

**ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

**ALL PRESENT**

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

**County Administrator Hank Solowiej re Various Issues.**

Love's Travel Center - County Administrator Hank Solowiej stated our Bond Counsel and Prosecutor's Office have finalized the Love's Travel Center Service Agreement. Love's Travel Center will be investing approximately \$10-12 million in Erie County. Hank noted that the developer has agreed to do a Tax Increment Financing Agreement (TIF) to extend the water and sewer down Mason Road south on Route 250. This TIF will have no obligation to the County and the developer will own the bond. Mr. Shenigo noted that this extension of water and sewer will open up between 200 and 300 acres of land for future development. Mr. Shoffner asked about the timing of construction, with Hank responding, the construction should start in the Spring of 2025 and will take one year to complete.

Hank noted that the developer for the Brown Estate in Vermilion wanted Vermilion Township to pay for a new waterline to be installed to the Brown Estate. Hank has stated, with the Commissioners' persistence, the developer agreed to enter into a TIF and take on the debt for the waterline. Mr. Shenigo noted, that prior to 2008, when the Commissioners would utilize Tax Increment Financing, the County would take on the debt. The County is still paying debt service on the Quarry Lakes TIF, which will continue until 2027.

**Public Comment.**

Vermilion Township Trustee Roger Scott thanked the Commissioners for all they have done for the Township and Erie County. He wished Commissioners' Shenigo and Old the best of luck on their upcoming election.

Mr. Malcom Williams Commander of the Amvets Post 22 in Vermilion was present. He noted that the Vermilion Amvets is the second largest Amvets in Ohio, with 1,600 members. He spoke with the Erie County Veterans Service Commission regarding unused funds, which are given back to the County each year. Mr. Williams is interested in using some of these funds to place a small War Memorial in Exchange Park located in Vermilion. The Veterans Service Commission suggested that Mr. Williams bring his request to the Commissioners. Mr. Williams mentioned that he has been given permission from the City of Vermilion and the Parks and Recreation Department to place this memorial with the names of soldiers from Vermillion that lost their lives while in active service. He stated that the design of the memorial would be sandstone, with black granite inlay, inscribed with the fallen soldiers' names.

Mr. Williams stated the estimated cost of this memorial is \$15,628.20. The Commissioners approve this request and will pay \$14,640.00, which is the full cost of the marker, minus the tax. Mr. Williams thanked the Board for their support.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shenigo, the Board **authorizes payment in the amount of \$14,640.00 to be paid to the Amvets Post 22 in Vermilion, Ohio for the purchase of a sandstone marker to be placed at the new War Memorial in Exchange Park;** Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board **cancels** the Monday, November 18, 2024 regularly scheduled Commission Meeting; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution confirming a contract for police services between the **Erie County Health Department and the Erie County Sheriff;** Roll Call: All Aye (#24-358 - providing law enforcement services at the Health Department campus effective 1/1/25 - 12/31/27)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution approving a Service Agreement between The Board of Commissioners of Erie County, Ohio, **Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc.**, South Avery First, LLC., Frank Russell Farms, LLC and Homestead Commercial Rental Real Estate, LLC for purposes of the **Homestead TIF;** Roll Call: All Aye (#24-359)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Best Commercial Energy Services;** Roll Call: All Aye (#24-360 - Annex Building HVAC Renovation - \$289,000)

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: Facilities - Sheriff's, Commissioners General, Board of Elections, General - Judge Tone, Family Court, and Juvenile Detention Facility; Supreme Court Special Docket - Juvenile Court Fund; Northern Ohio Juvenile CCF Fund; Capital Improvements - Municipal Court Fund; Local Task Force Fund; Kroger TIF Fund; and Water District Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-361)

Board approves the following Revised Auditor's Certificate:

- **CHS Erie Management** in an additional amount of \$80,929 re providing management services necessary for the efficient administration and operation of The Meadows at Osborn Park.
- **Kemira Water Solutions** in an additional amount of \$11,650 re of providing ferrous chloride solution chemicals for the Department of Environmental Services - Huron Basin Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- **National Carpet Mill Outlet, Inc.** in an additional amount of \$8,824.40 re providing all work related to the Job and Family Services Carpet Replacement Project for Facilities Department.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificates continued:

- **Superior Dental Care, Inc., dba SDC Medical Mutual** in an additional amount of \$7,300 re administering dental insurance coverage for Erie County employees.
- **Corso's Flower & Garden Center** in an additional amount of \$20,000 re snow and ice removal services at seven County sites for Facilities Department.
- **US Bank Equipment Finance** in an additional amount of \$700.00 re lease agreement on copiers for Clerk of Courts.
- **Best Commercial Energy Services** in an additional amount of \$25,678 re Job and Family Services HVAC and screen wall renovations.

Board approves specs for **The Meadows at Osborn Park Outsourcing of Dietary, Janitorial and Laundry Services** and authorizes Finance Department to proceed with bid process.

Board approves specs for **Inmate Food Services' provider for Erie County Jail** and authorizes Finance Department to proceed with bid process.

Board approves Travel Request Form for **Ellen Schirg**, Regional Planning, attending Environmental Education Grant Development and Writing Workshop in Cleveland, Ohio, on 11/14/24 at no cost.

Board authorizes expenses for **Erin Paolano**, Commissioners' Clerk, attending CCC/EAPA Annual Winter Conference in Columbus, Ohio, on 12/5/24 in an estimated amount of \$100.00. (registration fee)

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re **Ashley Gilbert**, full-time STNA, employment effective 10/30/24;  
**Aryah Clinton**, full-time STNA, employment effective 10/30/24;  
**Jonathan Pelsang**, full-time STNA, resignation effective 10/28/24;  
**Angela Roberts**, from PRN RN to full-time RN, effective 11/3/24;  
**Barbara Maschari**, full-time LPN, rate increase due to bargaining unit increase effective 10/27/24.

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

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