public-private partnerships, and manufacturing-focused resilience strategies to reinvent municipal utility models. The Euclid microgrid project is centered in an important industrial zone in Euclid, OH, and will serve six manufacturing companies that form a key part of the city’s economy and job base. The microgrid will include battery storage, solar panels, and natural gas gensets, and will serve 15 MW of load. The project is in the middle of its engineering phase, with construction scheduled to begin later in 2026. This session will present a real-world example of what can be done in the "utility of the future," demonstrate the role of public-private partnerships in grid innovation, and show how a community can take control of its energy future.

Dept:	Department of Public Works							
Event:	Greater & Greener 2026 Conference							
Source:	City Parks Alliance							
Location:	Austin, TX							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Trevor Hunt	6/14/2026 - 6/16/2026	\$450.00	\$136.00	\$537.40	\$80.00	\$530.00	\$1,733.40	Road & Bridge Fund

\*Paid to host

\*\*Staff reimbursement

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Purpose:

Mr. Hunt has been invited to serve as a presenter at the 2026 Greater & Greener Conference in the session titled "Transforming the Lake Erie Waterfront for Public Access & Environmental Resilience." Mr. Hunt will join Jim Sonnhalter of the County Planning Commission, along with David Wilson (LAND Studio) and Nathan Hilmer (SmithGroup), to discuss several catalytic shoreline projects that establish critical connections within countywide pedestrian and bicycle transportation networks. These projects emerged from the County's Lakefront Public Access Plan (LPAP) and are currently being implemented by the Department of Public Works. Together, they offer a model for mitigating land loss and property damage while increasingly accommodating and facilitating natural shoreline processes. Presenters will share design insights, cross-sector collaboration strategies, and lessons learned throughout the process—from planning and concept development through implementation. Participation in the conference will also provide Continuing Maintenance (CM) credits toward Mr. Hunt's AICP licensure.

Dept:	County Executive's Office							
Event:	2026 NACO Annual Conference & Exposition							
Source:	National Association of Counties (NACO)							
Location:	New Orleans, LA							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Christopher Ronayne	7/16/2026 - 7/20/2026	\$575.00	\$300.00	\$1,800.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$3,375.00	General Fund

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\*\*Staff reimbursement

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Purpose:

Attend and participate in the NACO Annual Conference, a gathering of elected and appointed county officials from across the country that provides learning opportunities and shares best practices on the full range of county responsibilities and domestic policy issues.

Dept:	Department of Communications							
Event:	2026 NACO Annual Conference & Exposition							
Source:	National Association of Counties (NACO)							
Location:	New Orleans, LA							

Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
David Razum	7/16/2026 - 7/20/2026	\$575.00	\$300.00	\$1,800.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$3,375.00	General Fund

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Dept:	Public Defender's Office							
Event:	Rise 26							
Source:	All Rise							
Location:	Nashville, TN							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
David Brown	7/19/2026 - 7/23/2026	\$960.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$748.20	\$0.00	\$1,958.20	General Fund 82% reimbursed by Ohio Public Defender
Brian Hoffman	7/19/2026 - 7/23/2026	\$960.00	\$250.00	\$4,200.00	\$761.25	\$0.00	\$6,171.25	General Fund 82% reimbursed by Ohio Public Defender
Rachel Tallmadge	7/19/2026 - 7/23/2026	\$960.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$480.00	\$900.00	\$2,590.00	General Fund 82% reimbursed by Ohio Public Defender
Peri Long	7/19/2026 - 7/23/2026	\$960.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$480.00	\$900.00	\$2,590.00	General Fund 82% reimbursed by Ohio Public Defender

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\*\*Staff reimbursement

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Purpose:

Rise26 is specifically tailored to enhance the skills, leadership, and training of the treatment court team with over 250 cutting-edge sessions, opportunities to connect and learn from colleagues around the world. Rise26 offers courses for the new practitioner and team members who have been in the field for years. The sessions will be a blend of providing what to watch for now and in the future and practical ways to implement these concerns at a minimal cost. The training will help the treatment court to focus attention on high-risk areas.

