

Minutes

Cuyahoga County Board of Control

Monday, August 24, 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 – 8/17/2026

Michael Chambers motioned to approve the minutes from the August 17, 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

BC2026-436

Department of Public Works, recommending an award on RQ16351 and enter into Contract No. 6381 with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (12-4) in the amount not-to-exceed \$350,000.00 for professional tax accountant services to support the County's Investment Tax Credit claims and to provide tax planning advice for renewable energy project development, effective 8/3/2026 through project completion.

Funding Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Matthew Hrubey, Department of Public Works, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Paul Porter seconded. Item BC2026-436 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-437

Department of Information Technology,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to TEC Communications, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$614,148.00 for the purchase and renewal of various Cisco licenses for a period of 1 year with various effective dates between 10/31/2026 and 2/28/2027 for various departments.
- b) Recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26002768 to TEC Communications, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$614,148.00 for the purchase and renewal of various Cisco licenses for a period of 1 year with various effective dates between 10/31/2026 and 2/28/2027 for various departments.

Funding Source: 93.45% General Fund and 6.55% Health and Human Services Levy Fund

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-437 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-438

Medical Examiner's Office,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to Phenomenex, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$22,027.20 for the purchase of tubes of varying types, holders, cartridges and (4) columns for analytical research and development applications for the Toxicology Lab.
- b) Recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26002889 to Phenomenex, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$22,027.20 for the purchase of tubes of varying types, holders, cartridges and (4) columns for analytical research and development applications for the Toxicology Lab.

Funding Source: General Fund

Hugh Shannon, Medical Examiner's Office, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Erik Janas seconded. Item BC2026-438 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. BC2026-439 through BC2026-440; Cynthia Mason seconded. The Consent Agenda Items were approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-439

Fiscal Department, presenting proposed travel/membership requests for the week of 8/24/2026:

Dept:	Medical Examiner's Office							
Event:	SOFT-TIAFT Annual Meeting							
Source:	SOFT-TIAFT							
Location:	Chicago, IL							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Jocelyn Abonamah	9/19/2026- 9/25/2026	\$1,084.00	\$208.00	\$1,919.04	\$114.96	\$0.00	\$3,326.00	Coroner Lab Fund
Eric Lavins	9/18/2026- 9/24/2026	\$1,084.00	\$212.00	\$1,919.04	\$286.86	\$440.50	\$3,942.40	FY2025 Coverdell Grant

*Paid to host

**Staff reimbursement

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

Purpose:

Attend the SOFT-TIAFT Annual Meeting to represent the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office. Responsibilities include chairing one workshop, presenting at one workshop, presenting one abstract, and attending additional workshops, symposiums, and scientific sessions. A workshop focused on workflow optimization and efficiency using robotic liquid handlers has been requested.

Dept:	Medical Examiner's Office							
Event:	ABMDI Board of Directors and Advisory Council Meeting							
Source:	American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators							
Location:	Kansas City, MO							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Justin Wilson	10/20/2026 10/23/2026	\$0.00	\$191.00	\$780.00	\$200.00	\$432.39	\$1,603.39	FY2025 Coverdell Grant

*Paid to host

**Staff reimbursement

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Purpose:

Travel required for the ABMDI Board of Directors and Advisory Council Meeting with current Officer Status on the Board.

BC2026-440

Department of Purchasing, presenting proposed purchases for the week of 8/24/2026:

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
26002881	(44) HP Z2 Mini Desktop Workstations, (27) each HP Zbook Firefly Mobile Workstations and docking stations; (65) monitors	Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division	Brown Enterprise Solutions LLC	\$144,571.00	General Fund

Items/Services Received and Invoiced but not Paid:

Purchase Order Number	Description	Department	Vendor Name	Total	Funding Source
26002855	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 4/1/2026 – 7/31/2026*	Division of Children and Family Services	Noble Vision Behavior Health LLC	\$85,400.00	65% Health and Human Services Levy/35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund
26002868	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 12/2/2025-12/31/2025, 1/1/2026 - 1/31/2026 and 1/28/2026 - 1/31/2026*	Division of Children and Family Services	Safely Home, Inc.	\$34,466.25	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund
26002908	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 4/24/2026 – 6/8/2026*	Division of Children and Family Services	Noble Vision Behavior Health LLC	\$27,600.00	65% Health and Human Services Levy/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)

ION2026-98

Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, submitting a Subrecipient Grant Agreement from Ohio Emergency Management Agency in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,094,253.00 for the FY2025 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program for the period 9/1/2025 – 12/31/2027.

Funding Source: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

ION2026-99

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
2667	4761 (aka ~~Contract Nos. 1164, and 3348~~)	Applewood Centers, Inc.	Master contract with various for residential treatment services; to update the unit rates, effective 7/1/2026	\$0.00	Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division	1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026	(Original) Health and Human Services Levy Fund	(Executive) 8/19/2026

VI – PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VII – ADJOURNMENT

Michael Chambers motioned to adjourn; Erik Janas seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 11:06 a.m.