

Minutes

Cuyahoga County Board of Control

Tuesday, September 8, 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:

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

Cynthia Mason, County Council (Alternate for Councilmember Meredith Turner)

Laura Black, County Council (Alternate for Councilmember Robert Schleper)

Katura Pleasant, County Council (Alternate for Councilmember Michael Houser)

II. – REVIEW MINUTES – 8/31/2026

Michael Chambers motioned to approve the minutes from the August 31, 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

BC2026-458

Sheriff's Department, recommending to amend Board of Control Approval No. BC2026-358 dated 7/31/2026 for the National Internal Affairs Training and Certification event in Las Vegas from \$14,579.30 ~~\$16,079.30~~ to **\$14,912.90** as indicated below:

Dept:	Sheriff's Department							
Event:	National Internal Affairs Training and Certification							
Source:	Legal and Liability Risk Management Institute							
Location:	Las Vegas, NV							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source

Jamie Bonnette	11/29/2026-12/4/2026	\$595.00	\$360.00	\$691.55	~~\$0.00~~ \$100.00	~~\$650.00~~ ~~\$900.00~~ \$605.60	~~\$2,546.55~~ \$2,352.15	Continuing Professional Training Fund
Donald Hill	11/29/2026-12/4/2026	\$595.00	\$360.00	\$691.55	~~\$0.00~~ \$100.00	~~\$650.00~~ ~~\$900.00~~ \$605.60	~~\$2,546.55~~ \$2,352.15	General Funds
Yashila Ray	11/29/2026-12/4/2026	\$595.00	\$360.00	\$691.55	~~\$0.00~~ \$100.00	~~\$650.00~~ ~~\$900.00~~ \$605.60	~~\$2,546.55~~ \$2,352.15	Continuing Professional Training Fund
Brian Williams	11/29/2026-12/4/2026	\$595.00	\$360.00	\$691.55	~~\$0.00~~ \$100.00	~~\$650.00~~ ~~\$900.00~~ \$605.60	~~\$2,546.55~~ \$2,352.15	General Funds
Ralph Capistrano	11/29/2026-12/4/2026	\$595.00	\$360.00	\$691.55	~~\$0.00~~ \$100.00	~~\$650.00~~ ~~\$900.00~~ \$605.60	~~\$2,546.55~~ \$2,352.15	Continuing Professional Training Fund
Steven Bartczak	11/29/2026-12/4/2026	\$595.00	\$360.00	\$691.55	~~\$800.00~~ \$900.00	~~\$650.00~~ ~~\$900.00~~ \$605.60	~~\$2,546.55~~ \$3,152.15	Continuing Professional Training Fund

*Paid to host

**Staff reimbursement

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

Purpose:

This seminar provides comprehensive training and professional certification for those engaged in Internal Affairs, Professional Standards, and Administrative Investigations. It's designed for IA investigators and supervisors, risk management, and human resources professionals in public safety. The program establishes professional credibility through certification, ensuring participants meet the highest academic, professional, and ethical standards.

Chris Costin, Sheriff's Department, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item as amended; Cynthia Mason seconded. Item BC2026-458 was approved by unanimous vote as amended.

B. – New Items for Review

BC2026-460

Department of Public Works, recommending a payment on Purchase Order No. 26003046 to Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency in the amount of \$76,917.50 for annual membership dues for the period 7/1/2026 – 6/30/2027.

Funding Source: Road and Bridge Fund

Mellany Seay, Department of Public Works, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Cynthia Mason seconded. Item BC2026-460 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-461

Department of Communications, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 1910 (fka Contract No. CE1900384) with Canto, Inc. for Cloud-based Digital Asset Management System services for the period 10/28/2019 – 10/31/2026 to extend the time period to 10/31/2028, to update insurance requirements, to add vendor terms and conditions, and for additional funds in the amount not-to- exceed \$49,970.00, effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: General Fund

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Paul Porter seconded. Item BC2026-461 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-462

Department of Information Technology,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to KONE Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00 for the purchase of Elevator Telephone Line Identification and reprogramming services.
- b) Recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26002764 to KONE Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00 for the purchase of Elevator Telephone Line Identification and reprogramming services.

Funding Source: Capital Improvement Plan

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Katura Pleasant seconded. Item BC2026-462 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-463

Department of Information Technology on behalf of the Public Defender's Office, recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26002928 to MNJ Technologies Direct, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$18,858.00

for a joint cooperative purchase of (6) HP ZBook mobile workstations, each to include support and extended service warranty and (12) monitors.

Funding Source: General Fund 80% reimbursed by the Office of the Ohio Public Defender

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Laura Black seconded. Item BC2026-463 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-464

Department of Information Technology, recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26003090 to SHI International Corp. in the amount not-to-exceed \$18,739.00 for a joint cooperative purchase for the renewal of (50) Constant Contact Subscription services for the period 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2027.

Funding Source: General Fund

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Cynthia Mason seconded. Item BC2026-464 was approved by unanimous vote.

~~BC2026-465~~ The following item was held at the request of County Council President

~~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 \$63,200.00 for the purchase of (4) canine trained in narcotic detection for the Correction Officer's K-9 unit.~~
- ~~b) Recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26003009 to Excel K9 Services, Inc. in the total amount not-to-exceed \$63,200.00 for the purchase of (4) canine trained in narcotic detection for the Correction Officer's K-9 unit.~~

~~Funding Source: Commissary Fund~~

BC2026-466

County Prosecutor,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to Carahsoft Technology Corp. in the amount not-to-exceed \$38,247.00 for the purchase of (3) subscriptions to Digital Evidence Investigator software for the period 11/30/2026 – 11/29/2029.
- b) Recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26003022 to Carahsoft Technology Corp. in the amount not-to-exceed \$38,247.00 for the purchase of (3) subscriptions to Digital Evidence Investigator software for the period 11/30/2026 – 11/29/2029.

Funding Source: U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

Justin Rotili, County Prosecutor's Office, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Katura Pleasant seconded. Item BC2026-466 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-467

Department of Public Safety and Justice Services,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,399.13 for maintenance, upgrades, training and support services on CECOMS radio consoles for the period 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026.
- b) Recommending an award and enter into Contract No. 6333 with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,399.13 for maintenance, upgrades, training and support services on CECOMS radio consoles for the period 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026.

Funding Source: General Fund

Mary Beth Vaughn, Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Cynthia Mason seconded. Item BC2026-467 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-468

Department of Health and Human Services/Community Initiatives Division/Office of Early Childhood, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 3718 with City of Cleveland Department of Public Health for prenatal and inter-conceptional care services to high-risk families in connection with the expansion of the MomsFirst Program for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2024 – 6/30/2026 to extend the time period to 12/31/2026, to add Exhibit I-C representing scope of work and Exhibit II-C representing budget terms, to add a vendor credit and branding provision, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$85,284.50, effective 7/1/2026.

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; Laura Black seconded. Item BC2026-468 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. BC2026-469 through BC2026-472; Mellany Seay seconded. The Consent Agenda Items were approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-469

Department of Public Works, submitting an amendment to a Tender Agreement (via Contract No. 4796 fka 980) with Perk Company, Inc. for the rehabilitation of existing St. Clair Avenue Bridge 04.44 over Doan Brook in the City of Cleveland for a decrease in the amount of (\$56,039.33); 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: 49% Surety Funds, 41% Federal Funds and 10% Road and Bridge Fund

BC2026-470

Department of Public Safety and Justice Services on behalf of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, submitting a grant award from Ohio State Emergency Response Commission in the amount of \$138,190.00 for the Chemical Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Fund in Connection with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Right-to-Know Program for the period 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027.

