

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 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 **Chip Seal on County roads** for **Engineer's Office**; Project Engineer Matt Rogers opens same:

COMPANY	AMOUNT	BID BOND
Sarver Paving, Co. Ashland, Ohio 44805	\$271,626.59	X
Erie Blacktop, Inc. Sandusky, Ohio 44870	\$284,396.91	X
Unilliance Inc. Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449	\$262,824.44	X
ESTIMATE	\$258,904.16	

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board receives bids for **Chip Seal on County roads** and refers same to County Engineer for review and recommendation back to the Board; Roll Call: All Aye

Harris Road/Route 99 Closure - Mr. Old stated that a citizen contacted him with concern about the closure of the intersection at Route 99 and Harris Road. This closure is causing an inconvenience and trucks and buses are being rerouted. The citizen also noted that the traffic cones are in place, but no work is being done at this intersection. The citizen asked Mr. Old if the road can be opened on the weekends.

Project Engineer Matt Rogers stated the project Mr. Old is speaking of is an ODOT project to replace a bridge and should last approximately six months. Mr. Rogers suggested that the County write a letter to ODOT and request permission to have the road open on the weekends. He stated that ODOT is very helpful and easy to work with regarding these types of matters. The Commissioners requested that Hank write ODOT a letter expressing concern over the closing these roads.

Computer Data Collector - Mr. Shenigo mentioned the email received from the Engineer's Office requesting the Commissioners reconsider the Computer Data Collector request to purchase.

Mr. Shenigo understands that this equipment would be beneficial for the Engineer's Office, but stated the Commissioners are not interested in purchasing a new data collector until the old one is no longer operational. Therefore, the request has been denied once again.

Engineer Correspondence - Mr. Old received written correspondence from the County Engineer regarding an email that was sent on April 10, 2024. Mr. Old did not respond back to Mr. Farschman's email. The letter specifically references the March 14, 2024 Commission Meeting minutes where Mr. Old refers to the "Ohio Engineer's Association." Mr. Farschman stated he is unfamiliar with that organization. Although, Mr. Old assumes that the Engineer would have better things to do with his time than to send needless unnecessary letters to the Commissioners, he would like to formally apologize, on the record, to Mr. Farschman for miss stating the organizations name. Mr. Old stated he mistakenly referred to the County Engineer's Association of Ohio as Ohio Engineer's Association in the March 14, 2024 meeting minutes.

County Administrator re Various Issues.

Law Enforcement Proclamation - Going before the Board today, is a Proclamation for the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Day. The Memorial was created by the FOP Lake Erie Lodge #17 and dedicated in 2000.

Casino Tax - Casino tax collections, for April, totaled \$274,000. Year-to-date, Erie County has collected \$533,000. Hank noted that, if we stay on this trend, Erie County will likely pass \$1 million in casino tax collections for the year.

2025 Tax Budget - Hank noted that the Finance Department has started on the 2025 Tax Budget and should have for the Board's approval by the end of May or beginning of June.

Nurses' Week - Hank stated that next week, May 6 through May 12, 2024 is Nurses' Week. Hank thanked all the nurses and especially the nursing staff at The Meadows at Osborn Park. He would like to request permission to get a food truck at the Meadows that week so they can enjoy a lunch compliments of the Board. He stated the funds have been budgeted as Employee Recognition in HR's budget. The Commissioners' approved this request.

Hank has also been advised that on Thursday, May 16th at 11:00 a.m., Aramark has generously donated a buffet luncheon to the staff at The Meadows at Osborn Park and formally invited the Board to attend this luncheon.

City of Sandusky Public Records Requests - Hank informed the Commissioners that he has received all of the public records requests' requested from the City of Sandusky. The last item he received was payroll information at 4:00 last Friday.

Mr. Shengio stated he is interested in seeing how the income tax revenue has changed over the years. He asked if Hank could also get the total collections from income tax from the last five years and also the Admissions Tax collections. Hank stated, yes, he can get that information, as it is available on their website.

