

**ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023**

**ALL PRESENT**

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

**County Administrator re Various Issues.**

**Casino Tax** - the first quarter of 2023 brought in \$288,000, up \$20,000 from the same time last year. Year-to-date, Erie County has collected \$542,000 and has budgeted \$950,000 for the year. Hank is confident Erie County will reach \$1 million by the end of the year.

**National Nurses Week** - Next week is National Nurses Week. Hank thanked the nurses at The Meadows at Osborn Park and all the nurses in Erie County for the work that they do each day. In order to honor the nurses at The Meadows, Erie County will be providing gift cards, as well as, organizing a few special events in appreciation for all the hard work that they do.

**Public Comment re Agenda Items.**

Margaretta Superintendent Ed Kurt was present and requested the Commissioners approve the PILOT for the Wheatsborough Solar Project. A PILOT will remove the appeal process and secure a fixed funding amount for the school district for 30 years. Currently, Margaretta Schools are being restricted of 40% of their allocation that is due to them because of the NEXUS appeal. Mr. Kurt is urging the Commissioners' to approve the PILOT as it will solidify funds for the schools.

Mr. Kurt also mentioned that he sent a letter to the Commissioners on January 13, 2023 regarding his concerns about the safety and security of Margaretta Schools. Mr. Kurt has taken several precautions, like ensuring the entrances to the schools are locked, and installing bullet proof windows at all of these schools. Mr. Kurt added a second School Resource Officer to the schools' budget last year, but with the NEXUS appeal, it is taking a financial toll on the District. To date, in the State of Ohio, there have been five school shootings therefore, Mr. Kurt would like to request the Commissioners help in funding a second SRO for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 school years. Mr. Kurt noted that when the schools combine to one building, they will no longer need further financial assistance.

Mr. Old stated that he is supportive of having School Resource Officers in all of the schools in Erie County, but believes that this is the responsibility of the school to fund those positions.

Mr. Kurt has seen other counties in the State of Ohio that have increased their sales tax for security in schools, and with Family Health Services doubling the amount of children they treat for behavioral health, there is clearly a need for something more to be done.

Mr. Shenigo suggested having a meeting inviting all of the school districts in Erie County, county offices and Police Departments to further discuss these security issues and funding in the schools.

Mr. Shenigo stated as far as the PILOT goes, the County has been in discussions with Mr. Kevin Lewis, Labor Management - Public Relations for the Laborers' District Council of Ohio. He has provided a Statewide Three Trade Solar Agreement that will protect the local union members and help secure local solar jobs for local citizens. Mr. Shenigo stated this is of utmost importance to the Commissioners that local citizens receive the jobs for this solar project. Mr. Shenigo shared that Mr. Lewis noted to the Commissioners in a past meeting that solar companies are bypassing the proper hiring process by hiring workers through temporary agencies. Mr. Shenigo stated that the County Commissioners would like to wait to sign the PILOT until the project is built first, to ensure that APEX comes through on their end by hiring local companies for the project. Mr. Shenigo stated it is highly likely that the County will approve the PILOT, providing that the Commissioners make more progress by APEX to hire local citizens before they make a final commitment.

Mr. Kurt thanked the Commissioners for their time and stated he does feel more confident now after speaking with the Commissioners about the PILOT and moving forward.

#### **Auditor's and Recorder's Office Hours.**

Mr. Old stated that he has noticed on the Recorder's Office website that their office stops recording documents at noon on Fridays. He thought this was due to the Auditor's Office previously closing on Fridays, which now they remain open. Mr. Old stated this has become a chronic problem. The County Administrator mentioned that he inquired with the Recorder about their hours and she stated that if recordings are done by noon, it gives her staff time to finish up other paperwork that needs to be completed for the week. All three Commissioners oppose the current hours of operation and believe the offices should remain open until 4:00 p.m. and the recordings should be completed until then. Mr. Old's opinion that the current hours of operation available to the public is disrespectful to the residents of Erie County and he also believes it's embarrassing as a county for delaying these recordings.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board approves the **April 20, 2023 Erie County Commission Meeting Minutes**; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board appoints Senior Transportation Planner Kevin Cannon and Financial Planner Zach Rospert as alternates on the **Board of Revision** for the term effective May 11, 2023 through December 31, 2023; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Gene Ptacek & Son Fire Equipment Company, Inc.**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-134 - providing work related to the fire alarm replacement at ECDJFS through Facilities Department)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Fosco Cement, Inc.**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-135 - completing all work required for the replacement of the sidewalk and walkway at the entrance to the Office Building for the Facilities Department)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an Inpatient Care Services Agreement with **SouthernCare, Inc. dba SouthernCare Youngstown - Milan**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-136 - providing inpatient care and related services to hospice patients at The Meadows at Osborn Park)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Fosco Cement, Inc.**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-137 - replacement of the main walk and sidewalk repairs along Columbus Avenue at the Courthouse)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into a Nursing Facility Hospice Services Agreement with **SouthernCare, Inc. dba SouthernCare Youngstown - Milan**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-138 - providing hospice services to residents at The Meadows at Osborn Park)

