President Shenigo called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board approves the June 9 and June 16, 2021 Erie County Commission Meeting minutes; Roll Call: All Aye

Administrator Hank Solowiej re Various Issues.

State of Emergency. Administrator Hank Solowiej notified the Board that Governor DeWine canceled the State of Emergency on Friday, June 18, 2021. The resolution the Commissioners passed in March of 2020, stated that when the Governor’s Orders were canceled then Erie County’s would as well. No further action is needed from the Commissioners at this point. The Emergency Management Agency has also deactivated its EOC.

Juneteenth Holiday. There is legislation going before the Board today adding Juneteenth to Erie County’s holiday calendar starting in 2022. On Thursday, June 17, 2021, the President of the United States declared June 19th, the holiday known as Juneteenth, a Federal Holiday and subsequently, the Governor of Ohio also declared the date as a State Holiday. Since the Commissioners were not able to meet in time to declare this day a holiday and close the offices, Hank is proposing that for 2021 only, Erie County Offices will observe Friday, July 2, 2021 as Juneteenth. Along with adding this day to our holiday schedule, this new holiday also requires Erie County to change the budget policies and personnel policies. Memorandum of Understandings for the three bargaining units under the Board are being updated and will be ready for Board approval next week.

2021 Pavement Marking Project. For the record, it was noted that Project Engineer Matt Rogers was the only employee present from the Engineer’s Office. Hank mentioned a Preliminary Estimate of Cost for the 2021 pavement marking program is being provided for the Board’s signatures in the amount of $160,000 for Erie County’s share. This amount is $30,000 more than what was budgeted and Hank was curious as to why the amount is different than what was budgeted. Mr. Rogers stated he was not involved in the budget process and does not understand why it was budgeted for that amount. The Engineer’s Estimate, approved by Mr. Rogers, is the accurate cost of the project. The Commissioners agreed not to adjust the budget but modify the amount by taking the extra $30,000 needed from a different line item. Once this line item has been adjusted, the Commissioners will approve the Preliminary Estimate of Cost.
2021 Resurfacing Project. The resurfacing program has been discussed several times. The Commissioners had agreed and notified the Engineer’s Office that if the Engineer removed Northwest Road and replaced it with Portland Road, they would approve the road resurfacing for 2021. The Commissioners received the title page and Engineer’s Estimate of Cost for resurfacing for today’s meeting and noticed Portland Road was added but several other roads were taken out. The Commissioners and Hank would like an explanation for this. Mr. Rogers spoke with Deputy Engineer Tim Lloyd and Engineer Jack Farschman and they do not have an explanation. The Commissioners noted that $1 million was removed from the estimate and the Commissioners would like to know why. The Commissioners want county roads paved, and therefore request to have the roads that were removed from the last estimate added back in and then they should resend the Estimate of Cost over for approval. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Rogers for his time and appreciate him coming to the meeting.

Public Comment/Questions on Agenda Items. APEX Senior Development Manager Mr. Nate Pedder stated the Ohio Power Siting Board has set the agenda for the Emerson Creek Wind project for the June 24th Board meeting. They will be issuing a decision certificate on this project next week.

The Wheatsborough Solar Project Staff Report was issued on June 22nd and the Ohio Power Siting Board has issued their recommendations. According to Mr. Pedder, all State requirements have been met and there are 40 conditions noted, which are pretty standard. The Wheatsborough Ohio Power Siting Board public hearing, which was originally scheduled to be held virtually, will now be held in-person at 6:00 p.m., July 7th at Margaretta High School.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution approving the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Subsidy Grant Agreement for 408 Community-Based, non-residential Corrections Programs (pretrial services); Roll Call: All Aye (#21-178)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution amending the Erie County Personnel Policy Manual; Roll Call: All Aye (#21-179 – adding the Juneteenth as a holiday to Erie County’s work calendar)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution amending the holiday schedule for employees of the Commissioners’ Department for the year 2021; Roll Call: All Aye (#21-180 – Juneteenth to be observed on July 2, 2021 only and June 19 every year after)

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 (#21-181)
On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution establishing Jackie’s Way Subdivision Storm Drainage System Maintenance Fund #140, Perkins Township, and ordering the levying of the annual maintenance assessments upon benefited owners; Roll Call: All Aye (#21-182)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor to make supplemental appropriations re Compensated Reserve Fund; Solid Waste District Fund; and Medicaid MSY Funding Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#21-183)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor to make an interfund transfer re General Operating Fund: Planning Department; and Metropolitan Planning Organization Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#21-184)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution amending the 2021 Budgetary Policies and Guidelines; Roll Call: All Aye (#21-185 - adding the federal holiday Juneteenth)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with Gergely’s Maintenance King Supplies & Services, Inc.; Roll Call: All Aye (#21-186 - janitorial services for Jail, Annex, JJC)

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 (#21-187)

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 (#21-188)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution executing and submitting application to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction State Capital Improvement Funding; Roll Call: All Aye (#21-189 - apply for funds for jail HVAC alterations)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Erie & Ottawa Counties and Erie County Board of Commissioners; Roll Call: All Aye (#21-190 - providing funding for jail nurse and Bridge the Gap Program for period of 7/1/21 – 12/31/21)

Board approves Revised Auditor’s Certificate for COMDOC in an additional amount of $294.00 re providing maintenance on a Xerox B405DN color copier for DOES.
Board approves Revised Auditor’s Certificate for COMDOC in an additional amount of $336.00 re providing maintenance on a Xerox B7025H2 color copier for DOES.

Board approves Equipment Outlay and Request Form for Sheriff’s Office re 8 SRT tactical vest with AXIIIA ballistics, includes collar, shoulder strap ballistics and five pouches in an estimated amount of $14,056.00.

Board approves Personnel Action Forms and Job Descriptions for Commissioners’ Department re Erin Paolano, Clerk of the Board, rate increase effective 6/27/21; and Alicia Stefano, Administrative Assistant, rate increase effective 6/27/21.

Board approves Request for Recruitment for Clerk of Courts re Deputy Clerk for new cases for Civil and Domestic Relations divisions.

Received letter from Sheriff Sigsworth re request for additional funds for the Transportation of Prisoners Account for 2021. Board approves request.

Received letter from Finance Department requesting separation pay from the Compensated Reserve Fund for Ed Widman, who is no longer employed with Erie County Commissioners in the amount of $5,003.25. Board approves request.

Received letter from Drainage Manager Ken Fortney requesting resolution establishing the maintenance fund for new subdivision called Jackie’s Way. Board approves request and resolution 21-182 is complete.

Received copy of motion from Ottawa County Commissioners appointing Dr. James Andrew Huddleston to the Erie-Ottawa International Airport Authority Board through 2/7/23.

Received copy of Executive Summary from Emergency Management Agency re deactivation of the Erie County EOC Situation report.

Received copy of Order to Withdraw from Sale in regard to Pamela Ferrell, Erie County Treasurer vs. Walter L. Poole, II, et al. Erie County Common Pleas Court Case NO. 2020 CV 0071.

Received copy of Summons on Complaint in regard to Jeanne Lippert, 1125 Laguna Drive, Huron vs. Erie County, Ohio, 2800 Columbus Avenue; Erie County Prosecutor’s Office, 247 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky; Kevin Baxter, 247 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky; Gerhard Gross, 247 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Erie County Common Pleas Court Case No. 2021 CV 0232.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board recesses into Personnel Session re Compensation with Sheriff Sigsworth and Personnel Session re Employment with Assistant Finance Director; 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 11:10 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye