

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2020-0134

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| Sponsored by: <b>County Executive Budish/Department of Law</b> | <b>A Resolution</b> authorizing a Structured Negotiations Agreement with the plaintiffs in the matter of <u>Tonya Clay, et al. v. Cuyahoga County, Ohio, et al.</u> , United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, Case No. 1:18-CV-02929 in the amount not-to-exceed \$175,000.00 for the period 7/7/2020 - 7/6/2021; authorizing the County Executive and/or his designee to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. |
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WHEREAS, Tonya Clay and other plaintiffs (“Plaintiffs”) filed a civil action docketed as Tonya Clay, et al. vs. Cuyahoga County, Ohio, et al., United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, Case No. 1:18-CV-02929 (“Lawsuit”); and

WHEREAS, the County Executive/Department of Law has recommended a Structured Negotiations Agreement (“Agreement”) with the plaintiffs in the Lawsuit in the amount not-to-exceed \$175,000.00 for the period 7/7/2020 – 7/6/2021; and

WHEREAS, no amount will be due under the Agreement unless the parties reach agreement as to certain aspects of the Lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement will be funded, as necessary, from the General Fund and the schedule of payments will be a single payment upon completion of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical service provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual daily operations of a County entity.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes a Structured Negotiations Agreement with the plaintiffs in the matter of Tonya Clay, et al. v.

*Cuyahoga County, Ohio, et al.*, United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, Case No. 1:18-CV-02929 in the amount not-to-exceed \$175,000.00 for the period 7/7/2020 - 7/6/2021.

**SECTION 2.** The County Executive, or his authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute the agreement and all other documents consistent with this Resolution. To the extent an exemption is needed for anything contemplated herein, it is hereby authorized.

**SECTION 3.** If any specific appropriation is necessary to effectuate this settlement, such appropriation is approved, and the Director of the Office of Budget and Management is authorized to submit the requisite documentation to financial reporting to journalize the appropriation.

**SECTION 4.** 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 5.** 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. Brady, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Miller, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Stephens, Simon, Baker and Brady

Nays: None

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County Council President

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Date

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County Executive

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Date

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Clerk of Council

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[Clerk's Note: Electronic signatures affixed in accordance with Cuyahoga County  
Code Chapter 110]