

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020

ALL PRESENT

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President Shenigo called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer given by Envoy Kevin Knappins of The Salvation Army.

Board executes and presents a **Certificate of Appreciation** to Envoys Kevin and Tracy Knappins, Sandusky Salvation Army.

Bid opening re **Used Roll-off Truck** for **DOES - Landfill Division**; Purchasing Coordinator Leah Trumpower opens same:

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COMPANY	AMOUNT	BID BOND
<b>AMG Truck &amp; Equipment Sales</b> Valley City, Ohio 44280	<b>SB 268</b>	X

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**ESTIMATE SB 268**

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On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board receives bids re **Used Roll-off Truck** for **DOES - Landfill Division** and refers same to Landfill and Finance for review and recommendation back to the Board; Roll Call: All Aye

**Pete Daniel re Various Issues.**

**Casino Tax.** Receipts for the second quarter (April 1 - June 30) were \$16,433, compared to \$232,000 last year. Pete noted that the casinos were closed in mid-March and reopened around June 19. Year-to-date, collections are down 34%, but down 93% for the quarter.

**CCAO Legislative Platform.** Every year, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio surveys counties for items to include in their legislative platform that will benefit counties. Pete presented several recommendations on behalf of the Commissioners, along with others submitted by department heads:

- Responsibility for the Public Defender and Board of Elections be assumed by the State.
- Institute an additional 3% lodging tax for counties to use the same as cities and townships. This would allow counties to use the tax collections for any purpose, rather than limited to tourist-related activities.
- Reduce the number of stations for recycling from five different materials to three.
- Have the County Engineer as a Commissioners' employee, or remove the Public Surveyor criteria.

- Currently, the State pays about 90% of the salaries for common pleas courts judges. Pete is suggesting that the State pick up a similar proportion of their budgets.

**Board of Elections.** In the primary election, in-person voting was changed to mail-in, and the State had committed money toward the cost of that. We have received \$10,000 already, and were expecting another \$25,000. We have learned that we will get \$58,000 instead. We are also getting two grants from the Secretary of State: \$62,000 in CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act) dollars for additional general election costs, and \$40,000 in HAVA (Help America Vote Act) federal funds.

**Solar Energy Initiative.** Last week, representatives from CCAO and Palmer Energy gave a presentation to the Board and asked them to consider signing a Letter of Intent to participate in the solar program. Pete had asked if the Commissioners could withdraw the commitment after the LOI is signed. He has been advised that we could withdraw, if a power purchase agreement cannot be negotiated after using good faith efforts. Pete will continue researching this, and get more information to the Board.

**Public Comment:** Roger Hunker, Development Associate with Apex, advised the Board that the PUCO public hearing regarding Emerson Creek Wind Farm will be held virtually on August 20. Anyone wanting to make comments should call in. He does not expect a decision until the end of the year.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board approves the minutes of the **July 8, 2020 Commission meeting**; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution **confirming and approving the final schedule of assessments for the Kelleys Island Airport Drainage Improvement, Ditch #139**, located in Erie County, Ohio, and requesting the County Auditor to establish the maintenance fund for said improvement; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-190)

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 (#20-191)

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Erie Blacktop, Inc.**; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-192 - chip seal on village and township roads)

Board approves specifications re **Job and Family Services Transportation Services** and authorizes Finance to proceed with bid process.

Received letter from Finance Director Ed Widman **requesting separation pay from the Compensated Reserve Fund** for Randy Smith, Facilities Department, retiring effective 7/31/20. Board approves request.

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

- **Dockets** dated July 20 and July 27, 2020
- **Then and Now Dockets** dated July 20 and July 27, 2020
- **Inter-Department Transfers** dated July 20, 2020
- **Supplemental appropriation** re General Operating Reserve Fund; and Compensated Reserve Fund
- **Interfund transfers** re Public Assistance; Public Assistance Fund; General Operating Reserve Fund; and Compensated Reserve Fund
- **Supplemental appropriations** re General Operating Fund: Board of Elections; Targeted of Opportunity Grant Fund; and Medicaid MSY Funding Fund
- Agreement with **Gergely's Maintenance King Supplies & Service, Inc.** in the amount of \$13,375.00 providing janitorial services for the Erie County Services Center.

Revised Auditor's Certificates for:

- **Rea & Associates** in an additional amount of \$7,500.00 re preparing the Erie County Comprehensive Annual Finance Report for the years ending December 31, 2016, 2017 and 2018 for the Erie County Auditor.
- **Stericycle** in an additional amount of \$2,500.00 re providing biomedical waste collection, disposal and treatment for The Meadows at Osborn Park.

Change Order No. 2 in a **decreased** amount of \$6,842.55 to **Mosser Construction, Inc.** re Columbus Avenue Structure P-209 Replacement for County Engineer.

Pay Estimate No. 5 in the amount of \$1,210.65 to **K.E. McCartney & Associates, Inc.** re Columbus Avenue Structure P-209 Replacement.

Travel Request Forms for:

- **AJ Lill**, ECDJFS, attending Shadowbox Executive Planning Session in Bowling Green, Ohio on 7/21/20 at no cost.
- **Emeline Clyburn and Michelle Schultz**, ECDJFS, attending Shadowbox Facilitator Training in Bowling Green, Ohio, on 7/22/20 at no cost.

Personnel Action Forms for:

**DOES:** **Troy Herchler**, from Equipment Operator I - Landfill to Equipment Operator III - Landfill effective 7/1/20; **Timothy Miller**, from Laborer - Landfill to Equipment Operator I - Landfill effective 7/1/20; **Daniel Rickenbaugh**, from Equipment Operator I - Landfill to Equipment Operator III - Landfill effective 7/1/20; and **David Schippel**, from Foreman - Landfill to Chief Equipment Operator III - Landfill effective 7/1/20.

**The Meadows at Osborn Park:** **Melissa Alvarez**, PRN STNA, resignation effective 7/20/20; **Cameron Burmeister**, full-time STNA, rate increase due to completion of probation effective 5/19/20; **Lumbrita Glenn**, full-time STNA, resignation effective 7/2/20; **Eva Hooven**, from full-time RN to part-time RN effective 7/26/20; **Jewel Lewis**; part-time STNA, employment effective 7/16/20; **Anthony Lilje**, full-time STNA, termination during probation period effective 7/9/20; **Lisa Pearson**, full-time STNA, employment effective 7/16/20; **Dana Plank**, full-time STNA, termination during probation period effective 7/15/20; **Stephanie Sarr**, full-time STNA, employment effective 7/16/20; **Kristi Woodward**, full-time STNA, termination during probation period effective 7/9/20.

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Board receives and reviews:

Received letter from Dickinson Wright, 150 E. Gay Street, Columbus, re **notice of procedural schedule set for Emerson Creek Wind Farm.**

Received copy of **Order to Vacate Judgment Entry Voluntary Dismissal** re Case No. 2017 CV 0615, Pamela Ferrell, Erie County Treasurer, vs. Dale Allen Winter, Sr., et al.

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

Received copy of **Lake Erie Shores & Islands Quarterly Report** for April - June 2020.

Received copy of 6/16/20 **Mental Health & Recovery Board of Erie & Ottawa Counties** meeting minutes and attendance roster.

Received copy of 6/24/20 **Erie Ottawa International Airport Authority** meeting minutes, 7/29/20 meeting agenda, financial information as of June 30, 2020 and 2019.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 9:55 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye