

## FINANCE COMMITTEE SUMMARY – FEBRUARY 5, 2015

1. Second reading of Ordinance 10, approving and adopting amended and restated Articles of Incorporation of the Erie County Convention Center Authority. Changes in the ECCCA Board and appointment pattern occurred in an amendment of the Third Class County Convention Center Authority Act by the General Authority in 2013. This ordinance approves and adopts the changes into the Articles of Incorporation in the By-laws of ECCCA. The City of Erie will pass its own ordinance on the subject. Upon adoption, this ordinance will be submitted to the Commonwealth. **Page 3**
2. First reading of an ordinance, General Fund Budget waiver of County Purchasing Code for mandatory software upgrade to County phone system and upgrade for the voicemail system. The reason for the waiver is the use of a single vendor, Ronco Communications, for the upgrades. Ronco was chosen by the County in a prior bidding process to supply phone maintenance services. The costs are \$64,597 and \$48,727 respectively, for software and voicemail upgrades. **Page 27**
3. First reading of an ordinance, Capital Project Fund supplemental appropriation of \$34,923 and creation of new line items for County Telephone Upgrade Project. This supplemental gathers contributions from departments where state funding is available to cover some costs of the telephone upgrade project. This is a companion ordinance to the previous item. **Page 31**
4. First reading of an ordinance, General Fund Budget waiver of County Purchasing Code for a three-year contract for Westlaw subscription for Judges' library. The waiver is being requested because of the use of a single vendor, Thomson Reuters, who is providing the electronic platform for legal research done in the judicial branch. There are only two major vendors who supply this type of service. It is the researched opinion of the County's Law Librarian, Max Peaster, that Westlaw is superior. The platform itself will be changed by Westlaw in August so it is important that the County secure these contracted services as soon as possible. It is a three-year agreement and funding already exists in the 2015 Budget for the first year's costs. **Page 37**
5. First reading of an ordinance, General Fund Budget waiver of County Purchasing Code for three-year maintenance agreement with the Eaton Corporation covering backup generators. The waiver is being requested because of the use of a single vendor. The backup generators, located in the courthouse and the public safety building provide vital protection to computer services in both facilities. The equipment was purchased from Eaton and they are the warrantied service provider. It is a three-year contract. **Page 45**
6. First reading of an ordinance, Public Health Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$11,805 for Community Health Needs Assessment for Erie County. The ECDH is collaborating with several agencies to conduct a Comprehensive Community Health Needs Assessment. ECDH is the lead agency of this process which began in April of last year and will be completed in July. Periodic donations for this process will be sent to Erie County; this supplemental represents their likely total. No County money is involved. **Page 49**
7. Resolution approving the Erie County, Pennsylvania ADA Transition Plan. This resolution continues a process begun in 2007, formalizing what actions the County will take internally to make the courthouse and satellite offices more accessible to persons with disabilities. The American Disabilities Act requires public institutions to participate in such a process. **Page 52**
8. Resolution in support of 911 Funding & System Reform. The County Commissioner's Assoc. has been working diligently with the General Assembly to pass a new 911 funding bill before the current extension expires in June. The resolution is likely to be passed in the majority of PA counties as a way to encourage passage of a "County-friendly" bill. Chairman Leone requested the addition of this legislation and will speak to its importance. **Page 60**

9. Resolution in support of waiving the penalty on #21-032-024.0-015.00. The taxpayer in question issued an on time check for his taxes at “face value”. The check was mistakenly held by the tax collector and eventually the period had passed for “face value” payment. Fairview Township upon seeing no wrongdoing by the taxpayer, accepted his payment at “face value” rather than at the “penalty” amount. The taxpayer asked that Erie County take the same action. It was recommended by our Revenue Manager that we do so. **Page 62**
10. Resolution exonerating taxes on one abandoned trailer/property #06-006-014.0-013.41 in the Corry Area School District and the City of Corry. All municipal units are in agreement and have passed legislation in approval. **Page 65**
11. Resolution exonerating taxes on one abandoned trailer/property #47-011-027.2-007.47 in the Fort LeBoeuf School District and Waterford Township. All municipal units are in agreement and have passed legislation in approval. **Page 71**
12. Sale of 2 parcels from the Erie County Repository.  
Parcel 14-010-028.0-218.00, 319 Wilson St., for \$250 to Danny Lee Nicholson.  
15-020-036.0-309.00, 731 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., for \$250 to Darnell Ramsey.  
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13. Analysis of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance. **Page 83**