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 (10) mill limit for the purpose of providing for the current operating expenses of the Erie County General Health District** to carry out its health programs and requesting the Erie County Auditor certify to the Erie county Board of Commissioners 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 three-tenths (0.3) mill, a tax in excess of the ten (10) mill limitation; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-139)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **authorizing the County Auditor to make payment to Mrs. Anne Massey**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-140 - Lakecrest Tax Increment Financing Project)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor to make an **interfund transfer** re Capital Improvements - Municipal Court Fund; and 2021 Municipal Court Technology Grant Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-141)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor to make **budget modifications and supplemental appropriations** re General Operating Fund: Board of Elections and Training Sheriff; Motor Vehicle License & Gas Tax fund; Capital Improvements - Municipal Court Fund; and Adult Probation Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-142)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor to **make payment to the Erie County Treasurer**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-143 - Erie County Burdette Ditch Improvements Project)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an ePay Plus Addendum to License Agreement entered into with **Courtview Justice Solutions, Inc. dba Equivant**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-144 - providing the payment processing services for use with the ePay Module and will provide access to the third party payment processors Payment Portal at Erie County Probate Court)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an **Early Intervention Service Coordination Grant Agreement with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-145 - providing service coordination, evaluation, assessment and early intervention outreach activities for children through FCFC)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into a contract between the **Erie County Family and Children First Council**, acting through its agent, the Board of County Commissioners of Erie County, Ohio and the **Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-146 - implementing the Help Me Grow: Ohio's Birth to Three System, Part C Component)

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Blue Technologies** in an additional amount of \$438.00 re providing a service agreement on a Konica Minolta bizhub C558 printer/copier/scanner for Commissioners' Office.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Erie County Sheriff's Office** in an additional amount of \$90,000 re assigning two deputies at ECDJFS providing security services under Title IV-D funding.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Erie County Common Pleas Court** in an additional amount of \$90,000 re providing Title IV-D clerical services for ECDJFS - Child Support.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Courtview Justice Solutions, Inc.** in a **decreased** amount of \$30,506.88 re providing payment services to Municipal Court. **Harris clerical error.**

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Gordon Flesch Company** in an additional amount of \$2,775.00 re lease on a Canon DX C5850i copier for the Erie County Common Pleas Court, General Division, Judge Tone.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Dietrich, LLC** in an additional amount of \$3,075.00 re money courier services at Municipal Court.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Leaderstat, Ltd.** in an additional amount of \$20,000 re providing one or more licensed healthcare professionals to assist in providing staffing, recruiting and consulting services to The Meadows at Osborn Park.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **DeLage Landen** in an additional amount of \$950.00 re leasing a Sharp MX-M3551 digital copier for the Prosecutor's Office.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **DeLage Landen Financial Services** in an additional amount of \$1,371.00 re leasing Sharp MX-M4051 and MX-M2651 copiers for the Sheriff's Office.

Board executes **Certificate of Retirement** for **John Baum**, Facilities Department.

Board authorizes expenses for **Janice Baum** and **Brenda Hurst**, Auditor's Office, attending 2023 County Auditor's Conference in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, on 6/7/23 in an estimated amount of \$280.00.

Board authorizes expenses for **Jack Farschman**, Engineer, attending 2023 CEAO Land Records Modernization Conference in Westerville, Ohio, on 6/13/23 in an estimated amount of \$199.00.

Board approves Travel Request Form for **Shayla Williams**, ECDJFS, attending OCDA Case Manager Collaboration event in Westerville, Ohio, on 6/15/23 at no cost.

Board authorizes expenses for **Dennis Papineau** and **Alexis Harvey**, Sheriff's Office, attending Internet Crimes Against Children - National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation in Atlanta, Georgia, on 6/13 - 6/15/23 in an estimated amount of \$585.00.

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re **Leslie Williams**, Assistant Director of Nursing, rate decrease due to no longer working out of classification effective 4/30/23; **Charles Martin**, full-time Maintenance Aide 1, employment effective 5/15/23;

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re **Kyleigh Webb**, full-time STNA, rate increase due to completion of probation effective 5/8/23; **Jazmin Rollison**, part-time STNA, rate increase due to completion of probation effective 5/8/23; **Natasha Robinson**, part-time STNA, rate increase due to completion of probation effective 5/8/23; **Tami Hammond**, RN Supervisor, return from leave of absence effective 5/9/23 and decrease in rate of pay due to returning on day shift; **Michael Etzler**, from administrative leave to resignation effective 5/2/23; and **Kira Bolt**, full-time LPN, resignation effective 5/26/23.

Board approves Request for Recruitment for **Prosecutor's Office** re **Administrative Assistant** and **Assistant Prosecutor - Juvenile Division**.

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

Commissioners have no objection to issue a liquor license to **3471 High Street, LLC**, 4402 Milan Road, Perkins Township.

Board executes welcome letter to FOP Members re **the 2023 Fraternal Order of Police State Conference**.

Received cover letter and copy of **Jail Meal and Turn Key Report** for April 2023 from Sheriff Sigsworth, per O.R.C. 311.20.

Received letter from Health Department re **Erie County Landfill quarterly inspection**.

Received letter from Rea & Associates re **planned scope and timing of audit of Erie County's financial statements ending December 31, 2022**.

Mr. Old makes a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Shoffner to **host a Public Hearing on May 24, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. regarding the office hours of public officials at the Office Building**; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 11:50 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye