

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

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 minutes** from the **October 4th and 12th Commission Meetings**; Roll Call: All Aye

County Administrator Hank Solowiej re Various Issues.

Sales Tax - October's tax collection for July sales totaled \$2.362 million compared to \$2.371 million collected last year. Sales tax collections for the year total \$17.6 million, which is more than what was collected for the entire year of 2019 and 2020.

Casino Tax - Preliminary casino tax collections are projecting \$263,000 for the month of October. This will be the last collection of the year and Erie County is projected to receive \$1.072 million, which is a 13% increase from last year.

Gas Tax - October collected \$368,000 in gas tax, compared to \$314,000 last year. With the increase in collections this month, Erie County will likely reach it's budgeted amount of \$3.7 million and may even reach \$3.8 million for the year.

Cost Containment - At the October 4, 2023 Commission Meeting, the Commissioners inquired about phasing in a health insurance premium increase. Instead of a zero percent increase this year, it was mentioned that a smaller percent could be added next year and another increase the following year. After further financial review of the health insurance trust fund, County Administrator Hank Solowiej is recommending that a 0% increase to the employee share portion of the health insurance premium and a 5% increase to the employer share portion of the premium to be established in 2024.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **accepts the recommendation of the Cost County Administrator** to increase the employer share portion of the premium by 5% for 2024; Roll Call: All Aye

Mr. Old noted that it has been eight years since the health insurance has been increased and next year's increase will only affect the employer cost and not the employees.

Hank noted budget work sessions will be held the next two meetings covering Environmental Services, Job and Family Services and Board of Developmental Disabilities.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board **receives** bids for the **Landfill Drive** opened on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 and refers same to Utilities Director and Purchasing Department for review and recommendation back to the Board; Roll Call: All Aye

COMPANY	AMOUNT	BID BOND
Erie Blacktop, Inc.	\$219,024.10	X
Sandusky, Ohio 44870	Alt. 1 \$257,595.75	
Geo. Gradel Co.	\$236,445.50	X
Toledo, Ohio 43605	Alt. 1 \$273,364.00	
ESTIMATE	\$277,200.00	

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with **Azavar Technologies Corporation**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-327 - providing additional registration module that permits payers of the lodging tax to register online for the Auditor)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into a multicounty collaborative Memorandum of Understanding with **Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca and Wyandot Counties**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-328 - allocating \$50,000 in grant dollars to Erie County Family and Children First Council to support county specific strategies, services and/or supports that are aligned with the applications overall goal of Family Support and Risk Reduction)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor to make **supplemental appropriations and budget modifications** re General Operating Fund: Commissioners General, Facilities, Facilities - Sheriff's, Probate Court, Public Defender, CPT Training; Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Fund; Children Services Fund; Special Project - Binette Fund; Domestic Special Project Fund; CCA2.0 2024-2025 Grant Fund; 2023 Special Election Funding Fund; Care Facility Operations Fund; Employee Self-Insurance; and General OPS - FCFC Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-329)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor to make **interfund transfers** re Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Fund; Children Services Fund; Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund; and Public Assistance Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-330)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into a grant agreement with the **Ohio Department of Aging**; Roll Call: All Aye (#23-331 - providing a grant to address social determinants of health and to foster improved quality of life for older Ohioans)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into a Terms of Service Agreement with **Advanced Entry, LLC**: Roll Call: All Aye (#23-332 - providing a desktop face recognition temperature scanning kiosk, printer and software licensing to be used at The Meadows at Osborn Park)

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Firelands Corporate Health** in an additional amount of \$3,000 re providing DOT testing and pre-employment physical testing services for the Meadows at Osborn Park.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **VIP Supreme Staffing** in an additional amount of \$10,000 re providing the planning and execution of the Nurse Aide education program at The Meadows at Osborn Park.

Board approves Revised Auditor's Certificate for **Plante & Moran** in an additional amount of \$7,000 re providing assistance with monthly accounting on the PointClickCare System for The Meadows at Osborn Park.

Board approves payment of Pay Estimate No. 3 (final) in the amount of \$93,326.18 to **D2 Excavating, LLC** re Bardshar Road improvements in Margaretta Township and City of Sandusky for the Engineer's Office.

Board approves **one-time SNAP/ARPA incentives for application timeliness bonus** in the amount of \$1,213.06 for various ECDJFS employees.

Board authorizes expenses for **Kelli Jellinger, Staci Myers, Doug Clifford and Margaret Black**, Public Defender's Office, attending Ohio Supreme Court Pilot Project in Columbus, Ohio, on 11/14 and 11/15/23 in an estimated amount of \$179.00.

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re **Malinda Davis**, full-time LPN, employment effective 10/16/23; **Hannah Brickner**, full-time STNA, rate increase due to completion of probation effective 10/18/23; **Karsyn Brewer**, full-time STNA, employment effective 10/30/23; **Valarie Kotalik**, full-time STNA, rate increase due to completion of six years of employment effective 10/12/23; and **Keysha Thomas**, full-time STNA, resignation effective 10/16/23.

Board approves Personnel Action Form for **Family and Children First Council** re **Tiffanee Beard**, full-time Service Coordinator, rate increase due to successful completion of probation effective 10/17/23.

Received letter from Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter re **third quarter statistics for 2023**.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 10:19 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye