

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0146

Sponsored by: **County Executive Ronayne & Council President Miller**

A Resolution approving a Courthouse Capital Funding Agreement with the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division (“Court”) regarding remodeling, renovating, rehabilitating, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving the facilities of the Court, with related site improvements and appurtenances thereto; ratifying the County Executive’s execution of said agreement and further authorizing execution of any related documents not inconsistent with this Resolution; authorizing designation of the Common Pleas Court General Division Capital Improvement Account within the Justice Center Capital Projects Fund and the transfer of funds to said account for payment of the amounts set forth in said agreement; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court (“Court”) has raised concerns regarding the maintenance of its facilities, including but not limited to the County Justice Center located at 1200 Ontario Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113 (“Justice Center”); and

WHEREAS, to fund initial maintenance of the Court’s facilities, the County has agreed to issue debt to fund an amount not to exceed \$66,000,000.00 and to identify additional funds for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, to address and fund the ongoing maintenance needs of the Court, the County has agreed to fund already-appropriated dollars for this biennium and to appropriate, deposit, and/or transfer additional confirmed and contingent funding from various sources beginning in 2028 through December 2036, unless the County fully renovates or constructs new Court facilities before that time; and

WHEREAS, the County has additionally made a series of in-kind commitments that benefit to the Court's facilities and operations to enhance its efficient administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that the usual daily operation of the County be continued and for the further reason that the public peace, health or safety of the County will be preserved by maintaining the Court's facilities as described above and as set for in the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby approves the Courthouse Capital Funding Agreement with the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division ("Court") regarding remodeling, renovating, rehabilitating, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving the facilities of the Court, with related site improvements and appurtenances thereto, as described in the recitals hereto, which are fully incorporated herein, and as further described in said agreement.

SECTION 2. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby ratifies the County Executive's execution of said agreement and further authorizes execution of such other documents necessary to effectuate said agreement in accordance with this Resolution.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Turner, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Sweeney, Schleper, Conwell, Jones, Turner, Houser, Simon, Kelly, Casselberry and Miller

Nays: None

<u>Dale Miller</u>	<u>5/18/2026</u>
County Council President	Date
<u>Chris Ronayne</u>	<u>5/19/2026</u>
County Executive	Date
<u>Andria Richardson</u>	<u>5/18/2026</u>
Clerk of Council	Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: May 12, 2026
Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

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