



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
11:00 AM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2012 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2012-0198: A Resolution making an award on RQ24643 to Cleveland Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$1,204,191.88 for the purchase of 56 Harris Unity Mobile and 190 Portable Multi-Band Radios and accessories for the County Sheriff's Office; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
- 7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gallagher asked Mr. Phillips to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Greenspan and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Miller and Jones were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

The Honorable Joseph Cicero, Jr., Mayor of the City of Lyndhurst, addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to him relating to the Cuyahoga County Emergency Services Advisory Board (CCESAB) and the Regional Enterprise Data Sharing System (REDSS) Advisory Board.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) None

No matters were referred to Committee.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a) Discussion regarding jail kitchen project

No action was taken by the Committee regarding the jail kitchen project.

- b) Update from the Office of the Sheriff regarding healthcare partnership with The MetroHealth System

Mr. Jeff Mowry, Chief Information Officer, and Mr. Kenneth Kochevar, Director of Corrections, addressed the Committee regarding the status of the healthcare partnership with the MetroHealth System, jail consolidation with the City of Cleveland and the County's IT strategy. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Mowry and Mr. Kochevar pertaining to the item which they answered accordingly.

- c) Update regarding County fire dampers

Mr. James Boyle, Special Assistant to County Executive FitzGerald, addressed the Committee regarding identifying fire dampers in County buildings. Discussion ensued.

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

- d) Discussion regarding Cuyahoga County Emergency Services Advisory Board (CCESAB) and Regional Enterprise Data Sharing System (REDSS) Advisory Board

Mr. Norberto Colon, Deputy Chief of Staff of Justice, addressed the Committee regarding the Cuyahoga County Emergency Services Advisory Board (CCESAB) and the Regional Enterprise Data Sharing System (REDSS) Advisory Board. Discussion ensued.

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

- e) Review of Cuyahoga County Public Safety Plan

Mr. Colon and Ms. Jill Smialek, Program Officer, addressed the Committee regarding the Cuyahoga County Public Safety Plan. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Council members asked questions of Mr. Colon and Ms. Smialek

pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were given.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m., without objection.



Northern Ohio
Chapter

TESTIMONY PROVIDED BEFORE THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

September 25, 2012

Madame President and Members of Council:

My name is Ryan Martin and I am president of the Northern Ohio Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors. In Cuyahoga County, ABC members number 40 construction firms, which employ over 1400 men and women, generate \$240 million in annual revenue, and have a payroll of more than \$60 million.

As you know from my correspondence with each of you, over the last several weeks since the PLA was imposed by the County Executive I have spent that time responding to claims concerning the project, ABC, its member companies, and the men and women that work for these companies.

Because I have responded in depth I won't belabor these issues, but to summarize: It's been said ABC doesn't train, but ABC is registered by the US Department of Labor and the Ohio State Apprenticeship Council to train in 18 different trades.

Just this week, it was reported that the reason why this year's PLA bid came in at \$1 million more than last year's non-PLA bid is because \$250,000 was added to the scope of the project and because of construction-related inflation over the last year.

Even though this year's project estimate actually went down by \$73,000, let's assume the reasons for the increase are true. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the cost of construction has gone up .7% since last year. Even after accounting for the scope and inflation this year's bid is still more than \$780,000 more than last year's without the PLA.

It was said recently that using union labor would insure quality. This is perhaps the most specious claim I've heard. As we know, non-union firms can bid on and even work on a project with a PLA; if only they sign away their freedom to choose not to belong to a union.

Let's assume a non-union firm agrees to this; By this logic, at Noon they lack quality, at 12:01 after accepting the PLA they are suddenly a quality contractor simply by doing something they learned to do in first grade: sign their name.

And now, some would have you believe that this project, years in the making, just can't afford the delay that would be caused by rebidding it without the PLA. That this project is simply too important.

Was this project too important when the Executive put it on hold for four months to negotiate a PLA without any public comment? Was this project so important when the PLA was heaped upon contractors a mere 16 days before bids were due?

In the end, this project (with the PLA) is over \$780,000 more expensive than last year, had one qualified bidder, excludes 77% of the construction workforce that chooses not to affiliate with a union, and has been executed and imposed under a cloud of secrecy.

This all begs the question: Is it really *this* project that is too important that it cannot be delayed a few weeks in order to be rebid without the PLA, or, rather is it really the imposition of the union-only PLA that is too important?

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2012-0198

Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald/Office of Procurement & Diversity	A Resolution making an award on RQ24643 to Cleveland Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$1,204,191.88 for the purchase of 56 Harris Unity Mobile and 190 Portable Multi-Band Radios and accessories for the County Sheriff's Office; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution.
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WHEREAS, the County Executive/Office of Procurement and Diversity has recommended an award on RQ24643 to Cleveland Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$1,204,191.88 for the purchase of 56 Harris Unity Mobile and 190 Portable Multi-Band Radios and accessories for the County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of this project is to purchase the mobile and portable radios necessary to become compliant with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Narrow Banding Regulations. Thus, the system must be in place by 1/01/2013; and

WHEREAS, this system will allow the Sheriff's Office to communicate with law enforcement agencies on a local, state and federal level on every available frequency for complete interoperability; and

WHEREAS, the procurement method for this project was a Government Cooperative Purchasing Agreement through the Fire Rescue GPO; and

WHEREAS, the proposed award recommendation received an exemption approval on 8/13/2012, CPB2012-732; and

WHEREAS, this project is funded 100% by the General Fund and is a Capital Project. The schedule of payments is by invoice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The County Council hereby authorizes an award on RQ24643 to Cleveland Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$1,204,191.88 for the purchase of 56 Harris Unity Mobile and 190 Portable Multi-Band Radios and accessories for the County Sheriff's Office.

