

Minutes

Cuyahoga County Board of Control
Monday, April 27, 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:

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)
Paul Porter, Director, Department of Purchasing
Councilmember Meredith Turner
Cynthia Mason, County Council (Alternate for Councilmember Michael Houser)
Councilmember Robert Schleper

II. – REVIEW MINUTES – 4/20/2026

Michael Chambers motioned to approve the minutes from the April 20, 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

BC2026-208

Department of Information Technology on behalf of the Department of Public Works,

a) Submitting an RFP exemption which will result in an award recommendation to Integrated Precision Systems, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$33,886.28 for project management, configuration, and setup services for the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter for the purchase and installation of:

(1) 4-bay video recording server with associated equipment, including a 5 year warranty and migration services;

(6) AXIS P3287-LV cameras with XProtect Corporate licenses and 1 year of support;

Installation of (1) previously purchased AXIS M3065 dome camera;

b) Recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26001545 to Integrated Precision Systems, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$33,886.28 as listed above.

Funding Source: Animal Shelter Operating Fund

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-208 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-209

Department of Information Technology, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 3244 with BPS Technologies Ventures II, LLC dba BPS Technologies for the renewal of maintenance and software support on the RightFax Enterprise Fax Manager servers for the period 6/1/2023 – 5/31/2026 to extend the time period to 5/31/2027 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$28,111.14, effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: 71% General Fund and 29% Health and Human Services Levy Fund

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Erik Janas seconded. Item BC2026-209 was approved by unanimous vote.

~~BC2026-210~~ BC2026-210

Department of Information Technology, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 4373 (formerly Contract No. 434 and CE1500332) with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. for maintenance on ArcGIS software for the period 1/1/2016 – 3/31/2026 to extend the time period to 3/31/2027, to update insurance requirements, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$81,485.00, effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: 50% Real Estate Assessment Fund and 50% General Fund

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Erik Janas seconded. Item BC2026-210 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-211

Court of Common Pleas/Corrections Planning Board, submitting an amendment to Agreement No. 5325 (fka Contract No. 2119) with Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County for Residential Level of Care services for dually diagnosed men for the period 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2025 to extend the time period to 12/31/2026, to change various terms and to change the Non-Medicaid clients reimbursement rate from \$180.00 to \$198.00, effective 7/1/2025, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$575,000.00.

Funding Source: Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Community Correction Act Grant

Meghan Patton, Court of Common Pleas/Corrections Planning Board, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-211 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-212

Sheriff's Department,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to Excel K9 Services, Inc. in the total amount not-to-exceed \$15,800.00 for the purchase of (1) canine trained in narcotic detection for the Correction Officer's K-9 unit.

- b) Recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26000968 to Excel K9 Services, Inc. in the total amount not-to-exceed \$15,800.00 for the purchase of (1) canine trained in narcotic detection for the Correction Officer's K-9 unit.

Funding Source: Commissary Fund

Brian Rice from the Sheriff's Department and Lt. Joseph Kelley of the Corrections K9 Unit outlined the operational need for trained canines. These dogs enhance safety by detecting narcotics, related odors such as smoke, and concealed substances from entering the facilities by searching visitors, staff and incarcerated people. The Court Towers operate 24/7, and screening occurs when inmates return from outside appointments or are newly remanded. Canines are deployed in the Sally Port on the P1 level, where law enforcement brings inmates into the facility, as well as to Jail I and II loading docks, where all skids, pallets, and incoming packages are screened before entering the Justice Center. They are also utilized during jail shakedowns. Handlers select canines based on operational needs, and each dog is imprinted and trained with its assigned handler. While the dogs live with their handlers, they are considered working animals, not pets. Robert Schleper asked whether the \$16,500 cost is per dog and whether the canines are puppies and trained on site. Meredith Turner noted to the lieutenant that it is clear he and his colleague are passionate about the program. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-212 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-213

Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, recommending an award and enter into Contract No. 6051 with Skopenow (40-3) in the amount not-to-exceed \$27,000.00 for Social Media Threat Intelligence software and (2) user licenses for use by the Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center for the period 5/16/2026 - 5/15/2027.

