

Minutes

Cuyahoga County Board of Control

Monday, September 21, 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

Nichole English, Administrator, Planning and Programming, Department of Public Works
(Alternate for Michael Dever)

Paul Porter, Director, Department of Purchasing

Councilmember Meredith Turner

Councilmember Robert Schleper

Cynthia Mason, County Council (Alternate for Councilmember Michael Houser)

II. – REVIEW MINUTES – 9/14/2026

Michael Chambers motioned to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2026, meeting; Meredith Turner seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote, as written.

III. – PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

IV. – CONTRACTS AND AWARDS

A. – Tabled Items

B. – New Items for Review

BC2026-484

Department of Public Works, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 3995 (fka Contract No. 871) with Project Management Consultants LLC for owner's representative services in connection with the Cuyahoga County Central Services Campus (fka the Justice Center Complex Project) for the period 1/9/2019 – 7/31/2029 to extend the time period to 12/31/2029, to update the scope of services listed in Exhibit A, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00, effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: General Fund

Nichole English, Department of Public Works, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-484 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-485

Department of Public Works, submitting an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for on-call heavy construction services, on a task order basis, for various road and bridge maintenance and repairs for the period 3/1/2023 – 2/28/2027 to extend the time period to 9/30/2027 and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$650,000.00, effective upon signatures of all parties as follows:

- a) Contract No. 6241 (fka Contract No. 2989) with CATTs Construction, Inc. in the anticipated amount of \$162,500.00.
- b) Contract No. 5664 (fka Contract No. 2990) with The Ruhlin Company in the anticipated amount of \$162,500.00.
- c) Contract No. 6217 (fka Contract No. 2991) with Schirmer Construction, LLC in the anticipated amount of \$162,500.00.
- d) Contract No. 5663 (fka Contract No. 2992) with Terrace Construction Company, Inc. in the anticipated amount of \$162,500.00.

Funding Source: Road and Bridge Fund

Nichole English, Department of Public Works, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-485 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-486

Department of Public Works, submitting a Revenue Generating Agreement (via Contract No. 6431) with Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District for anticipated revenue in the amount not-to-exceed \$475,000.00 for sewer maintenance services and disposal of wastewater sewer grit for the period 10/18/2026 – 10/17/2029, effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: Revenue Generating

Nichole English, Department of Public Works, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-486 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-487

Department of Information Technology, recommending an award and enter into a cybersecurity purchase pursuant to R.C. 9.64 via Purchase Order No. 26003180 in the amount not-to-exceed \$63,730.00 through a joint cooperative contract for the period 11/11/2026 - 11/10/2027.

Funding Source: General Fund

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-487 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-488

Department of Information Technology, recommending an award and enter into a cybersecurity services contract pursuant to R.C. 9.64 via Contract No. 6382 in the amount not-to-exceed \$57,000.00 through a joint cooperative contract for the period 9/14/2026 - 9/13/2029.

Funding Source: General Fund

Brianna Witt, Department of Information Technology, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Cynthia Mason seconded. Item BC2026-488 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-489

Department of Human Resources, recommending an award and enter into Agreement No. 6379 with The MetroHealth System in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00 for flu shot clinic services for County employees, effective upon signatures of all parties through 12/31/2026.

Funding Source: Self-Insurance Fund

Stephen Witt, Department of Human Resources, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-489 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-490

Department of Human Resources, recommending an award and enter into Agreement No. 6428 with The MetroHealth System in the amount not-to-exceed \$66,300.00 for on-site biometric screening services for County employees participating in the Wellness Program, effective upon signatures of all parties through 12/31/2026.

Funding Source: Self-Insurance Fund

Stephen Witt, Department of Human Resources, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Cynthia Mason seconded. Item BC2026-490 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-491

Sheriff's Department, recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26003192 with Vasu Communications, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$16,197.25 for a state contract purchase of (5) Viking mobile radios, related accessories, software licenses, warranty and support for the new Dodge Durangos purchased for the Electronic Monitoring Unit.

Funding Source: Home Detention Fees

Chris Costin, Sheriff's Department, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-491 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-492

Sheriff's Department,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to Watch Systems, LLC dba Offender Watch in the amount not-to-exceed \$675,000.00 for sex offender notification mailing services for Cuyahoga County for the period 1/1/2027 – 12/31/2029.
- b) Recommending an award and enter a Contract No. 6425 with Watch Systems, LLC dba Offender Watch in the amount not to-exceed \$675,000.00 for sex offender notification mailing services for Cuyahoga County for the period 1/1/2027 – 12/31/2029.

