CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026 — 3:00 P.M.

Committee Members
Sunny M. Simon, Chair | Dist. 11
Robert E. Schleper, Jr., Vice Chair | Dist. 6
Michael J. Houser, Sr. | Dist. 10
Pernel Jones, Jr. | Dist. 8
Dale Miller | Dist. 2

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 21, 2026 MEETING**

5. **MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

   a) R2026-0309: A Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed $7,500,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, to pay the County's portion of the cost of acquiring, installing, and equipping solar panels for electric power generation on a Brownfield site in the City of Brooklyn, Ohio, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto and related site improvements therefor; authorizing other actions related to the issuance of the bond anticipation notes; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

   b) R2026-0310: A Resolution approving a membership agreement with the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC"); approving a cooperative agreement with NOPEC and its designees to assist the County in meeting its requirements under the U.S. Department of Energy grant for the microgrid project in the City of Euclid and satisfying its requirements and achieving its goals under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant; authorizing the County Executive to execute the membership agreement and cooperative agreement; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

   c) O2026-0013: An Ordinance amending Section 806.04 of the Cuyahoga County Code to add NOPEC as a Supplier under the Energy Participation Program; authorizing an application to NOPEC; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

6. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Schleper, Houser, Jones and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schleper, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

a) R2026-0296: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for a summer youth employment program for low-income, TANF-eligible youth, ages 14-24, for the period 11/1/2024 – 10/31/2026 to extend the time period to 10/31/2027, to amend the budget terms, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed $6,778,404.00, effective 11/1/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

1) Contract No. 5829 (fka Contract No. 4786) with Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the amount not to-exceed $6,078,404.00.

2) Contract No. 4787 with Verge, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed of $700,000.00.

Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts and Performance; Mr. Shaun Woods, President of Verge, Inc.; and Mr. Paul Bounds, Deputy Administrator of the Department of Jobs and Family Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0296. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Cortes, Woods and Bounds pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2026-0296 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.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. PRESENTATION

a) The State of Head Start in Cuyahoga County

Dr. Thea Wilson, Vice President of Children and Families for Step Forward, addressed the Committee regarding the impact of rule changes on staffing, licensing, enrollment, insurance, health requirements and funding relating to the Head Start program. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Wilson pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Simon presented Dr. Wilson with a proclamation from Council thanking her for her service in the education field.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0309

Sponsored by: **County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works/Division of Public Utilities**	**A Resolution** providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed $7,500,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, to pay the County's portion of the cost of acquiring, installing, and equipping solar panels for electric power generation on a Brownfield site in the City of Brooklyn, Ohio, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto and related site improvements therefor; authorizing other actions related to the issuance of the bond anticipation notes; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, this Council and the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, a regional council of governments established under Chapter 167 under the Ohio Revised Code and a political subdivision of the State of Ohio ("NOPEC") are considering entering into one or more cooperative agreements (which shall be approved by this Council separately), pursuant to which the County agrees to, among other things, join NOPEC as a member by participating in NOPEC's Ennovate Advisors program, and NOPEC agrees to, among other things, purchase a general obligation bond anticipation note of the County the proceeds of which will be used as described in Section 1 hereof; and

WHEREAS, the County submitted an amended application on January 8, 2025, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") to receive an award under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Fund (the "CPRG") that was created under the Inflation Reduction Act for partial funding for six (6) potential projects, which includes the Project as defined in Section 1 hereof, and most or all of the funding not covered by the CPRG to eventually be paid for or reimbursed by the proceeds of a Direct Pay Inflation Reduction Act Investment Tax Credit (the "Tax Credit"); and

WHEREAS, the County Fiscal Officer of the County (the "County Fiscal Officer"), as the fiscal officer of the County, has certified to this Council that the estimated life or period of usefulness of each class of the improvements is at least five years, the estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds described in Section 1 is

twenty years and the maximum maturity of the Notes described in Section 3, to be issued in anticipation of the Bonds, is twenty years.

