

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

ALL PRESENT

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

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board approves the **November 21, 2024 Erie County Commission Meeting Minutes**; Roll Call: All Aye

**County Administrator re Various Issues.**

Erie County Community Infrastructure Grant - County Administrator Hank Solowiej stated that in September, the Board approved agreements with several Townships, Villages and Cities for the Community Infrastructure Grant, totaling \$500,000. The agreement stated that all projects needed to be completed by the end of this year. Currently, no contracts have been completed due to the timing the contract was signed. Hank suggested making a motion to extend the Erie County Community Infrastructure Grant Agreements through the end of 2025.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board **extends all outstanding Erie County Community Infrastructure Grant Agreements** through December 31, 2025; Roll Call: All Aye

Department of Environmental Services Union Contract - Hank noted that the final version of the AFSCME contract with Department of Environmental Services is ready for approval today. This contract covers three years, with a rate adjustment in 2025 and zero adjustments in 2026 and 2027. This contract includes Water, Sewer, Billing, and Landfill.

Recorder Software Contract - There is a contract extension going through the meeting today for Tyler Technologies. Hank noted that this company is the current software provider with the Recorder's Office. Since there will be a new Recorder, it was decided to extend the current contract one year, until the new Recorder can decide if he would like to change companies. Mr. Shenigo asked if Hank addressed the Recorder's issues with the company. Hank stated he did have a conversation with Tyler Technologies and the issues were going to be addressed.

Axon Body Armor - The five-year Axon Body Armor Agreement with the Sheriff's Office is going through the meeting today. This is a large investment into the Sheriff's Office. Hank noted that this agreement takes us from the current one multi-system to one system for updates to the equipment, making for a smoother transition. Hank noted that since the property tax collection has been suspended for next year, we will use the Capital Fund for the first year. After the first year, the Sheriff's General Fund budget will need to increase to pay for the following years of the contract.

Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Job Posting - Mr. Old asked why the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services Board would like to hire a part-time Office Manager. He has questions about what this person would do and why the position is necessary. Mr. Old stated this is the first he is hearing about this and would like to have a conversation with the Board Director before the Board makes a final decision. Hank noted that Executive Director Diane Taylor does not believe the Commissioners have the authority to approve or deny job postings because the ADAHMS Office has their own Board.

The Commissioners deny this request.

**Public Comment.**

Erie County Resident Rick Scheel asked if Erie County has a contract with Greater Sandusky Partnership (GSP) to provide a service to Erie County since Erie County is giving funds to GSP. Hank stated that our agreement is with the Erie County Community Improvement Corporation, which is a private 501c3 organization. This organization has an agreement with GSP to provide economic development in Erie County. Mr. Old mentioned that the Erie CIC was created by the legislature to provide funding for economic development purposes. The funds given to GSP this year for economic development are not General Fund dollars, but funds that were provided to the County from the Wheatborough Solar TIF Agreement.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board **cancels** the following **January Commission Meetings**: Wednesday, January 1 (New Year's Day); Thursday, January 2; Monday, January 6; Thursday, January 9; Thursday, January 16; Monday, January 20; Wednesday, January 22; Thursday, January 23; and Monday, January 27; Wednesday, January 29, 2025; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution ratifying the tentative agreement with **Erie County Department of Environmental Services and AFSCME Ohio Council 8, Local 3081**; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-388)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution confirming an agreement between **Berlin Township Trustees and the Erie County Sheriff**; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-389) - providing emergency radio dispatch services to the Berlin Township Fire Department)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Tyler Technologies, Inc.**, Roll Call: All Aye (#24-390)- extending the term of the Recorder software agreement for one-year commencing on January 1, 2025)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution approving a contract with **Axon Enterprises, Inc.**, Roll Call: All Aye (#24-391)- providing equipment body cameras, dashboard cameras, tasers and data management services for Erie County Sheriff's Department.

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 (#24-392).

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor to make **budget modifications and supplemental appropriations** re General Operating Fund: Facilities - Sheriff's, County Court and Prosecuting Attorney; Formula Grant B-F-22-1-AU-1 Fund; 7/26-6/24 Rape Crisis Grant Fund; Landfill Operations Fund; Care Facility Operations Fund; and Help Me Grow - FCFC Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-393)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **authorizing payment for services & supplies** provided to Jenmet Construction, LLC; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-394)

Board approves payment of Pay Estimate No. 2 (final) to **Gerken Paving, Inc.** in the amount 188,413.91 re improving by microsurfacing on various roads in Erie County for The County Engineer's Office.

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re **Lauren Wiggins**, full-time STNA, termination effective 12/5/24; **Victoria Harris**, part-time STNA, termination effective 12/2/24; **Ti'Adria Aaron**, part-time STNA, termination effective 12/5/24; **Barbara Maschari**, Full-time LPN, resignation effective 11/29/24; **Taylor Ball**, part-time STNA, rate increase due to completion of probation, effective 11/30/24.

Board approves Personnel Action Form for **D.O.E.S.** for **Wesley Brewer**, Chief Equipment Repair Operator III, employment effective 12/10/24.

Board **denied** Request for Recruitment re **part-time Office Manager** for the **ADAMHS Board**.

Received letter from Erie County Health Department re **Erie County Landfill Quarterly Inspection**.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 10:02 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye