



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026 — 1:00 P.M.

Committee Members

Michael J. Gallagher, Chair | Dist. 5

Patrick Kelly, Vice Chair | Dist. 1

Yvonne M. Conwell | Dist. 7

Sunny M. Simon | Dist. 11

Meredith M. Turner | Dist. 9

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order 1:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gallagher asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Kelly and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Simon and Turner were in attendance 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 JULY 14, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Kelly and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0220: A Resolution authorizing amendments to contracts with various providers for real estate appraisal services in connection with the Sheriff's sale for the period 9/1/2017 – 8/31/2026 to extend the time period to 12/31/2029, to amend Section 3 – Expense Reimbursement to change the mileage rate from \$0.655 per mile to \$0.725 per mile, effective upon signatures of all parties starting 9/1/2026; 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:

- 1) Contract No. 3349 with John Andrews
- 2) Contract No. 3410 with Brent Bailey
- 3) Contract No. 3350 with Lana Blaze
- 4) Contract No. 3351 with Vernon Blaze
- 5) Contract No. 3352 with Mark Butler
- 6) Contract No. 3354 with Richard Carey
- 7) Contract No. 3355 with Thomas Hogan
- 8) Contract No. 3356 with Edward D. Horton

- 9) Contract No. 3359 with John Koz
- 10) Contract No. 3360 with Ruth Lassiter
- 11) Contract No. 3361 with John Lenehan
- 12) Contract No. 3362 with Wayne Levering
- 13) Contract No. 3363 with Christopher Loftus
- 14) Contract No. 3409 with John Lynch
- 15) Contract No. 3365 with Paul McLaughlin
- 16) Contract No. 3370 with Stan Patriski
- 17) Contract No. 3367 with Daniel Rocco
- 18) Contract No. 3368 with Michael Wagner
- 19) Contract No. 3369 with Crystal Williams
- 20) Contract No. 3435 with Gregory Williams

Ms. Donna Kaleal, Finance Manager; and Ms. Shaundra Howard, Supervisor of Civil Administrative Unit, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0220. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0220 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.

[Clerk's Note: A brief recess was taken by the Committee, after which, Mr. Gallagher then reconvened the meeting.]

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Update from the Sheriff

Mr. Harold Pretel, Sheriff; and Ms. Kaleal, provided the Committee with an overview of the budget, staffing levels and vacancies for the department. Discussion ensued.

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

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. James Carbone, Special Assistant to Sheriff Pretel, addressed the Committee regarding the Sheriff's Department assisting with a request for a Deputy Sheriff to serve as School Resource Officer for Polaris Career Center in the City of Middleburgh Heights. Discussion ensued.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m., without objection.