Funding Source: General Fund

Chris Costin, Sheriff's Department, presented. Katherine A. Gallagher asked do we go beyond ORC provisions in our tracking to be compliant with municipal law. Presenter will follow-up. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Cynthia Mason seconded. Item BC2026-492 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-493

Medical Examiner's Office,

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to Qualtrax, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$85,750.00 for the purchase of (115) Ideagen-Qualtrax Software Licenses, Hosted Platform fee, and maintenance and support services for the period 5/1/2026 – 4/30/2031.
- b) Recommending an award and enter into Contract No. 6116 with Qualtrax, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$85,750.00 for the purchase of (115) Ideagen-Qualtrax Software Licenses, Hosted Platform fee, and maintenance and support services for the period 5/1/2026 – 4/30/2031.

Funding Source: General Fund

Hugh Shannon, Medical Examiner's Office, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-493 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-494

Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, requesting authority to apply for grant funds from the Ohio Department of Public Safety/Office of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$19,617.19 for management of the FY2026 STOP Violence Against Women Act Administrative Grant Program for the period 1/1/2027 – 3/31/2028.

Funding Source: Ohio Department of Public Safety/Office of Criminal Justice Services (\$19,617.19) and Cash Match – General Fund (\$6,539.06)

Lezlie White, Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Meredith Turner seconded. Item BC2026-494 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-495

Department of Public Safety and Justice Services on behalf of the Medical Examiner's Office, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 5683 with Knupp & Watson & Wallman, Inc. d/b/a KW2 for public health communication and education campaign to reduce drug overdose fatalities for the period 10/27/2025 - 9/30/2026 to expand the scope of services as outlined in Schedule A (2026), and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$16,625.00, effective upon signatures of all parties.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Lezlie White, Department of Public Safety and Justice Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Cynthia Mason seconded. Item BC2026-495 was approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-496

Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services, submitting an amendment to a Revenue Generating Agreement (via Contract No. 5622) with Southwest General Health Center to provide and employ a sufficient number of Cuyahoga Job and Family Services trained workers whose assigned caseloads will consist of Southwest patients applying for Medicaid or needing assistance with their Medicaid benefits for the period 9/1/2025 - 8/31/2026 to extend the time period to 8/31/2027, and for additional revenue in the amount not-to- exceed \$43,382.48, effective 9/1/2026.

Funding Source: Revenue Generating

Marcos Cortes, Department of Health and Human Services, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Paul Porter seconded. Item BC2026-496 was approved by unanimous vote.

C. – Exemptions

BC2026-497

Department of Public Works, recommending an alternative procurement process to issue a modified informal solicitation for Café, Food and Vending service operations for the current space at the Virgil E. Brown Building by releasing the solicitation to only those vendors that offered a solution specifically for the Virgil E. Brown building during the previous RFP solicitation on RQ14927.

Funding Source: Revenue Generating

Thomas Pavich, Department of Public Works, presented. There were no questions. Michael Chambers motioned to approve the item; Robert Schleper seconded. Item BC2026-497 was approved by unanimous vote.

D. – Consent Agenda

There were no questions or comments on the Consent Agenda items. Michael Chambers motioned to approve Consent Agenda Items No. BC2026-498 through BC2026-501; Cynthia Mason seconded. The Consent Agenda Items were approved by unanimous vote.

BC2026-498

Department of Public Works, submitting an amendment to Contract No. 4718 with CATTs Construction Inc. for resurfacing of Clague Road from Lorain Road to Marion Road in the City of North Olmsted for a decrease in the amount of (\$47,111.79); recommending to accept construction as complete and in accordance with plans and specifications; requesting authority for the County Treasurer to release the escrow account, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 153.63.

Funding Source: 43.8% City of North Olmsted, 32% Federal, and 24.2% County Road and Bridge Fund

BC2026-499

Department of Health and Human Services/Community Initiatives Division/Office of Early Childhood,

- a) Requesting authority to submit a Grant application from the Bruening Foundation in the amount of \$70,335.00 for the FamilySpace program for the period 1/1/2027 - 12/31/2027.
- b) Submitting a grant agreement with the Bruening Foundation in the amount of \$70,335.00 for the FamilySpace program for the period 1/1/2027 - 12/31/2027.

Funding Source: Bruening Foundation Grant

BC2026-500

Fiscal Department, presenting proposed travel/membership requests for the week of 9/21/2026:

Dept:	Department of Information Technology							
Event:	Blue Team Con 2026							
Source:	Blue Team Con							
Location:	Chicago, IL							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
David Lauer	9/11/2026-9/13/2026	\$229.00	\$180.00	\$458.00	\$754.64	\$0.00	\$1,621.64	General Fund

*Paid to host

**Staff reimbursement

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

Purpose:

Blue Team Con is the nation's only conference focused on cybersecurity defense, bringing together a diverse group of professionals, intent on proactively protecting their organizations against growing and evolving cybersecurity threats. Attending Blue Team Con gives you access to talks, training, and events that put the spotlight on defensive security tactics, preparing you and your team for the latest cybersecurity threats so you prevent a breach, rather than react to one. Attendance to this conference will also give me CEUs towards the maintenance of my SANS certifications.