Funding Source: Environmental Protection Agency passed through the Ohio State Emergency Response Commission

BC2026-471

Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Children and Family Services, submitting an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for community-based services to support at-risk children and families in Cuyahoga County for the period 4/1/2025 – 3/31/2027, to modify the scope of service as outlined in Exhibits I-A-1 through I-J-1, to update budget terms, to amend the County's designated recipient for notification purposes, to add a vendor credit and branding provision, and for a decrease of funds in the total amount of (\$1,498,384.06), effective upon signatures of all parties:

- a) Contract No. 5280 with Beech Brook in the amount of (\$33,550.00).
- b) Contract No. 5291 with Catholic Charities Corporation in the amount of (\$211,975.00).
- c) Contract No. 5295 with City of Lakewood in the amount of (\$198,250.00).
- d) Contract No. 5296 with Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority in the amount of (\$76,250.00).
- e) Contract No. 5297 with East End Neighborhood House Association in the amount of (\$122,000.00).
- f) Contract No. 5298 with The Harvard Community Services Center in the amount of (\$106,750.00).
- g) Contract No. 5299 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System in the amount of (\$279,909.06).
- h) Contract No. 5300 with The Centers for Families and Children in the amount of (\$137,250.00).
- i) Contract No. 5301 with University Settlement Slavic Village LLC in the amount of (\$205,875.00).
- j) Contract No. 5302 with West Side Community House in the amount of (\$126,575.00).

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

BC2026-472

Fiscal Department, presenting proposed travel/membership requests for the week of 9/8/2026:

Medical Examiner's Office, recommending to amend Board of Control Approval No. BC2026-403 dated 8/3/2026 for the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) and The International Association of

Forensic Toxicologists (TIAFT) joint meeting in Chicago to adjust the travel end date by one day as indicated below for Danai Taruvinga.

Dept:	Medical Examiner's Office							
Event:	SOFT/TIAFT 2026 Joint Meeting							
Source:	Society of Forensic Toxicologist and The International Association of Forensic Toxicologist							
Location:	Chicago, IL							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Szabolcs Sofalvi	9/19/2026-9/25/2026	\$1,284.00	\$168.00	\$1,919.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,371.04	2025 Coverdell Grant
Kimberly Mansour	9/21/2026-9/25/2026	\$1,084.00	\$60.00	\$1,279.36	\$349.94	\$481.81	\$3,255.11	2025 Coverdell Grant
Danai Taruvinga	9/19/2026- ~~9/24/2026~~ 9/25/2026	\$1,084.00	\$180.00	\$1,919.04	\$287.81	\$418.80	\$3,889.65	2025 Coverdell Grant

*Paid to host

**Staff reimbursement

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

Purpose:

To attend the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) and The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists (TIAFT) joint meeting in Chicago for training and continuing education.

The travel end date needs to be adjusted since the training ends at 11:30 pm and the traveler will fly out the next morning. There is no change in the costs.

Dept:	Medical Examiner's Office							
Event:	NAME 2026 Annual Meeting							
Source:	National Association of Medical Examiners							
Location:	Kansas City, MO							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Kara Gawelek	10/16/2026-10/20/2026	\$1,050.00	\$222.00	\$720.00	\$180.00	\$404.00	\$2,576.00	2025 Coverdell Grant

*Paid to host

**Staff reimbursement

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

Purpose:

Educational conference hosted by National Association of Medical Examiners, to include didactic lecture series on forensic topics and review of research project posters and platform presentations

and networking events for mentoring and fellowship candidate recruitment. Accepted as author for poster presentation with resident mentee as presenter.

Dept:	Department of Public Safety and Justice Services							
Event:	Inaugural Everytown Community Safety Fund Exchange							
Source:	Everytown for Gun Safety							
Location:	New York, NY							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration	Meals	Lodging	Ground TRN/ Mileage	Air	Total	Funding Source
Myesha Watkins	11/10/2026-11/11/2026	\$0.00	\$48.00	\$228.42	\$0.00	\$326.79	\$603.21*	Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund

*All expenses will be paid by the event sponsor. An IG opinion was obtained.

Purpose:

Myesha has been invited to participate as a panelist at the inaugural Everytown Community Safety Fund Exchange in NYC. This exchange is centered on the theme, Celebrating the Art of Community Safety, and will bring together leaders from community violence intervention, philanthropy, government, healthcare, research, and professional sports to recognize progress, exchange ideas, and strengthen the partnerships shaping the future of community safety. Myesha will be participating in the "Catalyzing Impact Through Strategic Investment" panel.

Dept:	Department of Health and Human Services/Office of the Director							
Event:	Creating Impact Through Public Private Partnership							
Source:	Achieving Success Blue Meridian Partners							
Location:	Scottsdale, AZ							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Rachel Benders	10/5/2026-10/7/2026	\$0.00	\$176.00	\$1,162.00	\$100.00	\$404.00	\$1,842.00	85% Blue Meridian Partners and 15% HHS Levy
David Merriman	10/5/2026-10/7/2026	\$0.00	\$176.00	\$1,162.00	\$100.00	\$404.00	\$1,842.00	85% Blue Meridian Partners and 15% HHS Levy
Jaqueline Fletcher	10/5/2026-10/7/2026	\$0.00	\$176.00	\$1,162.00	\$100.00	\$404.00	\$1,842.00	85% Blue Meridian Partners and 15% HHS Levy

*Paid to host

**Staff reimbursement

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

****An IG Opinion was obtained for costs being reimbursed by the sponsor.

Purpose:

Achieving Success Executive Workshops bring together child welfare leaders, researchers and subject matter experts, executive leaders from state agencies and national organizations, and individuals and families with lived experience for collaborative conversations in the spirit of driving transformative changes within both transition-age youth and prevention systems of care.

Our agenda for this workshop centers on Medicaid and child welfare collaborations as well as data-driven, evidence-informed decision making. There will be several opportunities for participants to network and share initiatives that are making an impact, especially those related to prevention and older youth services. Breakout groups will allow for small group conversations, including a targeted opportunity for leaders of state-supervised, county-administered systems to connect about the unique opportunities and challenges those systems face.

V- OTHER BUSINESS

Item of Note (non-voted)

ION2026-104

Sheriff's Department, submitting an amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding with The Ohio Attorney General's Office to improve outcomes for substance-addicted inmates in Ohio jails in connection with the 2025 Opioid Remediation Grant for the period 9/29/2025 - 9/29/2026 to extend the time period to 12/31/2026 and to update the email address for report submission, effective upon signature of all parties.

Funding Source: Office of the Ohio Attorney General

ION2026-105

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
13103	4626	Grow America	For design and administration of a Small Business Program with a focus on minority and women-owned businesses	\$0.00	Department of Development	8/12/2024-6/30/2026 to extend the time period to 9/30/2026	(Original) Economic Development Fund	(Executive) 8/25/2026 (Law) 8/27/2026
13103	4627	Northeast Ohio Hispanic Center for Economic Development	For design and administration of a Small Business Program with a focus on minority and women-owned businesses	\$0.00	Department of Development	8/12/2024-6/30/2026 to extend the time period to 9/30/2026	(Original) Economic Development Fund	(Executive) 8/25/2026 (Law) 8/27/2026
13103	5105 (fka 4633)	JumpStart Inc.	For design and administration of a Small Business Program with a focus on minority and women-owned businesses	\$0.00	Department of Development	8/12/2024-6/30/2026 to extend the time period to 9/30/2026	(Original) Economic Development Fund	(Executive) 8/25/2026 (Law) 8/27/2026

NA	6359	City Of Garfield Heights	To develop and implement the Community Diversion Program for court referred youth.	\$6,000.00	Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division	1/1/2027-12/31/2028	Health and Human Services Levy Fund	(Executive) 8/28/2026
NA	6364	Olmsted Township	To develop and implement the Community Diversion Program for court referred youth.	\$1,200.00	Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division	1/1/2027-12/31/2028	Health and Human Services Levy Fund	(Executive) 8/31/2026
NA	6302	AT&T Enterprises dba AT&T Ohio	E9-1-1 Database Snapshot Agreement	\$1,000.00	Department of Public Safety and Justice Services	Effective upon signatures of all parties - Project completion	Wireless 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund	(Executive) 8/31/2026
NA	3908	Case Western Reserve University	For research, planning and independent evaluative services of its Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative; to amend grant award and award conditions as outlined in Exhibit IV, effective upon signatures of all parties.	\$0.00	Office of Re-entry	9/18/2024-10/31/2027	(Original) Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant	(Executive) 8/31/2026 (Law) 8/28/2026

VI – PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VII – ADJOURNMENT

Michael Chambers motioned to adjourn; Katura Pleasant seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 11:12 am.