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4:00 PM

March 11, 2021

Join Via Zoom:

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83861899214?pwd=UzBiWmdNeHR4UGRyTzN0cXJqVGhWQT09>

or Call-in: 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 838 6189 9214

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FINANCE AGENDA

- Update from Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership.

Questions to follow (James Grunke, CEO & Amy Murdoch, Gov't Relations)

1. Ordinance Number 14, 2021 "2021 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$12,020 for Temporary Increase In Wages and Hours for Acting Director of Public Health" (Rec'd 1st Read 3-2-21)

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the current Department of Health Director has been acting as Commander on the County COVID response. As such, the Acting Director has needed to take on a portion of the Director's duties and is also managing the Tobacco Control Program Supervisory position in the absence of said supervisor. The request for temporary salary increase to step "E" grade 20, would be retroactive to January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. From a vacancy in positions, there would be funds in the bureau 018015 line to increase with no additional cost to the County.

2. Ordinance Number 19, 2021, "Seventh 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$149,228 for Second Year Allotment of PCCD Covid Relief Grant and Creation of New Department" (Rec'd 1st Read 3/2/21)

Amount presented is a combined total of carryover (\$82,731.47) from 2020 statewide grant Erie was awarded and additional award from 2021 (\$66,497). Items include mostly PPE, a COVID testing machine, testing kits, COVID related overtime, Zoom, and monitors for Probation Offices.

3. Ordinance Number _____, 2021, "_____ 2021 Mental Health\Intellectual Disabilities (MHID) Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$17,740,092 for Emergency Rental Assistance Grant Funding"

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The Erie County Department of Human Services has applied for Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds. Not less than 90 percent of awarded funds must be used for Direct Financial Assistance, including rent, rental arrears, utilities, and home energy costs. Remaining funds are available for Housing stability Services, including case management and other services to keep households stably housed.

4. Ordinance Number _____, 2021, "_____ 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$196,000 CARES Grant Request to VisitErie for County Tourism and the Creation of a New Line Item.

In 2020 VisitErie returned \$196,000 in CARES Grant Funds to the County to spend in another areas. Due to Commonwealth restrictions at the time, Erie County's lead Tourism Agency could not market our area to other parts of the state or out of state areas. This grant will allow for renewed marketing of the Erie area is assist in its economic recovery.

5. Resolution Number _____, 2021, "Authorizing the Filing of a Proposal for Funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development Commonwealth of Pennsylvania"

The Erie County Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities, is seeking authorization to apply for a grant in the amount of \$191,727 from the Department of Community and Economic Development Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act Round 2 (ESG-CV) funding. These funds will be used to provide hazard pay for emergency shelter staff in five local shelters. Listed below is the budget summary.

6. Resolution Number _____, 2021 "Approving A Professional Services Contract For Zelenkofske & Axelrod, Certified Public Accountants For Consultation On Pandemic Related State And Federal Funding"

The County of Erie wishes to utilize Zelenkofske & Axelrod Certified Public Accountants to provide technical assistance and advice in relation to the policies, procedures, accountability and monitoring of pandemic related State and federal funding initiatives on a periodic basis.

7. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 14-010-032.0-234.00

An offer of \$250 by Patrick Hart for the parcel at 858 East 5th Street, Erie PA. Other taxing bodies have approved the sale.

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8. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 14-010-028.0-234.00
An offer of \$250 by Patrick Hart for the parcel at East 5th Street NS 53.5x82.5, Erie PA. Other taxing bodies have approved the sale. (Map attached)
9. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 14-010-028.0-229.00
An offer of \$250 by Patrick Hart for the parcel at 419 Wilson Street, Erie PA 16507. Other taxing bodies have approved the sale.
10. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 16-030-026.0-112.00
An offer of \$250 by Gerald J. Kanonczyk for the parcel at 531 33 West 17th Street. Other taxing bodies have approved the sale.
11. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-050-043.0-100.00
An offer of \$250 by Paul Letkiewicz for the parcel at 1162 East 26th Street, Erie PA. Other taxing bodies have approved the sale.
12. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 15-020-026.0-118.00
An offer of \$250 by Paul Letkiewicz for the parcel at 506 East 10th Street, Erie PA. Other taxing bodies have approved the sale.
13. Analysis of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance
If all the ordinances on the agenda pass, the County will have an estimated General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance of \$41,914,909. That is \$22,798,443 over the required \$19,116,466, which would cover two months of estimated expenses and transfers.