Funding Source: FY2024 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant

Mary Beth Vaughn, Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Erik Janas seconded. Item BC2026-213 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-214

Department of Health and Human Services/Community Initiatives Division/Office of Early Childhood, submitting a Revenue Generating Agreement (via Contract No. 6054) with Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$690,000.00 for administration and coordination of the local Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Program for Invest in Children for the period 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026.

Funding Source: Revenue Generating

Marcos Cortes, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-214 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-215

Department of Health and Human Services/Community Initiatives Division/Office of Homeless Services, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 5197 (fka Contract No. 3047) with West Side Catholic Center for emergency shelter services for families in connection with the Continuum of Care program for the period 9/1/2022 – 8/31/2025 to extend the time period to 8/31/2026, add Exhibit II-C to supplement the budget, effective 9/23/2025, to change various terms and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$69,184.00, effective upon signatures of all parties.

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

Marcos Cortes, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Erik Janas seconded. Item BC2026-215 was approved by unanimous vote.

C. - Consent Agenda

Mary Beth Vaughn, Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, provided details on the request to increase Purchase Order No. 26001364 to Chi Corporation from \$73,265.00 to \$78,885.00.

Dell notified Chi Corporation of a price increase effective next Monday for the servers currently pending purchase. Chi then informed the County. PSJS reviewed the updated pricing and determined Chi was no longer the lowest bidder. The Department contacted the two other bidders to confirm their pricing. After receiving updated quotes and re-evaluating all submissions, Chi’s revised pricing was again the lowest.

Because of the cost increase, PSJS must obtain approval from the Office of Emergency Management before proceeding. The purchase will move forward upon approval; otherwise, it will be canceled.

There were no questions or additional comments on the Consent Agenda items. Michael Chambers motioned to approve Consent Agenda Item No. BC2026-216 through BC2026-218 as amended; Paul Porter seconded. The Consent Agenda Items were approved by unanimous vote as amended.

BC2026-216

Department of Information Technology, 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 April 2026 in accordance with EA02012-0001 on behalf of the following county agencies:

- a) Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services
- b) Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Children and Family Services

Funding Source: Revenue Generating

BC2026-217

Fiscal Department, presenting proposed travel/membership requests for the week of 4/27/2026:

Dept:	Department of Public Works							
Event:	2026 American Society of Highway Engineers National Conference							
Source:	ASHE							
Location:	Rockville, MD							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration	Meals **	Lodging	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air **	Total	Funding Source
Nichole English	5/28/2026- 5/30/2026	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$398.34	\$210.00	\$226.80	\$985.14	Road and Bridge

*Paid to host

**Staff reimbursement

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

Purpose:

Presenting in place of Byron Sah at the 2026 American Society of Highway Engineers National Conference. The \$250 registration cost will be covered by the sponsor because Nichole is a speaker.

Dept:	Public Defender’s Office							
Event:	NACDL National Forensic College							
Source:	NACDL							
Location:	New York, NY							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Erika Cunliffe	6/7/2026- 6/13/2026	\$575.00	\$360.00	\$750.00	\$480.00	\$400.00	\$2,565.00	General Fund 82% reimbursed by Ohio

								Public Defender
Brant DiChiera	6/7/2026-6/13/2026	\$575.00	\$360.00	\$750.00	\$480.00	\$400.00	\$2,565.00	General Fund 82% reimbursed by Ohio Public Defender

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Purpose:

The National Forensic College is an advanced, week-long forensic science CLE designed for experienced trial and post-conviction defense attorneys. The Forensic College prepares attorneys to litigate complex forensic science issues strategically with the help of the nation's leading law firms and experts.

Dept:	Sheriff's Department							
Event:	2026 NSA Annual Conference							
Source:	National Sheriffs Association-NSA							
Location:	Omaha, NE							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Aaron Reese	6/7/2026-6/11/2026	\$630.00	\$228.00	\$968.00	\$175.00	\$700.00	\$2,701.00	Law Enforcement Trust Fund
Richard Peters	6/7/2026-6/11/2026	\$630.00	\$228.00	\$968.00	\$175.00	\$700.00	\$2,701.00	Law Enforcement Trust Fund
Alfred Johnson	6/7/2026-6/11/2026	\$350.00	\$228.00	\$968.00	\$175.00	\$700.00	\$2,421.00	Law Enforcement Trust Fund
Brian Williams	6/7/2026-6/11/2026	\$350.00	\$228.00	\$968.00	\$175.00	\$700.00	\$2,421.00	Law Enforcement Trust Fund

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Purpose:

National Sheriff's Association Annual Conference Training & FLETC Homeland Security Leadership Academy (Certification)

Dept:	Sheriff's Department							
Event:	Raven's Challenge XX 2026							
Source:	Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives ATF							

Location:	Mount Vernon, IN							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Harold Pretel	4/14/2026-4/16/2026	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$246.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$346.40	Law Enforcement Trust Fund

*Paid to host

**Staff reimbursement

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Purpose:

The purpose of the exercise is to participate with our federal, state, and local partners for the prevention, protection, migration of, and response to explosive threats.

ATF - Will be absorbing the cost of the hotel - AG ethics form submitted and approved.

BC2026-218

Department of Purchasing, presenting proposed purchases for the week of 4/27/2026:

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
26001516	Renewal of (8) Redgate SQL Toolbelt Essentials license subscriptions with 1-year support	Department of Information Technology	vPrime Tech Inc	\$11,071.60	General Fund
26001350	(1) New Never Titled 2026 Chevrolet Equinox	Sheriff's Department	Dave Hallman Chevrolet, Inc.	\$31,160.00	Commissary Fund
26001364	(1) Dell PowerEdge R760xs Server with 39-month service warranty and support and (1) Dell PowerEdge R770 Server with 36-month service warranty and support for the Board of Elections Disaster Recovery Program	Department of Public Safety and Justice Services on behalf of the Board of Elections	Chi Corporation	\$73,625.00 \$78,995.00	FY24 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant
26001471	(1) New Never Titled 2026 Transit-350 Cargo Van for the Southeast Area Law Enforcement Network (SEALE) SWAT Team	Department of Public Safety and Justice Services	Ken Ganley Ford Norton dba KG Norton LLC	\$63,991.00	FY23 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant

Items/Services Received and Invoiced but not Paid:

Purchase Order Number	Description	Department	Vendor Name	Total	Funding Source
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26001407	Factory Authorized – Accident repairs on 2024 Ford F550 Super Truck*	Department of Public Works	Sarchione Ford Alliance	\$10,088.91	Road and Bridge Fund
26001402	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 3/1/2026-3/31/2026 **	Division of Children and Family Services	Safely Home Inc	\$60,978.75	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund
26001405	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 2/6/2026-3/31/2026 **	Division of Children and Family Services	Noble Vision Behavioral Health LLC	\$37,800.00	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund
26001409	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 3/1/2026-3/31/2026 **	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
26001423	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 3/1/2026-3/31/2026 **	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
26001443	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 9/1/2025-9/30/2025 **	Division of Children and Family Services	Michael A Mitchell dba The Anthony House	\$12,450.00	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. 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)

ION2026-42

Department of Sustainability, submitting a grant award from Cleveland Foundation in the total amount of \$150,000.00 in financial support for the Deputy Chief of Staff Climate and Sustainability position in connection with the administration’s focus on climate mitigation efforts for the period 4/1/2026 – 3/31/2027.

Funding Source: Cleveland Foundation

ION2026-43

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	6045	Bad Day Training & Consulting, LLC	(3) Four-hour Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) training sessions for up to 30 participants for the Cuyahoga County Local Emergency Planning Committee	\$7,725.00	Department of Public Safety and Justice Services	Effective upon signatures of all parties through 6/30/2026	FY26 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) through the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)	(Executive) 4/17/2026 (Law) 4/22/2026
NA	6065 (fka 5805)	Strada Collaborative, LLC dba InsideTrack; for the assignment and assumption of the contract to Lemnis, effective upon signatures of all parties.	For coaching services to Ohio National Guard Scholarship recipients for the Pay for Success Program	\$0.00	Department of Health and Human Services/ Office of the Director	2/2/2026-4/14/2030	(Original) Social Impact Finance Fund	(Executive) 4/17/2026 (Law) 4/17/2026
NA	Master Amend Contract No. 6049	Downey Side Inc.	Adoption Services; to add Downey Side Inc., 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) 4/17/2026 (Law) 4/20/2026

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 11:26 a.m.