

ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

ALL PRESENT

President Shenigo called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board approves the minutes of the **September 16, 2020** Commission meeting; Roll Call: All Aye

Pete Daniel re Various Issues.

Sales Tax. Pete advised the Board an email on sales tax collections for the month of June had been sent to them. Numbers are down a little under 7% from last June, but this is better than expected. Over the last three months, collections were down 20%, 21%, and 12% respectively. Early in the year, it was forecasted collections would come in at \$16.5 million, but then changed to \$15.75 million. Now, \$14.4 million is expected, if we continue on the same trend.

Pete also mentioned that preliminary July numbers for sales tax collections with auto and non-auto are at \$1.5 million so far, but he believes this could change from collections from past months catching up. Interest income will be a huge impact on collections next year. Interest income is on pace currently, but expected to drop off the last three months of the year.

Mr. Old stated that federal stimulus dollars will not be available next year, so sales taxes will be down going forward.

Engineer Equipment Outlay Request Forms. Pete presented two Equipment Outlay and Request Forms for the Commissioners consideration. Included in this year's budget, the Engineer's office purchased a dump truck for ice control and hauling. Originally estimated at \$278,000 they were able to purchase one \$57,000 under budget. Since saving this money, the Engineer is requesting the purchase of a 2020 Ford Ranger truck in the amount of \$30,000. The other equipment request is for a John Deere CP 20 Cold Planer in the amount of \$21,000. The present machine is 15 years old and they have had to replace the motor on the machine twice. This new Cold Planer will attach to a skid steer they already possess. Mr. Shenigo applauded the Engineer's Office for saving money on the dump truck and asked how they got such a great deal, with Pete responding he believes they estimated the cost of the vehicle too high. The Ford Ranger pickup truck is not in the budget.

Mr. Shenigo asked why the Engineer's Office is not using the money they saved on the truck to put toward paving Erie County roads, since this was a large concern for the Engineer's Office. Mr. Old noted that \$50,000 is more than some townships spend a year on paving their roads. The Commissioners agree to disapprove these Equipment Outlay Forms but do approve the \$50,000 to be moved to the road paving account.

Board **disapproves** Equipment Outlay and Request Forms for **Engineer's Office** re John Deere CP 20 Cold Planer in the amount of \$21,678; and 2020 Ford Ranger truck in the amount of \$30,000.

Budget Policies Amendment. Last week, the Commissioners compensated employees for the difficulties they faced in the workplace due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pete has received a request that the employees at the Juvenile Detention Center receive the same hazard pay. Pete believes this makes sense to use CARES Act funds for these employees, as they should be treated the same as Erie County Jail employees. Giving these employees the hazard pay will cost the General Fund around \$51,000, but will be reimbursed with CARES ACT funds. An additional budget policy amendment has been drafted.

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board awards bid re **Treated Rock Salt for Highway Ice Control** to **Compass Minerals**, Overland Park, Kansas, in the amount of \$44.20 per ton delivered and \$41.00 per ton picked up, as the best bid which meets all specifications and upon the recommendation of the County Engineer and Purchasing Department; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board **cancel**s the following **Commission Meetings**: Monday, October 5; Thursday, October 8; Monday, October 12 (Columbus Day observed); Thursday, October 15; Monday, October 19; Thursday, October 22; Monday, October 26; and Thursday, October 29, 2020; Roll Call: All Aye

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution **authorizing the County Auditor to pay late fees to Ohio Edison**; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-227 - DOES)

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **D&D Rides, LLC**; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-228 - providing transportation services to clients at JFS)

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution entering into an agreement with **Majestic Transportation, Inc.**; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-229 - providing transportation services to clients at JFS)

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution declaring certain Erie County equipment surplus and ordering same to be sold by **Internet auction**; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-230)

On motion of Mr. Old and second of Mr. Shoffner, Board adopts resolution declaring certain items surplus and ordering same to be **discarded or salvaged**; Roll Call: All Aye (#20-231)

Board reviews the following documents approved by the County Administrator Pete Daniel, per authority under Resolution No. 20-103 and No. 20-128:

- **Supplemental appropriation and Budget modification** re General Operating Fund: Commissioners; and Concealed Handgun Issuance Fund
- **Budget modifications** re General Operating Fund: Probate Court; Strong Families Grant Fund; and General OPS - FCFC Fund
- **Budget modification** re General Operating Fund: Human Resources
- **Interfund Transfers** re General Operating Fund: Public Assistance; Public Assistance Fund; General Operating Fund: Children's Services; Children's Services Fund; Certificate of Title Administration Fund; and General Operating Fund: Clerk of Courts

Contract:

Quest Diagnostics of Pennsylvania, Inc. providing clinical lab testing services for the residents at The Meadows at Osborn Park.

Revised Auditor's Certificate:

D & D Rides, LLC in an additional amount of \$12,000.00 re providing transportation services to clients at JFS.

Travel Request Forms:

- **Matt Cross**, Facilities/Vehicle Maintenance, traveling to Norwalk, Ohio to drop off seat for repair on 9/17/20 at no cost.
- **AJ Lill**, ECDJFS, attending placement rate negotiation meeting in Tiffin, Ohio, on 9/29/20 at no cost.
- **Jessica Hamilton**, Veterans Service Office, attending OSACVSO New Service Officer School in Dublin, Ohio, on 10/19 - 10/23/20 in an estimated amount of \$1,615.00.

Personnel Action Forms:

ECDJFS

- **Beth Harris**, Social Service Worker 2, longevity increase effective 9/6/20

The Meadows at Osborn Park

- **Cameron Burmeister**, full-time STNA, rate decrease due to going to first shift effective 9/6/20
- **Tamica Ivey**, full-time LPN, employment effective 9/14/20
- **Autumn Kurtz**, full-time LPN, employment effective 9/14/20
- **Christine Laser**, from part-time RN Supervisor to part-time RN Infection Control Nurse effective 9/6/20
- **Amanda Maynard**, full-time STNA, employment effective 9/14/20
- **Da'Vesha Turner**, full-time STNA, rate increase due to going to third shift effective 9/6/20

Requests for Recruitment:

- **Veterans Services** re **part-time Van Driver**.
- **Job and Family Services** re Social Services Worker 3 (three positions)

Board reviews the following:

Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Erie County Commissioners, **Department of Environmental Services (DOES)** and The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 3081 re additional compensation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Erie County Commissioners, **Department of Job and Family Services** and The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 3616 re additional compensation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Erie County Commissioners, **The Meadows at Osborn Park** and The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 3358 re additional compensation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Board approves Personnel Action Form for **Human Resources** re **David Miller**, Loss Control Coordinator, retirement effective 10/31/20.

Received copy of letter to Biagio Impala, Huntington National Bank, Corporate Trust, 200 Public Square, CM 23, Cleveland, from Pete Daniel, County Administrator, re **Erie County Sport Park Project Private Construction Fund Phase II Account #1582002166**.

Received two letters from concerned citizens of Erie County **calling into question the leadership of Health Department Director**. Referred to Board of Health.

Received cover letter and copy of report on **Bail Report: A Fiscal Impact Analysis** from American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, 4506 Chester Avenue, Cleveland.

Received copy of memo to Erie County Budget Commission Members from Ed Widman, Finance Director, re **fourth amendment to the 2020 Budget Policies**.

Received Finding and Order from the Ohio Power Siting Board in the matter of the **Ohio Power Siting Board's Consideration of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4906-4**. (Emerson Creek Wind Farm)

Received copy of 9/2/20 **Vermilion Township Board of Trustees** meeting minutes.

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