



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025  
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 1:09 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 19, 2024 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2024 meeting.**

### 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0007: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000, to the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation for the Circle East District Neighborhood Patrol from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Dennis Roberts, Chief Strategy Officer for the Cuyahoga Land Bank, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0007. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2025-0007 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- b) R2025-0043: 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 – 1/31/2025 to extend the term to October 31, 2025, to add funds in the amount of \$17,250,000.00, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$128,165,111.00; 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 Services Manager; Ms. Julia Gron, Contract Monitor; and Mr. Nestor Rivera, Chief Deputy of Corrections, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0043. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Costin, Ms. Gron and Chief Rivera pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2025-0043 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 6b. was considered prior to 6a.]**

- a) Staffing and budget update from Sheriff's Department

**Mr. Harold Pretel, Sheriff; and Ms. Donna Kaleal, Business Services Manager, addressed the Committee regarding the budget, overtime, vacancies and security relating to the Sheriff's Department. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Sheriff Pretel and Ms. Kaleal pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

- b) Update regarding jail commissary cost increases

**Mr. Costin and Mr. Scott Connor, representing Keefe Group, provided the Committee with an overview of the contract, staffing, timeline and projected cost increases for the commissary. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Messrs. Costin and Connor pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m., without objection.**