

Minutes

Cuyahoga County Board of Control
Monday, July 20, 2026 - 11:00 A.M.
County Headquarters
2079 East Ninth Street
Committee Room B

I – CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.

Attending:

Katherine A. Gallagher, Chief of Operations & Community Innovation County Executive Administration
(Alternate for Chris Ronayne, County Executive)
Michael Chambers, Fiscal Officer, serving as Chairman
Paul Porter, Director, Department of Purchasing
Councilmember Meredith Turner
Councilmember Michael Houser
Laura Black, County Council (Alternate for Councilmember Robert Schleper)

II. – REVIEW MINUTES – 7/13/2026

Michael Chambers motioned to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2026, meeting; Paul Porter seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote, as written.

III. – PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

IV. – CONTRACTS AND AWARDS

A. – Tabled Items

B. – New Items for Review

BC2026-361

Department of Public Works, recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26002408 to BEC Enterprises, LLC dba Brown Equipment Company in the amount not-to-exceed \$639,384.78 for a joint cooperative purchase for replacement of (1) Jet-Vac Sewer Truck for the Road and Bridge Division.

Funding Source: Road and Bridge Fund

Thomas Pavich, Department of Public Works, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Michael Houser seconded. Item BC2026-361 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-362

Department of Public Works/Division of Public Utilities,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to Palmer Energy Company, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$15,000.00 for energy consulting services for the period 7/1/2026 – 6/30/2027.
- b) Recommending an award and enter into Contract No. 6240 with Palmer Energy Company, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$15,000.00 for energy consulting services for the period 7/1/2026 – 6/30/2027.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Energy Congressionally Directed Spending Earmark No. DE-GD0000866

Matthew Hrubey, Department of Public Works, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Laura Black seconded. Item BC2026-362 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-363

Department of Housing and Community Development, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 5095 (fka Contract No. 4460) with Housing Research & Advocacy Center for fair housing services for the period 6/12/2024 - 4/30/2026 to extend the time period to 4/30/2028, to amend various terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$250,000.00, effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: Community Development Block Grant

Anthony Scott, Department of Housing and Community Development, presented. There were no questions Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Michael Houser seconded. Item BC2026-363 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-364

Fiscal Office, recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26002415 with Cuyahoga County Convention Center aka Huntington Convention Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$25,538.29 for the rental of audio/visual equipment for use at the Cuyahoga County Forfeited Land Sale to be held at the Huntington Convention Center, for the period 8/31/2026 – 9/7/2026.

Funding Source: Real Estate Assessment Fund

Domonique Tatum, Fiscal Department, presented. Michael Houser asked does the County own the Huntington Convention Center and so are we paying ourselves to lease this equipment or how does that work, and this is the total cost for the event. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-364 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-365

Department of Information Technology, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 4127 with Strategic Government Solutions, Inc. for Identity as a Service, provided by Auth0 for the period 2/1/2024 – 7/31/2026 to extend the time period to 7/31/2027, to update insurance terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$20,928.00, effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: General Fund

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology, presented. There were no questions Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-365 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-366

Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 5629 (fka Contract Nos. 4921, 2525 and 1791) with Applewood Centers, Inc. to provide assessment services for youth served through the Court's Early Intervention and Diversion Center for the period 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2026 to extend the time period to 6/30/2027, to update the service rates, to update insurance requirements, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00, effective 7/1/2026.

Funding Source: RECLAIM Grant

Jennifer Howard, Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division, presented. Laura Black asked how much the service rates went up. Presenter will follow up. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Paul Porter seconded. Item BC2026-366 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-367

Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 6253 (fka Contract Nos. 6056, 5371, 4930, 4014, 2975 and 1666) with Applewood Centers, Inc. for clinical case management services for the Coordinated Approach to Low-Risk Misdemeanors (CALM) Project for the period 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2026 to extend the time period to 6/30/2027, to update the service rates, to update insurance requirements, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00, effective 7/1/2026.

Funding Source: RECLAIM Grant

Jennifer Howard, Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division, presented. Laura Black asked how much the service rates went up. Presenter will follow up. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Laura Black seconded. Item BC2026-367 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-368

Clerk of Courts, recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26002391 to United States Postal Service in the amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.00 for the purchase of refill postage for the period 7/1/2026 – 10/1/2026, in accordance with Civil Rule No. 4 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedures.

Funding Source: General Fund

Angela Williamson, Clerk of Courts, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Michael Houser seconded. Item BC2026-368 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-369

Sheriff's Department, recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26002461 to Hendrick Automotive Group, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$205,524.00 for a joint cooperative purchase of (5) New-Never Titled 2025 and 2026 Dodge Durango vehicles.

Funding Source: Home Detention Fees

I submitted a couple of questions and wanted to confirm whether you had an opportunity to review them. Specifically, I asked if there is a written agreement; asked when collecting home detention fees what is the designated portion that goes to the Sheriff's Department; asked if they are getting all of that. Asked as far as Scram are we covering all the contract costs with home detention fees. Commented we're not saying the same thing. I am requesting clarification that the Scram Contract is being covered fully by home detention fees. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-369 was approved by majority vote, with Katherine A. Gallagher casting a dissenting vote.

