

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 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.

**County Administrator re Various Issues.**

Sales Tax - Final sales tax collections for December 2023 totaled \$1.9 million, which is equal to what was received last year. Collections for the entire year total \$21.647 million, which is close to 4% higher than last year. In comparison, Hank noted that in 2016, sales tax collections totaled \$15.9 million for the year, 2018 collections totaled \$16.03 million and in 2019, collections totaled \$16.27 million. It was noted that tax collections have increased all over the state partially due to political jurisdictions collecting taxes from Amazon purchases. Mr. Shenigo noted that the increase in collections from 2016 to 2019 is also likely due to Sports Force opening during that timeframe.

Gas Tax - Final gas tax collections total for December is \$332,000, which brings the total for the year to \$3.827 million. The County budgeted for \$3.7 million, which is 3.4%, or \$126,000, more than what was budgeted and from this time last year.

Clinical Leader of the Year - Hank was notified that Director of Nursing/Assistant Director of The Meadows at Osborn Park, Donna Patrick, was nominated for The American Association of Post Acute Care Nursing's (AAPACN) Clinical leader of the year. The AAPACN Clinical Leader of the Year Award is presented to a clinical leader who embodies the four values of AAPACN - inspiration, influence, integrity, and innovation.

Hank stated this is a nationwide application process and the AAPACN unanimously chose Donna Patrick as AAPACN's 2024 Clinical Leader of the Year. Donna will get to attend the 2024 AAPACN's annual conference in Hollywood, Florida when she will receive the award and be recognized. Hank also noted that AAPACN will be covering the cost of her conference, hotel stay and travel costs.

The Commissioners' recommended putting together a newspaper article announcing her award and instructed Hank to organize a catered lunch at The Meadows for Donna and her staff.

County Roads - Mr. Old stated he was driving around at 6:30 a.m. this morning and was surprised that the County roads had not been plowed overnight. He noted that the Township roads were plowed and salted. Mr. Old recommended that Hank have a discussion with the County Engineer on his philosophy of salting roadways and ask why he didn't put any salt down on county roads.

Mr. Shoffner added that he too was on the roads early this morning and noticed how bad the County roads were but noted that the State roads were fine. He stated that the School Superintendent drives the roads between 4:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. to decide if school should be canceled or not, so that is the best time to have roads plowed and salted.

County Bridges - Mr. Old has observed that the new bridge over Pipe Creek and the bridge on Columbus Avenue both have bronze plaques with the County Engineer's name on them. Mr. Old wholeheartedly disagrees with the philosophy of politicians publishing their name on their work. Mr. Old believes these signs were done for political reasons and both plaques should be taken down. He added that when Judge Lux assisted with the construction of the new Municipal Court, he refused to put up a bronze sign with his name. Mr. Old recommends that Hank look into the cost of how much each bronze plaque cost and who paid for it.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board awards bid re **improving by mowing designated Erie County roads** to **Schippel's Excavating & Concrete, LLC**, Bellevue, Ohio, in the amount of \$114,735.42, as the lowest and best bid which meets all specifications upon the recommendation of the County Engineer; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board awards bid re **JFS HVAC and Screen Wall Renovations** to **BEST Commercial Energy Services** in the amount of \$670,000.00, as the lowest and best bid which meets all specifications and upon the recommendation of the Director of Facilities; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of MR. Old, Board awards bid re **JFS HVAC Controls** to **Wadsworth**, Perrysburg, Ohio, in the amount of \$234,000.00, as the lowest and best bid which meets all specifications and upon the recommendation of the Director of Facilities; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **supporting the application by Charter Communications (Spectrum) to Round 2 of the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-386)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution declaring certain items surplus and ordering same to be **discarded or salvaged**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-387)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution confirming an agreement with the **Erie County Sheriff and Village of Berlin Heights**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-388 - providing emergency dispatch services to the Berlin Heights Police Department)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution confirming an agreement with the **Erie County Sheriff and the City of Sandusky**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-389 - providing emergency dispatch services to the City of Sandusky Police, Fire, and Service Departments)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **releasing any liens or claims of liens against property now or formerly owned by Jeffrey A. Tolley and Bonnie L. Parrella, married**, located at 9609 St. Rt. 99, Monroeville, Ohio, Tax ID Number 29-00015.016 for installment payments for water tap services; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-390)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **releasing any liens or claims of liens against property now or formerly owned by John R. McClester, Betty L. McClester, and Matthew McClester**, located at 98 Berlin Road, Berlin Heights, Ohio, Tax ID Number 06.00291.000 for installment payments for water tap services; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-391)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of MR. Old, Board adopts resolution **releasing any liens or claims of liens against property now or formerly owned by Mimi Land Company LLC dba Mucci Farms Ohio, located at 1101 Rye Beach Road, Huron Township, Ohio, Tax ID Number 39-67001.000, 39-67002.000, and 39-67003.000** for installment payments for sewer tap services; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-392)

