



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gallagher asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Conwell, Tuma, Jones and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Miller and Baker were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments submitted.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 15, 2020 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2020.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2021-0027: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. CE1600252-01 with Applewood Centers, Inc. for Multisystemic Therapy/Multisystemic Therapy-Problem Sexual Behavior Services for adjudicated youth for the period 7/1/2016 – 6/30/2020 to extend the time period to 6/30/2021, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$600,000.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with said award and

this Resolution, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Sarah Baker, Business Services Manager; and Ms. Bridget Gibbons, Deputy Director of Programming, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0027. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Baker and Ms. Gibbons pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2021-0027 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) R2021-0028: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. CE1600133-02 with Axon Enterprise, Inc. fka Taser International, Inc. for Taser body cameras for the period of 7/1/2016 – 12/31/2023 to extend the time period to 12/31/2025, to change the scope of services, effective 4/1/2021, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,604,401.46; 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. R2021-0028. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Greg Huth, Law Director; Mr. Stephen Witt, Fiscal Specialist; and Capt. Donald Gerome, Deputy Sheriff, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0028. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Huth, Mr. Witt and Capt. Gerome pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

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

On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2021-0028 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted.

- c) O2021-0001: An Ordinance enacting Section 208.04 of the Cuyahoga County Code to establish a Cuyahoga County Diversion Board to serve as a resource for information and advice on operation of, and to provide recommendations and input goals, strategies and programs of, the

Cuyahoga County Assessment and Diversion Center; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Mr. Gallagher introduced a proposed substitute to Ordinance No. O2021-0001. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Brandy Carney, Chief of Special Operations; and Mr. Huth addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2021-0001. Discussion ensued.

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Mr. Jones, Ordinance No. O2021-0001 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Cuyahoga County's vaccine distribution schedule and procedures

Mr. Terry Allan, Commissioner of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health; Dr. Brook Watts, Vice President and Chief Quality Officer for The MetroHealth System; Dr. Alice Kim, Infectious Disease Specialist for Cleveland Clinic; Mr. Sam Brown, Vice President of Operations for University Hospitals, addressed the Committee regarding contact tracing, data tracking, vaccination clinics, testing and providers related to the County's vaccine distribution schedule and procedures. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Allan, Dr. Watts, Dr. Kim, and Mr. Brown pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

County Executive Budish thanked the presenters and reported that the County is looking at ways to assist seniors and plan for a wide distribution of the vaccine. Discussion ensued.

- b) BC2020-677: Sheriff's Department, requesting authority to prepare an amendment to Agreement No. 348 with City of Bedford Heights for lease of the Bedford Heights Jail, located at 5661 Perkins Road, Bedford Heights for the operation of County jail facilities for the period 10/1/2017 – 9/30/2027, to change the scope of services by assigning full responsibility for transportation, housing, maintenance and general upkeep of the Bedford Heights Jail to the City of Bedford Heights,

effective 12/21/2020 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$32,000.00.

Funding Source: General Fund

Ms. Ronda Gibson, Administrator of Corrections; and Mr. Robert Coury, Chief Public Safety & Justice Services Officer, addressed the Committee regarding staffing at the City of Bedford Heights jail facility. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Gibson and Mr. Coury pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Gallagher announced that the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee will tentatively meet on February 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m., without objection.