



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / CONFIRMATION HEARING:

- a) R2023-0271: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Brad Cromes, upon his taking the oath of office, as County Treasurer, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Pending or imminent court action

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2023-0271

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne	A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Brad Cromes, upon his taking the oath of office, as County Treasurer; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01 of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, the County Treasurer shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 5.07 of the Charter provides for the powers, duties and qualifications of the County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Brad Cromes for appointment to the position of County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the Council conducted a confirmation hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on _____, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Brad Cromes to the position of County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the appointment of Brad Cromes to serve as County Treasurer upon his taking the oath of office.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the

preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: September 26, 2023

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Journal _____

_____, 2023



Cuyahoga County

Chris Ronayne
Cuyahoga County Executive

September 18, 2023

Pernel Jones, Jr., President
Cuyahoga County Council
Cuyahoga County Administration Building
2079 E.9th, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: *Cuyahoga County Treasurer*

Dear Council President Jones,

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.07 of the Cuyahoga County Charter which establishes the position of County Treasurer, it is my pleasure to nominate Brad Cromes as the County Treasurer. In this role, all powers and duties now or hereafter vested in or imposed upon county treasurer by general law shall be carried out by the appointed County Treasurer.

As required by Charter Section 5.07, Mr. Cromes has at least five [5] years' experience in the management of financial matters for political subdivisions. I have included documentation regarding his experience.

Mr. Cromes comes from the Portage County Treasurer's office where he has served as the elected county treasurer for two terms. Throughout his career he has represented Portage County in administering the collection of local taxes, managing public investment portfolios, and ensuring daily, monthly, and annual statements of deposits in the Portage County Treasury.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Amanda Dempsey in my office at 216-698-2546.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Ronayne".

Chris Ronayne
County Executive

Brad Cromes

Emphasizing stewardship and innovative approaches to public service and economic empowerment.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Portage County Treasurer's Office, Ravenna, OH (Treasurer)** February 2015-Present
- Administer collection of local taxes, including real property, personal property, manufactured home, inheritance, hotel-motel, and special assessment taxes in excess of \$225 million/year. Manage public investment portfolio in excess of \$100 million. Conduct daily, monthly and annual statements of deposits into the County Treasury. Chair, Portage County Land Bank. Member, Portage County Budget Commission, Board of Revision and Data Processing Board.
 - *Professional Association Activities:* 2nd Vice President, Chair, Mobile Home Committee and Member, Legislative Committee of the County Treasurers Association of Ohio. Vice President of the Northeast Ohio Treasurers Association. Member, Association of Government Accountants Cleveland Chapter and Ohio Association of Public Treasurers.
- The Ohio Democratic Party, Columbus, Ohio (Voter Protection Steering Committee)** May 2008 - Present
- Participate in regular vision and mission meetings, crafting voter protection strategies and overseeing implementation. Provide on-going training to lawyers and poll observers on Ohio election law.
- Portage County Board of Elections, Ravenna, OH (Deputy Director)** January 2012-February 2015
- Developed and advocated for agency budget. Monitored and directed agency spending. Planned and implemented training for precinct election officials. Built and conducted agency community outreach and voter education efforts. Recruited, trained and supervised agency interns. Created and managed content for agency social media accounts. Led bipartisan staff of six full-time, several hundred part-time employees through election processes.
 - *Professional Association Activities:* Co-Chair, Education Committee and Member, Legislative Committee, Ohio Association of Election Officials.
- We Are Ohio, Columbus, Ohio (Portage County Field Organizer)** July 2011 - November 2011
- Implemented countywide voter outreach and education effort. Organized volunteers and office staff. Conducted message training and oversight. Supported and coordinated labor and allied field work.
- Office of Governor Ted Strickland, Columbus, Ohio (Legislative Intern)** September 2010 - December 2010
- Produced memoranda for policy staff, including bill analyses, fiscal reviews, and clemency requests. Drafted recommendations regarding sunset review process and responses to constituent concerns.
- Ohio Department of Education, Columbus, Ohio (Graduate Intern)** January 2010 - December 2010
- Supported School Funding Advisory Council in identifying improvements to Ohio's state funding model, focusing on regional variation and traditional public-community school collaboration. Facilitated subcommittee agenda and meetings, information gathering and distribution.

- The Legal Aid Society of Columbus, Columbus, Ohio (Law Clerk)** May 2009 - August 2009
- Performed legal research on topics including foreclosure, poverty law, discovery practices, and applicability of various remedies in equitable relief. Supported litigation counsel preparation for oral arguments. Observed trials. Met with clients regarding settlement agreements.

- National Democratic Law Students Council, Washington, DC (President)** March 2009 - March 2010
- Managed a nationwide network of over 100 chapters. Directed national election law research projects. Recruited new chapters and student poll observers. Negotiated merger with Young Lawyers for Obama, including creation of organizational documents and incorporation into the Democratic National Committee. Coordinated regional events and communication between chapters. Planned and executed national conventions in Columbus, Chicago and Washington, DC.

- The Ohio Democratic Party, Columbus, Ohio (Voter Protection Intern)** May 2008 - August 2008
- Authored "Ohio Student Bill of Voting Rights," focusing on election law issues specific to transient student populations. Provided summaries of Secretary of State Directives and Attorney General Opinions. Conducted original research used by the state party and Obama campaign.

- The Ohio State University Office of Legal Affairs, Columbus, Ohio (Law Clerk)** May 2008 - August 2008
- Wrote, with counsel, formal employee political activity policy for The Ohio State University. Researched legal precedent in university-related practice areas including labor and employment, intellectual property, academic affairs, athletics, and ethics law. Composed litigation response letters and intra-office memoranda.

- Gateway Consulting Group, Cleveland, Ohio (Research Assistant)** September 2006 - May 2008
- Aided principals in developing strategy and vetting candidates for construction and management contracts on public projects exceeding \$82 million. Provided research for construction and management of major public assembly facilities across the country. Managed grant identification and targeting efforts.

- Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education, Cleveland, Ohio (Project Associate)** May 2006 - May 2007
- Organized campus outreach and student liaison program. Facilitated peer-to-peer recruitment in northeast Ohio high schools by college students. Connected students in northeast Ohio with cross-campus events.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

- Kiwanis International, Ravenna, Ohio Chapter (Board Member)** March 2012 - Present
- Vice President 2017 - 2018. President 2017 - 2018. Board Member 2020 - Present.

- Celebrate Portage Steering Committee (Board Member)** June 2013 - Present
- Plan and implement Celebrate Portage, a multi-day event celebrating community heroes and fostering volunteerism.

- Community Action Council of Portage County (Board Member and Treasurer)** September 2016 - Present
- Assist agency in its mission of alleviating poverty and helping community members achieve self-sufficiency. Treasurer 2021 - Present.

Scouts BSA Pack 3551, Ravenna, Ohio (Pack Treasurer and Den Leader) September 2019 - Present

- Eagle Scout. Wood Badge trained and certified leader. Deliver Scouting program as a direct point of contact for youth, manage Pack finances and banking.

Select Past Community Volunteerism Positions Various

- United Way of Portage County Board Member October 2015 - July 2022 (Chair 2018 - 2019).
Leadership Portage County Class of 2020. Ravenna Joint Economic Development District Vice Chair 2016 - 2019.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Ohio State University John Glenn College of Public Affairs (Public Leadership Academy) July 2022

Special Honors/Programs: Invitation-only training in civility and bipartisan leadership for rising stars identified by Ohio state political parties and governmental professional associations.

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus, Ohio (Juris Doctorate) December 2010

Special Honors/Programs: Public Service Fellow with Dean's Special Recognition. Mentory and More @ Moritz. Law and Leadership Program. Public Interest Law Foundation Vice President for Fundraising. Interprofessional Council Senator.

The Ohio State University John Glenn College of Public Affairs (M.A. Public Policy & Mgmt.) June 2010

Special Honors/Programs: Magna cum laude. Rated "highly proficient" in all five offered coursework streams - public policy, economics, management, quantitative analysis and decisions support systems. 2019 Young Alumni Achievement Award recipient.

Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio (B.A. Political Science) May 2006

Special Honors/Programs: Magna cum laude. Political science departmental honors. First student observer to the Board of Trustees. Distinguished student leadership award recipient. Alumni Executive Board 2013 - 2020.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS, LICENSES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Certified Government Financial Manager™, Association of Government Accountants Certificate 17486

Licensed to Practice Law in the State of Ohio, Supreme Court of Ohio License 0087389

American, Ohio and Portage County Bar Associations (Member) May 2011 - Present

REFERENCES

Available upon request.