

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

ALL PRESENT

President Shenigo called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bid Opening re **Harmon Road Structure F-408 Replacement** for County Engineer's Office; Deputy Engineer Matt Rogers opens same:

COMPANY	AMOUNT	BID BOND
R & I Construction, Inc. Tiffin, Ohio 44883	\$527,304.00	X
Great Lakes Demolition Co., LLC Clyde, Ohio 43410	\$537,245.50	X
ESTIMATE	\$578,000.00	

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Shenigo, Board receives bids re **Harmon Road Structure F-408** and refers same to County Engineer for review and recommendation back to the Board; Roll Call: Both Aye

County Administrator re Various Issues.

Sales Tax - County Administrator Hank Solowiej stated that total collections for February totaled \$1.36 million, which is a 7% increase from this time last year. Erie County has already collected 4% more year-to-date compared to last year-to-date.

Gas Tax - Gas tax collections totaled \$321,000 for February, compared to \$308,000 from last February. Year-to-date, Erie County has collected 3% more in gas tax this year compared to last year.

Solar Eclipse - Hank wanted to confirm with the Board as to whether the County buildings will be open or closed on April 8, 2024, the day of the Solar Eclipse. The Commissioners all agreed that the buildings will remain open. Hank stated he will send an email to all Department Heads and Elected Officials giving notice of the opening.

Motions - Hank mentioned that he has a conflict on Monday, March 11th and would like to cancel this meeting. He would also like to reschedule the time of the regular meeting on Monday, March 18th from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Public Comment.

Colleen Shay-Murray introduced herself. She is a resident of Huron and worked as a State Government Aide for many years.

She currently sits on the Ohio Turnpike Commission with several other Erie County residents. She noted that the Governor is a proponent of safety and while many toll systems around the United States are being replaced with automatic toll readers, therefore eliminating jobs, the Governor is insistent that Ohio jobs are safe. The new toll system in Ohio will be a hybrid system. The 300 full-time and 125 part-time employees will maintain their employment and jobs will only be eliminated through attrition and retirement.

Mrs. Shay-Murray stated she also sits on the State Theater Board. Mrs. Shay-Murray gave a brief overview of the storm events that took place four years ago, which greatly damaged the State Theater. She mentioned that the State Theater Board agreed to upgrade the Theater so that citizens can enjoy it for the next 100 years. She noted that the entire project renovation totaled \$35 million. The Board has raised over \$33 million and has received State and Federal tax credits to assist. The State capital budget gave \$250,000 last year, and Mrs. Shay-Murray stated it is uncertain if any funds will be received this year. The Board has not requested funds from Senator Theresa Gavarone, and funds were cut from but has requested funds from Representative DJ Swearingen, unfortunately those funds were cut. Mrs. Shay-Murray thanked the Board of Commissioners for the opportunity to speak and she is looking forward to The State Theater continuing to be a good steward of the County.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board **cancel**s the Monday, **March 11, 2024 Erie County Commission Meeting**; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board **reschedule**s the regularly scheduled 9:30 a.m. Monday, March 18, 2024 Erie County Commission Meeting to **Monday, March 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.**; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into a Services Contract Addendum #1 with **Corso's Flower and Garden Center**; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-75 - extending the lawn care and grounds maintenance services contract until November 5, 204)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **authorizing payment for services and supplies** provided: Mathews Ford and S&S Land Clearing; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-76)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into a lease agreement with **Blue Technologies, Inc.**; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-77 - providing a lease on a KM 450i copier for Recorder's Office)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution executing payment of **Then and Now Certification** presented 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 (#24-78)

on motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor to make **supplemental appropriations and budget modifications** re General Operating Fund: Public Defender and Veteran Services; and 2022 Probate Sup. Court Case Management UP Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-79)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor to make **budget modifications** re Erie County Sewer Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-80)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Tamara Kilbride**; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-81 - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Coordinator)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Kelly Michael, RN**; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-82 - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **releasing any liens or claims of liens against property now or formerly owned by Pursuit Enterprises, LLC** (Huron River Valley Resort Marina & Campground), located at 9019 River Road, Huron, Ohio, Tax ID Number 51-00126.000 and 51-00135.000 for installment payments for sanitary sewer tap services; Roll Call: All Aye (#124-83)

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **FP Mailing Solutions** in an additional amount of \$528.00 re postage machine lease for Commissioners' Office.

Board authorizes expenses for **Justin Majoy**, Sheriff's Office, attending K9 Explosives Training - Handler School in Sunbury, Ohio, from 4/2/24 - 5/3/24 in an estimated amount of \$3,134.00. (All expenses being paid for with Sheriff's Office K9 donation fund)

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re **Kathryn Brown**, full-time LPN, resignation effective 2/27/24; **Quinisha Burchett**, full-time STNA, rate increases due to completion of probation effective 2/20/24; **Reva Roldan**, full-time LPN, resignation effective 2/26/24; **Emma Weller**, full-time STNA, employment effective 3/12/24; and **Angela Williams**, full-time STNA, employment effective 3/5/24.

Board approves Request for Recruitment for **Juvenile Court** re **Probation Counselor**

Board approves Request for Recruitment for **DOES** re **Chief Equipment Operator III - Landfill** (internal posting).

Received letter from Sheriff Sigsworth re estimate of \$250.00 to be charged on **gasoline credit cards** for the month of April 2024, per O.R.C. 301.27.

Received cover letter and copy of **Transportation of Prisoners Report** from Sheriff Sigsworth, per O.R.C. 325.07.

Received copy of **Monthly Financial Report** from the County Auditor for the month ending February 29, 2024, per O.R.C. 319.15.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 10:01 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye

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