

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 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.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **recesses** into **Erie Community Improvement Corporation Annual Meeting**; Roll Call: All Aye

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

County Administrator re Various Issues.

Sales Tax - Preliminary sales tax for December for September sales, \$1.78 million, is 6% less than last year at this time. Sales tax collections for 2024 will be approximately \$21.7 million compared to \$21.6 million last year. Hank noted this compares to \$19 million in 2021.

Wheatsborough Solar - Hank clarified, for the record, that the \$150,000 to EHOVE and the \$50,000 to be designated for economic development will not be paid to the entities until the Wheatsborough Solar Project starts producing electricity. Hank noted the tentative start date for this is March or April. Hank asked if the Board would be receptive to giving the \$50,000 to the Erie County Land Bank, with the Board responding yes. Hank will let APEX Clean Energy know our recommendation.

Engineer Brine Equipment update - Administrative Assistant Denise Bellamy, Assistant Field Superintendent Jeff David and Auto Mechanic 2 Josh Meyer were present from the Engineer's Office to give an update on the brine equipment that the Commissioners inquired about at the last meeting.

Assistant Field Superintendent Jeff David stated that two brine trucks were used last Thursday and Friday during the first severe weather storm. A trailer is currently being built by the manufacturer, which will give the Engineer's Office another truck to be used during severe weather. Mr. Shenigo asked what time the Engineer road patrol starts salting roads when the weather is bad. Mr. David stated that on Thursday, the department was out brining/salting at 11:30 p.m. He mentioned that the department is informed of the weather from the Sheriff and the crews are dispatched right away. Mr. David stated that the County is divided into four quadrants with each route being approximately 35 miles. Mr. David stated that each truck usually reloads salt once during that route, as the trucks can hold 15 ton of salt. Mr. Shenigo suggested using the ODOT salt barn located in Vermilion to prevent having to drive back to Sandusky. Mrs. Bellamy noted that in 2024, 1,334 ton of brine/salt has been spread, treating 9,028 miles of road. The Commissioners asked Mr. David and Mr. Meyer if there were any obstacles at this moment that would prevent the road patrol from getting the roads salted/brined any quicker.

The Commissioners are open to suggestions, as they are not in favor of schools closing due to county roads not being salted/brined. The Commissioners were appreciative of the Engineer's staff for attending the meeting.

Auditor Dues - Mr. Old questioned the amount of dues the Auditor is requesting to belong to the County Auditor's Association. Mr. Old stated Mr. Jeffrey is asking for payment of \$3,500 for CAAO dues and an additional \$890.00 for the International Association of Assessing Officers. Mr. Old would like to know why the dues are so expensive and what we get for our dues. The only thing he can recall CAAO advocating for is getting County Auditor's pay raises and for some reason opposing Lorain County's ballot initiative on charter form of government. The Commissioners are not comfortable paying \$4,390 for dues until they understand what the taxpayers are getting for their money. Hank noted that he would pull the invoices to try to attain more information.

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 (#24-382)

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 (#24-383)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution confirming an agreement between the **Village of Bay View and the Erie County Sheriff**; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-384) - re 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 resolution authorizing the County Auditor to make **budget modifications and supplemental appropriations** re General Operating Fund: Facilities - Sheriff's, Clerk of Courts, Huron Municipal, Vermilion Municipal, Commissioners - Administration, Human Resources, Microfilm, Recorder, General - Judge Tone, Clerk of Courts, County Court and Sandusky Municipal; Sheriff Policing & SRO Fund; ADAMHS Erie - General Fund; Childrens Services Fund; Motor Vehicle License & Gas Tax Fund; Delinquent Real Estate Prosecutor Fund; CHIP Grant 2021 Fund; Northern Ohio Juvenile CCF Fund; Legal Rep Pilot Project Grant Fund; Employee Self-Insurance Fund; and Erie County Sewer Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-385)

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: Public Assistance; Public Assistance Fund; General Operating Fund: Children Services; Children Services Fund; Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Fund; Children Services Fund; Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund; and Public Assistance Fund; Roll Call: All Aye

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 (#24-387)

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Aramark Correctional Services, LLC** in an additional amount of \$40,000.00 re providing janitorial and laundry outsourcing services for The Meadows at Osborn Park.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **US Bank Equipment Finance** in an additional amount of \$300.00 providing a copier lease agreement for a RI-Ricoh IM C4510 color MFP copier for Human Resources Department.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Gergely's Maintenance King Supplies & Services, INC.** in an additional amount of \$10,626.32 re providing janitorial services for Facilities Department regarding the following buildings: Services Center, Services Center Annex, Juvenile Justice Center and Jail.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Erie County Prosecutor's Office** in an additional amount of \$10,000.00 re providing Title IV-D child support enforcement legal services for ECDJFS, Child Support Enforcement Agency.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Vestige GPS** in an additional amount of \$100.00 re providing of providing 25 Duress/GPS tracking devices and holsters for ECDJFS.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Sheriff's Office** in an additional amount of \$10,000.00 re providing security services at ECDJFS.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Erie County Common Pleas Court** in an additional amount of \$15,000.00 providing Title IV-D clerical services for ECDJFS, Child Support Enforcement Agency.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Dietrich, LLC** in an additional amount of \$193.00 providing money courier services for Clerk of Courts.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Best Commercial Energy Services, INC.** in an additional amount of \$1,660.00 providing Job and Family Services HVAC and screen wall renovations for Facilities Department.

Board approves specifications for **Jail security camera systems** and authorizes Finance Department to proceed with bid process.

Board approves **Modifications to the Purchasing Policy** laws re Competitive Bidding Cost Threshold, Section 2. Procurement Methods Section I, Procurement Methods: Section II Equipment Outlay and Request Forms, and

Board executes **Birthday Proclamation** for **Wanda Jesberger**.

Board approves Travel Request Form for **Tory Yarbrow**, Family and Children First, attending Youth Christmas Party in Fremont Ohio, on 12/14/24 at no cost.

Received letter from Sheriff Sigsworth requesting \$250.00 to be charged to **gasoline credit cards** for the month of January 2025, per O.R.C. 301.27.

Received cover letter and copy of **Transportation of Prisoners Report** from Sheriff Sigsworth, per O.R.C. 311.20.

Received cover letter and copy of **Jail Meal and Turn Key Report** from Sheriff Sigsworth for the month of November 2024, per O.R.C. 311.20.

Received copy of **Summary of Work Throughout County and Traffic Studies Performed** spreadsheet for 2024 from County Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 10:25 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye