



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026 — 3:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Miller called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed Council regarding various agenda and non-agenda items.

4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION:

- a) Authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 4263 with the Gilbane Building Company dated April 23, 2024 for design-build services for the County Central Services Campus to amend various terms and to add funds in the amount of \$25,000,000.00, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$58,353,000.00 effective upon signature of all parties; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- b) Authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 5426 (fka Contract Nos. 3096 and 2698) with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. for insurance brokerage and risk management services for the period 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2026, to amend the scope of said contract to include procurement of builder's risk and owner's protective professional indemnity insurance related to construction at the County Central Services Campus, and to add funds in the amount of \$3,964,000.00, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$13,128,423.00 effective upon signature of all parties; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Jeff Appelbaum, Managing Director of Project Management Consultants; Ms. Valerie Katz, Deputy Administrator of Cuyahoga Green Energy; Ms. Nichole English, Planning and Program Administrator; Mr. Bob Franz, Managing Director of Stifel Niklas; and Ms. Awatef Assad, Manager of Risk Management,

provided Council with an overview of the site plan, bond financing, budget and energy source relating to the contracts with Gilbane Building Company and Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Appelbaum, Ms. Katz, Ms. English, Mr. Franz and Ms. Assad pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a) **Collective bargaining matters, including:**

- i) **accepting the report containing findings and recommendations of Fact-Finder Michelle Miller-Kotula regarding negotiations between Cuyahoga County and the Cuyahoga County Deputy Sheriff's Supervisors Association for a collective bargaining agreement covering approximately (27) employees in the classification of Deputy Sergeant at the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department.**

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Turner, and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Miller at 4:26 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Jones, Turner, Houser, Simon, Kelly, Sweeney, Casselberry, Gallagher, Schleper, Conwell and Miller.

The following additional attendees were present: Senior Counsel Gregory Huth; Assistant Law Director Rebecca Divoky; Assistant Law Director Alex Cortes; Chief Deputy Sheriff Aaron Reese; Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni; Special Counsel Michael King; Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer and Research and Policy Analyst Laura Black.

At 4:37 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Miller then reconvened the meeting.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Miller at 4:38 p.m., without objection.