Dept:	Department of Information Technology							
Event:	Northern Ohio Security Awareness Summit 2026							
Source:	Secure WV							
Location:	Charleston, WV							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
David Lauer	10/21/2026- 10/24/2026	\$75.00	\$163.00	\$345.00	\$380.00	\$0.00	\$963.00	General Fund

*Paid to host

**Staff reimbursement

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

Purpose:

Secure WV is a 2-day conference in Charleston West Virginia ran by a 501c3 non-profit that conducts an annual cyber security conference to fulfill the primary objectives of awareness and education. This conference is one of the larger regional conferences that attracts nationally known cybersecurity leaders to teach and speak about advanced cybersecurity topics. Attendance to this conference will also give me CEUs towards the maintenance of my SANS certification.

Dept:	Sheriff's Department							
Event:	2026 Major County Sheriff's Association Annual Conference							
Source:	Major County Sheriffs of America							
Location:	Milwaukee, WI							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Alfred Johnson	9/20/2026- 9/23/2026	\$500.00	\$178.00	\$975.00	\$150.00	\$625.00	\$2,428.00	Continuing Professional Training Fund

Aaron Reese	9/20/2026-9/23/2026	\$500.00	\$178.00	\$975.00	\$150.00	\$625.00	\$2,428.00	Continuing Professional Training Fund
Richard Peters	9/20/2026-9/23/2026	\$500.00	\$178.00	\$975.00	\$150.00	\$625.00	\$2,428.00	Continuing Professional Training Fund

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Purpose:

To address national, state, and local issues and bring back diverse experiences and best practices that enhance safety, security, and quality of life for the communities we serve. This travel will also provide opportunities to collaborate with command staff from other Sheriff's Departments and to attend classes and seminars that support continued professional development.

Dept:	Medical Examiner's Office							
Event:	NAME 2026 Annual Meeting							
Source:	National Association of Medical Examiners							
Location:	Kansas City, MO							
Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Dr. Thomas Gilson	10/16/2026-10/20/2026	\$1,050.00	\$250.00	\$600.00	\$340.28	\$700.00	\$2,940.28	Coroner Lab Fund

*Paid to host

**Staff reimbursement

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Purpose:

Annual meeting for National Association of Medical Examiners Acquire up-to-date information on forensic pathology Present current research from Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office (CCMEO). Recruit for vacancies in medical staff positions Engage with fellowship candidates Maintain profile of the CCMEO Committee meeting/business meeting advocacy.

Dept:	Department of Public Safety and Justice Services							
Event:	Crypto Currency Investigations							
Source:	Professional Law Enforcement Training							
Location:	Omaha, NE							

Staff	Travel Dates	Registration *	Meals **	Lodging **	Ground TRN/ Mileage **	Air ***	Total	Funding Source
Melanie Molzan	10/27/2026- 10/30/2026	\$329.00	\$191.00	\$474.72	\$361.58	\$469.00	\$1,825.30	FY24 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant

*Paid to host

**Staff reimbursement

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Purpose:

This training course will cover the fundamentals of cryptocurrency to include how to obtain it using cryptocurrency exchanges, wallets, peer to peer networks, Coin Join multiparty services, and various other methods. Class participants will learn how to manually track cryptocurrency transactions using public blockchain explorers. Several real-life case studies will be presented to demonstrate methods to initiate a cryptocurrency case from start to finish. In-depth practical exercises will take place during this course. Tablets will be provided to all students so that they can engage in a variety of practical exercises to include setting up cover wallets, initiating transactions, and tracking crypto transactions.

BC2026-501

Department of Purchasing, presenting proposed purchases for the week of 9/21/2026:

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
26003184	(1) Industrial Compactor with Custom Hopper	Department of Public Works	Precision Compaction Services, LLC	\$24,861.14	Capital Project-General Fund
26003249	Enter into a cybersecurity purchase order pursuant to R.C. 9.64	Department of Information Technology	Redacted per R.C. 9.64	\$10,855.45	General Fund
26003120	Various Vital Sign Monitors and related accessories for The Centers – Glick Recovery Campus	Department of Public Safety and Justice Services	Claflin Service Company dba CME Corp.	\$21,789.76	FY2022 Byrne Discretionary Funding Grant Program

V- OTHER BUSINESS

Item of Note (non-voted)

ION2026-109

Department of Public Safety and Justice Services requesting authority to apply for grant funds from Ohio Department of Public Safety/Office of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$681,497.33 for the Regional Planning Unit Project in connection with the FY2026 STOP Violence Against Women ACT Block Grant for the period 1/1/2027 – 3/31/2028.

