

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023

ALL PRESENT

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

Budget Work Session.

Utilities Director John Rufo and Finance Manager Pete Jackson were also present for this session.

County Administrator Hank Solowiej mentioned the following budgets for Department of Environmental Services are all within policies and Finance Manager Pete Jackson will just give an overview on each budget.

Sewer District - Mr. Jackson noted in this fund the services budget request is higher than budgeted in 2023 due to the City's HRT project and the Sawmill Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. Expenditures for 2024 are projected to also be higher due to the increase in bulk treatment rate.

Water District A - Pete stated that the salaries and benefits show an increase for 2024 due to union contract changes in wages. The supplies budget request is higher for 2024 due to increased prices for repairs.

Mr. Jackson pointed out that Water District A is requesting \$1.261 million in capital requests, including the SR101/Homegardner Road project for \$1.17 million. Utilities Director John Rufo noted that there was another pipe break on State Route 101, with each break costing approximately \$75,000-\$80,000 to fix. Mr. Rufo believes that this project should be priority, as this project was put on hold last year.

Mr. Shenigo asked if John could put together a list of all pipe breaks, how much it cost to repair and where they occurred. This will assist the Commissioners with choosing what projects to approve.

Water District B - Pete noted this District is projected to be in deficit spending for the fourth year in a row, which is why there will be no projects completed for this district in 2024.

Landfill - Salaries and benefits are higher for 2024, per the union contract. The Landfill has \$199,100 in capital requests and other expenses for 2024. Pete noted that the lease on the dozer will be paid off in 2025 and the Landfill expansion debt will fall off in 2027. This fund has a healthy balance going into 2024.

Solid Waste District - The services budget for 2024 has increased compared to actuals spent in 2023 due to the increase in Republic Services contract and the increase of the Margaretta Recycling program.

Solid Waste District continued:

Pete also mentioned the District has \$350,000 in other expenses including the Recycled Materials Grant Program (\$250,000), Debris Management Plan (\$25,000) and the Revolving Loan Fund (\$75,000).

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 (#23-335)

Board approves Travel Request form for **Trudy Riddle and Mariam Glass**, ECDJFS, attending Career Pathways Regional Training/CCMEP/OMJ Training in Lima, Ohio, on 11/14/23 at no cost.

Board approves Travel Request Form for **Kevin Cannon**, Regional Planning, attending OPWC Executive Committee meeting in Perrysburg, Ohio, on 11/7/23 at no cost.

Board approves Personnel Action Forms for **The Meadows at Osborn Park** re **Alli Andre**, from full-time STNA to part-time STNA effective 10/29/23; **Amie Jenkins**, full-time LPN, employment effective 11/6/23; **Leanne Labonte**, full-time LPN, employment effective 11/6/23; **Daniel Seckman**, full-time LPN, employment effective 11/6/23; and **Shelly Snyder**, full-time STNA, rate increase due to increase per union contract effective 10/29/23.

On motion of Mr. Shoffner and second of Mr. Old, Board **adjourns** at 10:16 a.m.; Roll Call: All Aye

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