



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
1:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Mr. Gallagher asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Conwell, Byrne and Kelly were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member entered the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Ms. Rachele Reeves addressed the Committee regarding the remote work policy proposed in Ordinance No. O2024-0008.**

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 9, 2024 MEETING

**A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Byrne and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2024 meeting.**

### 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0306: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 402 with Trinity Services Group, Inc. for jail food services for the Cuyahoga County Jail System for the period 6/15/2020 – 9/30/2024 to extend the time period to 12/31/2024 and for additional funds in the amount of \$1,582,200.00, for a total not-to-exceed \$19,322,673.00; 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. Chris Costin, Business Administrator, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0306. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Costin pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Mr. Byrne, Resolution No. R2024-0306 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.**

- b) R2024-0315: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Cleveland Section for the Missing Women and Children/Human Trafficking Awareness and Safety Series from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Monica McClelland, President of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Cleveland Section; Ms. Essence Doucet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Social Justice Chair; and Ms. Marquis Frost, Recording Secretary, Historian, and Social Justice Co-Chair, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0315. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. McClelland, Ms. Doucet and Ms. Frost pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0315 was considered and approved to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- c) R2024-0341: A Resolution making awards to various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$800,000.00 for trauma informed respite and youth care center services for the period 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Master Contract and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
  - 1) Contract No. 4521 with Raven House in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$125,000.00.
  - 2) Contract No. 4524 with Life’s Right Direction, Inc. in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$125,000.00.
  - 3) Contract No. 4644 with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$550,000.00.

**Ms. Sharon Allen, Contract Specialist; and Mr. Thomas Pipkin, Director of Programming for Juvenile Court, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0341. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Allen and Mr. Pipkin pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Byrne with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2024-0341 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.**

- d) R2024-0342: A Resolution authorizing a revenue generating agreement with City of Cleveland/Cleveland Municipal Court in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,581,820.00 for legal services for indigent persons for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 4753 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Cullen Sweeney, Chief Public Defender, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0342. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Sweeney pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2024-0342 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. DISCUSSION

- a) Update from County Sheriff

**Mr. Harold Pretel, Sheriff; Ms. Donna Kaleal, Business Services Manager; Mr. Brendan Doyle, Special Counsel for County Executive Ronayne; Ms. Debbie Berry, Deputy Chief of Staff of Integrated Development; and Mr. Greg Huth, Assistant Law Director, provided the Committee with an update on overtime usage, jail medical transports, staffing, the budget for the Sherriff's Department and the Garfield Heights jail facility. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Sheriff Pretel, Ms. Kaleal, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Berry and Mr. Huth pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

## 7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m., without objection.**