After discussion regarding the inoperable Services Center elevator, the Commission Meetings will be moved to the first floor until further notice. There will be signage placed on the first floor and the Clerk will note the change on all agendas until further notice.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution confirming an agreement between the **Townsend Community School and the Erie County Sheriff**; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-149 - appointing one full-time Deputy Sheriff to work as the school resource deputy)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution declaring necessity to **levy a renewal of an existing tax, at the same rate, in excess of the ten mill limit for the purpose of providing for the current operating expenses of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board of Erie County** to carry out its programs and requesting the Erie County Auditor certify to the Board of Commissioners of Erie County on a form in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, the amount of tax generated by the proposed tax levy in the amount of one half (0.50) mill, a tax in excess of the ten (10) mill limitation; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-150)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **authorizing Memorial Day appropriations** under Section 307.66 of the Ohio Revised Code; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-151)

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **DeLage Landen** in an additional amount of \$1,500 re providing a KM bizhub C360i copier for Public Defender's Office.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificates for **Dietrich Company** in an additional amount of \$4,500 re providing courier services DOES.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc.** (formerly Comp Management) in an additional amount of \$14,400 re administering Erie County's Workers' Compensation program.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Advanced Entry, LLC** in an additional amount of \$1,875 re providing a desktop face recognition temperature scanning kiosk, printer and software licensing to be used at The Meadows at Osborn Park.

Board approves payments of Pay Estimate Nos. 10 and 11 to **American Structurepoint, Inc.** in amounts of \$2,052.45 and \$3,482.79 re Perkins Avenue Structure S-004 Replacement.

Board executes **Proclamation** in honor of the **Law Enforcement Memorial Day**.

Board approves Travel Request Form for **Barb Knapp**, Dog Warden, attending Northwester Dog Wardens Association meeting in Ottawa, Ohio on 5/8/24 at no cost.

Board approves Personnel Action Form for **DOES** re **Cheryl Holbrook** re Account Clerk II - Billing, retirement effective 6/30/24.

Board approves Personnel Action Form for **ECDJFS** re **Elizabeth Marshall**, Social Service Worker 3, resignation effective 4/25/24.

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re **Elyssa Sherer**, from Activities Director to Admissions and Marketing Director with Social Work Skillset effective 4/30/24; **Kristin Thorley**, full-time Admissions, resignation effective 4/29/24; **Daydrianna Lindsay**, full-time STNA, employment effective 4/26/24; **Rachel Carey**, part-time LPN, employment effective 3/29/24; **Shanice Pace**, from full-time STNA to part-time STNA effective 1/21/24; **Kara Howard**, full-time STNA, employment effective 4/30/24; **Patricia Cann**, full-time STNA, employment effective 4/30/24; and **Emma Woodruff**, part-time STNA, resignation effective 5/8/24.

Board approves Requests for Recruitment for **Veterans Services Office** re Administrative Assistant; **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re Activities Director; **DOES - Treatment** re Assistant Superintendent (internal posting); and **Engineer's Office/Highway Department** re Equipment Operator 1.

Commissioners have no objection to transferring a liquor license from Samurai Japanese Sushi Hibachi, Inc. dba Samurai Japanese Steak House to Samurai Hibachi Erie, Inc. dba **Samurai Hibachi & Sushi**, Perkins Township.

Received copy of January through March 2024 **Serving Our Seniors** Meeting Minutes and Director's Report for January through March 2024.

Received copy of January through March 2024 **Shores & Islands Ohio** Quarterly Update.

Public Comment - Apex Clean Energy, Roger Hunker, asked the Commission if they have decided on a non-profit organization to provide funding, as part of the Wheatsborough Solar Project TIF. Mr. Hunker stated there is information that needs to be collected from the non-profit organization so the sooner APEX has that information the better. Mr. Shenigo stated the Commissioners should have an answer to Apex by the end of May.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 10:00 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye