



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL REMOTE\* REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021  
2:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers, Schron, Conwell, Brown, Stephens, Simon, Baker, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. SILENT MEDITATION**

**There was no silent meditation.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Ms. Loh submitted public comment via email regarding COVID-19 vaccinations.**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) February 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- b) February 23, 2021 Regular Meeting
- c) March 3, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- d) March 4, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting

**A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2021, February 23,**

**2021, March 3, 2021 and March 4, 2021 Committee of the Whole and Regular meetings.**

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**There were no announcements from Council President Jones.**

8. MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**County Executive Budish reported that Council President Jones; Ohio Governor Mike DeWine; Mr. Harlan Sands, President of the Cleveland State University and himself met at the Wolstein Center to announce a COVID 19 Mass Vaccination Center for the citizens of Cuyahoga County. This will provide 6,000 people a day to obtain the vaccine and also help with the disparity of vaccinations in the minority community.**

9. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL

a) COMMITTEE REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF COUNCIL FOR SECOND READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

- 1) O2021-0002: An Ordinance providing for modifications to and adoption of the Cuyahoga County Human Resources Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to be applicable to all County employees; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers, Conwell, Jones, Stephens, Baker, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Brown and Simon

Committee Assignment and Chair: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity – Brown

**Clerk Richardson read Ordinance No. O2021-0002 into the record.**

**This item will move to the March 23, 2021 Council meeting agenda for consideration for second reading.**

10. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE

a) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

**A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Resolution Nos. R2021-0065, R2021-0066 and R2021-0067.**

- 1) R2021-0065: A Resolution amending the 2020/2021 Biennial Operating Budget for 2021 by providing for additional fiscal appropriations from the General Fund and other funding sources, for appropriation transfers between budget accounts and for cash transfers between budgetary funds, to meet the budgetary needs of various County departments, offices and agencies; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Fiscal Officer/Office of Budget and Management

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2021-0065 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 2) R2021-0066: A Resolution authorizing Title IV-D Cooperative Agreements on various requisitions with various providers, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$102,892.35 for child support services for the period 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- i) On RQ5096 - Agreement No. 1011 with Cuyahoga County Treasurer's Office in the amount not-to-exceed \$76,408.87.
- ii) On RQ5098 - Agreement No. 1007 with Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Division of Juvenile Court/Cashiers Department in the amount not-to-exceed \$26,483.48.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services

**Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Mr. Daniel Humphrey, Interim Manager of Contracts Administration and Performance, addressed the Council regarding Resoltuion No. R2021-0066. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Merriman and Humphrey pertaining to the item which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2021-0066 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 3) R2021-0067: A Resolution authorizing Title IV-D Cooperative Agreements with various providers, in the total amount not-to-exceed \$102,892.35 for child support services for the period 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
- i) On RQ5090 - Agreement No. 1009 with Cuyahoga County Common Pleas/Division of Domestic Relations in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,511,021.69.
  - ii) On RQ5091 - Agreement No. 1010 with Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Division of Juvenile Court in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,731,600.15.
  - iii) On RQ5095 - Agreement No. 1008 with Cuyahoga County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,876,179.50.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/ Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services

**Mr. Merriman, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Greg Huth, Law Director; addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0067. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Merriman, Humphrey and Huth pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**A motion was then made by Ms. Conwell seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2021-0067 by deleting " \$102,892.35 " and inserting " \$11,118,801.34 " throughout the Resolution.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Brown, Resolution No. R2021-0067 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote, as amended.**

b) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

- 1) R2021-0068: A Resolution authorizing amendments with various providers for Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program – Employment, Education and Training services for Young Adults in connection with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for the period 7/1/2019 -6/30/2021 for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,537,888.00; 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:

- i) Contract No. 488 with OhioGuidestone for the Out-of-School Youth Program for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,035,922.00.
- ii) Agreement No. 649 with Cuyahoga Community College District for the Out-of-School Youth Program for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$501,966.00.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish/Department of Workforce Development in partnership with City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board and Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0068 to the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.**

- 2) R2021-0069: A Resolution authorizing a revenue generating agreement with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities in the amount not-to-exceed \$870,271.75 for reimbursement of staffing services for the DD Medicaid Waiver Program for the period 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2022; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 946 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0069 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.**

- 3) R2021-0070: A Resolution making an award on RQ3325 with US Together, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,200,000.00 for interpretation and translation services for various County agencies for the period 3/1/2021 - 2/28/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 956 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/ Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0070 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.**

- 4) R2021-0071: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 347 with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. for the Rapid Re-housing Program for homeless individuals and families for the period 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2020 to extend the time period to 12/31/2021 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,166,724.90; 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.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Health and Human Services/Community Initiatives Division/Office of Homeless Services

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0071 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.**

- 5) R2021-0072: A Resolution making an award on RQ3914 with Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. dba Frontline Service in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,422,933.00 for Temporary Housing services for single adults and youth at North Point Temporary Housing, located at 1550 Superior Avenue, Cleveland for the period 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 858 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Health and Human Services/Community Initiatives Division/Office of Homeless Services

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0072 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.**

- 6) R2021-0073: A Resolution making an award on RQ3916 with Young Women's Christian Association of Greater Cleveland (YWCA) in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,751,793.00 for operations and case management services for homeless single adult women at the Norma Herr Women's Shelter, located at 2227 Payne Avenue, Cleveland for the period 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 769 and all other

documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/ Department of Health and Human Services/Community Initiatives Division/Office of Homeless Services

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0073 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.**

- 7) R2021-0074: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Gordon Friedman to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission for the term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2024; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0074 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- 8) R2021-0075: A Resolution authorizing awards totaling \$11,000,000 of U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance funds to various nonprofit organizations to provide emergency rental assistance to income-eligible tenants unable to pay their full monthly rent due to the economic impact from COVID-19 for the period 4/1/2021 – 12/31/2021; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
  - i) CHN Housing Partners in the amount of \$10,000,000
  - ii) The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland in the amount of \$1,000,000

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Development

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0075 to the Community Development Committee.**

- c) COMMITTEE REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION FOR SECOND READING

- 1) R2021-0055: A Resolution authorizing an Economic Development Redevelopment and Modernization Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00 to Warner and Swasey LLC for the benefit of a mixed-use, real estate redevelopment project for property located at 5701 Carnegie Avenue, in the City of Cleveland; authorizing the County Executive and/or Director of Development to execute all documents consistent with said loan and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish/Department of Development and Councilmembers Jones, Baker, Miller, Tuma, Schron, Stephens and Simon

Committee Assignment and Chair: Economic Development & Planning – Schron

**Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2021-0055 into the record.**

**This item will move to the March 23, 2021 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.**

- d) COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

**A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rule 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Resolution Nos. R2021-0057, R2021-0058, R2021-0059, R2021-0060, R2021-0061, R2021-0062, R2021-0063 and R2021-0064.**

- 1) R2021-0057: A Resolution making an award on RQ2911 to Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. dba FrontLine Service in the amount not-to-exceed \$868,300.00 for Children Who Witness Violence Services for the period 2/1/2021 - 1/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 742 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Public Safety and Justice Services/Division of Witness/Victim

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Safety & Justice Affairs – Gallagher



**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2021-0057 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 2) R2021-0058: A Resolution making an award on RQ3186 and enter into a Membership Participation Agreement with Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,521,475.00 for dispatch operation services for law enforcement activities for the period 4/28/2021 – 12/31/2022; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 512 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Sheriff's Department

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Safety & Justice Affairs – Gallagher

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2021-0058 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 3) R2021-0059: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Christopher P. Viland, Esq., upon his taking the oath of office, as Sheriff of Cuyahoga County for the four-year term expiring December 31, 2024; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Sheriff's Department **and Councilmembers Miller, Sweeney, and Schron**

**On a motion by Mr. Schron with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2021-0059 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Christopher P. Viland, Esq., thanked Councilmembers and County Executive Budish for the opportunity to serve as the Sheriff of Cuyahoga County.**

- 4) R2021-0060: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for Family Centered Support Services for At-Risk Children and Families for the period 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2020 to extend the time period to 12/31/2021 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,665,000.00; 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:

- i) Contract No. 136 with Applewood Centers, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$635,000.00
- ii) Contract No. 149 with Beech Brook in the amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00
- iii) Contract No. 150 with Bellefaire Jewish Children’s Bureau in the amount not-to-exceed \$115,000.00
- iv) Contract No. 157 with Catholic Charities Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$725,000.00
- v) Contract No. 165 with The Cleveland Christian Home Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$74,999.98
- vi) Contract No. 267 with Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. dba Frontline Service in the amount not-to-exceed \$10,000.01
- vii) Contract No. 176 with OhioGuidestone in the amount not-to-exceed \$190,000.00
- viii) Contract No. 270 with Ohio Mentor, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$70,000.01
- ix) Contract No. 172 with Pressley Ridge in the amount not-to-exceed \$435,000.00
- x) Contract No. 171 with Specialized Alternative for Families and Youth of Ohio, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$110,000.00

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Children and Family Services

Committee Assignment and Chair: Health, Human Services & Aging – Conwell

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2021-0060 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 5) R2021-0061: A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s reappointment of Charna Sherman to serve on the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Board of Trustees for the term 4/1/2021 – 3/31/2024; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

Committee Assignment and Chair: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity – Brown

**On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2021-0061 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 6) R2021-0062: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Suzanne Hamilton to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees for the term 3/10/2021 – 3/9/2024; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

Committee Assignment and Chair: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity – Brown

**On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2021-0062 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 7) R2021-0063: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Inajo Davis Chappell to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees for the term 3/10/2021 – 3/9/2027; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish **and Councilmember Sweeney**

Committee Assignment and Chair: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity – Brown

**On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2021-0063 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 8) R2021-0064: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Janet Montoya to serve on the Cuyahoga County Advisory Board on Senior and Adult Services for the term of 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2023; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish **and Councilmember Sweeney**

Committee Assignment and Chair: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity – Brown

**On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2021-0064 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

## 11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Ms. Stephens reported that the Community Development Committee will meet on Monday, March 15th at 10:00 a.m.**

**Ms. Brown reported that the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 16th at 10:00 a.m.**

**Ms. Simon reported that the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 17th at 3:00 p.m.**

**Ms. Conwell reported that Health, Human Services & Aging Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 17th at 1:00 p.m.**

**Ms. Baker reported that the Council Operations, Intergovernmental Relations & Public Transportation Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 30th at 3:00 p.m.**

**Mr. Miller reported that the Finance & Budgeting Committee will meet on Monday, March 15th at 1:00 p.m.**

#### **12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

#### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m., without objection.**