Dept:	Public Defender's Office							
Event:	89 <sup>th</sup> Annual NCJFCJ Conference							
Source:	National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges							
Location:	Nashville, TN							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Jennifer Simmons	7/19/2026 - 7/23/2026	\$945.00	\$250.00	\$1,600.00	\$480.00	\$900.00	\$4,175.00	Ohio Supreme Court Legal Representation Pilot Project Grant (First Grant)

\*Paid to host

\*\*Staff reimbursement

\*\*\* Airfare will be covered by a contract with the County's Travel Vendor

Purpose:

This conference will feature educational presentations on topics specific to training tracks including domestic relations, juvenile justice, child welfare, family violence, and emerging issues, as well as general sessions led by thought leaders. The conference is designed for a wide range of disciplines and is open to all those who strive to improve the systems and change the lives of children, families and survivors in the court system and our communities. This training will be paid for through our FIRST GRANT.

Dept:	Sheriff's Department							
Event:	Axon Week							
Source:	Axon							
Location:	Nashville, TN							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
David Perez	4/7/2026 - 4/10/2026	\$1,188.00	\$188.00	\$1,500.00	\$340.00	\$400.00	\$3,616.00	Continuing Professional Training Fund

Devlin Padraig	4/07/2026 - 4/10/2026	\$1,188.00	\$188.00	\$1,500.00	\$340.00	\$400.00	\$3,616.00	Continuing Professional Training Fund
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Purpose:

Attendance at the conference will help ensure that our team is understanding the latest in public safety technology and learning about innovative solutions for the future. Axon Week is public safety's premier technology and training conference and will feature keynotes on the future of public safety technology, training, breakout sessions on innovative solutions in the public safety sector. Expert speakers and panels will address highly requested topics on public safety policy, training, crime reduction, communication, and officer wellness among other topics.

Dept:	Medical Examiner's Office							
Event:	CSTE Annual Conference A Beacon for Public Health Epidemiology GUI							
Source:	Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists							
Location:	Boston, MA							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Stephanie Franks	5/31/2026 - 6/4/2026	\$950.00	\$300.00	\$1,788.68	\$144.89	\$550.00	\$3,733.57	General Fund reimbursed by OD2A Grant

\*Paid to host

\*\*Staff reimbursement

\*\*\* Airfare will be covered by a contract with the County's Travel Vendor

Purpose:

The Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Annual Conference is hosted by CSTE for all public health for public health professionals to enhance their expertise, access critical training, and engage in meaningful discussions that impact their daily work. Stephanie will be presenting 2 abstracts at this conference discussing findings from the Cuyahoga County's Pilot Drug Checking Program.

Dept:	Department of Public Safety and Justice Services							
Event:	The Gun Violence Prevention Forum							
Source:	Northwell Health							
Location:	New York, NY							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Myesha Watkins	3/4/2026 - 3/5/2026	\$0.00	\$44.00	\$330.00	\$259.39	\$600.00	\$1,233.39	Landmark Ventures

All costs associated with this trip were paid directly by Landmark Ventures. Because this trip was being covered by an outside agency, Myesha wasn't aware the same process applied.

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\*\*Staff reimbursement

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Purpose:

Myesha served on the Cleveland, Ohio: The Power of Coming Together panel at this conference. This panel focused on how the Cleveland Cavaliers are leveraging their cultural influences and community trust, in partnership with local leadership, to bring together coalitions, engage stakeholders and using non-traditional resources to drive a reduction in gun violence.

**BC2026-159**

Department of Purchasing, presenting proposed purchases for the week of 3/30/2026:

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

Purchase Order Number	Description	Department	Vendor Name	Total	Funding Source
26001167	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 2/1/2026- 2/28/2026 *	Division of Children and Family Services	RTC Resource Acquisition Corporation	\$13,693.12	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)**

**ION2026-31**

Court of Common Pleas/Domestic Relations Court Division, submitting a grant award from Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the Families First Program in connection with CY2026 Core Contract for the period 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026.

Funding Source: Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board

**ION2026-32**

**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
7603	3138 (fka Contract No. 2220	Canopy Child Advocacy Center, Inc.	For implementation of a Child Protection Teams model to address and prevent child abuse in Cuyahoga County; <b>to add various Exhibits to modify the scope of work, budget and Budget Narrative for services to be provided during the term of this amendment; effective 1/1/2026.</b>	\$0	Division of Children and Family Services	1/1/2023 – 12/31/2025 <b>to extend the time period to 12/31/2027</b>	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund	(Executive) 3/24/2026 (Law) 3/23/2026

**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 11:21 am.