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 (#23-393)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor and make **budget modifications and supplemental appropriations** re General Operating Fund: Facilities, Commissioners General, Sunset Permissive, VOCA - Local Match, Board of Elections, General - Judge Tone, Family Court, Juvenile Detention Facility, Coroner, Sheriff and Public Defender; Public Assistance Fund; Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Fund; Northern Ohio Juvenile CCF Fund; Capital Improvements - Municipal Court Fund; TCAP Sheriff 2023-2025 Fund; Drug Enforcement Fund; TCAP Adult Probation 2023-2025 Fund; Emergency Management Fund; 2023 Rape Crisis Fund; 2023 VOCA Grant Fund; 2023 SVAA Grant Fund; 2023 VAWA Grant Fund; Compensated Reserve Fund; Erie County Sewer Fund; Water District Fund; Landfill Operations Fund; Care Facility Operations Fund; Employee Self Insurance Fund; and Keeping Families Together Grant Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-394)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor to make **interfund transfers** re General Operating Fund: Planning Department; Erie Regional Planning Fund; ERPC Fund; Metropolitan Planning Organization Fund; General Operating Fund: Commissioners Fund; Compensated Reserve Fund; Capital Improvement Fund; Technology Capital Improvement Fund; General Operating Fund: Commissioners General; Erie County Sewer Fund; General Operating Fund: Sunset Permissive; CF Capital Improvement Reserve Fund; Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Fund; Childrens Services Fund; Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund; and Public Assistance Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-395)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **regarding annual ditch maintenance assessments upon benefited property owners**, per O.R.C. 6137.06; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-396)  
Board executes **Certificate of Retirement** to **Amy Kazmaier**, Erie County Sheriff's Office effective 12/31/23.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Polydyne** in an additional amount of \$3,864.00 re providing treatment chemicals (polymer-liquid emulsion form) for DOES - Wastewater Treatment Division.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **VIP Supreme Staffing** in an additional amount of \$9,000 re providing the planning and execution of the Nurse's Aide education program at The Meadows at Osborn Park.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for the **Erie County Prosecutor's Office** in an additional amount of \$3,000 re providing legal counsel regarding the administration of funding received under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act for ECDJFS.

Board approves Equipment Outlay and Request Form for **ECDJFS** re 2023 GMC Sierra 1500 pickup truck in the amount of \$44,000.

Board approves Travel Request Form for **Tim Jonovich**, EMA, attending North Central Emergency Management Organization Regional Meeting in Mansfield, Ohio, on 1/19/24 at no cost.

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re **Whitlee Alexander**, full-time LPN, cancel employment effective 12/11/23; **Dominique Payton**, full-time STNA, employment effective 12/18/23.

Board approves Request for Recruitment for **ECDJFS** re **Social Service Worker 2**.

Received letter from Treasurer Caleb Stidham re **2023 Annual Report of DTAC Fund**, per O.R.C. 321.261(C).

Received copy of memo to Erie County Budget Commission Members from Alyssa Heater, Finance Manager, re **2023 Revised Estimated Resources**.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 9:57 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye

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