

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024

ALL PRESENT

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

Conference Call with Sandusky County Commissioners re Sylvester Brenner Joint County Ditch No. 662; B.W. Karbler Joint County Ditch No. 666 and Wahl Joint County Ditch No. 984.

Sandusky County Administrator/Clerk Theresa Garcia presented the resolution to provide ditch maintenance for ditches in Sandusky/Erie Counties for 2024. She mentioned the proposed maintenance assessments for Sylvester Brenner Joint County Ditch No. 662 is at 5%; B. W. Karbler Joint County Ditch No. 666 is 6% and Wahl Joint County Ditch No. 984 is 5%.

On motion of Sandusky County Commissioners and second of Sandusky County Commissioners, the Joint Board of Commissioners **authorizes the proposed maintenance work for 2025 for the Sylvester Brenner Joint County Ditch No. 662; B.W. Karbler Joint County Ditch No. 666 and Wahl Joint County Ditch No. 984 in Sandusky/Erie Counties**, be approved as submitted by the Ditch Maintenance Supervisor; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-281)

County Administrator Hank Solowiej re Various Issues.

Enterprise Zone Application - Hank stated that Genoa Bank has submitted an Enterprise Zone application for 10 years with a 60% tax abatement for the Old Burger King building on Route 250. The Advisory Committee will be meeting on Monday to review and make a recommendation. Hank noted that since this tax abatement request is for 60% and 10 years, the School Board does not need to approve the application. Hank stated that someone from the School Board and Township will be attending the Committee meeting on Monday.

Budget Commission Letter - A letter to the Budget Commission is prepared for the Board's signature, requesting the suspension of the collection of the County's 2.3 mills for the 2024 tax year, which would be collected in calendar year 2025. The Budget Commission is comprised of the Auditor, Treasurer and Prosecutor. Hank noted that their next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2024, to consider the Commissioners request. The Commissioners are hopeful that by suspending property tax collections, it will aid the residents and taxpayers of Erie County.

Mr. Shoffner stated he is in favor of this request and believes this is an efficient way to give the taxpayers some financial relief. With property taxes soon rising, this is a worthy gesture to help the residents of Erie County.

Mr. Old stated that Erie County has had sound financial management for 15 years and we are in a good position to suspend property taxes and save the taxpayers money. Mr. Old is hopeful that this suspension can last more than just one year, but due to Ohio Revised Code, the County can only commit to the suspension one year at a time. Mr. Old stated inflation has hit everyone hard over the last several years, and this is one thing the county can do to assist our residents. He also hopes other local governments throughout the county will do the same thing in order to help reduce the tax burden on all of our citizens.

Board executes letter to Erie County Budget Commissioner **requesting the suspension of the collection of the County's 2.3 inside millage for 2024 tax year.**

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor to **make payment to the Erie County Treasurer;** Roll Call: All Aye (#24-278 - Special Assessment Bonds for drainage improvements on Kelley's Island)

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 (#24-279)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **establishing an Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for Erie County** with the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-280)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Vestige GPS Vendor Services Agreement;** Roll Call: All Aye (#24-282 - providing Duress/GPS tracking devices, holsters and online training for ECDJFS - \$5,005)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution confirming the contract between the **North Point Educational Services Center and the Erie County Sheriff;** Roll Call: All Aye (#24-283 - providing deputy sheriff at facilities for 2024-2025 academic year)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor to make **supplemental appropriations and a budget modification** re General Operating Fund: Commissioners - Administration, Human Resources and County Court; Childrens Services Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-284)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution executing payment of **Then 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 (#24-285)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Gardiner Service Company**; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-286 - providing HVAC maintenance services for DOES - \$17,475.00) Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **ICP, Inc. dba Institutional Care Pharmacy** in an additional amount of \$80,000 re providing pharmaceuticals to The Meadows at Osborn Park.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **American Health Association (AHA)** in an additional amount of \$4,000 re providing clinical lab services for patients at The Meadows at Osborn Park.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Thomas M. Dusza** in an additional amount of \$6,000 re providing Title IV-D child support enforcement hearing officer services for ECDJFS.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Erie County Common Pleas Court** in an additional amount of \$40,000 re providing Title IV-D clerical services for ECDJFS, Child Support Enforcement Agency.

Board approves Equipment Outlay and Request Form for **Engineer's Office** re two-door access security system in the amount of \$3,736.00.

Board approves Travel Request Form for **Tim King**, Regional Planning, attending Northwest Ohio Mayors and Managers Association meeting in Pemberville, Ohio, on 8/21/24 at no cost.

Board approves Travel Request Form for **Neil Yingling III**, ECDJFS, attending CCMEP Roundtable Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, on 8/27/24 at no cost.

Board approves Travel Request Form for **Tory Yarbro**, FCFC, traveling to Fremont with Mentor Youth Group on 8/17/24 at no cost.

Board approves Travel Request Forms for **Tira Serrano**, FCFC, transporting youth for assessment at University Hospital Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio, on 8/26/24 and 9/6/24 at no cost.

Board approves Travel Request Form for **Mariam Glass** and **Robyn Forrest**, ECDJFS, attending CCMEP Roundtable meeting in Lima, Ohio, on 8/14/24 at no cost.

Board approves Personnel Action Form for **DOES** re **Sandra Ehrhardt**, Accountant/Billing Office Manager, longevity increase based on 10 years of service effective 8/18/24.

Board approves Personnel Action Form for **Family and Children First Council** re **Tiffanee Beard**, part-time Service Coordinator, resignation effective 8/2/24.

Board approves Personnel Action Form for **Information Technology** re **Christopher Williams**, Computer System Administrator, resignation effective 8/6/24.

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **ECDJFS** re **Deeann Carter**, from Telephone Operator 2 to Clerical Specialist - OMJ effective 8/4/24; **Eula Sanders**, from Telephone Operator 2 to Clerical Specialist - OMJ effective 8/4/24.

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re **Lauren Brown**, full-time STNA, resignation effective 8/1/24; **Tammy Brown**, full-time STNA, resignation effective 7/31/24; **Danielle McNair**, full-time STAN, rate increase due to completion of extended probation effective 8/11/24; and **Joshua Walters**, full-time STNA, resignation effective 8/15/14.

Board approves Job Description re **Clerical Specialist, OhioMeansJobs** for **ECDJFS**.

Board approves **Request to Carry Over Vacation** re **Sandra Ehrhardt**, DOES - Billing.

Board approves Request for Recruitment for **Juvenile Court** re **Intermittent Juvenile Corrections Officer - Detention Home**.

Received cover letter and copy of **Jail Meal and Turn Key Report** from Sheriff Sigsworth, per O.R.C. 311.20.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 9:50 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye

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