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

SECTION 1. It is necessary to issue bonds of this County in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $7,500,000 (the "Bonds") to pay the County's portion of the cost of acquiring, installing, and equipping solar panels for electric power generation on a brownfield site in the City of Brooklyn, Ohio, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto and related site improvements therefor (the "Project"), all as provided in this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Bonds shall be dated approximately December 1, 2031, shall bear interest at the now estimated rate of 5.5% per year, payable semiannually until the principal amount is paid, and are estimated to mature in twenty substantially equal annual principal installments. The first interest payment on the Bonds is projected to be paid on June 1, 2032, and the first principal installment on the Bonds is projected to be paid on December 1, 2032.

SECTION 3. It is necessary to issue and this Council determines that Notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $7,500,000 (the "Notes") shall be issued in anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and for the purpose stated in Section 1. The Notes shall be dated the date of their issuance and shall mature five years from the date of issuance; provided that the Fiscal Officer of the County may, if it is determined to be necessary or advisable to the sale of the Notes, establish a maturity date that is no more than sixty-one months from the date of issuance by setting forth that maturity date in the certificate awarding the Notes in accordance with Section 6 of this Resolution (the "Certificate of Award"). The Notes shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 4.75% per year (computed on the basis of a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30-day months), payable on such date or dates as determined by the Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award, and until the principal amount is paid or payment is provided for ("Interest Payment Dates"), and may include prepayment provisions as set forth in the Certificate of Award. Subject to the limitations set forth in Section 1 and this Section, the Fiscal Officer of the County shall determine in the Certificate of Award (i) the aggregate principal amount of Notes necessary to be issued for the purpose stated in Section 1, (ii) the rate of interest the Notes shall bear, (iii) the Interest Payment Dates, and (iv) provision for prepayment, if any.

SECTION 4. The debt charges on the Notes shall be payable in Federal Reserve funds of the United States of America, without deduction for services of the County's paying agent, at the main office of County Fiscal Officer, or at the principal office of a bank or trust company requested by the original purchaser of the Notes, provided that such request shall be approved by the County Fiscal Officer after determining that the payment at that bank or trust company will not endanger

the funds or securities of the County and that proper procedures and safeguards are available for that purpose. The Fiscal Officer is authorized, to the extent necessary or appropriate, to enter into an agreement with a paying agent in connection with the services to be provided by the paying agent after determining that the signing thereof will not endanger the funds or securities of the County.

SECTION 5. The Notes shall be signed by the County Executive and County Fiscal Officer, in their official capacities, provided that any and all of such signatures may be a facsimile. The Notes shall be issued in the denominations and numbers as requested by the original purchaser and approved by the County Fiscal Officer, provided that no Note shall be issued in a denomination less than $100,000 or exchangeable for Notes in a denomination less than $100,000 and that the entire principal amount may be represented by a single Note. The Notes may be issued as fully registered securities (for which the County Fiscal Officer will serve as note registrar) and in book entry or other uncertificated form in accordance with Section 9.96 and Chapter 133 of the Revised Code, with a single physical note certificate representing the entire issue, if it is determined by the County Fiscal Officer that issuance of fully registered securities in that form will facilitate the sale and delivery of the Notes. The Notes shall not have coupons attached, shall be numbered as determined by the County Fiscal Officer and shall express upon their faces the purpose, in summary terms, for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this Resolution.

As used in this Section and this Resolution:

"Book entry form" or "book entry system" means a form or system under which (i) the ownership of beneficial interests in the Notes and the principal of, and interest on, the Notes (book entry interests) may be transferred only through a book entry, and (ii) a single physical Note certificate is issued by the County and payable only to a Depository or its nominee, with such Notes deposited and retained in the custody of the Depository or its agent for that purpose. The book entry maintained by others than the County is the record that identifies the owners of book entry interests in the Notes and that principal and interest.

