

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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 **November 6, 9, 16, 20 and 22, 2023 and December 11, 2023 Commission Meeting minutes**; Roll Call: All Aye

The Commissioners welcomed the third graders from the Regional Center for Advanced Academics (RCAA's). Mr. Shenigo explained what the Commissioners' job is and how government works. Sheriff Sigsworth was also present and the third graders were able to ask the Commissioners and Sheriff many questions.

On motion of MR. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **recesses** into the Erie CIC Annual Meeting; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **reconvenes**; Roll Call: All Aye

Public Comment.

Drainage on Cherry Road.

Mr. Robert Dunn, 12809 Cherry Road, Vermilion, came before the Board to discuss an issue that has been going on for over two years. Mr. Dunn purchased his property in February 2020 and there has been flooding issues since. Mr. Dunn stated his property is being flooded by over 50 homes directly onto his property with no outlet to Lake Erie. He mentioned that he cannot find any records of a culvert ever being constructed on the property. Mr. Dunn has contacted Vermilion Township Road Department, Vermilion Township Trustees, Erie County Soil and Water, Erie County Engineer, Ohio EPA, Erie Regional Planning Commission, and has sat in township meetings and heard others complain of flooding issues. Mr. Dunn stated he spoke with the County Engineer and Assistant Prosecutor Charles Bennett and he offered to place an easement on his property, hoping to make the current ditch larger, but the County Engineer and Assistant Prosecutor Mr. Bennett denied this request.

Mr. Dunn stated that he and Mr. Bennett have disagreed on documentation related to the property having the proper drainage. Mr. Dunn provided documentation he received from a survey company that does not mention culverts, but states that iron pin sets are on the corners of his property. Mr. Dunn also stated his neighbor, two houses to the west, had a survey completed on his property and that survey shows one of the pin locations where the two properties meet.

In response to Mr. Dunn's documentation, He stated that Assistant Prosecutor Charles Bennett sent a letter to Mr. Dunn, on behalf of County Engineer Jack Farschman, stating that a 1976 Culvert Maintenance Responsibility mentions a culvert located on Mr. Dunn's property. Mr. Dunn added that the 1976 Culvert Maintenance Responsibility states the culvert is located from Darrow Road to Mason Road, which is located in front of 8913 Cherry Road, not Mr. Dunn's property.

Mr. Dunn stated that he has spent hours researching the drainage and water laws in Ohio, researching all of the deeds, surveys, and easements in his area, and walked the ditch to figure out why the water is being dumped onto his property. Mr. Dunn requested that the Commissioners look at all the information that he provided to them to help them make a fair decision. The Commissioners stated that all information will be considered and they would speak with County Engineer and Drainage Superintendent Jeremy Blakely.

Wheatsborough Solar Project.

Mr. Roger Hunker, APEX Clean Energy, introduced Pat Cavanaugh, who is the construction Manager at the site of the Wheatsborough Solar Project. Mr. Cavanaugh stated they have stated pre-drilling the pylons for the solar panels. He mentioned the Commissioners are welcome to stop out to the site anytime and he would be happy to show them around.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board accepts bids opened on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 re **JFS HVAC and Screen Wall Renovations for Facilities Department**, and refers same to Director of Facilities for review and recommendation back to the Board; Roll Call: All Aye

COMPANY	AMOUNT	BID BOND
Warner Mechanical 1609 Dickenson Street Fremont, Ohio 43420	\$851,840.00	X
Bayes, Inc. 7414 Ponderosa Road Perrysburg, Ohio 43551-4857	\$769,332.00	X
BEST Commercial Energy Services 1340 E. Archwood Avenue Akron, Ohio 44306	\$670,000.00	X
Dimech Services, Inc. 5505 Enterprise Blvd. Toledo, Ohio 43612	\$850,000.00	X
ESTIMATE	\$710,000.00	

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board accepts bids opened on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 re **JFS HVAC Controls Project** for Facilities Department, and refers same to Director of Facilities for review and recommendation back to the Board; Roll Call: All Aye

COMPANY	AMOUNT	BID BOND
Wadsworth 1500 Michael Owens Way Perrysburg, Ohio 43551	\$234,000.00	X
BEST Commercial Energy Services 1340 E. Archwood Avenue Akron, Ohio 44306	\$285,000.00	X
ESTIMATE	\$300,000.00	

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board accepts bids opened on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 re **improving by mowing on designated Erie County roads** for County Engineer and refers same to County Engineer for review and recommendation back to the Board; Roll Call: All Aye

COMPANY	AMOUNT	BID BOND
Schippel's Excavating & Concrete LLC 9505 Bemis Road Bellevue, Ohio 44811	\$114,735.42	Certified Check
ESK Landscaping 9000 Bank Street Valley View, Ohio 44125	\$378,869.65	X
ESTIMATE	\$112,500.00	

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board **cancel**s the following Commission Meetings for **January 2024**: Monday, January 1 (New Year's Day); Thursday, January 4; Wednesday, January 10; Thursday, January 11; Monday, January 15 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day); Thursday, January 18; Monday, January 22; Thursday, January 25; Monday, January 29; and Wednesday, January 31, 2024; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **authorizing the County Engineer to proceed by force account** for normal maintenance and repair of county roads, bridges, culverts and associated roadside drainage; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-381)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution confirming an agreement with the **Erie County Sheriff and Village of Kelley's Island**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-382 - radio dispatch services to the Village of Kelley's Island Police, Fire and EMS Departments)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an **amendment with the Erie County Sheriff**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-383 - providing additional funding in the amount of \$5,101.67 for Title IV-D clerical services for Child Support Enforcement Agency)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution confirming an agreement with the **Erie County Sheriff and Village of Bay View**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-384 - providing emergency radio dispatch services to the Village of Bay View Police and Fire Departments)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts the annual appropriation resolution for the **2024 spending plan**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-385)

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **General Health District** in an additional amount of \$5,000 re purpose of providing general dentistry services to inmates housed at the Erie County Jail.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Azavar Technologies Corporation** in an additional amount of \$6,208.00 re providing software and technical support related to the administration for Erie County lodging tax by Erie County Auditor.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Firelands Corporate Health** in an additional amount of \$2,000 re providing DOT testing and pre-employment physical testing services for The Meadows at Osborn Park.

Board approves Equipment Outlay and Request Form for **Emergency Management Agency** re 2024 GMC Sierra 2500 4WD in the amount of \$60,000.

Board approves Equipment Outlay and Request Form for **Juvenile Court** re removal and installation of new 14 gauge security door with security pass through kit in the amount of \$8,387.

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **ECDJFS** re **Cameron Sharkey**, from Eligibility Specialist Aide 3 to Eligibility Specialist 3 effective 12/24/23; **Chris Mulder**, from Account Clerk 3 to Eligibility Specialist 2 effective 1/7/24; **Eula Sanders**, from Telephone Operator 2 to Eligibility Specialist Aide 3 effective 1/7/24; **Kim Leibacher**, from Eligibility Specialist 2 to Eligibility Specialist 3 effective 12/24/23.

Board approves Personnel Action Form for **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re **Ashley Johnson**, from full-time RN to PRN RN Supervisor effective 1/7/24.

Board approves Request for Recruitment for **ECDJFS** re **Telephone Operator 2** (OhioMeansJobs).

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 11:00 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye

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