



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
2079 EAST 9th STREET
4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Miller called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Miller asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers, Gallagher, Schleper, Turner, Houser, Simon, Kelly, Sweeney, Casselberry and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Yvonne Conwell was absent.

[Clerk's Note: Councilmember Jones entered the meeting shortly after the roll-call was taken.]

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Council President Miller passed the gavel to Ms. Turner, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee.

- a) R2025-0096: A Resolution amending the 2024/2025 Biennial Operating Budget for 2025 by providing for additional fiscal appropriations from the General Fund and other funding sources, for appropriation transfers between budget accounts and for cash transfers between budgetary funds, to meet the budgetary needs of various County departments; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Director, Office of Budget & Management and Mr. Bob Franz, Stifel Managing Director, Public Finance, addressed Council and made a brief presentation

regarding Gateway Note Funding for approved capital projects; the \$20 Million contribution from the City of Cleveland; the \$20 Million contribution from Cuyahoga County, which consisted of \$10 million to the Arena for Elevators and \$10 million to the Ballpark for the seating replacement project; Approved funding and referenced that Resolution No. 2024-0048 authorized the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes in a principal Amount not-to-exceed \$14,500,000.00; 2017B Indenture Funds in the amount of \$2,948,050.31; and Casino Tax in the amount of \$2,850,000.00; General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes in a principal amount not to-exceed \$14,500,000 and stated that the County issued the General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes Series in the amount of \$14,220,000 on January 16, 2025; and stated that Resolution No. R2025-0096 Fiscal Agenda has (2) items that are necessary to record General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes that requests additional appropriations of \$2,850,000 in Casino Tax; and additional appropriations of \$14,220,000 from the County's Investment Portfolio.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Parfejewiec and Mr. Franz pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2025-0096 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

Ms. Turner then passed the gavel back over to Council President Miller to chair the remainder of the meeting.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Councilmember Simon made a request for the County Treasurer to come to a future Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss a letter he submitted to County Council. Council President Miller stated that consideration will be given to Ms. Simon's request.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m., without objection.