



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS,
4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026 — 5:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Miller stated that the meeting will start shortly and asked that attendees please take a seat.

Council President Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Council President Miller made a brief statement regarding Cuyahoga County Council procedures and decorum for Public Comment at Council Meetings.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. SILENT MEDITATION

Council President Miller introduced Councilmember Turner, who requested a moment of silent meditation in memory of Reverend Hilton O. Smith; Dr. Betty K. Pinkney, Esq.; Faye Gary, CWRU Professor and nursing leader; former Chief Magistrate Gregory F. Clifford and former City of Cleveland Clerk Ruby Florence Moss, who recently passed away.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Loh addressed Council regarding health concerns at the Norma Herr Women's Shelter.

b) Mr. Tim Lewis addressed Council regarding the Soil to Success program.

c) Mr. Larry Heller Council regarding funding for the Crisis Center.

d) Mr. Peter Ogbuji recited a poem titled "When."

- e) **Mr. Darrell Houston addressed Council regarding overtime expenses for the Sheriff's Department and property taxes.**
- f) **Mr. Josiah Quarles addressed Council regarding the Pay to Stay legislation.**

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) **February 24, 2026 Committee of the Whole**
- b) **February 24, 2026 Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Kelly and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 24 Committee of the Whole, and the February 24 regular meeting.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Miller introduced Councilmember Meredith Turner who presented a Proclamation recognizing Mr. Giles F. Foster, V. for his bravery and heroism by using lifesaving bleeding-control techniques to save the lives of two gunshot victims at the Olive Garden in Warrensville Heights.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

County Executive Ronayne announced the following:

- a) **presented Mr. Giles F. Foster, V. with a Proclamation and commended him for his bravery**
- b) **acknowledged that March is Social Worker's and Women's History month**
- c) **commended Ms. Kelly Martin for receiving her Professional Surveyors License, Ms. Nailah Byrd for being recognized as one of the Notable Women in Law in Crain's Cleveland Business, and Ms. Myesha Watkins for speaking at The Gun Violence Prevention Forum in New York City**
- d) **applauded Ms. Melissa Garrett for recently celebrating her first-year business anniversary for Café Indigo at Shaker Square**
- e) **acknowledged that the County recently honored Rev. Dr. E.T. Caviness, Mrs. Edwina Moss, Mr. Mike Walker, The Honorable George Forbes and The Phyliss Wheatley Association for their legacy contributions to Cuyahoga County**
- f) **offered condolences to the family of Rev. Hilton Smith who recently passed away.**
- g) **congratulated Ms. Lee C. Shapiro on her retirement from the American Jewish Committee**
- h) **recognized St. Ignatius for winning their fourth straight Brooklyn Region ice hockey title**

- i) mentioned that the Mid-American Conference (MAC) will be hosted in downtown Cleveland next week

9. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL

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

- 1) R2026-0066: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Neighborhood Health Care Inc. d.b.a. Neighborhood Family Practice for the Increasing Access to Health Care Project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Sweeney

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0066 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.

- 2) R2026-0067: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Western Reserve Historical Society for the African American Heritage & Cultural Celebration from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Conwell

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0067 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.

- 3) R2026-0068: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$2,500, to Legacies Empowered, Inc. for the Re-enter and Heal Project from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Houser

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0068 to the Community Development & Housing Committee.

- 4) R2026-0069: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$2,000, to Legacies Empowered, Inc. for the Minority Career Fair Project from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Houser

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0069 to the Community Development & Housing Committee.

- 5) R2026-0070: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$42,695, to the Serene Foundation for the Community Mental Health and Violence Prevention Summit from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Houser

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0070 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.

- 6) R2026-0071: A Resolution authorizing the City of Cleveland to retain certain parcels the City acquired as part of its land reutilization program for devotion to various public uses as more fully described herein; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Sweeney

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0071 to the Community Development & Housing Committee.

- b) COMMITTEE REPORT AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL FOR SECOND READING

- 1) R2026-0048: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Canopy Child Advocacy Center for general operations from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: Councilmember Sweeney

Committee Assignment and Chair: Health, Human Services & Aging – Conwell

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0048 into the record. This item will move to the March 24, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.

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. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rules 9D & 12A and to place on final passage Resolution No. R2026-0072.

- 1) R2026-0072: A Resolution amending the 2026/2027 Biennial Operating Budget for 2026 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; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2026-0072 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

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

- 1) R2026-0073 A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3570 (fka Contract Nos. 1649 and CE1700266) with TranSystems Corporation of Ohio for design engineering services in connection with the rehabilitation of Hilliard Road Bridge No. 08.57 over Rocky River and Valley Parkway in the Cities of Lakewood and Rocky River, to change the scope of services, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,238,155.00, effective upon signatures of all parties; 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 Ronayne/Department of Public Works

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0073 to the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee. Councilmembers Miller and Kelly requested to have their names added as a co-sponsors to the legislation.

- 2) R2026-0074 A Resolution making an award on RQ7867 to Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,800,000.00 for Building Commissioning Services for the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center Project, effective upon signatures of all parties - 7/31/2029; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5850 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0074 to the Committee of Whole.

- 3) R2026-0075 A Resolution making an award on RQ16311 to C.A. Agresta Construction Company in the amount not-to-exceed \$6,224,147.00 for the rehabilitation of Warrensville Center Road from Fairmount Boulevard to Mayfield Road in the Cities of University Heights and South Euclid, Ohio, effective upon signatures of all parties through project completion; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5928 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0075 to the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee.

- 4) R2026-0076 A Resolution authorizing a contract with Manatron, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$17,053,905.00 for upgrades, modernization, support, and maintenance to the Sigma CAMA Appraisal and MVP Real Property systems, effective upon signatures of all parties- 12/31/2035; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5932 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Fiscal Office

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0076 to the Council Operations, Information Technology & Public Transportation Committee.

- 5) R2026-0077 A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3437 (fka Contract No. 2840) with Maximus Human Services, Inc. for the Ohio Works First Program for the period 1/1/2023 – 6/30/2026, to amend budget terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,700,000.00, effective 1/1/2026; 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 Ronayne/Department of Health and Human Services/Cuyahoga Job and Family Services

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0077 to the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.

- 6) R2026-0078 A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3438 (fka Contract No. 2841) with The Centers for Families and Children for the Ohio Works First Program for the period 1/1/2023 - 6/30/2026, to amend budget terms, and for additional funds in the amount not to exceed \$1,800,000.00, effective 1/1/2026; 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 Ronayne/Department of Health and Human Services Cuyahoga Job and Family Services

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0078 to the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.

- 7) R2026-0079 A Resolution authorizing Title IV-D Cooperative Agreements with various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$8,960,556.38 for child

support services for the period 1/1/2026- 12/31/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute Agreement Nos. 5947, 5948, 5952, 5953 & 5955 and all other documents consistent with said awards this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- a) Agreement No. 5947 with Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division/Cashier's Office in the amount not-to-exceed \$31,713.31.
- b) Agreement No. 5948 with Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,935,003.68.
- c) Agreement No. 5952 with Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Domestic Relations Court Division in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,799,744.36.
- d) Agreement No. 5953 with Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division/Clerk's Office in the amount not-to-exceed \$247,219.43.
- e) Agreement No. 5955 with Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,946,875.60.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Child Support Services

Council President Miller referred Resolution No. R2026-0079 to the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee.

c) COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

- 1) R2026-0061 A Resolution amending Resolution No. R2024-0333 dated 10/8/2024, which declared public convenience and welfare for the resurfacing of various avenues, boulevards, roads and streets located in various municipalities in connection with the 2025-2026 50/50 Resurfacing Program, by changing the road project for Bradley Road from 80 feet north of Carlton Drive to Lake Road in the City of Bay Village, to Wolf Road from Bradley Road to Bassett Road in the City of Bay Village; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works and Councilmember Kelly

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

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0061 into the record. Council President Miller introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2026-0061. Mr. Michael Dever, Director, Department of Public Works, addressed Council regarding the item.

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

This item will move to the March 24, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.

- 2) R2026-0063: A Resolution making awards to various municipalities and agencies in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,124,500.00 for various projects or programs in connection with the FY2026 Community Development Supplemental Grant Program for the period 2/1/2026 – 3/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreements and contracts and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
 - a) City of Bedford in the amount not-to-exceed \$35,000.00 for Upgrade Ellenwood Recreation Center's Fire Alarm System & Install New Fire Suppression System for Commercial Kitchen.
 - b) City of Bedford Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Renovation of "Fun Town" Playground.
 - c) City of Berea in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Jason Malone Park Pickleball Courts Project.
 - d) City of Brecksville in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Public Tennis Court Rehabilitation Project.
 - e) City of Brooklyn in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Exterior Home Repair Grant Program.
 - f) City of Cleveland Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA-Compliant Tot Playground at Denison Park.
 - g) City of Euclid in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Restore 21129 North St. as a Library/Storage of Euclid Historical Society's Archives.
 - h) City of Fairview Park in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for W. 210th St. Resurfacing and Rehabilitation.
 - i) City of Garfield Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Exterior Home Repair Grant Program.
 - j) City of Lakewood in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Renovation of Two Futsal Courts in Madison Park.

- k) City of Maple Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Exterior Home Repair Grant Program.
- l) City of Middleburg Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA Compliant Playground Equipment.
- m) City of Parma Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Repair & Resurfacing Tennis & Pickleball Courts at Town Center Greenbrier Commons.
- n) City of Richmond Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Community Park Tennis & Pickleball Court Renewal Project.
- o) City of Warrensville Heights in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for New Playground Equipment at Green Road Park.
- p) Cleveland Cultural Gardens in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00 for One-World Day.
- q) Cleveland Neighborhood Progress in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Lighting & Façade Improvement at Shaker Square.
- r) Northwest Neighborhoods CDC in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Technology Upgrade to Capital Theatre Main Auditorium.
- s) Oakwood Village in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for First Place Pavement Improvement Project, Phase 2.
- t) One South Euclid in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Senior Landscaping & Snow Removal Program.
- u) Village of Highland Hills in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for HVAC System at Village Hall.
- v) Village of North Randall in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00 for Housing Rehabilitation and Preservation Program.
- w) Woodmere Village in the amount not-to-exceed \$49,500.00 for ADA Entrance Ramp to Building Department.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Housing and Community Development

Committee Assignment and Chair: Community Development & Housing – Houser

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0063 into the record. This item will move to the March 24, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption. Councilmembers Jones,

Schleper, Kelly, Houser, Simon, Turner, Sweeney, Miller, Casselberry and Gallagher, requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- 3) R2026-0065: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Agreement No. 3853 with Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities for Medicaid Home and Community-based Services for youth with developmental disabilities for the period 1/1/2024 – 3/31/2027 to extend the time period to 12/31/2027, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,400,000.00, effective upon signatures of all parties; 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 Ronayne/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Children and Family Services

Committee Assignment and Chair: Health, Human Services & Aging – Conwell

Clerk Richardson read Resolution No. R2026-0065 into the record. This item will move to the March 24, 2026 Council meeting agenda for consideration for third reading adoption.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to suspend Rule 9D and to place on final passage Resolution Nos. R2026-0062; & R2026-0064.

- 1) R2026-0062: A Resolution authorizing a contract with North Pheasant Run, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$787,983.00 for lease of space for the North Olmsted Auto Title Bureau located at 28895 Lorain Road Suite #1, North Olmsted, effective upon signatures of all parties through a 60 month term beginning 30 days after receipt of the Certificate of Occupancy; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5837 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works and Councilmember Kelly

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

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2026-0062 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

- 2) R2026-0064: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for residential treatment services for the period 1/1/2024-12/31/2025 to extend the time period to 12/31/2026, to amend the terms, and for

additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,155,000.00, effective 1/1/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendments and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- a) Contract No. 4761 with Applewood Centers, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$112,444.75.
- b) Contract No. 4762 with Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau in the amount not-to-exceed \$117,128.85.
- c) Contract No. 5261 (fka 4763) with Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$510,880.00.
- d) Contract No. 4764 with Keystone Richland Center, LLC dba Foundations for Living in the amount not-to-exceed \$38,935.52.
- e) Contract No. 4765 with New Directions, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$15,159.00.
- f) Contract No. 4766 with Summit School, Inc. dba Summit Academy in the amount not-to-exceed \$348,578.88.
- g) Contract No. 4768 with The Village Network in the amount not-to-exceed \$11,873.00.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne on behalf of Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas/Juvenile Court Division

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2026-0064 was considered and adopted by unanimous vote. Councilmembers Turner and Schleper requested to have their names added as a co-sponsors to the legislation.

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

- 1) O2026-0001: An Ordinance amending Chapter 703 of the Cuyahoga County Code, entitled Justice Center Capital Projects Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Sponsor: County Executive Ronayne/Fiscal Officer

Council President Miller referred Ordinance No. O2026-0001 to the Committee of Whole.

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Kelly reported that Economic Development & Planning Committee will not meet next week.

Mr. Sweeney reported that the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee will not meet next week.

Ms. Turner reported that the Finance & Budgeting Committee will not meet next week.

Mr. Gallagher reported that the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee will not meet next week.

Mr. Schleper reported that the Council Operations, Information Technology & Public Transportation Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 31st at 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Conwell initially reported that the Health, Human Services & Aging Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at 1:00 p.m., but then stated due to a scheduled tour of the Metro Health Hospital, the meeting will not take place.

Mr. Jones reported that the Public Works, Procurement & Contracting Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Houser reported that the Community Development & Housing Committee will meet on Monday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Simon reported that the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at 3:00 p.m.

12. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Gallagher congratulated the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Bees for winning their 23rd straight gymnastics championship.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Miller adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m., without objection.