

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 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 **July 1, 2020 Commission meeting**; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shenigo, Board **recesses** into **Access Management Board of Appeals Annual Meeting**; Roll Call: All Aye

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

Pete Daniel re Various Issues.

Facilities Use. Sandusky Artisans is remodeling their offices in downtown Sandusky and they have requested space in one of our buildings for use by one person for a month or two. Pete has offered the office in the Services Center Annex that was previously used by the Land Bank.

Tax Collections. Lodging tax receipts for the second quarter through July 15 are \$161,000, compared to \$1.731 million last year at this time.

Gas tax has rebounded, but is still below the expected average of \$327,000 a month. April receipts were \$221,000 and May's were \$278,000.

Sales tax through April, year-over-year, is down approximately 21%. The budget from March through May has been recalculated since Cedar Point is now open, and we are now \$40,000 over what we had adjusted. Another review will be done now that we know what businesses are open, but the numbers are not very promising.

Bike Routes. Regional Planning Director Steve Poggiali was present for this discussion.

ODOT is recommending designating State and U.S. bike paths. In order to proceed with this, a resolution is needed from every political subdivision that the path runs through. ODOT had approached County Engineer Jack Farschman for support, but he was reluctant to commit because he will be required to sign a maintenance agreement and there are no dollars set aside by ODOT for that. ODOT will pay for the signs and placement. In order to move forward, the Commissioners can adopt a resolution that will suffice in the absence of Mr. Farschman's support. Steve said that he believes the maintenance issue will work itself out because it can be paid with SAFETY funds through the MPO. Steve noted, too, that we will see an increase in MPO dollars if a bike path is part of our plan. The Commissioners said that ODOT has done a great deal of work in Erie County, and are willing to provide the support requested.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution **supporting the development of various State and U.S. Bike Routes;**

Roll Call: All Aye (#20-180)

John Leutz, CCAO, and Kirk Mizerek and Amy Hoffman, Palmer Energy, re CCAO Energy Program. Mr. Leutz advised that the CCAO Energy Program is introducing a solar component as a new initiative. This would involve a long-term contract with counties at a fixed rate to get pricing from a developer who will build the facility in southern Ohio. That construction will be paid by the developer and there will be no costs, ownership or risk to the counties. However, developers need commitments from county governments to ensure there is a market for the electricity. The more energy CCAO can commit to, the better price we will be able to receive. Palmer Energy has been contracted by CCAO to prepare RFPs for the development of the solar facility built specifically for the use of CCAO partners. This would involve a ten-year contract with an automatic ten-year renewal to lock in those long-term prices. Ms. Hoffman noted that this could be an energy source for the county buildings, as well as the county's aggregation program. Another advantage is that we would lock in the lower prices we are seeing now. In the future, we will also have access to Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs) which will become more valuable when prices come down.

CCAO is asking the Commissioners to sign a Letter of Intent (LOI) or Power Purchase Agreement, stressing that there is no investment on the County's behalf, just a commitment to participate. The Commissioners expressed interest in participating, but would like to see the price we are paying now compared to the possible savings we would see, before making a decision.

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

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shenigo, Board **reconvenes** at 10:55 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **Cancels** the following Commission meetings: Monday, August 3; Thursday, August 6; Monday, August 10; Thursday, August 13; Monday, August 17; Thursday, August 20; Monday, August 24; Thursday, August 27; and Monday, August 31, 2020; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board reappoints Melissa Bayer Smith to another two-year term, and appoints Penny Nixon to a two-year term on the **Ohio Children's Trust Fund Northwest Ohio Regional Prevention Council**, from May 18, 2020 through May 17, 2022; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Kelly Michael**; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-181 - SANE independent contractor position)

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution declaring certain items surplus and ordering same to be **discarded or salvaged**; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-182)

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution entering into a lease agreement with the **Erie County Economic Development Corporation**; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-183 - providing office space at Office Building as an in-kind donation)

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution **approving a transfer of funds**; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-184 - ECDJFS Public Assistance Fund)

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution confirming an agreement between the **EHOVE Career Center and the Erie County Sheriff**; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-185 - School Resource Office to be assigned at EHOVE for 2020-2021 school year)

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution **proposing the vacation of Elizabeth Drive**, Perkins Township, Erie County, Ohio, setting date for public hearing, and ordering notice of same; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-186)

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution declaring certain Erie County equipment surplus and ordering same to be sold by **Internet auction**; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-187)

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Dura Mark, Inc.**; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-188 - providing pavement marking on various roads in Erie County)

Board executes **Certificate of Achievement** to **Michelle Stevens**, Microfilm, for twenty-five years of service with Erie County.

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

- Agreement with **Buehrer Group Architecture & Engineering**, providing engineering services for the MEP design of Jail water heater replacement.

- Two agreements with **Lexipol** re providing annual Law Enforcement Policy Manual and daily training bulletins, supplemental policy publications for Sheriff's Office.
- Provider Agreement with **Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield** on behalf of The Meadows at Osborn Park.

Change Order No. 2 with **Erie Blacktop** changing the project completion date from November 1, 2019 to July 24, 2020, re Columbus Avenue Resurfacing.

Received **Erie County Visitors & Convention Bureau Agreed-Upon Procedures** for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2019, from the Auditor of State.

Received letter from Erie County Agricultural Society, P.O. Box 2436, Sandusky, re **certification to receive funds in the amount of \$2,800.00 from Erie County**, per O.R.C. 1711.02, 1711.03, 1711.04, 1711.05, 1711.15 and 1711.22. Board approves request.

Received letter from County Engineer Jack Farschman with **requested information on the vacation of Elizabeth Drive**. Clerk to prepare legislation.

Received copy of 7/6/20 **Veterans Service Commission** meeting minutes.

Received copy of 6/9/20 **Erie County Economic Development Corporation**, 7/14/20 meeting agenda, financial information as of May 2020, and Executive Director's Report for the month of June 2020.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shenigo, Board **recesses** into **Personnel Session** re **Employment** and **Personnel Session** re **Compensation**;
Roll Call: All Aye

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

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shenigo, Board **adjourns** at 12:35 p.m.; Roll Call: All Aye