



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL REMOTE\* REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021  
2:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Brown, Stephens, Simon, Baker, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. SILENT MEDITATION**

**There was no silent meditation.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Ms. Loh submitted public comment via email regarding COVID-19 testing and the Women's Shelter.**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) February 9, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- b) February 9, 2021 Regular Meeting

**A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2021 Committee of the Whole and Regular meetings.**

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**There were no announcements from Council President Jones.**

8. MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**County Executive Budish reported that there is still a shortage of vaccines throughout Cuyahoga County and that minorities in underserved areas are not getting an equitable share of available vaccines and Covid testing. Mr. Budish also provided an update on COVID- 19 testing with the Board of Health and MetroHealth and also provided an update on vaccine requests that were submitted to Governor DeWine.**

**County Executive Budish reported that he is working with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to address the shortage of vaccines and COVID-19 tests. He stated that the Metro Counties had a very positive telephone call with Governor DeWine and expressed to him that more vaccines are needed and a greater portion of available vaccines need to be allocated to our Boards of Health for use in underserved areas. Governor DeWine indicated the State would disbtribute vaccines to Counties based on the following: 80% relating to population and 20% relating to poverty factors.**

9. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL

a) CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

- 1) O2021-0002: An Ordinance providing for modifications to and adoption of the Cuyahoga County Human Resources Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to be applicable to all County employees; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmembers, Conwell, Jones, Stephens, Baker, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Brown and Simon

**Council President Jones referred Ordinance No. O2021-0002 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

b) COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL FOR SECOND READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

**A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rule 9D and to place on final passage Resolution Nos. R2021-0041, R2021-0042 and R2021-0043.**

- 1) R2021-0041: A Resolution awarding a sum, not to exceed \$70,000.00, to the Italian American Brotherhood Club, a non-profit entity, to create, place, and maintain a sculpture of Cleveland Indians icon Rocco (“Rocky”) Domenico Colavito, Jr. to be erected in the Tony Brush Park in Little Italy, in the City of Cleveland, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Gallagher, Conwell, Stephens, Jones, Simon, Miller and Baker

Committee Assignment and Chair: Community Development – Stephens

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2021-0041 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 2) R2021-0042: A Resolution approving a revised Guardian Ad Litem Fee Schedule for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.  
[Pending Committee Recommendation]

Sponsors: Councilmembers Miller, **Conwell, Simon, Brown, Tuma, Stephens, Sweeney, Gallagher and Jones**

Committee Assignment and Chair: Finance & Budgeting – Miller

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2021-0042 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 3) R2021-0043: A Resolution approving the appointment or reappointment of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Monument Commission Board of Trustees for 5-year terms of 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2025 and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as follows:

- i) Appointments:

- a) The Honorable Donald C. Nugent
- b) Matt Previts

ii) Reappointments:

- a) William (“Bud”) T. Doyle
- b) Jon Silvis

Sponsor: Council President Jones

Committee Assignment and Chair: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity – Brown

**On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2021-0043 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

10. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE

- a) CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

**A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Resolution No. R2021-0054.**

- 1) R2021-0054: A Resolution amending the 2020/2021 Biennial Operating Budget for 2021 by providing for additional fiscal appropriations from the General Fund and other funding sources, for appropriation transfers between budget accounts and for cash transfers between budgetary funds, to meet the budgetary needs of various County departments, offices and agencies, amending Resolution No. R2021-0044B dated 02/9/2021; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Fiscal Officer/Office of Budget and Management

**Mr. Miller introduced a proposed substitute on the floor to Resolution No. R2021-0054. Discussion ensued.**

**A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Schron and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.**

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2021-0054 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote, as substituted.**

b) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

- 1) R2021-0055: A Resolution authorizing an Economic Development Redevelopment and Modernization Loan in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00 to Warner and Swasey LLC for the benefit of a mixed-use, real estate redevelopment project for property located at 5701 Carnegie Avenue, in the City of Cleveland; authorizing the County Executive and/or Director of Development to execute all documents consistent with said loan and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Development

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0055 to the Economic Development & Planning Committee.**

- 2) R2021-0056: A Resolution making an award on RQ2154 to W.B. Mason Co., Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,052,000.00 for general office supplies and related services for the period 4/1/2021 – 3/31/2024; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 870 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Fiscal Department/Office of Procurement & Diversity

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0056 to the Finance & Budgeting Committee.**

- 3) R2021-0057: A Resolution making an award on RQ2911 to Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. dba FrontLine Service in the amount not-to-exceed \$868,300.00 for Children Who Witness Violence Services for the period 2/1/2021 - 1/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 742 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Public Safety and Justice Services/Division of Witness/Victim

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0057 to the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee.**

- 4) R2021-0058: A Resolution making an award on RQ3186 and enter into a Membership Participation Agreement with Chagrin Valley Dispatch Council in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,521,475.00 for dispatch operation services for law enforcement activities for the period 4/28/2021 – 12/31/2022; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement No. 512 and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Sheriff's Department

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0058 to the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee.**

- 5) R2021-0059: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Christopher P. Viland, Esq., upon his taking the oath of office, as Sheriff of Cuyahoga County for the four-year term expiring December 31, 2024; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Sheriff's Department

**Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2021-0059 into the record.**

**Council President Jones stated that this item will move to the March 9, 2021 Council meeting agenda for consideration for second reading adoption under suspension of rules.**

- 6) R2021-0060: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for Family Centered Support Services for At-Risk Children and Families for the period 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2020 to extend the time period to 12/31/2021 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,665,000.00; 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:

- a) Contract No. 136 with Applewood Centers, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$635,000.00
- b) Contract No. 149 with Beech Brook in the amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00
- c) Contract No. 150 with Bellefaire Jewish Children’s Bureau in the amount not-to-exceed \$115,000.00
- d) Contract No. 157 with Catholic Charities Corporation in the amount not-to-exceed \$725,000.00
- e) Contract No. 165 with The Cleveland Christian Home Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$74,999.98
- f) Contract No. 267 with Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc. dba Frontline Service in the amount not-to-exceed \$10,000.01
- g) Contract No. 176 with OhioGuidestone in the amount not-to-exceed \$190,000.00
- h) Contract No. 270 with Ohio Mentor, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$70,000.01
- i) Contract No. 172 with Pressley Ridge in the amount not-to-exceed \$435,000.00
- j) Contract No. 171 with Specialized Alternative for Families and Youth of Ohio, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$110,000.00

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Children and Family Services

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0060 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.**

- 7) R2021-0061: A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s reappointment of Charna Sherman to serve on the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Board of Trustees for the term 4/1/2021 – 3/31/2024; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0061 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- 8) R2021-0062: A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s appointment of Suzanne Hamilton to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees for the term 3/10/2021 – 3/9/2024; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0062 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- 9) R2021-0063: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Inajo Davis Chappell to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees for the term 3/10/2021 – 3/9/2027; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0063 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- 10) R2021-0064: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Janet Montoya to serve on the Cuyahoga County Advisory Board on Senior and Adult Services for the term of 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2023; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

**Council President Jones referred Resolution No. R2021-0064 to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

- c) COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

**A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Brown and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D and 12A and to place on final passage Resolution Nos. R2021-0046, R2021-0047, R2021-0048, R2021-0049, R2021-0050, R2021-0051, R2021-0052 and R2021-0053.**

- 1) R2021-0046: A Resolution making an award on Purchase Order No. 21000091 to The Safety Company dba MTEch Company in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,227,494.98 for a state contract purchase of (2) 2020 replacement GapVax Combination Jet/Vacuum Machines and (1) replacement Cues Sewer Inspection System Truck; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Purchase Order and all other documents consistent this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.



Sponsor: County Executive Budish/ Department of Public Works/Division of County Engineer

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Works, Procurement & Contracting – Tuma

**On a motion by Mr. Tuma with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2021-0046 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 2) R2021-0047: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 609 with Mt. Pleasant NOW Development Corporation for lease of office space for use by Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Senior and Adult Services for the period 10/1/2000 - 12/31/2020 to extend the time period to 12/31/2025 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,262,000.00; 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.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish/Department of Public Works and Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Senior and Adult Services **and Councilmember Brown**

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Works, Procurement & Contracting – Tuma

**On a motion by Mr. Tuma with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2021-0047 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 3) R2021-0048: A Resolution making an award on RQ2470 to a Master Contract with various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$514,359.64 for interpretation and translation services for the period 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2022; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as follows:

- a) Contract No. 645 with Cal Interpreting & Translations, Inc.
- b) Contract No. 646 with The Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center
- c) Contract No. 648 with Cross Thread Solutions, LLC

Sponsor: County Executive Budish on behalf of Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division/Domestic Relations Division/Probate Court Division

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Safety & Justice Affairs – Gallagher

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2021-0048 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 4) R2021-0049: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Agreement No. 228 with The MetroHealth System for correctional health care services for detainees of the Cuyahoga County Jail System for the period 5/9/2019 – 5/8/2022, to expand the scope of services to add physical therapy services and to change the terms to modify the Medicaid rate calculations for professional and technical fees, effective 3/9/2021 and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,027,040.00; 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.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish/Sheriff Department

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Safety & Justice Affairs – Gallagher

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2021-0049 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 5) R2021-0050: A Resolution authorizing a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Cleveland American Land, LLC and Holdings Cleveland American Land, LLC in the amount of \$76,000.00 for the property located at 10991 Memphis Avenue, Brooklyn, Ohio, portions of Permanent Parcel Nos. 431-05-005, 431-05-008; authorizing the County Executive to take all necessary actions and to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish/ Department of Public Works on behalf of Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities **and Councilmember Sweeney**

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Works, Procurement & Contracting – Tuma

**On a motion by Mr. Tuma with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2021-0050 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 6) R2021-0051: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Andrew Jackson to serve on the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority's Board of Directors for the term of 3/1/2021 – 2/28/2025, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

Committee Assignment and Chair: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity – Brown

**On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2021-0051 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 7) R2021-0052: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Carlin N. Culbertson to serve on the Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund representing the Great Lakes Region for the term 1/24/2021 – 1/23/2023, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish **and Councilmembers Miller and Sweeney**

Committee Assignment and Chair: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity – Brown

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Ms. Brown, Resolution No. R2021-0052 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

- 8) R2021-0053: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Jennifer Rosich to serve on the Cuyahoga County Advisory Board on Senior and Adult Services for the term 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2022, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish

Committee Assignment and Chair: Human Resources,  
Appointments & Equity – Brown

**On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2021-0053 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

d) COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION FOR THIRD READING ADOPTION

- 1) R2021-0034: A Resolution making an award on RQ2931 to Willham Roofing Co., Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,282,328.00 for roof replacement on the Harvard Avenue Maintenance Facility, located at 2501 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, Ohio; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 701 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish/Department of Public Works/Division of County Engineer **and Councilmembers Jones, Miller and Simon**

Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Works, Procurement & Contracting – Tuma

**On a motion by Mr. Tuma with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2021-0034 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.**

e) CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE

- 1) O2021-0003: An Ordinance amending Section 202.04 of the Cuyahoga County Code to establish a Division of Public Utilities within the Department of Public Works; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Budish/Department of Public Works/Department of Sustainability/Department of Development and Councilmembers Simon, Miller, Conwell and Sweeney

**Council President Jones referred Ordinance No. O2021-0003 to the Committee of the Whole.**

f) CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THIRD READING ADOPTION

- 1) O2021-0001: An Ordinance enacting Section 208.04 of the Cuyahoga County Code to establish a Cuyahoga County Diversion Board to serve as a resource for information and advice on operation of, and to provide recommendations and input goals, strategies and programs of, the Cuyahoga County Assessment and Diversion Center; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Budish  
Committee Assignment and Chair: Public Safety & Justice Affairs –  
Gallagher

**Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor, addressed Council regarding Ordinance No. O2021-0001. Discussion ensued.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. McAleer pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**Mr. Jones introduced a proposed substitute on the floor to Ordinance No. O2021-0001. Discussion ensued.**

**A motion was then made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.**

**On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Conwell, Ordinance No. O2021-0001 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote, as substituted.**

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Ms. Brown reported that the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 2nd at 10:00 a.m.**

**Mr. Tuma reported that the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 3rd at 10:00 a.m.**

**Mr. Schron reported that the Economic Development & Planning Committee will meet on Monday, March 1st at 3:00 p.m.**

**Mr. Gallagher reported that the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 2nd at 1:00 p.m.**

**Ms. Conwell reported that the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 3rd at 1:00 p.m.**

**Mr. Miller reported that the next Finance & Budgeting Committee meeting will be announced at a later date.**

**12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Mr. Miler expressed his view on the role of the County Sheriff. Mr. Miller also thanked Councilmembers Sweeney, Simon and his colleagues for their assistance and collaboration on the Guardian Ad Litem Project.**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m., without objection.**