

FINANCE COMMITTEE SUMMARY –APRIL 21, 2016

1. Second reading of Ordinance 23, Capital Projects Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$4,032,681, creation of line items for renovations to Blasco Library, Prison, and Public Defender Office. Library renovations include Idea Lab, Teen Area, Main Street Collection, and changes to the entry, Circulation, Computer Lab Area, Meeting Rooms, Collections, and the Children's Area. Cost is \$2,787,468. Twelve HVAC Units need to be replaced on the roof of the prison. Current units are failing. Project cost is \$1,120,775. Public Defender Office will expand the Library and security features for employees. Cost is \$124,438. (Luigi Pasquale) **Page 2**
2. Second reading of Ordinance 26, General Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$4,289,910 and creation of line item for Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) to benefit Pleasant Ridge Manor. **Page 12**
3. Resolution 10, in support of the Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement between the PA Department of Human Services, the Office of Long Term Living and the County of Erie. The IGT is authorized under the Social Security Act. It is a support program used across the country for Medicaid Programs. The County will temporarily transfer \$4,289,910 to the Commonwealth which will use that money and funds from the other participating counties to leverage additional federal funds. Erie County will be returned \$6,530,537 which will include the old Medical Assistance Day One Incentive (MDOI), the new MDOI and the IGT payment which will contain a net increase of \$1,383,621 to cover the cost of care for the residents of Pleasant Ridge Manor. We received notice from PACAH a new agreement was being created for our exhibit. No agreement has arrived as of this writing. (Maloney, Pasquale) (Tabled 4-12-16) **Page 14**
4. First reading of an ordinance, General Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$46,296 from Prothonotary Automation Fees Restricted Fund Balance. These fees are generated through office activities, it is mandated they are used to upgrade electronic record keeping or administration within the Pro's office. (Ken Gamble, Esq.) **Page 22**
5. First reading of an ordinance, General Fund Budget revised revenue of \$10,000 and creation of line item for Taxes Paid Under Protest. State law requires counties to have a line item for any taxes collected "under protest" by tax collectors (53 Pa. C.S. Section 8854(c). **Page 26**
6. Resolution naming a designated agent for Erie County's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant. The County is applying for a \$38,250 grant for preparation of the plan which will cost approximately \$51,000. Brian Mesaros, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator is to be named the project manager or agent. (John Grappy, Brian Mesaros) **Page 29**
7. Resolution approving a sole vendor contract between the County of Erie and the Manufacturers & Business Association Energy Advisors. The County's current electricity contract expires June 30, 2016. It is based on variable rates for electricity. The Purchasing Department's research indicates a short term fixed rate contract would save perhaps \$60,000 a year. Rather than utilize a bid process, Purchasing supports the use of a sole vendor contract with the MBA Energy Advisor Group. The County is a member of the MBA so it is entitled to utilize these services. Their buying agent would request blind bids by energy suppliers. The County would then commit to the lowest bid from a responsible supplier for a period of 12 to 24 months. **Page 33**
8. Analysis of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance. **Page 38**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE SUMMARY – APRIL 21, 2016

1. Second reading of Ordinance 25, General Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$33,988 for hiring of Court Reporter. This position was posted at the starting rate as required by the Personnel Code but no applications were made by any persons. Court Administration seeks to repost the position at a higher rate. (Peter Freed) **Page 2**