



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023
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 1:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gallagher asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Tuma, Kelly and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Conwell joined the meeting after the roll call was taken. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

[Clerk's note: Public comment was given after item No. 6.]

Mr. Mark Szabo and Ms. Joanne Szabo addressed the Committee regarding Ohio H.B. 458 and voting rights for military service members.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 15, 2022 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Tuma, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2022 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0011: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 2973 (fka Contract No. 756) with Applewood Centers, Inc. for secure residential treatment services for the period 1/1/2018 – 6/30/2022 to

extend the time period to 6/30/2024, to modify the terms effective 7/1/2022, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,114,826.80; 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.

Ms. LaTerra Brown, Business Manager for Juvenile Court; and Ms. Bridget Gibbons, Deputy Court Administrator of Juvenile Court, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0011. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Tuma, Resolution No. R2023-0011 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) R2023-0012: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 2525 (fka Contract No. 1791) with Applewood Centers, Inc. for emergency respite and crisis bed services for youth referred by the Coordinated Approach to Misdemeanors (CALM) Program for the period 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022 to extend the time period to 6/30/2023, to modify the terms, effective 7/1/2022, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$926,647.31; 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.

Ms. Brown and Ms. Gibbons addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0012. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Tuma with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2023-0012 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

- a) Medical transportation from County jail

Mr. Steven Hammett, Interim Sheriff, addressed the Committee regarding the cost, time spent and number of prisoners relating to emergency medical transports from the County jail. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Sheriff Hammett pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

Ms. Nailah Byrd, Clerk of Courts and Deputy Chief of Public Safety, addressed the Committee regarding plans for a new County jail. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Byrd pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Gallagher welcomed Mr. Kelly as a new member of the Public Safety and Justice Affairs Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m., without objection.