

**ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023**

**ALL PRESENT**

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President Shenigo called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Family Health Services re Overview of New Medical Center on Water Street.**

Mr. David Tatro, CEO of Family Health Services, introduced himself and Firelands Health CEO Jeremy Normington-Slay, Fisher Titus CEO Dr. Brent Burkey, MarLana Binkley, Controller, Family Health Services and Executive Assistant Nicole Schafer. Mr. Tatro stated the purpose of the meeting today was to educate the County Commissioners on the new project happening in the City of Sandusky. Family Health Services is asking Erie County for support to the capital campaign for behavior health and to ensure that this endeavor is successful.

- Family Health Services is ran by a Board of Directors.
- The Family Health Services mission is quality healthcare services without financial barriers.
- Family Health Services continues to strive to improve the health of our community by providing a healthcare home that addresses the physical, mental, spiritual, and social well-being of our patients with special emphasis on people living on limited resources. Targeting those residents with Public Health insurances and those underinsured or uninsured.
- Family Health Services is in the top 5% of the 1,403 Federally Qualified Health Centers in the United States and currently provides care to over 15,000 residents of Ohio, predominately residing in Erie, Huron, Ottawa, Sandusky and Lorain Counties.
- Four of the five schools in Erie County receives primary care and behavioral health services from Family Health Services.
- Current locations of Family Health Services are: Main office located at South Campus of Firelands Regional Medical Center, the E. Water Street clinic offers primary care and behavioral health services to the adult and senior population; and the Norwalk clinic includes behavior health, dental and primary care services.
- Free transportation to and from the appointments are available every weekday.
- By using a Medic Box, a nurse comes to the patient's home with a portable box the size of a small suitcase to evaluate the patient as they would for an in-office visit.

The new Medical Center and Pharmacy will be located at 149 E. Water Street, the former Dr. Gallagher's Office, replacing the 620 E. Water Street location.

Family Health Services chose this location, as the Sandusky Transit System has recently reduced their bus trips and there are no other provider services located in downtown Sandusky. The new Medical Center and Pharmacy will consist of primary care on the first floor, behavioral health on the second floor and the pharmacy will be located on the third floor. Total cost of this project is \$4.1 million. Currently, demolition has been completed and there are steel beams being installed. Mr. Tatro stated that two loans have been acquired, one for \$1.8 million and the other for \$720,000. The capital campaign has already brought in \$150,000 and there will be a golf scramble September 11, 2023. This Medical Center will bring in high paying jobs and will help many people in Erie County.

Mr. Shenigo asked if Mr. Tatro has spoken with the City of Sandusky, with Mr. Tatro stating that they have indicated they will help with financial support but not sure to what extent the amount will be. He has a meeting with a committee at the City this Friday. Mr. Tatro does not have a specific amount of support in mind and the monies do not have to be given all in one year.

Mr. Shenigo stated that Erie County has a complex problem, as the Health Department is also a Federally Qualified Health Center, which has focused on the drug epidemic going on in Erie County. Erie County has supported them monetarily upfront, but the Health Department has paid Erie County back. Mr. Shenigo asked how the New Medical Center and Pharmacy will be different from the Health Department. Mr. Tatro stated that both provide triage services, but the new Medical Center and Pharmacy provides a program called Food is Medicine, the transportation program, a full-time Psychiatrist will be employed at the Medical Center in November, with a part-time Psychiatrist being employed as of now. Mr. Tatro is not diminishing any of the services that the Health Department currently offers, but the current Family Health Services locations receive double the patients and provide good, quality care. Mr. Tatro has never asked Erie County for assistance in any of the other projects he has done with Family Health Services, but he believes that Family Health Services has made such a positive impact to the citizens of Erie County and he would be remised not to ask.

Mr. Jeremy Normington-Slay stated that supporting this project would be a great example to show the citizens of Erie County that the Commissioners have their support. Erie County provides so much for tourism and this project is not for the tourists. The location of the new center is great since transportation is such a huge hardship for the citizens.

Mr. Shenigo stated that there are not many mental health services in Erie County and asked what the Family Health Services will provide regarding mental health.

Dr. Bender stated that early identification and treatment to mental health is the largest issue and currently being addressed by having school based clinics in several schools in Erie County, five psychiatric nurse practitioners and 13 licensed social workers currently employed at the Family Health Services. Family Health Services also has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Juvenile Court system to assist juveniles with their mental health.