"Depository" means any security depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, with its Participants or otherwise, a book entry system to record ownership of book entry interests in the Notes or the principal of, and interest on, the Notes and to effect transfers of the Notes, in book entry form, and includes and means initially The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company).

"Participant" means any participant contracting with a Depository under a book entry system and includes security brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies, and clearing corporations.

The Notes may be issued to a Depository for use in a book entry system and, if and as long as a book entry system is utilized, (i) the Notes may be issued in the form of a single Note made payable to the Depository or its nominee and deposited and retained in the custody of the Depository or its agent for that purpose; (ii) the owners of book entry interests shall have no right to receive the Notes in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iii) ownership of book entry interests shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the Depository and its Participants, and transfers of the ownership of book entry interests shall be made only by book entry by the Depository and its Participants; and (iv) the Notes as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by the County.

If any Depository determines not to continue to act as a Depository for the Notes for use in a book entry system, the County Fiscal Officer may attempt to establish a securities depository/book entry relationship with another qualified Depository. If the County Fiscal Officer does not or is unable to do so, the County Fiscal Officer, after making provision for notification of the book entry interest owners by the then Depository and any other arrangements deemed necessary, shall permit withdrawal of the Notes from the Depository, and shall cause the Notes in bearer or payable form to be signed by the officers authorized to sign the Notes and delivered to the assigns of the Depository or its nominee, all at the cost and expense (including any costs of printing), if the event is not the result of County action or inaction, of those persons requesting such issuance.

The County Fiscal Officer is also hereby authorized, to the extent necessary or required, to enter into any agreements determined necessary in connection with the book entry system for the Notes, after determining that the signing thereof will not endanger the funds or securities of the County.

SECTION 6. The Notes shall be awarded and sold by the County Fiscal Officer at private sale at a purchase price not less than par and accrued interest, in accordance with law and the provisions of this Resolution. The County Fiscal Officer shall sign the Certificate of Award evidencing that sale and fixing the aggregate principal amount of the Notes to be issued and the interest rate which the Notes shall bear, cause the Notes to be prepared, and have the Notes signed and delivered, together with a true transcript of proceedings with reference to the issuance of the Notes if requested by the original purchaser, to the original purchaser upon payment of the purchase price. Any member of this Council, the Clerk of this Council, the County Fiscal Officer, the County Executive, the County Law Director, and other County officials, as appropriate, are each authorized to sign any transcript certificates, financial statements and other documents and instruments and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution. The County Fiscal Officer is authorized, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the County, to combine the issue of the Notes with one or more other note issues of the County into a consolidated note issue pursuant to Section 133.30(B) of the Revised Code in which case a single Certificate

of Award may be utilized for the consolidated issue if appropriate and consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. The proceeds from the sale of the Notes, except any premium and accrued interest, shall be paid into the proper fund or funds and those proceeds are appropriated and shall be used for the purpose for which the Notes are being issued. Any portion of those proceeds representing premium and accrued interest shall be paid into the Bond Retirement Fund.

SECTION 8. The par value to be received from the sale of the Bonds or of any renewal notes and any excess funds resulting from the issuance of the Notes shall, to the extent necessary, be used to pay the debt charges on the Notes at maturity and are pledged for that purpose.

SECTION 9. During the year or years in which the Notes are outstanding, there shall be levied on all the taxable property in the County, in addition to all other taxes, the same tax that would have been levied if the Bonds had been issued without the prior issuance of the Notes. The tax shall be within the ten-mill limitation imposed by law, shall be and is ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers, in the same manner, and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of those years are certified, levied, extended and collected, and shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The proceeds of the tax levy shall be placed in the Bond Retirement Fund, which is irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes or the Bonds when and as the same fall due. In each year to the extent proceeds from the Tax Credit are not otherwise ascribed to be used for further projects and available for the payment of the debt charges on the Notes and Bonds and are appropriated for that purpose, the amount of the tax shall be reduced by the amount so available and appropriated.

SECTION 10. The Clerk of this Council is directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Fiscal Officer.

SECTION 11. This Council determines that all acts and conditions necessary to be done or performed by the County or to have been met precedent to and in the issuing of the Notes in order to make them legal, valid and binding general obligations of the County have been performed and have been met, or will at the time of delivery of the Notes have been performed and have been met, in regular and due form as required by law; that the full faith and credit and general property taxing power (as described in Section 9) of the County are pledged for the timely payment of the debt charges on the Notes; and that no statutory or constitutional limitation of indebtedness or taxation will have been exceeded in the issuance of the Notes.

SECTION 12. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council 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.

SECTION 13. 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 at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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

Yeas:

Nays:

_____ _____
County Council President Date

_____ _____
County Executive Date

_____ _____
Clerk of Council Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: October 27, 2026
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0310

Sponsored by: **County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works/Division of Public Utilities.**	**A Resolution** approving a membership agreement with the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC"); approving a cooperative agreement with NOPEC and its designees to assist the County in meeting its requirements under the U.S. Department of Energy grant for the microgrid project in the City of Euclid and satisfying its requirements and achieving its goals under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant; authorizing the County Executive to execute the membership agreement and cooperative agreement; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, the County received a grant for engineering funding support from the U.S. Department of Energy for the County's microgrid project in the City of Euclid, Ohio ("DOE Grant"); and

WHEREAS, the County (along with others) received an award of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Million Three Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars ($129,396,997.00) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to conduct activities related to the development of Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Projects ("CPRG Grant") that will benefit all residents and visitors to Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the County has established a public utility, Cuyahoga Green Energy ("CGE"), to own certain assets of the CPRG Grant Projects, develop behind the meter generation, and serve as a distribution utility for the provision of electric service to customers and for applicable microgrid installations; and

WHEREAS, the County desire to cooperate with NOPEC or its designees on a project-by-project basis, on specified energy-related matters in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that the usual daily operation of the County can continue.

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby approves a membership agreement with NOPEC and cooperative agreement with NOPEC and its designees to provide technical assistance as well as engineering and design services that will assist the County in meeting its goals and requirements under the DOE Grant and the CPRG Grant.

SECTION 2. That the County Executive is authorized to execute the membership agreement and cooperative agreement with NOPEC and its designees, as applicable, and all other documents consistent with said agreements and this Resolution.

SECTION 3. 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 at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council 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

_____ _____

County Executive Date

_____ _____
Clerk of Council Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: October 27, 2026
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Ordinance No. O2026-0013

Sponsored by: **County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works/Cuyahoga Green Energy.**	**An Ordinance** amending Section 806.04 of the Cuyahoga County Code to add NOPEC as a Supplier under the Energy Participation Program; authorizing an application to NOPEC; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County is a member of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio ("CCAO"), which has established certain joint energy purchasing programs under the authority of Section 9.48 of the Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") in order to assist eligible Ohio counties or boards, agencies, districts or other instrumentalities which are affiliated with them in securing competitively priced energy supplies through various energy purchase agreements favorable to participants; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County seeks to become a member of Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC"), which has established certain energy programs under the authority of Section 4928.20 of the ORC, in order to assist eligible municipal corporations, counties, townships, and regional council of governments or any other political subdivision of in the State of Ohio to secure competitively priced energy supply; and

WHEREAS, the County Council enacted Section 806.04 of the County Code to establish the Cuyahoga County Energy Participation Program ("Program") to enable the County to participation in the CCAO's joint energy purchasing programs; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Energy Participation Program and the County's participation in CCAO's joint energy purchasing programs have successfully resulted in significant savings for the County; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of continuing and expanding the Program, the County Executive recommends amending Section 806.04 of the County Code to authorize entering into the necessary agreements with NOPEC to allow the County to access additional sources of competitively priced clean energy; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Ordinance become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 806.04 of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby amended as follows (deletions are ~~stricken~~, additions are **bold and underlined**):

Section 806.04: Cuyahoga County Energy Participation Program

A. Definitions:

"CCAO" means the County Commissioners Association of Ohio, whose mission is to advance effective county government and to offer member counties several enterprise services that offer superior services and save funds.

