

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020

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. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board approves the minutes of the **June 11, 2020 Commission meeting**; Roll Call: All Aye

Bid Opening re Resurfacing Program for County Engineer's office. Project Engineer Matt Rogers opened the bids. Chief Deputy Tim Lloyd was also present.

COMPANY	AMOUNT	BID BOND
Gerken Paving Napoleon, Ohio 43545	\$1,324,530.10	X
Erie Blacktop Sandusky, Ohio 44870	\$1,317,800.30	X
ESTIMATE	\$1,367,500.00	

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board accepts bids for **Resurfacing Program** and refers same to the County Engineer for review and recommendation back to the Board; Roll Call: All Aye

Hank Solowiej re Various Issues.

Building Reopening. Today is the first day that the County buildings are open to the public since March. Guidance has been provided to employees and guests. Masks will be required until further notice.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The CAFR was filed with GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) yesterday. In spite of the pandemic, it was submitted timely with no extensions needed.

2021 Tax Budget. The budget presentation will be given to the Board on July 15. By statute, that is the last day it should be done.

Local Government Funds. Information has been received regarding the distribution of LGF dollars, and Erie County will see an 8%, or \$88,000, reduction for the remainder of 2020.

Unemployment. The May unemployment report ranks Erie County as the highest of all 88 counties, at 19.9%.

Zoom Meetings. Today's meeting is still available using the Zoom platform, but Hank is recommending that this be the last one. The Board agreed, and the July 8 meeting will be open to the public. Social distancing will be observed in order to remain compliant with State guidelines.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, 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 (#20-172)

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution **declaring, by authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(Y), the necessity to levy a renewal and increase of an existing tax**, at the increased rate of 0.75 mill in excess of the ten (10) mill limitation for the purposes of providing or maintaining senior citizens services or facilities, as authorized by Ohio Revised Code Sections 307.694 or 307.85, or both; and requesting the Erie County Auditor certify to the Board of County Commissioners on a form in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, the amount generated by the proposed tax levy; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-173 - Serving Our Seniors)

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **SmartBill**; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-174 - processing of monthly utility bills for the DOES Billing Office)

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board awards bid re **2020 pavement marking on various roads in Erie County** to Dura Mark, Inc., Aurora, Ohio, in the amount of \$169,478.00 as lowest and best bid which meets all specifications and upon the recommendation of the Erie County Engineer; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board awards bid re **2020 hot in-place recycling** to Gallagher Asphalt, Thornton, Illinois, in the amount of \$428,309.91 as lowest and best bid which meets all specifications and upon the recommendation of the Erie County Engineer; Roll Call: Mr. Old, No; Mr. Shoffner, Aye; Mr. Shenigo, No **MOTION FAILED**

Chief Deputy Tim Lloyd asked for the reason the Commissioners disapproved proceeding with this project. Mr. Shenigo said it was too expensive and Tim said that was an incorrect statement. However, Mr. Shenigo said he has talked to a Columbia Gas employee and this process has not been proven to be reliable. He was told it had been tried by Columbia Gas and was a disaster. He believes that this experiment is not worth the cost. Tim said that Mr. Shenigo is blatantly wrong, noting that ODOT has specifications for this process and it has been done in Adams County for the last six years and cities such as Indianapolis. He said that the Commissioners have the right to reject the project, but warned against making incorrect statements in a public meeting.

Board reviews the following documents approved by the County Administrator Pete Daniel, per authority under Resolution No. 20-103 and No. 20-128:

- **Docket** dated June 30, 2020
- Purchase Contract with **Brady Signs** re new monument sign for Job and Family Services
- Fee Arrangement for Legal Services with **Seeley Savidge Ebert & Gourash, LPA** re Sandusky Sewer Services Agreement litigation

Board received and reviewed the following:

Board received letter from NEXUS Gas Transmission re **Notice of Environmental Tour**.

Received letter from the U.S. Department of Agriculture re **USDA Offices reopening**.

Received letters from the U.S. Department of Agriculture re **Final Date of Appeal re Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Default Election** re Farm 1418 (MetroParks) and Farm 3668 (River Road Property).

Received Final Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Pay Certain Prepetition Claims of Trade Claimants, (II) Confirming Administrative Expense Priority of Outstanding Orders, and (III) Granting Related Relief in re: **J.C. Penney Company Inc., et al, United States Bankruptcy Court** for the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division, Chapter 11, Case No. 20-20182.

Received Finding and Order from **The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio** in the Matter of the Applications for Certification as a Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider, Case No. 10-712-EL-GAG, and Competitive Retail Natural Gas Service Provider, Case No. 10-713-GA-GAG (Erie County's aggregation programs).

Received e-mail from Chief Deputy Tim Lloyd regarding mistruths spoken at the June 24 Commission meeting regarding **hot-in-place recycling**.

Received copy of Press Release re **Erie County Offices Reopening to the Public** (July 1).

Received copy of **CARES Act Grant Transmittal Letter** from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, to Steve Hudec, President of the Erie-Ottawa International Airport.

Received copy of memo to Erie County Budget Commission Members from Ed Widman, Finance Director, re **2020 Revised Estimated Resources**.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **recesses** into **Executive Session** re **Pending Litigation** with Gerhard Gross; Roll Call: All Aye

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

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

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