



**AGENDA**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY FINANCE & BUDGETING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021**  
**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**  
**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**1:00 PM**

**\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cuyahoga County Administration Building is closed for public meetings at this time. As this meeting is being conducted remotely, in accordance with HB 197, interested persons may access the meeting via livestream by using the following link:**  
**<https://www.youtube.com/CuyahogaCounty>**

**\*\*Public comment for this meeting may be submitted in writing via email to the Assistant Deputy Clerk of Council at [arjohnson@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:arjohnson@cuyahogacounty.us) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 4, 2021 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
  - a) R2021-0042: A Resolution approving a revised Guardian Ad Litem Fee Schedule for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- 6. DISCUSSION**
  - a) Presentation by County Financial Consultant Robert Franz on county debt, bonding capacity, and options for funding major projects
  - b) Review and update on the Harris Property Tax System Installation
- 7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

## 8. ADJOURNMENT



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY FINANCE & BUDGETING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**

**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

**1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

**Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

**Mr. Miller asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Miller, Tuma, Jones, Gallagher, Schron, Brown and Baker were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Conwell was also in attendance.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments submitted.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 1, 2021 MEETING

**A motion was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Baker and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2021 meeting.**

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) None

**There were no matters referred to Committee.**

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System Project Update – Zig Berzins, ZCo Consulting, LLC

**Mr. Zig Berzins, Managing Principal of Zco Consulting, LLC, addressed Council regarding the Enterprise Resource Planning System Project. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Berzins pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Ms. Baker with a second by Mr. Schron, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m., without objection.**

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2021-0042

Sponsored by: <b>Councilman Miller</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> approving a revised Guardian Ad Litem Fee Schedule for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Hourly Rates and Maximum Case Fees for Guardian Ad Litem work in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, were last raised in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Guardians Ad Litem is essential to the operation of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, and further the purpose of ensuring effective and efficient resolution of issues while protecting the rights of children in all aspects of court proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the number of local attorneys willing to serve as court-appointed Guardians has lowered significantly in recent years leading to a lack of effective representation and/or a delay in court proceedings and resolution; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the most recent County budget cycle, the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, recommended rate increases in the Guardian Ad Litem fees for in-court and out-of-court work, as well as for the maximum fee per case. These proposed fee increases were incorporated into the budget passed by the County Council and signed by the Cuyahoga County Executive; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Local Rule 33, Part II (B), appointed Guardians Ad Litem at the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, shall receive compensation for professional services and shall be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with the Fee Schedule. In all cases, upon completion of the service, it shall be the duty of such appointed Guardian Ad Litem to submit a completed affidavit and entry for fees. The trial Judge, after due consideration, shall determine the amount of compensation in accordance with the Fee Schedule, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County may continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The Cuyahoga County Council hereby approves the revised Assigned Counsel Fee Schedule for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, attached hereto as Exhibit A, effective for assignments commencing immediately and thereafter.

**SECTION 2.** It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**SECTION 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Council President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Executive

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: February 9, 2021  
Committee(s) Assigned: Finance & Budgeting

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\_\_\_\_\_,20\_\_

REVISED FEE SCHEDULE (Effective XX-XX-2021)

**ASSIGNED COUNSEL**

<b>OFFENSE CHARGED</b>	<b>MIN. FEE</b>	<b>MAX. FEE</b>
Murder/Unclassified Felony	\$1250	\$2750
All Manslaughter/Homicides	\$500	\$1000
First Degree Felonies	\$320	\$750
Second Degree Felonies	\$290	\$580
Third Degree Felonies	\$220	\$440
Fourth Degree Felonies	\$160	\$330
Fifth Degree Felonies	\$40	\$250
Misdemeanors	\$0	\$250
Traffic	\$0	\$250
Bindovers	\$0	\$350
Custody Reviews	\$0	\$200
Temporary Custody	\$0	\$400
Permanent Custody	\$0	\$800
All other offenses (non-delinq.)	\$0	\$225

**GUARDIAN AD LITEM**

<b>OFFENSE CHARGE</b>	<b>MIN. FEE</b>	<b>MAX. FEE</b>
GAL	\$0	<del>\$500</del> <b><u>\$1000</u></b>
Custody Review Hearings	\$0	\$200
Delinquencies	\$0	\$250

**JUVENILE COURT HOURLY RATES**

<b>TYPE OF MATTER</b>	<b>In-Court Rate</b>	<b>Out-of-Court Rate</b>
GAL	<del>\$50/hour</del> <b><u>\$60/hour</u></b>	<del>\$40/hour</del> <b><u>\$60/hour</u></b>
All other	\$50/hour	\$40/hour