



# COUNTY OF ERIE

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### **COUNTY EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCES RESCISSION OF AUSTERITY MEASURES IMPLEMENTED DURING BUDGET IMPASSE**

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper has lifted the temporary protocol for county employees implemented in response to the Pennsylvania state budget impasse.

Dahlkemper's temporary directives were enacted on October 22, 2015. These measures included a hiring freeze, a ban on non-critical travel, a more stringent policy regarding overtime and compensatory time approval, holding invoices for payment, and the delay of county purchases. Energy saving measures were also encouraged by the County Executive.

"Thanks to the cooperation of county employees, we were able to get through the impasse without borrowing funds," said Dahlkemper. "I know it has been challenging and I am grateful for their efforts, which have helped us to effectively manage our cash flow."

The county has now received adequate funding from the state that allows the county to return to normal business operations. This includes hiring for vacant positions, purchasing of budgeted items, travel as necessary for the functioning of departments and payment of invoices within 30 days of purchase.

There are a number of key positions that the county is now working to fill, including a Planning Program Administrator, Director of Veterans Affairs and Mental Health Housing Program Specialist. Posting for all open positions can be viewed on the Erie County website at [www.eriecountypa.gov](http://www.eriecountypa.gov).

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