



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
2:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Council President Connally called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Council President Connally asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Hairston, Simon and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA

**Mr. Raymond Headen, Headen & Co., LLC law firm, addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to him relating to the County's debt capacity and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's new "Municipal Advisor Rule."**

### 4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2014-0149: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Jeannet Wright, upon her taking the oath of office, as Treasurer of Cuyahoga County, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Council President Connally reported that Resolution No. R2014-0149 was withdrawn from consideration at the request of the County Executive. Therefore, a confirmation hearing was not conducted and no legislative action was taken on Resolution No. R2014-0149.**

- b) R2014-0150: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Jennifer L. Scofield, upon her taking the oath of office, as Director of Regional Collaboration of Cuyahoga County, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Jennifer Scofield, County Executive FitzGerald’s nominee for the position of Director of Regional Collaboration, was called upon to deliver an opening statement. Ms. Scofield provided background into her education, experience and qualifications for the position.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Scofield, pertaining to her experience and expertise, which she answered accordingly.**

**A motion was then made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to refer the County Executive’s nomination of Ms. Scofield to the full Council with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.**

**After a short recess, Council President Connally turned over the Chair to Councilmember Miller, Chair of the Finance & Budgeting Committee, for the remainder of the meeting.**

#### **5. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION**

- a) Cuyahoga County Debt Capacity – Bradford M. Sprague, Principal, PRISM Municipal Advisors, LLC (County’s financial advisor)

**Mr. Bradford Sprague, Principal of PRISM Municipal Advisors, LLC, gave a presentation to the Committee regarding the County’s outlook on debt capacity. Interim Director Chris Murray, Office of Budget and Management, also addressed the Committee regarding the County’s current outstanding debt service and potential projects for future debt that were reviewed by the rating agencies. Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Sprague and Mr. Murray, which they answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.**

#### **6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business discussed.**

#### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO AGENDA**

**There were no public comments given unrelated to the agenda.**

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Council President Connally, with a second by Mr. Germana, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m., without objection.**