# CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

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

## MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 — 1:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Mr. Gallagher asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Kelly and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon was in attendance after the roll call was taken. Committee member Turner was absent.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 21, 2026 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2026 meeting.**

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

**[Clerk's note: The agenda was taken out of order and Resolutions Nos. R2026-0138 and R2026-0145 were considered after Resolution No. R2026-0095.]**

a) R2026-0095: A Resolution authorizing a revenue generating agreement with City of Euclid at a per diem rate of $234.00 through 12/31/2026 and then increasing to $257.00 through the remainder of the contract term for inmate housing services in the total anticipated amount of $1,900,000.00 for the period 5/1/2026 – 12/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5761 and all other documents consistent with said agreement and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Donna Kaleal, Business Services Manager; Mr. Brendan Doyle, Special Counsel to County Executive Ronayne; Mr. Nestor Rivera, Chief Deputy of Corrections; and Mr. Nathan Hall, Assistant Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0095. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Kaleal, Mr. Doyle, Chief Rivera and Mr. Hall pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2026-0095 by decreasing the per diem rate for inmates from $234 to $225 through 12/31/2026; decreasing the rate of $257 to $245 through the remainder of the contract term for inmate housing services, and decreasing the total anticipated amount of the contract from $1,900,000.00 to $1,800,000.00, throughout the Resolution.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0095 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, as amended.**

**Ms. Turner requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.**

b) R2026-0121: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed $10,000, to the Cleveland Playhouse for the CARE at the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center Project from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Gallagher introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2026-0121. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor; and Mr. Peter Ogbuji, Director of CARE Teaching Artists for Cleveland Playhouse, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0121. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Messrs. McAleer and Ogbuji pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.**

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0121 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted.**

**Ms. Turner requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.**

c) R2026-0137: A Resolution authorizing a revenue generating agreement with City of Cleveland in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed $2,718,622.00 for legal services for indigent persons in Cleveland Municipal Court for the period 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026 with an optional renewal term for the period 1/1/2027 – 12/31/2027 in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed $2,772,995; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 6203 and all other documents consistent with said agreement and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Cullen Sweeney, Chief Public Defender, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0137. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Turner, with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2026-0137 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.**

d) R2026-0138: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Purchase Order No. 26000320 to The MetroHealth System for an additional amount not-to-exceed $675,000.00 for reimbursements of offsite medical services for inmates for the period 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Chis Costin, Business Services Manager, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0138. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0138 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

**Ms. Turner requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.**

e) R2026-0139: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Agreement No. 4054 (fka Agreement Nos. 678 and AG1500155 ) with Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council for sublease of space and equipment in connection with the relocation of the Cuyahoga Emergency Communications System Dispatch Center to the Chagrin Valley Dispatch Center, located at 88 Center Street, Bedford, for the period 1/1/2016 – 1/14/2026 to extend the time period to 6/30/2026, to change various terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed $101,265.00, effective upon signatures 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.

**Ms. Brandy Carney, Director of Public Safety and Justice Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0139. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Carney pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2026-0139 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

f) R2026-0145: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3970 (fka No. 288) with The MetroHealth System for Correctional Health Care Services for the Cuyahoga County Jail System for the period 5/9/2019 – 10/31/2025 to extend the term to July 31, 2026, to add funds in the amount of $4,500,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of $132,665,111.00; 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. Gallagher introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2026-0145. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Costin and Chief Rivera addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0145. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Costin and Chief Rivera pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Kelly and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.**

**On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0145 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, as substituted.**

**Ms. Turner requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.**

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m., without objection.**