BC2026-370

Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, recommending awards and enter into Contracts with various providers for various services in connection with the FY2025 STOP Violence Against Women Act Block Grant for the period 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026:

- a) Contract No. 6220 with Cleveland Rape Crisis Center in the amount not-to-exceed \$154,356.95 for the Strengthening Direct Services for Survivors Project.
- b) Contract No. 6221 with City of Bedford in the amount not-to-exceed \$33,879.13 for the Domestic Violence Victim's Program.
- c) Contract No. 6222 with City of Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$121,090.18 for the Cleveland Domestic Violence Project, Cleveland Police.
- d) Contract No. 6223 with City of Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$48,305.47 for the Cleveland Sexual Assault Advocate Project, Cleveland Police.
- e) Contract No. 6225 with City of Cleveland in the amount not-to-exceed \$169,395.65 for the Cleveland Domestic Violence Project, Office of Prosecution.
- f) Contract No. 6226 with Journey Center for Safety and Healing in the amount not-to-exceed \$113,448.57 for the Bilingual Advocacy Services Project.
- g) Contract No. 6227 with Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland, Ohio in the amount not-to-exceed \$37,106.64 for the Domestic Violence Services Continuation Project.

Funding Source: FY2025 STOP Violence Against Women Act Block Grant

Mary Beth Vaughn, Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, presented. Meredith Turner asked what type of services, do you have an example of some of the types of services that are being provided. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-370 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-371

Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Senior and Adult Services and Department of Community Initiatives Division/Family and Children First Council, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 5070 with CaseWorthy, Inc. for implementation and deployment of a Client and Case Management System, software licensing, maintenance and support for the period 1/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 to extend the time period to 6/30/2027, to add a vendor credit and branding provision, to amend budget terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$141,253.00, effective 7/1/2026.

Funding Source: Health and Human Services Levy Fund

Marcos Cortes, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-371 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-372

Department of Health and Human Services/Community Initiatives Division/Family and Children First Council,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to Nancy Lowery-Bregar LPCCS in the amount not-to-exceed \$11,000.00 for administrative staffing support services in connection with the Cuyahoga County Service Coordination Mechanism for the period 1/1/2026-9/30/2026.
- b) Recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26002387 to Nancy Lowery-Bregar LPCCS in the amount not-to-exceed \$11,000.00 for administrative staffing support services in connection with the Cuyahoga County Service Coordination Mechanism for the period 1/1/2026-9/30/2026.

Funding Source: Local MSY Fund

Kathleen Stewart, Family and Children First Council, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-372 was approved by unanimous vote.

C. – Consent Agenda

There were no questions or comments on the Consent Agenda items. Michael Chambers motioned to approve Consent Agenda Item No. BC2026-373 through BC2026-375; Michael Houser seconded. The Consent Agenda Items were approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-373

Department of Information Technology, recommending to declare excess County computers and IT Equipment as surplus County-owned property, no longer needed for public use; requesting authority to sell surplus property to Info@Ret3.org. for a fee in the amount not-to-exceed \$1.00 for the month of June 2026 in accordance with EO2012-0001 on behalf of the following County agencies:

- a) Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Children and Family Services
- b) Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services

Funding Source: Revenue Generating

BC2026-374

Fiscal Department, presenting proposed travel/membership requests for the week of 7/20/2026

Dept:	Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Senior and Adult Services							
Event:	Rise Academy Convening							
Source:	Rise Academy							
Location:	San Antonio, TX							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
April Hill Jackson	8/3/2026 - 8/6/2026	\$0.00	\$208.00	\$525.00	\$196.00	\$766.39	\$1,695.39	Rise Grant
Kelly Clemings	8/3/2026 - 8/6/2026	\$0.00	\$208.00	\$525.00	\$196.00	\$766.39	\$1,695.39	Rise Grant
Laila Smith	8/3/2026 - 8/6/2026	\$0.00	\$208.00	\$525.00	\$196.00	\$766.39	\$1,695.39	Rise Grant
Natasha Pietrocola	8/3/2026 - 8/6/2026	\$0.00	\$208.00	\$525.00	\$196.00	\$766.39	\$1,695.39	Rise Grant
Sarah Husher	8/3/2026 - 8/6/2026	\$0.00	\$208.00	\$525.00	\$196.00	\$766.39	\$1,695.39	Rise Grant
Sylvia Pla-Raith	8/3/2026 - 8/6/2026	\$0.00	\$208.00	\$525.00	\$196.00	\$766.39	\$1,695.39	Rise Grant
Tanya Spraggins	8/3/2026 - 8/6/2026	\$0.00	\$208.00	\$525.00	\$196.00	\$766.39	\$1,695.39	Rise Grant

