



## CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR

### MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 — 1:00 P.M.

#### Committee Members

Michael J. Gallagher, Chair | Dist. 5

Patrick Kelly, Vice Chair | Dist. 1

Yvonne M. Conwell | Dist. 7

Sunny M. Simon | Dist. 11

Meredith M. Turner | Dist. 9

#### 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, Kelly, Conwell and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Turner joined the meeting after the roll call was taken. Councilmembers Schleper and Miller were also in attendance.**

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 15, 2025 MEETING

**A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2025 meeting.**

#### 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0252: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Agreement No. 401 with The MetroHealth System for an Opioid Treatment Program and addiction support services for inmates detained at the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center for the period 3/23/2021 – 12/31/2024 to extend the time period to 12/31/2026, to amend the terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,882,687.00, effective upon signatures of all parties, reflecting retroactive budget changes as of 1/1/2025; 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.

**Ms. Brandy Carney, Director of the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services; and Ms. Megan Riley, Manager of Behavioral Health and Addiction Medicine, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0252. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Carney and Ms. Riley pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0252 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 requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.**

- b) R2025-0259: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3344 (fka Contract No. 2574) with Keefe Commissary Network, LLC for Jail Commissary services for the period 8/11/2022 – 8/10/2025 to extend the time period to 12/31/2030, to establish a not-to-exceed amount of the contract at \$15,500,000.00, and to amend pricing schedules, effective 8/10/2025; 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 Services Manager, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0259. 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 Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0259 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. PRESENTATION**

- a) Update regarding new Cuyahoga County Jail

**Mr. Jeffrey Appelbaum, Managing Director of Project Management Consultants, LLC; Ms. Nichole English, Planning and Program Administrator; and Ms. Laurel Diaz, Justice and Health Equity Officer, provided the Committee with information relating to the background, process, design review, budget, timeline, site plan, and medical areas regarding the new Cuyahoga County jail. Discussion ensued.**

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

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Ms. Simon read a written statement regarding a newly proposed pursuit policy for the Downtown Safety Patrol.**

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m., without objection.**