

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

ALL PRESENT

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

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board approves the April 5, 2023 Erie County Commission Meeting Minutes; Roll Call: All Aye

County Administrator re Various Issues.

Love's Travel Center TIF Update - The Edison School Board took no action at their last Board meeting regarding the Love's Travel Center TIF. The School Board has some additional questions and they are planning to schedule a special meeting in early May.

Jail Showers - Replacing the Jail showers was in the 2022 budget, but the project never happened. Inspections at the Jail are on-going and the condition of the showers are not acceptable. Sheriff Sigsworth applied for State funding through the Ohio Department of Corrections but the funding was not approved. This project will likely be over \$50,000 and will need to go through the bid process. The Commissioners would like to view the showers and mentioned they will stop over at the Jail at some point to look at them.

T-CAP Memorandum of Understanding - Mr. Shenigo is being asked to sign the T-CAP Memorandum of Understanding Form for Common Pleas Court - Adult Probation. This \$150,000 grant will be used for 2024 and 2025 for staffing salaries, operating costs, supplies and equipment for enhanced field operations, including after hour and weekend home visits for the Adult Probation Office. One half of the T-CAP allocation will be reimbursed to the Sheriff's Office to offset the costs with prison diversions.

Erie Ottawa Airport Authority Update with Executive Director Clay Finken.

Mr. Finken came back to the meeting to continue the discussion on the funding requests from Monday's meeting.

FY23 FAA ACIP - Hank Solowiej asked if Ottawa County is supporting the ODOT Grant project (\$24,515.25 each county) and the FAA ACIP design phase (\$11,750.00 each county). Clay stated, yes they are fully supporting these projects. Clay added that if the design portion of the apron expansion, drainage and environmental are approved for funding, the FAA will move forward with the entire project and will have to be followed through until the end. Clay noted the maximum each county will have to contribute for 2023-2024 is \$113,425.00, which is 2 ½% of the total cost.

The Airport will not invoice each County until the total amount of the project has been established based off how much funding is received from the FAA.

Runway 09/27 resurface - The funding request for 2024 is \$12,500 from each county to pay for the design phase of the 09/27 runway resurfacing project. Construction of the runway will take place in 2025 with a funding request of \$136,330 from each county.

Mr. Old asked if the Airport is assisting with the funding of any of these projects. Clay stated no, the Airport funds the daily operations of the Airport.

East Development Water & Sewer - total estimate of this project is \$690,000, but Clay is confident the bids will likely be lower. Ottawa County has paid the \$53,930.00 for the design of this project. Clay noted that once the water and sewer have been added to the eastside of the Airport, it will create 10 additional private development spaces and more space for transient planes to park. Mr. Old stated an increase to the leases is imperative. Mr. Shenigo does not believe the demand is there to have these additional development spaces and the Airport needs to find another way to subsidize income.

Clay state very few airports are in the black. Airports provide for ease of transportation and opens access to other counties. The Airport is very expensive to keep up maintaining the infrastructure, and is near impossible to do without asking for assistance. Clay stated that 80% of the airport traffic comes to Erie County and believes that if sewer and water are installed, that will just continue to increase business to our area by adding a t-hangar. The Commissioners need to see an increase in the monthly lease amount in order for them to approve any additional infrastructure. Mr. Old agreed, stating he doesn't understand why the airport would expand if the demand is not there. Clay stated, if you build it they will come philosophy, meaning, if the sewer and water lines are installed it will open up things to financially make the airport more sustainable.

The Commissioners continued to stress the importance of raising the hangar rent and they suggested that Clay compare rent from larger airports. Clay mentioned that he has done some research and it shows that the Erie Ottawa Airport hangar rent is on the higher tier within the region.

The Commissioners are not in favor of more development being added to the Airport until the lease rates are increased. Clay stated he will attain more evidence to show how more development will make sense.

The Commissioners agreed to financially support the lighting project, apron expansion and runway pavement.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **authorizing payment for services and supplies** provided re Mercy Health and the City of Sandusky; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-121)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution executing payment of **The and Now Certification** presented by the County Auditor pursuant to O.R.C. 5705.41(d)1, and authorizing the drawing of warrant(s) in payment of amounts due upon contract or order; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-122)

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Link Computer Corporation** in an additional amount of \$52,758.41 re providing a Muni-Link billing system for DOES.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **VIP Supreme Staffing** in an additional amount of \$20,000.00 re providing staff at The Meadows at Osborn Park.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Blue Technologies** in an additional amount of \$225.00 re Konica Minolta bizhub 458e printer/copier/scanner for Recorder's Office.

Board approves **Engineer's Estimate of Cost** in the amount of \$665,000.00 re 2023 Township Roads Resurfacing Program.

Board approves Equipment Outlay and Request form for **DOES - Landfill** Division re 5090E Cab Utility Tractor and RC10M Pull-type Center Drive Rotary cutter in the amount of \$69,834.00.

Board approves Travel Request Form for **Tim Jonovich**, EMA, attending North Central EMAO Regional Meeting in Bowling Green, Ohio, on 5/17/23 at no cost.

Board authorizes expenses for **Neil Yingling** and **Laura Uhl**, ECDJFS, attending Ohio Council on Welfare Fraud Annual Training Conference in Newark, Ohio, on 3/23 and 3/24/23 in the estimated amount of \$458.31.

Board authorizes expenses for **Tim King**, Regional Planning, attending 2023 Spring Symposium - "Changing Our Future" in Sandusky, Ohio, on 5/5/23 in an estimated amount of \$70.00.

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **ECDJFS** re **Vivian Gebard**, Telephone Operator 2, rate increase due to successful completion of probation effective 4/25/23; **Hayden Loparo**, Social Service Worker 3, employment effective 5/8/23; **Kyara Murrell**, Social Service Worker 3, employment effective 5/15/23; and **Eula Sanders**, Telephone Operator 2, rate increase due to successful completion of probation effective 4/23/23.

Board approves Personnel Action Form for **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re **Latoya Aaron**, part-time LPN, resignation effective 4/20/23,

Received cover letter and copy of **2022 exempt income tax 990 and audited consolidated financial statements** from Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter.

Received copy of 3/22/23 **Erie-Ottawa International Airport Authority** meeting minutes, 4/24/23 meeting agenda, and financial statements as of March 31, 2023 and 2022.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 10:35 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye

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