

MINUTES

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Rock Copeland
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Jim Wertz
Jim Winarski

Erie County Courthouse
140 West 6th Street, Room 117
Erie, PA 16501

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

THE 4 - H PLEDGE

Members of 4-H recited their pledge.

OPTIONAL PRAYER OR REFLECTION

A reflection was offered by Mrs. Schauerma.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Terry Scutella — Chair, Chris Drexel — Vice Chair, Charlie Bayle, Rock Copeland, Ellen Schauerma, Jim Wertz, and Jim Winarski

Others Present: Karen Chillcott, Megan Moore, Tom Talarico, Esq., Jay Stranahan, Esq., and Colin Domowicz, Financial Advisor

CITATIONS

Pennsylvania 4 - H

Citations were presented to the 4-H Organization and Attorney George Joseph.

Attorney George Joseph

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Others

David Uhlig, City of Erie: Mr. Uhlig commented on additional funding for those affected by ICE and the legality of the deportations under the Obama administration.

Henry, City of Erie: The speaker commented on infrastructure and roadways and the need for more quality development.

Cindy Treiber, Edinboro: Ms. Treiber commented on a police review board with a community partnership structure that she was establishing and the difficulty

with getting law enforcement to respond to her requests for SOPs and training manuals. She requested Council ask them to cooperate with her.

Michelle Dovishaw, City of Erie: Ms. Dovishaw thanked Council for the job they did, and Mr. Winarski for the suggestion to table the ICE ordinance to gather more information. She commented on spending money better and being proactive instead of reactive.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Executive and/or Designee	The County Executive presented information to Council regarding projects and events in the administration and Erie County.
Finance Committee - Mr. Drexel	The Chair of the Finance Committee, Mr. Drexel, reported on the items moved to the Council's meeting agenda from the committee.
Personnel Committee - Mr. Copeland	The Chair of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Copeland, reported on the items moved to the Council's meeting agenda from the committee.
Other	Mr. Wertz commented on a documentary he viewed at the Tom Ridge Center, hosted by the Erie County and City of Erie Land Banks along with others, about de-industrialization and how to revitalize the areas affected.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Number 21, 2026, "First 2026 Drug and Alcohol Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$156,060 and Creation of New Line Items for Additional PA Opioid Response Funds" (First Read 2/26/26)(Finance Committee)	A motion to adopt Ordinance Number 21, 2026, was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0. Yea: All Nay: None
Ordinance Number 22, 2026, "Amendment of Resolution Number 10, 2026, 'Approval of the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant Application and the Cooperation Agreement Among the Erie County General Authority, Julia House, and the County of Erie' to	A motion to adopt Ordinance Number 22, 2026, was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Wertz, and carried 7-0. Yea: All Nay: None

**Numeration as Resolution
14, 2026" (First Read
2/26/26)(Finance
Committee)**

NEW BUSINESS

**First Read Ordinance
Number 24, 2026, "2026
Appointed Official Salary -
Director of Finance"
(Personnel Committee)**

A motion to move Ordinance 24, 2026 to a second reading was made by Mr. Drexel, seconded by Mr. Copeland, and carried 7-0.
Yea: All
Nay: None

A motion to adopt Ordinance Number 24, 2026, was made by Mr. Copeland, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.
Yea: All
Nay: None

**First Read Resolution
Number 16, 2026,
"Approval of Tentative
Lease Agreement with
Troyer Growers Inc. and
the County of Erie for
Lease of Four Parcels, also
known as County
Farmland" (Finance
Committee)**

Resolution 16, 2026 was read in title only.

**Resolution Number 17,
2026, "Authorizing the
Exoneration of Outstanding
Property Tax, Penalties,
Interest, and Fees for
Multiple Deleted Trailers
and Invalid Parcels"
(Finance Committee)**

A motion to adopt Resolution Number 17, 2026 was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Wertz, and carried 7-0.
Yea: All
Nay: None

**Possible reappointment of
David J. Basnak to the
Office of Children and
Youth Advisory Board.
Term to expire December
31, 2029. (Winarski)
(Personnel Committee)**

A motion to appoint David J. Basnak to the Office of Children and Youth was made by Mr. Winarski, seconded by Mr. Copeland, and carried 7-0.
Yea: All
Nay: None

**Possible reappointment of
Mari R Howells to the Erie
County Library Advisory
Board. Term to expire**

A motion to appoint Mary R. Howells to the Erie County Library Advisory Board was made by Mr. Winarski, seconded by Mr. Copeland, and carried 7-0.
Yea: All
Nay: None

**December 31, 2028.
(Winarski) (Personnel
Committee)**

**Possible appointment of
Angela McNair, MS to the
Erie County Community
College Board of Trustees.
Term to expire August 31,
2026. (County Executive)
(Personnel Committee)**

A motion to appoint Angela McNair, MS to the Erie County Community College Board of Trustees was made by Mr. Copeland, seconded by Mr. Wertz, and carried 7-0.
Yea: All
Nay: None

**Possible waiver of the
Administrative Code
Article II Section 5 A 1 (e)
and possible appointment
of Benjamin D. Wilson,
Ed.D. to the Erie Regional
Airport Authority. Term to
expire December 31, 2030.
(Drexel) (Personnel
Committee)**

A motion to wave the Administrative Code, Article II, Section 5 A 1 (e) and appoint Benjamin D Wilson. Ed.D. to the Erie Regional Airport Authority was made by Mr. Wertz, seconded by Mr. Drexel, and carried 7-0.
Yea: All
Nay: None

**Possible reappointment of
Sarah L. Bennett to the
Erie County Library
Advisory Board. Term to
expire December 31, 2028.
(Drexel) (Personnel
Committee)**

A motion to appoint Sarah L. Bennett to the Erie County Library Advisory Board was made by Mr. Drexel, seconded by Mr. Wertz, and carried 7-0.
Yea: All
Nay: None

**Possible appointment of
Lyn Twillie-Darby to the
Erie Metropolitan Transit
Authority representing
District 5. Term to expire
December 31, 2030.
(County Executive)
(Personnel Committee)**

A motion to appoint Lyn Twillie-Darby to the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.
Yea: All
Nay: None

ADJOURNMENT

**The next Finance/Personnel
Committee Meetings are
Thursday, March 19, 2026.
The next Regular Meeting
of County Council is
Tuesday, March 24, 2026.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.