

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Erie County Courthouse
140 W. Sixth Street

4:00 PM

December 9, 2021

Join Via Zoom:

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87311191198?pwd=aGxQSE1mbFMxR1R4dHExbElpNjM1QT09>

Or Call-in: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 873 1119 1198

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FINANCE AGENDA

1. Erie Chamber and Growth Partnership Quarterly Report
Presentation by Amy Murdock, Director of Government Affairs.
2. Resolution Number _____, 2021, "Approving an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Crawford County, Warren County and Erie County for a Regional Collaborative EMS Response Plan"
A collaborative regional effort of the Counties of Erie, Crawford and Warren to work closely in recruitment and retention and the development of a Regional Collaborative EMS Response Plan. Future consideration will include a Regional EMA Plan Administrator, funded by all three counties, primarily employed by Erie County Department of Public Safety. These items have not been considered in the 2022 budget.
3. Resolution Number 57, 2021 " Approving Changes to the Erie County Public Safety Advisory Committee Bylaws" (Tabled 11/16/21)
Changes to the bylaws were approved by the Board on October 7, 2021 in a properly declared meeting and by the required majority. The Council Solicitor has no issues.
4. Resolution Number ____, 2021 "Approval of the 2022 Operating/Capital Budget of the Erie County Convention Center Authority and Associated Properties"
The County guaranteed the bond issues required to construct the Erie County Convention Center Authority's Sheraton Hotel complex (Ordinance 7, 2005) and Courtyard Hotel complex (Ordinance 15, 2014); one of the conditions for guaranteeing this existing debt was approval of budgets for the Erie County Convention Center Authority and its associated properties.
5. Ordinance Number _____, 2021, "____ 2021 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$36,330 and Creation of New Line Item for CARES Funds
CARES funding for Erie and Crawford Libraries' Online Search expense line. No County funds in this Ordinance.

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6. Ordinance Number ____, 2021, "____ 2021 MH/ID Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$8,101,393 for Additional Emergency Rental Assistance Funds
This ARPA funding comes from the Federal Government down through the Commonwealth for direct assistance to individuals and households for expenses including rent, utilities, and energy. Funds expire in 2025. No County funds in this ordinance.
7. Ordinance Number ____, 2021 "2021 Children & Youth Services Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$46,000 and New Expense Lines for Court Ordered Placements"
When a new facility is used by the Courts for placement, it must be added to the County Budget for payment. The Council approves all new Budget Line Items.
8. Resolution Number ____, 2021 "Approving the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2020"
The governing bodies of all Member Municipalities approve the COG Audit and Financial Statements independently. Their delegates also approve the COG Audit & Financials at a duly organized meeting of the COG.
9. Resolution Number ____, 2021 "Approving the Annual Budget of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022"
The governing bodies of all Member Municipalities approve the COG 2022 Budget independently. Their delegates also approve the COG Budget at a duly organized meeting of the COG.
10. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 19-060-013.0-141.00
An offer of \$250 by Elijah Luther for the parcel at W. 19th St NC, a 25 x 103 lot located near 19th and Chestnut Streets, in the City of Erie. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to utilize it as an art project and green space in coordination with the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network.
11. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 27-006-093.0-012.00
An offer of \$250 by Joseph A. Golden for the parcel at GE PKWY Lot 1, a 40 x 120 lot located near Lowry Avenue and Hilton (James) Street, in Harborcreek

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Township. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to maintain the grounds of the property, until an additional lot is obtained to build a home.

12. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-051-013.0-202.00
An offer of \$250 by Artem V Karnaukh for the parcel at Buffalo Road, a 42 x 100 lot located near Buffalo Road and Pear Street, in the City of Erie. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to add to existing property, and maintain the grounds.
13. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-050-014.0-132.00
An offer of \$250 by Kevin Tornatore and Tammy Weigart for the parcel at 342 E 24th Street, a 30x135 lot, in the City of Erie. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to add to existing property and maintain the grounds.
14. Analysis of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance
If all of the ordinances on the finance agenda pass, the projected 2021 Unassigned Fund Balance will be \$45,419,538. That is \$26,303,072 above the \$19,116,466 needed for two months of County expenditures and transfers.
15. Resolution Number 41, 2021 "Approval of Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement between the County of Erie, the City of Erie, the City of Erie School District and the Lutheran Home for the Aged" (Tabled 10/12/21)
One of the properties considered in this agreement is currently taxable, and must apply to the Erie County Tax Assessment Appeals Board for non-taxable status before any further action may be taken. Only the Board may grant such status. Assessment Board awaiting application for tax free status by LECOM. (Tabled 10/12/21)
16. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 82, 2021 "Amending Ordinance 45, 2018 to Revise the Erie County Human Relations Commission Ordinance" (Tabled 10/26/21)
Tabled on 10/26/21. Document under review by Council Solicitor Talarico.