



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024  
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 1:05 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 16, 2024 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Byrne and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2024 meeting.**

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

**[Clerk's Note: The agenda was taken out of order and item no. 6 (b) was considered prior to Resolution No. R2024-0194.]**

- a) R2024-0194: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 228 with The MetroHealth System for Correctional Health Care Services for the Cuyahoga County Jail System for the period 5/9/2019 – 5/8/2024 to extend the time period to 1/31/2025, to add funds in the amount of \$24,931,847.00, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$110,915,111.00, and to transfer ownership of the jail pharmacy to The

MetroHealth System; 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.

**Mr. Chris Costin, Business Administrator; Ms. Donna Kaleal, Business Services Manager; Mr. Brendan Doyle, Special Counsel for County Executive Ronayne; and Ms. Aisha Parnell, Director of Nursing for The MetroHealth System, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0194. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Costin; Ms. Kaleal, Mr. Doyle and Ms. Parnell pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Byrne, Resolution No. R2024-0194 was considered and approved by majority vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules, with Ms. Conwell casting the only dissenting vote.**

## **6. DISCUSSION**

### **a) Update from Sheriff's Office**

**Mr. Harold Pretel, Sheriff, introduced the following staff: Mr. Aaron Reese, Chief Deputy; Ms. Laura Roche, Executive Assistant; Mr. James Carbone, Special Assistant; Mr. Dale Soltis, Chief Deputy; Ms. Kaleal and Mr. Costin.**

**Sheriff Pretel and Mr. Doyle then addressed the Committee regarding overtime usage and the Downtown Safety Patrol Unit. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Sheriff Pretel and Mr. Doyle Pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

### **b) Presentation from Medical Examiner's Office**

**[Clerk's Note: This item was considered prior to Resolution No. R2024-0194.]**

**Dr. Thomas Gilson, Medical Examiner provided the Committee with information regarding fatalities related to drug overdoses, homicides, suicides and motor vehicle crashes from 2006-2023 in Cuyahoga County. 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 2:48 p.m., without objection.**