Dr. Bender just met with Judge DeLamatre and he is very happy with the services being provided. The new center will have a psychiatrist that is dual certified, meaning, they can work with children and adults.

Mr. Shoffner has concerns with the County's current responding police officers dealing with people in crisis and he has seen in larger cities the practice of a response team that accompanies the officer to assist when there is someone having a mental health issue. Dr. Bender stated that this is something that could be done, if they provide social workers in the schools, they can provide the same to the police forces. Dr. Tatro noted that if the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services of Erie County would fund this program, it would be something that Family Health Services could then provide.

Mr. Old stated that County government is different from City government. Mr. Old believes that the work Mr. Tatro is doing is very important work and the Commissioners are supportive of this initiative. The Commissioners noted they will try to find a way to help assist in some way. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Tatro for presenting today.

**Erie Ottawa International Airport Authority Update with Executive Director Clay Finken.**

Mr. Finken reviewed the lease changes at the airport. He mentioned that out of 66 hangars, three quarters of them have been inspected and are in compliance, with another inspection taking place in November. Inspections will take place twice a year going forward to ensure that the tenants are following the FAA guidelines by using the hangars for aeronautical purposes. Also going forward, if a tenant is found to be non-compliant, they will be assessed a \$1,500 fine per month until the violation is fixed.

**Airport Funding Requests:**

FY23 ODOT Grant \$24,515.25 (each county) - This funding request would pay for upgrading the lighting with LED lights on 18/36 runway and signage.

FY23 FAA Apron Cooperative Improvement Project (ACIP) \$11,750.00 (each county) - This project is a 25,125 square yard apron expansion, which will be an approximate \$12 million investment to the Airport. This project will be phased over several years and if the design request is approved, the project will move forward to completion.

The \$11,750.00 request would be for the project design including drainage and environmental for FY23. The apron construction will likely take place in 2024 or 2025 with the cost of \$113,425.00 for each county.

Runway 09/27 needs resurfaced and will be a high priority for 2024-2025. Each County is asked to fund \$12,400 for the design in FY 2024, and \$136,330.00 each county for the resurfacing in 2025.

East Development Water & Sewer - This project is estimated to cost \$690,000 for installation of water and sewer lines, but Clay believes it will be lower. Ottawa County has already paid \$53,930.00 for design of the project. Natural gas has already been paid for and installed. The electric has been funded and will be installed in the near future. This project will provide 10 private development spaces, which will bring in \$30,000 additional land lease revenue per year. With installing water and sewer, an airport-owned t-hanger is possible, which would bring in \$28,800 in rental income per year. Funding is still needed for the t-hangar.

The Commissioners approved the \$24,515.25 for the FY 23 ODOT Grant to replace the outdated lighting on runway 18/36. Mr. Shenigo asked Clay to come back on Wednesday to continue the overview of the funding requests.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing participation in a **Sublease-Purchase Arrangement with the Ohio Secretary of State** for the purpose of acquiring and implementing voting machines and equipment and financing certain costs thereof, a Sublease-Purchase Agreement evidencing such arrangement, and matters related thereto; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-118)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution declaring certain Erie County equipment surplus and ordering same to be sold by **internet auction**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-119)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into Amendment 1 to the ePay Plus Addendum to License Agreement entered into with **Courtview Justice Solutions, Inc. dba Equivant**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-120 - establishing and configuring the FivePoint Call Center Convenience fee)

Board approves Personnel Action Form for **ECDJFS** re **Natalie Colavincenzo**, Social Service Worker 3, resignation effective 4/19/23.

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re **Michael Etzler**, full-time LPN, paid administrative leave pending investigation effective 4/3/23; **Tami Hammond**, RN Supervisor, approved unpaid leave of absence after exhausting FMLA effective 4/14/23; **Joleigh Likes**, full-time Patient Care Assistant, employment effective 5/2/23; **Briana Moore**, part-time LPN, termination due to no call/no show effective 4/17/23; and **Angela Roberts**, full-time RN Supervisor, rate increase due to completion of probation effective 4/26/23.

Received copy of **Shores & Islands Ohio Quarterly Update** for January through March 2023.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 11:02 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye

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