

MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gallagher asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Greenspan, Germana and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Hairston entered the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken. Councilmembers Miller and Simon were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 15, 2016 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Germana and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting.

- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
 - a) None

There were no matters referred to Committee.

6. DISCUSSION

a) Attorney and client visitation at County jail

Mr. Clifford Pinkney, Sheriff; and Mr. Kenneth Mills, Director of Regional Corrections, addressed the Committee addressed the Committee regarding attorney and client visitation concerns at the County jail and provided information relating to staffing, number of visits conducted, recommendations and system upgrades. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Sheriff Pinkney and Mr. Mills pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Russell Bensing, Esq., President of the Cuyahoga Criminal Defense Lawyers Association; and Mr. Robert Tobik, Chief Public Defender, addressed the Committee regarding privacy concerns, after hour visitation and bail reform. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Bensing and Mr. Tobik pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Gregory Popovich, Administrator of Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, thanked Sheriff Pinkney, Mr. Mills and staff for discussing the jail visitation issues.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.