*Paid to host

**Staff reimbursement

*** Airfare will be covered by a contract with the County's Travel Vendor

Purpose:

APS is integral to the RISE-APS model that we are replicating and evaluating in Cuyahoga County. So, in planning the RISE Academy in August, we asked ACL for permission also to include APS representatives as well as RISE program staff. ACL has now approved of our proposal to hold a RISE Academy convening this summer at the Hotel Valencia Riverwalk in San Antonio, TX, to bring together RISE team members, supervisors, collaborators, researchers, and APS partners for learning, skill-building, networking, and shared problem-solving relating to RISE practice, evaluation, and sustainability. We have been approved to pay three members of your APS staff to attend the event and invite you to select a direct supervisor and two APS workers directly involved in RISE to represent your office. In addition, as we discussed last Thursday, we are training staff in DSAS's behavioral health unit to

serve as RISE Advocates, as well as training staff who supervise them in RISE, we also invite an additional 4 members of your staff who are trained to provide RISE to the August convening.

Dept:	Department of Sustainability							
Event:	ADS Pipe Sustainability Tour							
Source:	Advanced Drainage Systems Pipe							
Location:	Shippenville, PA							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Audrey Ray	7/2/2026 - 7/2/2026	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	General Fund
Katharyne Starinsky	7/2/2026 - 7/2/2026	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	General Fund

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Purpose:

Sustainability tour of Advanced Drainage Systems (ADS) in Shippenville, PA. ADS uses post-consumer plastic to make pipes.

BC2026-375

Department of Purchasing, presenting proposed purchases for the week of 7/20/2026

Direct Open Market Purchases

(Purchases between \$10,000.01 - \$200,000.00 unless requiring assistance from the Department of Purchasing – See Below):

Purchase Order Number	Description	Department	Vendor Name	Total	Funding Source
26002108	Scaffold Training Onsite Safety Course for 44 employees	Department of Public Works	Sunbelt Rentals, Inc.	\$13,200.00	Road and Bridge Fund

Items/Services Received and Invoiced but not Paid:

Purchase Order Number	Description	Department	Vendor Name	Total	Funding Source
26002450	Out-of-home care placement services for the period 6/1/2026-6/24/2026 *	Division of Children and Family Services	Excel Beyond Limits	\$11,800.00	65% Health and Human Services Levy Fund and 35% Title IV-E Reimbursement Fund

*Approval No. BC2026-29, dated 1/27/2026, which amended BC2025-324, dated 5/12/2025, which amended multiple prior approved alternate procurement processes resulting in purchase orders to various licensed providers for reimbursement for out of home care placement services for the period 12/1/2022 – 12/31/2025 to extend the time period to 12/31/2026 and to change the total amount not to exceed from \$1,750,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00.

V- OTHER BUSINESS

Item of Note (non-voted)

ION2026-80

Fiscal Office, submitting a grant award from the Cleveland Foundation in the total amount of \$233,000.00 for (3) Public Service Fellows for the period 7/1/2026 – 8/31/2027.

Funding Source: Cleveland Foundation

ION2026-81

Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division, submitting an amendment to a Grant Agreement with the State of Ohio, Department of Youth Services for various programs in connection with the SFY2026 RECLAIM Ohio Grant for the period 7/1/2025 – 6/30/2027 to make budget line-item revisions and to change the amount from \$7,036,483.47 to \$6,762,583.47.

Funding Source: Ohio Department of Youth Services

ION2026-82

Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division, submitting an amendment to a Grant Agreement and Funding Application (Attachment A) to the State of Ohio, Department of Youth Services for various programs in connection with the SFY2026 RECLAIM Ohio Grant for the period 7/1/2025 – 6/30/2027 to make budget line-item revisions and to change the amount from \$7,036,483.47 to \$12,107,738.07.

Funding Source: Ohio Department of Youth Services

ION2026-83

Contracts up to \$10,000.00 – Processed and executed (no vote required)

RQ No.	Contract Number	Vendor	Service Description	Amount	Department	Date(s) of Service	Funding Source	Date of Execution
NA	6207 (fka 5089 & 4251)	Ohio Attorney General	Memorandum of Understanding renewal for Ohio CODIS familial searches; to amend budget and payment terms, to update contact	\$3,000.00	County Prosecutor	9/1/24 – 12/31/2025; to extend the time period to 12/31/26	FY2022 Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Affairs - Prosecuting	(Executive) 7/9/2026

			information, and for additional funds, effective upon signatures of all parties.				Cold Cases Using DNA Grant	
12904	3790	Fernandez Property Group Ohio	Master Contract with various providers for Cuyahoga OPTIONS for Independent Living Services Program for Grab Bar services; to remove a vendor, effective 7/1/2026.	\$0.00	Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Senior and Adult Services	1/1/2024 - 3/31/2027	(Original) Health and Human Services Levy Fund	(Law) 7/1/2026

VI – PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

VII – ADJOURNMENT

Michael Chambers motioned to adjourn; Paul Porter seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 11:23 a.m.