

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

ALL PRESENT

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

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board approves the **April 17 and April 24, 2024 Erie County Commission Meeting Minutes**; Roll Call: All Aye

Chip Seal on Township roads. County Administrator Hank Solowiej stated at last week's meeting, a discussion took place regarding the increase in bidding costs for chip seal for Oxford and Florence Townships. The Commissioners received a letter from Oxford Township Trustee Michael Parker. He reviewed the bid sheets, engineering estimate and cost increase in the contractor bids. The letter indicates that the Oxford Township's actual chip seal request would cost \$138,976, or a 1.2456% increase. Oxford Township has set aside \$111,575 for chip seal, leaving a difference of \$27,401. The letter states that there are no additional dollars available in the Township's budget to offset this increase. Therefore, the Trustees will reduce the scope of the project by eliminating chip seal on Wood Road, from Patten Tract to the Groton Township line.

The Commissioners have been informed by the County Engineer that, road project bids are coming in higher due to not having the volume of chip seal, because Erie County is not chip sealing County roads. Mr. Old stated that the County Engineer points out a real problem. He does not want to see higher costs placed on the Townships and believes the County should make up the difference out of the Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax funds. County Administrator Hank Solowiej stated all previous funds for the Township Infrastructure Program have been committed and the County would need to allocate an additional appropriation from the Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax fund if that is the Board's decision.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shenigo, the Board authorizes the **appropriation of \$27,401 from the Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax Fund to the County Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund** to supplement the total cost of the chip seal road program in Oxford Township.

Discussion

Mr. Shenigo stated that bids are coming in higher than the estimates and he believes this is a good indication as to how the bids will trend in the future. Mr. Shenigo's goal is to pave more roads.

Mr. Shoffner is worried that next year, all nine Townships will request additional funds from the Commissioners and these requests will end up costing the County more in the long run.

Mr. Shoffner stated that the County has never adjusted a bid before, and agrees that the estimates need to be higher for next year so that this issue does not continue to happen. Mr. Old stated that this adjustment is not limited to Oxford Township. Mr. Old asked the County Engineer to attend a meeting to explain the increase in the bid amount, however Mr. Farschman chose not to attend and blamed the Commissioners. Mr. Old believes that adjusting the amount given to Oxford Township is a proper remedy to the situation. Mr. Old stated that if the County Engineer is going to put the blame on the Commissioners, then it is the responsibility of the County Commissioners to fix the problem.

Roll Call: Mr. Old, yes; Mr. Shenigo, yes; Mr. Shoffner, no.

Second Public Hearing re CDBG Projects.

Regional Planning Director Tim King was present for the public hearing. He stated that this hearing needs to be continued due to a procedural issue that still needs to be addressed before we can move forward with the hearing. Mr. King mentioned that this year's allocation is \$150,000, with four projects being submitted, and two of those projects will be chosen.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **continues the second public hearing re the 2024 CDBG program** until next Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye

County Administrator re Various Issues.

Infrastructure Grant - County Administrator Hank Solowiej informed the Board that the resolution establishing the new Infrastructure Grant will be going through the meeting today for approval. Legal has approved the grant, which Regional Planning Department will take the lead on. Hank noted that a supplemental appropriation will be made for \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Regional Planning Department for this program.

Sheriff Union Contract - Hank also noted that the Corrections Officers and Sergeants Union contract will be before the Board for the Board's approval today as well. This union has about 24 Corrections Officers and six Sergeants.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into Amendment No. 1 to the **Total Print Management Agreement with FTG of Greater Ohio, LLC**; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-174 - amending Sections 12, 14 and 18)

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 (#24-175 - providing service coordination, evaluation, assessment and early intervention outreach activities for children through FCFC from 7/1/24 - 6/30/25)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into a Payment Solutions Service Agreement with **LexisNexis VitalCheck Network, Inc.**; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-176 - providing hardware and/or software required to allow for credit and/or debit card online payment of various permit fees and invoices through the Engineer's Office)

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 (#24-177)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution confirming an agreement between the **Erie County Sheriff and Margareta Township Board of Trustees**; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-178 - providing emergency dispatch services to Margareta Township Fire Department)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution approving the agreement between the **Erie County Sheriff and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, Corrections Sergeants and Corrections Officers**; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-179 - 1/1/24 - 12/31/26)

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: Probate Court and Tax Map; Sheriffs Dispatching Fund; Delinquent Real Estate Treasurer Fund; K-9 Donation Fund Start 2023 Fund; Adult Probation Fund; Ohio Healthy Aging Grant Fund; and Special Assessment Bonds Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-180)

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 (#24-181 - implementing the Help Me Grow: Ohio's Birth to Three System, Par C Component effective 7/1/24 - 6/30/25)

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; Metropolitan Planning Organization Fund; Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Fund; and Public Assistance Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#14-182)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor to make a **supplemental appropriation** re Landfill Operations Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#14-183)

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 and upon contract or order; Roll Call: All Aye (#14-184)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **establishing a Public Infrastructure Grant Program** for the purpose of economic development in Erie County, Ohio in accordance with Section 307.07 of the Ohio Revised Code; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-185)

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate **for C - 1st, LLC** in an additional amount of \$125,000 re transportation services for ECDJFS clients.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Med1Care** in an additional amount of \$25,000 re providing staffing support services for The Meadows at Osborn Park.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Aramark Correctional Services, LLC** in an additional amount of \$350,000 re providing dietary, janitorial and laundry outsourcing services for The Meadows at Osborn Park.

Board approves **Engineer's Estimate of Cost** in the amount of \$658,000 re 2024 Township Roads Resurfacing Program.

Board approves Equipment Outlay and Request form for **DOES - Landfill Division** re 1996 International Tandum Dump Truck in the amount of \$50,000.

Board approves Travel Request Form for **Andrew Gwinner** and **David McDowell**, Auditor's Office, attending 2024 ODA Weights & Measures Regional Training in Toledo, Ohio on 6/11/24 at no cost.

Board authorizes expenses for **Jack Farschman** and **Tim Lloyd**, Engineer's Office, attending Northwest Ohio Commissioners and Engineers Association quarterly meeting in Findlay, Ohio, on 6/26/24 in an estimated amount of \$50.00.

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re **Patricia Cann**, full-time STNA, termination due to no show effective 5/7/24; **Samantha Gessner**, part-time STNA, employment effective 6/3/24; **Atarah Woodson**, full-time STNA, employment effective 6/4/24; **Jaylynn Caughell**, full-time STNA, employment effective 5/27/24; **Tabatha Sherer**, full-time STNA, employment effective 5/27/24; **Jacques White**, from full-time Interim Activities Director to full-time Activities Director effective 5/16/24; and **Kaitlyn Welser**, full-time STNA, cancel new hire status will not be employed at The Meadows effective 5/17/24.

Board approves Request for Recruitment for **Juvenile Court re Specialized Dockets Coordinator**.

Received copy of memo to Erie County Budget commission Members from Alyssa Heater, Finance Manager, re **2024 Revised Estimated Resources**.

Received copy of **2023 Ottawa County Annual Report**.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 10:15 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye

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