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General Fund Savings Announced

Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper is proud to announce that her administration is working to increase efficiency in government operations. Six months after delivering her inaugural State of the County address, Erie County has added \$1.3 million dollars to the general fund through sensible use of taxpayer dollars in all departments.

The 2014 General Fund had a budgeted \$2.7 million deficit, which was confirmed by a recent audit. The dramatic savings were accomplished by reducing waste and the duplication of services. Most notably, the county saved \$965,000 in wages and fringe benefits.

“Tax dollars are entrusted to us. We must continue to use them wisely to deliver services and create an environment that will allow for investment and growth,” stated County Executive Dahlkemper.

Additional factors contributing to the county savings:

- Increase in real estate collections by \$895,400
- Savings of \$107,000 in hospitalization for retirees
- Dividends payout of \$116,000 by insurance carrier due to favorable claims experience
- Cost reduction of \$750,000 by Public Safety in shifting eligible expenses to fees generated by phone subscribers and savings in wages, fringe benefits, and IT costs
- Savings of \$249,000 by Public Health in wages and fringe benefits reductions
- Reduction of \$119,000 in maintenance and repair costs of county-owned facilities

“The administration remains committed to delivering efficient, results-driven government both internally and externally,” Dahlkemper said.

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