Funding Source: Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services

ION2026-110

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	3715	The Great Lakes Brewing Co.	For various projects in connection with the State of Ohio, Brownfield Remediation Funding Match Program; to amend the maturity date and amend and replace various loan terms, effective upon signatures of all parties.	\$0.00	Department of Development	8/28/2023 - 8/28/2026; to extend the time to 12/31/2026	(Original) General Fund - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue Replacement /Provision of Government Services	(Executive) 9/9/2026 (Law) 9/11/2026
NA	6443 (fka 3849)	The Board of Park Commissioners of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District	For various projects in connection with the State of Ohio, Brownfield Remediation Funding Match Program; to replace the insurance policy and amend and replace various loan terms, effective 10/3/2023.	\$0.00	Department of Development	12/29/2022-6/29/2026	(Original) General Fund - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue Replacement /Provision of Government Services	(Executive) 10/3/2023 (Law) 9/22/2023
NA	6287 (fka 5818 and 3953)	Court Community Service	For litter control services and oversight in selected urban communities; to increase the per diem rate from \$253.00 to \$279.00, effective 5/1/2026	\$0.00	Department of Housing and Community Development	1/1/2024 – 4/30/2028	(Original) Community Development Block Grant	(Executive) 9/16/2026 (Law) 9/16/2026

6906	5747 (fka 2318)	PCs For People Ohio, LLC	To provide assistance in the deployment of broadband services in Cuyahoga County.	\$0.00	Office Of Innovation and Performance	6/16/2022-3/31/2026; to extend the time period to 12/31/2026	(Original) General Fund-American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund	(Executive) 9/11/2026 (Law) 9/3/2026
7607	User License Agreement (via Contract No. 3005 (fka 1985))	Permitium, LLC	Sole source services for the configuration and implementation of an online weapons permit application platform for the Concealed Weapons Licensing Unit; to update insurance requirements and extend time, effective upon signatures of all parties.	\$0.00	Sheriff's Department	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2026; to extend the time period to 12/31/2027	(Original) Revenue Generating	(Executive) 9/11/2026 (Law) 9/14/2026
NA	5625	Thrive Behavioral Health Center, Inc.	For peer navigator services for inmates at the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center with mental health and substance abuse issues.	\$0.00	Sheriff's Department	10/15/2025-10/14/2026; to extend the time period to 12/31/2026	(Original) Ohio Attorney General 2025 Opioid Remediation Grant	(Executive) 9/11/2026 (Executive) 9/11/2026
NA	5387	Reach Success Inc.	To support the educational needs of incarcerated individuals who are returning to Cuyahoga County for the County's Pay for Success Initiative; to add Exhibits IV and V, effective upon signatures of all parties.	\$0.00	Office of Re-entry	1/1/2025-12/31/2027	(Original) Federal Bureau of Justice Affairs Grant Funds	(Executive) 9/15/2026 (Law) 9/11/2026
NA	5389	Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry	For housing skills classes and housing navigation services for the County's Pay for Success Initiative; to add Exhibits IV and V, effective upon signatures of all parties.	\$0.00	Office of Re-entry	1/1/2025-12/31/2027	(Original) Federal Bureau of Justice Affairs Grant Funds	(Executive) 9/15/2026 (Law) 9/11/2026

Various Agreements – Processed and executed (no vote required)

Approving Resolution	Public convenience and welfare project description	Total Estimated Project Cost	Total Actual Project Cost	Funding Source	Date of Execution
R2026-0217	Resurfacing of Schreiber Road from the West Corporation	\$460,000.00		\$230,000.00 Road and Bridge \$230,000.00 City of Maple Heights	(Executive) 9/11/2026

	Line to Dunham Road in the City of Maple Heights - Council District 8				
R2026-0217	Resurfacing of Tuxedo Avenue from the West Corporation Line to West 6th Street in the Village of Brooklyn Heights - Council District 8	\$390,000.00		\$195,000.00 Road and Bridge Funds \$195,000.00 Village of Brooklyn Heights	(Executive) 9/11/2026

VI – PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Rosetta Daniels addressed the Board of Control regarding support for navigating Division of Children and Family Services and County Board of Developmental Disabilities case management challenges in the case of her son.

Mike Chambers asked is there any additional public comment. Seeing none, he made the motion to adjourn.

VII – ADJOURNMENT

Michael Chambers motioned to adjourn; Paul Porter seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 11:24 a.m.