"CCAOSC" means the CCAO Service Corporation, an affiliate of CCAO.

"Energy Purchase Agreements" means the natural gas purchase agreement, electricity purchase agreement, electric aggregation purchase agreement, natural gas aggregation purchase agreement, solar power purchase agreement between the County and Supplier.

"NOPEC" means Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, a governmental energy aggregator whose mission is to save residences, communities, businesses, and other members funds by competitively procuring electricity and natural gas supply and providing other energy savings services.

"Manager" means**: 1)** CCAOSC Energy Solutions, a subsidiary of Palmer Energy Company, Toledo, Ohio; **and 2) NOPEC INC, and/or Ennovate Advisors, (a subsidiary of NOPEC).**

"Supplier" means any person, corporation, partnership or other organization with whom CCAOSC, **and NOPEC, or their** designees may contract for the purchase of energy supplies. The definition is limited to the purposes of this Section.

"Program" means the Cuyahoga County Energy Participation Program which consists of five components: natural gas purchasing program, electricity purchasing program, electric aggregation program, natural gas aggregation program, and a solar purchasing program.

B. There is hereby created the Cuyahoga County Energy Participation Program for the purpose of participating in one or more Energy Purchase Agreements managed by CCAO, **NOPEC, or through their affiliates**, for the acquisition of natural gas, electricity and solar energy at competitive market rates. The Department of Public Works shall

administer the Program **through Cuyahoga Green Energy** on behalf of the County.

C. Prior to the County entering into any Energy Purchase Agreement with a Supplier, CCAOSC**,** **NOPEC**, or the Manager shall conduct a publicly solicited request for proposals from Suppliers and shall make the request for proposals and any responses to such request available to Cuyahoga County.

D. The Director of Public Works shall have the authority to review the competitive proposals submitted by all Suppliers, approve the Supplier with the highest scoring proposal, and make recommendations to the Manager to enter into an Energy Purchase Agreement defined in the Program. The Director of Public Works shall provide to Council Committee for Public Works, Procurement and Contracting a copy of such recommendations prior to submission to the Manager. Upon written recommendation from the Director of Public Works, the Manager is hereby authorized to execute such Energy Purchase Agreements on behalf of the County take any and all actions necessary to implement and administer the Program, and execute all relevant documents to implement the Program.

E. All electric purchase agreements executed under the Program shall endeavor to include 100% renewable energy in order to promote the County's climate change action plan.

F. To efficiently and timely realize significant cost savings in a volatile commodities market, all Energy Purchase Agreements under the Program, regardless of the monetary threshold of each agreement, shall be exempt from all approval requirements by County Council and Board of Control described in Section 501.04 of the Cuyahoga County Code.

G. The Director of Public Works shall present to Council Committee for Public Works, Procurement and Contracting all Energy Purchase Agreements executed under the Program no later than 60 days from the effective date of such agreements.

H. **Energy Purchase Agreements entered into under the Program shall expire as set forth below unless extended by the Council:**

1. Program agreements with CCAO shall expire effective December 31, 2034; and

2. Program agreements with NOPEC shall expire effective May 31, 2038. ~~This Program shall expire effective December 31, 2034 unless extended by Council.~~

SECTION 2. That the Director of Public Works is authorized to submit, on behalf of the Division of Public Utilities, an application to join the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council.

SECTION 3. 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 at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council 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 Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas:

Nays:

_____ _____
County Council President Date

_____ _____
County Executive Date

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Clerk of Council Date

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