

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019

ALL PRESENT

President Shenigo called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer given by Pastor Todd Nielsen of The Chapel.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Gerhard Gross was also present.

Bid Opening re **Solid Waste Transportation/Hauling Services - rebid** for **DOES**; Purchasing Coordinator Leah Trumpower opens same:

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>BID BOND</u>
R & J Trucking, Inc. Youngstown, Ohio 44512	SB 268	X
Custom Ecology of Ohio Sylvania, Ohio 43560	SB 268	X
Enviro-Land Management, LLC Lagrange, Ohio 44050	SB 268	X

ESTIMATE SB 268

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board receives bids re **Solid Waste Transportation/Hauling Services** for **DOES** and refers same to Utilities Director and Finance for review and recommendation back to the Board; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board **cancel**s the following Monday **Commission Meetings**: February 4, February 11, February 18 (Presidents' Day), and February 25, 2019; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board **rescind**s Resolution No. 19-32, adopted on January 17, 2019, **placing a Health District 0.3 mill renewal levy on the May 7, 2019 ballot** (per O.R.C., this must be presented to the voters in a primary or general election); Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with the **Ohio Attorney General**; Roll Call: All Aye (#19-43 - providing debt collection services for Adult Probation Department - Common Pleas Court - Judge Tone)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **authorizing payment to Executive Cleaners** for services provided to the Sheriff's Office; Roll Call: All Aye (#19-44)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **authorizing payment to Richard D. Alexander, Sr.** for services provided to Family and Children First Council; Roll Call: All Aye (#19-45)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **authorizing payment to ICP, Inc.** for supplies provided to the Sheriff's Office; Roll Call: All Aye (#19-46)

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 (#19-47)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Accurate Business Machines**; Roll Call: All Aye (#19-48 - providing an annual maintenance agreement on typewriters in various Erie County offices)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **authorizing payment to Neil Hemminger** for supplies provided to the Engineer's Office; Roll Call: All Aye (#19-49)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **amending the 2019 Budgetary Policies and Guidelines (Amendment No. 2)**; Roll Call: All Aye (#19-50 - Departmental Expenditure Budgets)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **authorizing payment to Debra L. Boros** for supplies provided to the Common Pleas Court - Judge Binette; Roll Call: All Aye (#19-51)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with the **Erie County General Health District Board of Health**; Roll Call: All Aye (#19-52 - providing medical and nursing services for youth at the Juvenile Detention Center and Northern Ohio Community Corrections Facility)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution ratifying the tentative agreement between the **Erie County Board of Commissioners/Erie County Department of Environmental Services and AFSCME Ohio Council 8, Local 3081**; Roll Call: All Aye (#19-53)

Pete Daniel re Various Issues.

Budget Policies. Pete detailed the changes in the Budget Policies that were adopted by the Commissioners, saying that, rather than setting 2019 budgets based on what was budgeted in 2018, adjustments will be made to reflect spending trends and one-time transactions.

Representative Kaptur. Pete recently attended a meeting with U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur's staff, along with a tour of the new drug rehab center. He learned that legislation may be introduced at the Federal level for infrastructure funding. Those present at that meeting urged that communities under any type of EPA finding (such as consent decrees) get priority consideration for funding. We were also made aware of another grant program that we will mention to our engineering firms.

Mr. Shenigo said that the County has an I&I (infiltration and inflow) problem with our sewer lines, and the EPA has issued an order for us to address it. Mr. Old said he would like to have public discussion about this, especially where the funding will come from to resolve this. He directed Pete to work with DOES on ways to generate revenue.

Public Comment.

Roger Hunker, Development Associate with Apex Clean Energy, introduced himself to the Board, noting that he has an office in Bellevue. He was at the meeting to get a better understanding of the Board's processes. He said Apex hopes to be submitting an application by the end of this week to the Power Siting Board for the Emerson Creek Wind Farm, and will be in touch with the Commissioners regarding the establishment of a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) program. Mr. Old asked what the timeline is for this, and Mr. Hunker said he will be submitting his request to the Commissioners within a month or so after the Power Siting Board approves their application.

Finance Department re Budget Presentation. Present were Ed Widman, Director of Finance; Melissa Tomaro, Assistant Finance Director; and Rachel Malone, Director of Business Services, Board of Developmental Disabilities. Ed mentioned that he has revisited several departments to inform them of the change in the budget policies.

Treasurer - Executive, Delinquent Real Estate Tax Assessment Collection and Prepaid Real Estate Investment Earnings Funds. Treasurer Pam Ferrell is asking for an additional \$5,000 in General Fund dollars to cover an increase in the cost of the contract with her investment consultant. Mr. Shenigo asked if that could be paid from another one of her funds, rather than increasing her budget. Pete said she should be allocating a portion of that cost to her Prepaid Fund, and the Commissioners could make that appropriation.

