

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023

ALL PRESENT

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

Mason Road Bridge Project

During last week's Commission meeting, there was question as to how the Mason Road Bridge over the Huron River was going to be rehabilitated either complete reconstruction or a fix in-place rehab. County Administrator Hank Solowiej invited Project Engineer Matt Rogers to the meeting to answer any questions the Commissioners may have. The contract for this project, hiring American Structurepoint, Inc., will be going through the Commission Meeting today.

Mr. Rogers stated this project will not be a complete reconstruction of the bridge, as there will be a temporary traffic signal installed and will have one lane of traffic open at all times during construction. Mr. Rogers mentioned that \$3 million has been secured, through a grant, for the construction piece of the project. The rest of the project will be an 80/20 split, with 80% being paid by the Federal Government and 20% being paid by the County.

Mr. Old mentioned that he wanted to ensure that no bridge was being completely ripped out, forcing the taxpayers to choose an alternate route. Mr. Old inquired about the current rating of this bridge, with Mr. Rogers responding a 7. Mr. Old asked if 10 was a brand new bridge and Mr. Rogers responded that 9 is considered brand new. This bridge was constructed in the 1970's and since then, new regulations have changed as far as the weight of truck loads etc., making this bridge ideal for rehabilitation now.

Mr. Old asked how the Engineer's Office determines which bridge is updated with the grant dollars. Mr. Rogers stated that the County is guaranteed one bridge rehab every five to six years with grant dollars. Since the Mason Road Bridge over the Huron River is a highly traveled bridge, the Engineer's Office felt this was a good time to rehabilitate it before it gets too impaired.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution **releasing funds collected pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3113.34 and 2303.201(D) to Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-322)

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 (#23-323)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with the **City of Sandusky**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-324 - providing non-emergency transportation services for ECDJFS - \$15,000)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **American Structurepoint, Inc.**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-325 - Mason Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project over Huron River - \$317,224)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Inflow Communications, LLC**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-326 - providing upgrades, licensing and technical support related to the Mitel telephone system at various County offices for five years)

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

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 9:52 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye

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