



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 — 2:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Miller called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Miller asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Gallagher, Schleper, Conwell, Kelly, Sweeney and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Jones, Casselberry, Houser and Simon were in attendance after the roll call was taken. Councilmember Turner was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Will Tarter, Jr. addressed Council regarding an invitation to attend the “Dollars & Sense: Get to Know the County Levies” forum that will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry.

4. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0259: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Circle Health Services dba The Centers, in the amount not-to-exceed \$12,000,000.00 for grant funding to bridge the financial gap for the Glick Recovery Campus for the period 1/1/2027-12/31/2029; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Contract No. 6422 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Brandy Carney, Director of the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services; Mr. Eric Morse, President and CEO of The Centers; and Mr. Jason Joyce, Chief Executive Officer of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board; addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2026-0259. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Carney, Mr. Morse and Mr. Joyce pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

There was no further legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2026-0259.

5. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

BC2026-465 Sheriff's Department

- a) Submitting an RFP exemption, which will result in an award recommendation to Excel K9 Services, Inc. in the total amount not-to-exceed \$63,200.00 for the purchase of (4) canine trained in narcotic detection for the Correction Officer's K-9 unit.
- b) Recommending an award on Purchase Order No. 26003009 to Excel K9 Services, Inc. in the total amount not-to-exceed \$63,200.00 for the purchase of (4) canine trained in narcotic detection for the Correction Officer's K-9 unit.

Funding Source: Commissary Fund

Ms. Donna Kaleal, Finance Manager; Mr. Brian Rice, Fiscal Specialist Supervisor; Lt. Joseph Kelley, Corrections Officer Lieutenant; Chief Nestor Rivera, Chief of Corrections, addressed Council regarding BC2026-0465. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Kaleal, Mr. Rice, Lt. Kelley and Chief Rivera pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Pending or imminent court action

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Casselberry and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent court action and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Miller at 4:40 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Gallagher, Schleper, Jones, Houser, Simon Kelly, Sweeney, Casselberry and Miller. The following additional attendees were present: Interim Law Director Gregory Huth, Civil Division Chief Prosecutor Nora Poore, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jake Elliot, Litigation Manager Brendan Healey, Special Council Michael King, Research and Policy Analyst Laura Black, Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer and Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni.

At 5:02 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Miller then reconvened the meeting.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Miller adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m., without objection.