



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gallagher asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Baker, Brady and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Tuma entered the meeting shortly after the roll-call was taken. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments submitted.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 14, 2020 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Brady and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2020 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2020-0159: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Court Community Service, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$555,000.00 for court community placement and supervision services for probationers referred by the Court in connection with the Community Works Service Placement and Supervision Program for the period 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2023; 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.

Mr. Martin Murphy, Administrator of the Corrections Planning Board, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0159. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Murphy pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Baker with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2020-0159 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Inmate population at County jail

Mr. Robert Coury, Chief of Public Safety & Justice Services, addressed the Committee regarding the inmate population at the County jail. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Coury pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- b) COVID-19 cases at County jail

Ms. Ronda Gibson, Administrator of Corrections, addressed the Committee regarding the increase in intakes and COVID-19 cases at the County jail. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Gibson pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

- c) Suicide and overdose deaths in Cuyahoga County

Mr. Gallagher postponed the discussion regarding suicide and overdose deaths in Cuyahoga County.

- d) Food services contract at County jail

Ms. Gibson and Lt. Bryan Smith, Deputy Chief of the Sheriff's Department, addressed the Committee regarding the food contract for the County jail. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Gibson and Lt. Smith, pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Coury and Mr. David Schilling, Interim Sheriff, provided the Committee with an update on police officer training with Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C). Discussion ensued.

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

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m., without objection.