Mrs. Ferrell has agreed to assume some non-personnel expenses from the Prosecutor's DRETAC fund again this year. However, it was noted that she has a projected ending balance in that fund of \$374,382, and Mr. Shenigo asked if she could assume other Prosecutor costs. Pete said that Mrs. Ferrell is concerned that balance will be decreasing, since she is collecting less in delinquent property taxes each year. Mr. Gross said, too, that collections are for lesser amounts, since the larger delinquencies were prioritized and finalized already. It was also suggested that money in her Prepaid Fund be moved to DRETAC or the General Fund. Mr. Shenigo directed Ed to ask her to consider this. (Note per Ed Widman: these funds cannot be moved, but expenses can be allocated and appropriated in these other areas.)

Planning and Development - Executive - within budget policies, reflecting state and federal grant dollars.

Coroner - Dr. Baxter is asking that funds budgeted to cover autopsy expenses remain the same as budgeted in 2018 (\$140,000), although actual expenses were \$107,870, and the Board agreed.

Law Library Resources Board - An additional \$20,000 has been requested for an increase in the cost of periodical subscriptions, which are mandated by the State. Mr. Shenigo said he would like to see a list of the periodicals purchased, and Melissa noted that the \$248,221 requested covers more than just newspapers - such as on-line research resources. Melissa also pointed out that other line items have been reduced. She will get specifics on the periodicals and subscriptions purchased by the Law Library and get that information to the Commissioners.

Pete also mentioned that a local municipal court is two years behind (\$70,000) in making required payments to the Library. He suggested increasing the amount of budgeted revenues to \$370,000 to reflect the anticipated payment.

OSU Extension - This year's allocation remains at \$229,815. Melissa said that this amount is determined by the Commissioners, and Pete noted that we don't have to give them any funds. Mr. Shenigo suggested cutting our contribution and having the Extension Office receive more from OSU. The Commissioners would like to know if there are any consequences if we do reduce the amount we give them, and what their total expenditures are.

Veteran Services Board - Salaries and benefits are up from last year due to pay increases and an additional employee. They are requesting a new minivan with wheelchair accessibility to transport one veteran at a time to medical appointments. They plan to keep the van they currently have.

Board approves the following **Revised Auditor's Certificates**:

- **Ohio Telecom** in an additional amount of \$215.00 re monthly phone services fees for Clerk of Courts.
- **Ohio Telecom** in an additional amount of \$155.00 re monthly phone services fees for Dog Warden's Office.
- **Ohio Telecom** in an additional amount of \$735.00 re monthly phone services fees for DOES.

- **Ohio Telecom** in an additional amount of \$13,825.00 re monthly phone services fees for Facilities Department.
- **Ohio Telecom** in an additional amount of \$1,165.00 re monthly phone services fees for Facilities Department.
- **Ohio Telecom** in an additional amount of \$340.00 re monthly phone services fees for Public Defender's Office.

Board authorizes expenses for **Chuck Solander**, Veterans Service Office, attending Ohio State Association of County Veteran Service Officers winter quarterly meeting in Dublin, Ohio on 3/8/19 in an estimated amount of \$427.50.

Board authorizes expenses for **Holly Kidd**, Veterans Service Office, attending Ohio State Association of County Veteran Service Officers winter quarterly meeting in Dublin, Ohio, on 3/8/19 in an estimated amount of \$427.50.

Board authorizes expenses for **Mike Lang**, Veterans Service Office, attending Ohio State Association of County Veteran Service Officers winter quarterly meeting in Dublin, Ohio, on 3/8/19 in an estimated amount of \$427.50.

Received letter from United States Department of Agriculture re **funding lapse during government shut down** (lease payments).

Received letter from Ohio Department of Agriculture re **treatment of Gypsy Moth (Vermilion Township) and notice of open house on Thursday, February 21, 2019.**

Received letter from Ohio Development Services Agency re **audit of CDBG, HOME and HTF grants** for the period of 1/1/17 through 12/31/18 (April 9, 2019).

Received Journal Entry from Ohio Department of Taxation re **notice of reappraisal for Erie County.**

Received letter from Erie County Board of DD re **motion rescinding levy request for 0.5 mill additional levy for 2019.**

Received letter from Board of Elections **requesting separation pay for Tracy Enderle**, who resigned effective January 31, 2019. Board approves request, to be paid from the Compensated Reserve Fund.

Received copy of letter to Aaron Klein, P.E., City of Sandusky, from Pete Daniel, County Administrator, re **City/County Sewer Agreement issues.**

Received copy of 12/11/18 **Mental Health and Recovery Board of Erie & Ottawa Counties** meeting minutes.

Received copy of 1/7/19 **Veterans Service Commission** meeting minutes.

Received copy of 12/26/18 **Erie Ottawa International Airport Authority meeting minutes**, 1/23/19 meeting agenda, and financial information for December 2018.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 10:50 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye

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