



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
1:00 PM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Mr. Gallagher asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Tuma and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon entered the meeting after the roll call was taken. Committee member Conwell was absent from the meeting. Councilmembers Miller and Baker were also in attendance.**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 13, 2021 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Mr. Tuma with a second by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2021 meeting.**

### **5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) R2021-0178: A Resolution authorizing a Contract with Thales DIS USA, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,464,358.00 for hardware and software maintenance and support services for the Automated Fingerprint Identification System for the period 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2025;

authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 1399 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Hugh Shannon, Administrator for the Medical Examiner's Office; and Dr. Thomas Gilson, Medical Examiner, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0178. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Shannon and Dr. Gilson pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Tuma with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2021-0178 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.**

## **6. DISCUSSION**

**[Clerk's Note: Item No. 6.b) was taken out of order and considered before Item No. 6.a).]**

- a) Update on County jail

**Dr. Julia Bruner, Senior Vice President of Behavioral Health Operations and Correctional Medicine with The MetroHealth System; and Sheriff Christopher Viland addressed the Committee regarding the County Jail and provided updates on the jail population, COVID 19 protocols and restrictions, COVID 19 vaccination efforts, inmate vaccination percentages, equipment and facility upgrades and staff training. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Bruner and Sheriff Viland pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

- b) Update from Medical Examiner's Office

**Dr. Gilson addressed the Committee and gave an update on the Medical Examiner's Office including drug overdose deaths and homicides by gun violence within the County, submissions to the firearms lab, COVID 19 deaths and the caseload volume for the Medical Examiner's Office. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Gilson pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m., without objection.**