



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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, Tuma and Brady were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Baker entered the meeting shortly after the roll-call was taken. Committee member Conwell was absent from the meeting. Councilmembers Miller and Jones were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following citizens submitted public comment regarding Resolution No. R2020-0288, a Resolution making an award on RQ3941 with Wellpath LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,566,261.00 for healthcare and management services at the Juvenile Court Detention Center:

- a) Children's Law Center**
- b) Ms. Gabriella Celeste**
- c) Ms. Peggy Isquick**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 1, 2020 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Baker, seconded by Mr. Tuma and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2020 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2020-0288: A Resolution making an award on RQ3941 with Wellpath LLC in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,566,261.00 for healthcare and management services at the Juvenile Court Detention Center 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.

Ms. Sarah Baker, Business Services Manager; Mr. Tim Lubbe, Fiscal Director for Juvenile Court; Ms. Sarah Cigic, Deputy Counsel for Juvenile Court; Ms. Zela Guirola, Vice-President of Wellpath LLC and Mr. Kip Hallman, President of Wellpath LLC, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0288. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Baker, Mr. Lubbe, Mr. Cigic, Ms. Guirola and Mr. Hallman pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Baker, Resolution No. R2020-0288 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.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Update from Medical Examiner

Dr. Thomas Gilson, Medical Examiner, addressed the Committee regarding deaths related to suicides, drug overdoses, homicides and traffic fatalities in Cuyahoga County. Discussion ensued.

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

- b) After Action Report for May 30, 2020 Incident

Capt. Donald Gerome, Deputy Sheriff; and Mr. Robert Coury, Chief Public Safety & Justice Services Officer, addressed the Committee regarding use of force reports relating to the After Action Report for the May 30, 2020 incident at the Justice Center. Discussion ensued.

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

c) COVID-19 Cases at County Jail

Ms. Ronda Gibson, Administrator of Corrections; and Mr. Coury, addressed the Committee regarding COVID-19 cases at the County jail, utilizing the Ohio National Guard and the lawsuit filed against the Ohio Department of Corrections. Discussion ensued.

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

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Gallagher thanked the Committee members for serving on the Committee and wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m., without objection.