



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
11:30 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Simon at 11:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll. Committee members Simon, Connally and Jones were present and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

The following citizens addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to them regarding Ordinance No. O2011-0042:

- a) Joseph Jacoby**
- b) Rev. Allen V. Harris**
- c) Rev. Craig W. Hoffman**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 2011 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Connally and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2011 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2012-0009: A Resolution approving an amendment to Contract No. CE1100151-02 with Berea Children's Home for Community-based Treatment Center management services for the period 1/1/2011 - 6/30/2011 to extend the time period to 6/30/2012 and for additional funds in the amount of \$1,153,828.80; 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.

Marita Kavalec, Court Administrator; and Tim McDivitt, Director of Probation Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2012-0009. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Kavalec and Mr. McDivitt pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2012-0009 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for consideration under second reading suspension of rules at the January 24, 2012 Council meeting.

- b) O2011-0042: An Ordinance directing the Human Resource Commission to prepare and submit to Council a policy providing for health benefits for domestic partners of County employees; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Mr. Majeed Makhoulf, Director of Law; and Ms. Elisa Hara, Director of Human Resources, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2011-0042. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Connally and approved by unanimous vote to amend section 11B of Ordinance No. O2011-0042 to include as mandatory supporting documentation, a certificate of marriage or other evidence of a civil union from another state.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Connally, Ordinance No. O2011-0042 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the Human Resource Commission for review. Should the Human Resource Commission approve the legislation, Ordinance No. O2011-0042 will be referred to the full Council agenda for consideration. If the Human Resource Commission requires additional information, Ordinance No. O2011-0042 will be referred back to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee and to the Justice Affairs Committee.

- c) O2012-0001: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O2011-0016, as amended, which established the organizational structure of the Department of Law.

Mr. Makhoulf addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2012-0001. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Connally, Ordinance No. O2012-0001 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for consideration under second reading suspension of rules at the January 24, 2012 Council meeting.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a) Presentation by Marita Kavalec, Court Administrator for the Juvenile Court.

Marita Kavalec, Court Administrator; Bonnie Teeuwen, Director of Public Works; and Bart Leneghan, Deputy Director provided the Committee with an update on the status of the Juvenile Justice Center. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Kavalec, Ms. Teeuwen and Mr. Leneghan pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m., without objection.