

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

ALL PRESENT

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

Bid Opening re **Annex Building HVAC Project** for Facilities Department; Finance Manager Alyssa Heater opens same:

COMPANY	AMOUNT	BID BOND
Warner Mechanical Fremont, Ohio 43420	\$294,800.00	X
Best Commercial Akron, Ohio 44306	\$289,000.00	X
ESTIMATE	\$305,275.00	

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board receives bids re **Annex Building HVAC Project** and refers same to Superintendent of Facilities for review and recommendation back to the Board; Roll Call: All Aye

County Administrator Hank Solowiej re Various Issues.

Bond Payoff - County Administrator Hank Solowiej has been researching the 2017 Various Purpose Bonds with Sudsina and Associates. The Commissioners were hopeful to be able to pay off the \$2.2 million debt early. Hank noted that the bond consists of the Dog Kennel building, water and sewer, Landfill and the Quarry Lakes TIF. Hank noted that the interest rates of this bond will be reduced from 5% this year, to 2.25% over the next few years.

Public Comment.

Mr. Roger Hunker, with APEX Clean Energy, informed the Board that construction of the wind turbines at Emerson Creek should be starting next summer. APEX has had to make minor shifts in the placement of several turbines.

Mr. Hunker also mentioned that the Wheatsborough Solar Project is on track to be finished in March of 2025. Mr. Hunker informed the Board that Ohio Power Siting Board has given permission for the installation company to allow their workers to start working on Sunday's from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Erie County Resident Rick Scheel stated that there are still traffic issues on Galloway Road. Recently a car lost control, due to speeding, and ended up driving through Mr. Scheel's yard.

Mr. Scheel has spoken with Perkins Township and the Sheriff's Office about the speeding on this road, along with, the over loaded trucks that travel Galloway Road and nothing has been resolved.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board **cancels** the following **Commission Meetings for November**: Wednesday, November 6; Thursday, November 7; Monday, November 11 (Veterans' Day); Wednesday, November 13; Thursday, November 14; Wednesday, November 20; Wednesday, November 27; and Thursday, November 28, 2024 (Thanksgiving Day); Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board awards bid for Sawmill Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project to **Adena Corporation**, Mansfield, Ohio, in the amount of \$20,933,000.00, as the lowest and best bid which meets all the specifications and upon the recommendation of the County Administrator; Roll Call: All Aye

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 - Administration, County Court, Coroner, and Tax Map; DD - Operating Fund; ADAMHS Erie - General Fund; SOR Fund; Childrens Services Fund; Motor Vehicle License & Gas Tax Fund; Adult Probation Fund; and 2025 VOCA Grant Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-349)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution authorizing the County Auditor to make **budget modifications** re Solid Waste District Fund; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-350)

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Safe Harbour Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.**; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-351 - providing funding for the shelter using marriage license and filing fees for 2025)

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 due upon contract or order; Roll Call: All Aye (#24-352)

Board approves payment of Pay Estimate No. 03-2024 (final) to **Schippel's Excavating & Concrete** in the amount of \$12,748.38 re mowing on designated roads in Erie County for County Engineer's Office.

Board approves Change Order No. 4 to **Best Commercial Energy Services, Inc.** in an additional amount of \$25,678.00 re The Meadows at Osborn Park Natural Gas Conversion Project.

Board executes **Satisfaction of Mortgage** by Erie County Community Development Fund to Marilyn Morey in the amount of \$33,360 for property located at 5734 South Street, Vermilion, Ohio.

Board authorizes expenses for **Caleb Stidham**, Treasurer, attending 2024 County Treasurer's Association of Ohio Fall Conference in Dublin, Ohio, on 11/12 - 11/14/24 in an estimated amount of \$412.00.

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **ECDJFS** re **Deeann Carter**, Clerical Specialist - OMJ, rate increase due to successful completion of probation effective 10/20/24; **Cortne Johnson**, Youth Specialist Career Coach, employment effective 11/12/24; **Chris Pejoro**, Social Service Worker 3, employment effective 12/2/24; and **Nathaniel Wallace**, Social Service Worker 3, employment effective 11/4/24.

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re **Kristina Fuqua**, from full-time RN to PRN RN, effective 10/25/24; **Barbara Maschari**, full-time LPN, employment effective 10/17/24; **Harley Woodburn**, full-time STNA, resignation effective 10/13/24; and **Capri Wright**, full-time STNA, employment effective 10/17/24.

Board approves Request for Recruitment for **Juvenile Court** re **Assistant Director of Court Services**.

Board approves Request for Recruitment for **Veteran Services** re **part-time Van Driver**.

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

Received July through September quarterly report from **Shores & Islands Ohio**, financial information from October 2023 through September 2024, 9/18/24 Erie County Visitors & Convention Bureau, Inc. meeting minutes, and staff report for September of 2024.

Received copy of **Serving Our Seniors Budget for 2025**.

Received copy of 9/25/24 **Erie-Ottawa International Airport Authority** meeting minutes, 10/23/24 meeting agenda, and financial information as of September 30, 2024.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **adjourns** at 9:50 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye