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**ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Budget Public Hearing**

Fiore Leone, Chairman, called to order a Regular Meeting of the Erie County Council at 4:00 p.m. at the County Council Chambers in the Erie County Courthouse, 140 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 117, Erie, PA. There being no Hearing from the Public, the meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

**ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL - Regular Meeting**

Fiore Leone, Chairman, called to order a Regular Meeting of the Erie County Council at 5:00 p.m. at the County Council Chambers in the Erie County Courthouse, 140 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 117, Erie, PA.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Loll read the following prayer:

“As the leaves turn blaze with color and the clear cool autumn nights arrive, we are coming to the end of another year and the responsibilities that fall upon us at this time. We pray that we are good agents of the monies entrusted to us and that the work that we have done and accomplished is worthy of the passage of the budget we will be soon doing. Also, as the world is in turmoil with fighting and killing, let yourself be known to the blind and make them see the wrong. We need to see that we are all alike and our relationship with each other has become mayhem. We can fight to the death over our differences OR we can listen deeply and seek to understand each other. We need to stop caring and living only for ourselves, and fight for each other not against each other. We ask this in your name. Amen.”.

Mr. Smith then took the roll:

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mr. Breneman  
Mr. DiMattio  
Mr. Fatica  
Dr. Foust  
Mr. Horton  
Mrs. Loll  
Mr. Leone

Also Present: Thomas Talarico, Esquire  
Joseph Maloney, CPA  
Sue Ellen Pasquale, General Accounting Manager  
James Sparber, Finance Director

**HEARING OF  
THE PUBLIC**

Randy Barnes, Harborcreek Township; Mr. Barnes discussed the proposed tax increase. He stated he understood that taxes had to be raised to run government, but he felt that every time the government raises taxes, they admit failure because they can't provide the services with the general increases in property taxes. He commented that taxpayers are getting hit all over with taxes and the State has more to do with the pension system. He then discussed the radio system and stated that he did not remember anyone saying that taxes would need to be increased to pay for it. He stated that MCM Consulting recommended applying for grants and he wondered how successful that has been in helping to defray the costs. He feels that there is a

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void in leadership in the County. He commented that there is an economic development company in Knowledge Park that had to fire half of their staff in the past year. If they can't maintain their staff, isn't that also a failure in the economic development community. He stated that instead of economic development, property is being taken off the tax rolls.

Don Tucci, McKean Township; Mr. Tucci read the following statement: "What I would like to know is why is it that certain politicians that get into office they follow the norm of their party and want to penalize the working people and property owners to continue to increase taxes when they are already taxed enough. If the County Executive was really a business oriented person and your business was not doing well, the mindset would not be to increase your prices and hire more people. The mindset should be that you would find a way to reduce costs and utilize the staff you already have, or reduce the staff to cut costs. We have less people living in Erie County and the County Executive's plan is to increase the workforce in County government to cater to the diminishing population. How does that calculate? We have already seen private non-farm employment drop 2%. The County population from 2014 went from 280,566 to 278,443. We are losing population and losing businesses but yet government wants to continue to increase our taxes. I don't see that as a way County government should work. Thank you."

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Foust made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2015 regular meeting and the November 4, 2015 Special Meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**REPORTS BY COUNTY OFFICIALS**

None.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Breneman stated that the Finance Committee met on Thursday, October 29, 2015, and agreed to move Ordinances 129-133, 2015, Resolutions 53-59, 2015, and three Board appointments, to the agenda.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Horton stated that there were no items for the Personnel Committee to review and thus no meeting was held.

**OTHER REPORTS**

Dr. Foust stated that none of the Council members take the responsibility lightly that they have to pass this budget and whether there will be a tax increase or not, if the audience stayed for the whole meeting, they would see significant changes from what the County Executive proposed and make no mistake, they are separate branches of government. What any administration proposes should not be portrayed on Council. Council has been extremely steady in the 12 years that he has been on it and there are a lot of people who get credit for having the fiscal stability that this County has enjoyed. Taxes have not been raised for several years and he stated that

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County Council has as much responsibility as anyone for doing that, as well as the Department heads and employees for trying to keep the expenses in line.

Dr. Foust then stated that one of the things that is going to make any tax increase difficult, if it comes to that, and there is no guarantee that it will be that way tonight, is with different companies and organizations laying off employees. Any type of tax increase is going to be hard on them and he was a little discouraged at first when GE announced that they were going to have a large layoff. There was a very tepid response from State officials and even from the County Executive and Mayor about what we were supposed to do about that. They all talk about job retraining and that is certainly an important part of the picture, but he felt that in the last week, commending the County Executive, we need a real commitment and a real discussion with GE as to what they deem to do with this particular plant in this particular community. It is absolutely ridiculous, in his opinion, that of all the layoffs that are being proposed, it is only happening in Erie. This, to him, is nothing but union busting. It's a union plant in Lawrence Park and they are trying to bust the union and he feels it is a real concerted effort to do so and if that's the plan they ought to say so so this community can move on to other matters if need be and hang on to what they have.

Regarding the State budget, Dr. Foust commented that he was a little disappointed. Governor Wolf was a man he supported earlier than most local Democratic elected officials. Governor Wolf mentioned in the Erie Times News that the Pennsylvanians would like his budget. Dr. Foust then read for the record the following response he gave to Governor Wolf's Chief of Staff, his representative in Erie County, as well as any House Representative or State Senator that represents any part of Erie County:

"I read this morning's paper where Governor Wolf said Pennsylvanians will like his budget deal. Count this Pennsylvanian as one who does not. This proposal, as outlined, increases the sales tax which falls hardest on the poor, the working poor, and the middle class, while not asking anything from the wealthy. Even worse, the budget deal lets the gas drillers off the hook. What's the message being sent? Poor, working poor, and middle class can pay more taxes but gas drillers who stand to reap millions shouldn't. Nice message. As an elected official myself, I know deals can get messy if they progress, but no deal is better than a bad deal. This deal turns its back on those who are already struggling. The proposed property tax relief will not help those who need it most. Even more outrageous is the fact that the long term structural problem with the budget is not fixed. Shameful. And anyone who supports this deal or votes for it ought to be ashamed as well. Nobody likes to pay taxes and I think all of us would prefer not to have to pay taxes, but as Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, 'Taxes are the price we pay for a civilized society.'. The only way that we can stomach having to pay taxes is if they are fair and they are fair on everyone. That particular deal is out of line and I know it's not a done deal yet, but hopefully cooler heads will prevail and come up with some other option. Thank you."

Mr. Fatica brought good news and stated that the Public Safety Department has been talking with the supervisor at Presque Isle State Park regarding cell service, which has basically been non-existent. They are now working on fixing that and are working with AT&T and it should be available in the spring or summer of next year.

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He wanted to applaud Mr. Grappy for making sure that the people's safety is ensured there as it is any place else there are towers.

Chairman Leone stated that the order of the agenda was going to change slightly. Old Business would be handled first, then New Business by moving Ordinances 129 through 132 to second readings, and then the resolutions, followed by all budget ordinances.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Ord. 125, 2015 – GF SA of \$6,000**

Dr. Foust moved to take Ordinance Number 125, 2015, off the table. This was seconded by Mr. DiMattio and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Smith then gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 125, 2015, "Thirty-Seventh 2015 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$6,000 for Additional Professional Fees Required for County Borrowing". This was moved by Dr. Foust, seconded by Mr. Fatica, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

### **MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA**

Dr. Foust made a motion to amend the agenda and move Ordinances 129-132, 2015, to second readings, and postponing the readings of Ordinance Number 133, 2015, and Resolution 54, 2015. This was seconded by Mr. DiMattio and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Chairman Leone explained that New Business on the agenda would be handled prior to the Old Business (Budget Ordinances) during tonight's meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Ord. 129, 2015 – GF SA of \$18,000 For Coroner Fees**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 129, 2015, "Thirty-Eighth 2015 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$18,000 for Coroner Fees and Services Line". This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Dr. Foust, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **Ord. 130, 2015 – GF SA & Release of Cty Record Imp. Funds**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 130, 2015, "Thirty-Ninth 2015 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation and Release of \$111,500 in County Record Improvement Funds for Projects Approved by RI Committee". This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Dr. Foust, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **Ord. 131, 2015 – OCY Rev. Exp. & Creation of Ct. Ordered Plcmt Line**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 131, 2015, "2015 Children & Youth Services Fund Budget Revised Expenditures and Creation of a Court Ordered Placement Line". This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Dr. Foust, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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**Ord. 132, 2015 -  
D&A SA from  
Gambling Prev.  
& Outreach Grant**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 132, 2015, "First 2015 Drug & Alcohol Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$154,594 from Receipt of Gambling Prevention & Outreach Grant". This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Mr. Fatica, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Res. 53, 2015 –  
FY 2015 CDBG App.  
& Authorization of  
Submission**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 53, 2015, "Resolution Approving the FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant Application and Authorizing Its Submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development". This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Fatica.

Mrs. Loll moved to amend the Resolution to remove Conneaut Township. This was seconded by Mr. DiMattio and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution 53, 2015, as amended, then carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Res. 55, 2015 –  
Approving Solicitor  
Contract – Controller**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 55, 2015, "Approving Solicitor Contract Submitted by the Office of the Controller". This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Mr. DiMattio, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Res. 56, 2015 –  
Exonerating Taxes  
In McKean Twp**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 56, 2015, "Exonerating Taxes on One Abandoned Trailer/Property #31-013-047.2-003.88 in McKean Township and the General McLane School District". This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Mrs. Loll, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Res. 57, 2015 –  
Exonerating Taxes  
In Wayne Twp**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 57, 2015, "Exonerating Taxes on One Abandoned Trailer/Property #49-016-032.1-003.57 in Wayne Township and the Corry Area School District". This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Mr. DiMattio and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Res. 58, 2015 –  
In Support of  
4 Yr Agmt for  
Ins. Broker Svcs**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 58, 2015, "In Support of Four Year Agreement between the County of Erie and Hubbard, Bert, Karle, Weber, Inc., for Insurance Brokerage Services". This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Mr. DiMattio, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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**Res. 59, 2015 –  
App. Of 4 Yr  
Agmt with  
Highmark BCBS**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 59, 2015, “Approval of Four Year Agreement between the County of Erie, Highmark Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Western Pennsylvania, and Hubbard, Bert, Karle, Weber, Inc. for Employee Health Insurance Products and Administration”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Mr. Fatica, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**BOARD/AUTHORITY  
APPOINTMENTS**

Dr. Foust moved to approve the following Board/Authority appointments in one vote. This was seconded by Mr. Horton and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

-Appointment of James Wandless to the Human Relations Advisory Board to fill unexpired term, to represent Mr. Leone’s District (Term ending 10/31/16).

-Appointment of Dom DiPaolo to a four year term on the Erie County Convention Center Authority to represent Mr. Leone’s District (Term ending 12/31/18)

-Appointment of Trevor Pearson to the Erie County Library Board to fill unexpired term ending 8/31/16, to represent Dr. Foust’s District.

**2016 BUDGET  
ORDINANCES**

2016 Debt Service  
Fund Budget

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 107, 2015, “2016 Debt Service Fund Budget”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Dr. Foust, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote. The cover sheet amount remained the same at **\$10,517,676**.

2016 Employee  
Fringe Benefit  
Fund Budget

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 108, 2015, “2016 Employee Fringe Benefit Fund Budget”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Mr. Fatica, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote. The cover sheet amount remained the same at **\$30,842,087**.

2016 HealthChoices  
Fund Budget  
**#030-000105**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 109, 2015, “2016 HealthChoices Fund Budget”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Fatica.

Mr. Breneman then moved to amend Ordinance Number 109, 2015, to include Action Sheet #1. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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#1

**All line items which have a zero balance are eliminated and are not available for transfers.**

Ordinance 109, 2015, as amended, carried in a unanimous roll call vote. The cover sheet amount remained the same at **\$81,960,820**.

Revenues		Expenditures	
Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease

2016 MH/ID  
Fund Budget  
#011-All Depts.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 110, 2015, “2016 Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Fund Budget”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Fatica.

Mr. Breneman moved to amend Ordinance Number 110, 2015, to include Action Sheet #1. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

#1

**All line items which have a zero balance are eliminated and are not available for transfers.**

Ordinance 110, 2015, as amended, carried in a unanimous roll call vote. The cover sheet amount remained the same at **\$29,338,613**.

Revenues		Expenditures	
Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease

2016 Drug &  
Alcohol Fund  
Budget  
#021-All Depts.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 111, 2015, “2016 Drug & Alcohol Fund Budget”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Fatica.

Mr. Breneman moved to amend Ordinance Number 111, 2015, to include Action Sheet #1. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

#1

**All line items which have a zero balance are eliminated and are not available for transfers.**

Ordinance 111, 2015, as amended, carried in a unanimous roll call vote. The cover sheet amount remained the same at **\$5,580,235**.

Revenues		Expenditures	
Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease

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2016 Children &  
Youth Services  
Fund Budget  
**#042-All Depts.**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 112, 2015, “2016 Children & Youth Services Fund Budget”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Fatica.

Mr. Breneman moved to amend Ordinance Number 112, 2015, to include Actions Sheets #1-13. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#1	<b>All line items which have a zero balance are eliminated and are not available for transfers.</b>				
#2	<b>All positions are eliminated when the grant revenue is eliminated.</b>				
#3	<b>To adjust wages for position To starting salary position #0042-000104-014</b>				
	Non-Bargaining Wages				30,421
	FICA				2,328
	Hospitalization				
	Drug				
	Workers Compensation				55
	Retirement				3,024
	Other Health & Welfare				50
	Act 148		21,526		
	County of Erie		14,352		
#4	<b>To increase funding of Ad Litem Counsel</b>				
	Bethesda				72,000
	General Fund Transfer			72,000	
#5	<b>To add additional Court Order Placement Facilities</b>				
	Jewish Family Svcs. Of Harrisburg			3,000	
	Adoption Connection PA			5,000	
	Adoption Connection PA			10	
	Taylor Diversion Program			5,000	
	Taylor Diversion Program			10	
	Perseus House				10,020
	Title IV-E	3,000			

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	Revenues		Expenditures	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#6	<b>To Eliminate Paid Parking for Employees</b>			
				4,881
				4,881
				9,761
				15,618
				16,106
				19,034
				2,440
		13,568		
		59,153		
#7	<b>To Reduce Overtime</b>			
				6,000
			0	459
			0	11
				19
		1,298		
		5,191		
#8	<b>To Reduce Overtime</b>			
				7,000
			0	536
			0	13
				19
		1,514		
		6,054		
#9	<b>To Reduce Overtime</b>			
				4,000
			0	306
			0	7
				19
		866		
		3,466		

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		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#10	<b>To Reduce</b>				
	<b>Overtime</b>				
	Overtime				33,000
	FICA			0	2,525
	Life Insurance				
	Hospitalization				
	Workperson Comp. Ins.			0	59
	Retirement				19
	Erie County		7,121		
	Act 148		28,482		
#11	<b>To Reduce</b>				
	<b>Overtime</b>				
	Overtime				45,000
	FICA			0	3,443
	Life Insurance				
	Hospitalization				
	Workperson Comp. Ins.			0	81
	Retirement			0	19
	Erie County		9,709		
	Act 148		38,834		
#12	<b>To Reduce</b>				
	<b>Overtime</b>				
	Overtime				14,000
	FICA			0	1,071
	Life Insurance				
	Hospitalization				
	Workperson Comp. Ins.			0	25
	Retirement				19
	Erie County		3,023		
	Act 148		12,092		
#13	<b>To reduce</b>				
	<b>Temp Staff as</b>				
	<b>A result of</b>				
	<b>Add'l Staffing</b>				
	Temporary Staff				32,000
	FICA			0	2,448
	Life Insurance				
	Hospitalization				
	Workperson Comp. Ins.			0	58
	Retirement				19
	Erie County		6,905		
	Act 148		27,620		

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Mr. Breneman then moved to amend the cover sheet to the amount of **\$67,266,445**. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance 112, 2015, as amended, then carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

2016 Domestic Relations Fund Budget #050-003710

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 113, 2015, “2016 Domestic Relations Fund Budget”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Fatica.

Mr. Breneman then moved to amend Ordinance Number 113, 2015, to include Action Sheet #1. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Revenues		Expenditures	
Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease

#1 **To restrict Indirect Cost To Transfer to Gen. Fund & not available For transfer to other Line items.**  
 Indirect cost – Restricted  
 Collections Incentive  
 General Fund Transfer

Ordinance 113, 2015, as amended, carried in a unanimous roll call vote. The cover sheet amount remained the same at **\$5,147,195**.

2016 Planning Fund Budget #053-All Depts.

Mr. Smith gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 114, 2015, “2016 Planning Fund Budget”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Fatica.

Mr. Breneman then moved to separate the vote on Actions Sheets 1-4. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica. Action Sheets #1, 2, and 4 carried in a unanimous roll call vote. Action Sheet #3 carried in a 6-1 vote, with Mr. Breneman voting no.

Revenues		Expenditures	
Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease

#1 **To reduce IT shared Cost of GIS position 67% of Position #002813-001**  
 Transfer from Gen. Fund  
 Shared Costs

	34,120		34,120
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		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#2	<b>To Eliminate the GIS Admin. Bureau &amp; Move Those Costs to Planning Administration</b>				
	Non-Bargaining Wages			3,397	
	Bargaining Wages			19,527	
	FICA			1,754	
	Life Insurance			34	
	Hospitalization			7,190	
	Prescription Drugs			2,289	
	Workers Compensation			85	
	Retirement			2,013	
	Other Health & Welfare			429	
	Unemployment Comp.			178	
	Travel Work – Required			5,000	
	Computer Supplies			1,750	
	Non-Bargaining Wages				3,397
	Bargaining Wages				19,527
	FICA				1,754
	Life Insurance				34
	Hospitalization				7,190
	Prescription Drugs				2,289
	Workers Compensation				85
	Retirement				2,013
	Other Health & Welfare				429
	Unemployment Comp.				178
	Travel Work – Required				5,000
	Computer Supplies				1,750
#3	<b>To Eliminate New Position – #066010-002 Planner</b>				
	Bargaining Wages				30,362
	FICA				2,323
	Life Insurance				51
	Hospitalization				9,246
	Prescription Drugs				2,921
	Workers Compensation				55
	Retirement				2,666
	Other Health & Welfare				513
	Unemployment Compensation				274
	Transfer from General Fund		48,411		
#4	<b>To Eliminate New Position #066010-005 Clerk II</b>				
	Bargaining Wages				22,230
	FICA				1,701
	Life Insurance				51
	Hospitalization				9,177
	Prescription Drugs				2,921

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	Revenues		Expenditures	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Workers Compensation				40
Retirement				1,952
Other Health & Welfare				513
Unemployment Compensation				274
Transfer from General Fund		19,430		
Other reimbursement		19,429		

Mr. Breneman moved to amend the cover sheet to change the amount to **\$5,686,841**. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance Number 114, 2015, as amended, then carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

2016 Library  
Fund Budget  
#054-017000

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 115, 2015, "2016 Library Fund Budget". This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Fatica.

Mr. Breneman then moved to amend Ordinance Number 115, 2015, to include Actions sheets 1-4 and corrected #5. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

#1	Revenues		Expenditures	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
	<b>All Line Items which Have a zero balance are Eliminated &amp; are not Available for transfer.</b>			
#2	<b>All individual salaries Are to be considered to Be a separate line item &amp; Subject to all provisions Governing transfers.</b>			
#3	<b>To correct wages for Position #17100-028 as a Result of change in Personnel.</b>			
			10,846	
			830	
			60	
			952	
			18	
	12,706			

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		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#4	<b>To correct wages for Position #17100-020 as a result Of it being listed as Full time when in fact It is a part time position.</b>				
	Bargaining Wages			17,650	
	FICA			1,350	
	Hospitalization				
	Drug				
	Workers Compensation			99	
	Retirement			1,814	
	Other Health & Welfare			29	
	Transfer from General Fund		20,942		
#5	<b>To eliminate new position #017100-026 Librarian I (CORRECTED)</b>				
	Non-bargaining Wages			43,602	
	FICA			3,336	
	<b>Life Insurance</b>			<b>57</b>	
	Hospitalization			12,238	
	Drugs			3,895	
	Workers Compensation			243	
	Retirement			3,828	
	Other Health & Welfare			735	
	Unemployment Compensation			274	
	Transfer from General Fund		68,208		

Mr. Breneman then moved to amend the cover sheet to the amount of **\$6,813,775**. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance Number 115, 2015, as amended, then carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

2016 Public Health  
Fund Budget  
**#056-All Depts.**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 116, 2015, "2016 Public Health Fund Budget. This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Fatica.

Mr. Breneman then moved to amend Ordinance Number 116, 2015, to include Actions Sheets #1, 2, and 4-10. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Breneman moved to separate the vote on Action Sheet #3. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica, and the vote on Action Sheet #3 carried in a 6-1 vote, with Mr. Breneman voting no.

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		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#1	<b>All positions are eliminated At the end of the present grant. If grant is continued, Council Must approve the position prior To the start of the new grant year.</b>				
#2	<b>All line items which have a zero Balance are eliminated and are Not available for transfers.</b>				
#3	<b>To eliminate new position #018060-004 Grant Writer &amp; Accreditation Coordinator</b>				
	Salaries – N/B				34,359
	FICA			0	2,628
	Life Insurance				69
	Hospitalization				9,198
	Prescription Drugs				2,922
	Workperson Comp. Ins.			0	62
	Retirement				3,017
	Health & Welfare				513
	Unemployment Tax				274
	Act 315 Revenue		26,521		
	County Share		26,521		
#4	<b>To add to 2016 Expenditures Which were originally to be Spent in 2015 but as a result Of State budget impasse will Now be spent in 2016</b>				
	Overtime			5,465	
	FICA			418	
	Workmen’s Compensation			9	
	Retirement			518	
	Travel – Work Related			5,066	
	Training			1,500	
	Data Processing			1,412	
	Telephone			120	
	Postage			160	
	Duplicating & Printing			50	
	Maintenance Fees			425	
	Professional Fees			33,535	
	Stockroom Supplies			140	
	Computer Supplies			482	
	All Other Supplies			80	
	Grant	49,381			

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	Revenues		Expenditures	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#5	<b>To add to 2016 Expenditures Which were originally to be Spent in 2015 but as a result Of State budget impasse will Now be spent in 2016.</b>			
			1,000	
			300	
			800	
			5,055	
			100	
			300	
			500	
			335	
	8,390			
#6	<b>To add to 2016 Expenditures Which were originally to be Spent in 2015 but as a result Of State budget impasse will Now be spent in 2016.</b>			
			150	
			3,000	
			3,000	
			300	
			6,000	
			5,000	
			1,000	
			6,000	
	24,450			
#7	<b>To add to 2016 Expenditures Which were originally to be Spent in 2015 but as a result Of State budget impasse will Now be spent in 2016.</b>			
			2,600	
			1,706	
			100	
			150	
			100	
			100	
			5,215	
			100	
			100	
			150	
			6,938	
			175	

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		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
	All Other Supplies			30,702	
	Grant	48,136			
#8	<b>To add to 2016 Expenditures Which were originally to be Spent in 2015 but as a result Of State budget impasse will Now be spent in 2016.</b>				
	Travel – Work Related			1,000	
	Training			75	
	Association Fees			115	
	Professional Fees			750	
	Fees & Services			100	
	All Other Supplies			5,250	
	Grant	7,290			
#9	<b>To add to 2016 Expenditures Which were originally to be Spent in 2015 but as a result Of State budget impasse will Now be spent in 2016.</b>				
	Travel – Work Related			2,000	
	Stockroom Supplies			89	
	Computer Supplies			300	
	All Other Supplies			2,091	
	Grant	4,480			
#10	<b>To restrict Position #18020-025 Refugee Health Case Coordinator Until confirmation of Act 315 Funds.</b>				
	Salaries N/B				36,796
	FICA				2,815
	Life Insurance				69
	Hospitalization				12,240
	Prescription Drugs				2,922
	Workperson Comp. Ins.				66
	Retirement				3,231
	Health & Welfare				684
	Unemployment Tax				274
	Restricted Account			59,097	

Mr. Breneman moved to amend the cover sheet to change the amount to **\$6,575,264**. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance Number 116, 2015, as amended, carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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2016 Public Safety  
Fund Budget  
#063-All Depts.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 117, 2015, "2016 Public Safety Fund Budget". This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Fatica.

Mr. Breneman then moved to amend Ordinance Number 117, 2015, to include Actions Sheets #1-9. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#1	<b>All positions are Eliminated at the End of present grant. If grant is continued, Council must approve The position prior to Start of new grant.</b>				
#2	<b>All line items which have A zero balance are Eliminated and are not Available for transfers.</b>				
#3	<b>To add to 2016 expenditures Which were originally to be Spent in 2015 but as a result Of the State budget impasse Will now be spent in 2016.</b> Fund Balance appropriated Professional fees	78,900		78,990	
#4	<b>To add to 2016 expenditures Which were originally to be Spent in 2015 but as a result Of the State budget impasse Will now be spent in 2016.</b> Fund Balance appropriated Computer Supplies	13,433		13,433	
#5	<b>To add to 2016 expenditures Which were originally to be Spent in 2015 but as a result Of the State budget impasse Will now be spent in 2016.</b> Fund Balance appropriated Computer Software	70,034		70,034	

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		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#6	<b>To add to 2016 expenditures Which were originally to be Spent in 2015 but as a result Of the State budget impasse Will now be spent in 2016.</b>				
	Fund Balance appropriated	10,701		10,701	
	Other Office Supplies				
#7	<b>To add to 2016 expenditures Which were originally to be Spent in 2015 but as a result Of the State budget impasse Will now be spent in 2016.</b>				
	Insurance			4	
	Training			856	
	Telephone			2,043	
	Postage			404	
	Maintenance & Repairs			1,351	
	Vehicle Maintenance			950	
	Professional Fees			150	
	Medical Services			1,790	
	Computer Supplies			459	
	All Other Supplies			3,778	
	Other Equipment			1,178	
	Grant	12,963			
#8	<b>To add to 2016 expenditures Which were originally to be Spent in 2015 but as a result Of the State budget impasse Will now be spent in 2016.</b>				
	Computer Software			6,538	
	Fund Balance appropriated	6,538			
#9	<b>To eliminate new EMA Community Outreach Position #018040-004</b>				
	Salaries N/B			30,430	
	FICA			2,328	
	Life Insurance			69	
	Hospitalization			9,295	
	Prescription Drug			2,922	
	Workperson Comp. Ins.			55	
	Retirement			2,672	
	Health & Welfare			684	
	Unemployment Tax			274	
	Transfer from General Fund		48,729		

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Mr. Breneman moved to amend the cover sheet to change the amount to **\$7,149,235**. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance Number 117, 2015, as amended, carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

2016 Gaming  
Fund Budget  
**#067-All Depts.**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 118, 2015, "2016 Gaming Fund Budget". This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Fatica.

Mr. Breneman then moved to amend Ordinance Number 118, 2015, to include Actions Sheets #1-10. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica. Mr. Breneman then asked for a separate vote on Action Sheets 1-10.

		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#1	<b>All line items which Have a zero balance Are eliminated and Are not available for Transfers.</b>				

Action Sheet #1 carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

#2	<b>To reduce grant to Erie County Poetry Project.</b> Erie County Poetry Project				2,500
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Action Sheet #2 carried in a 4-3 vote, with Dr. Foust, Mr. Horton, and Mr. Leone voting no.

#3	<b>To decrease grant to Humane Society to 2015 level.</b> Humane Society				5,000
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Action Sheet #3 failed in a 3-4 vote, with Mr. DiMattio, Mr. Fatica, Dr. Foust, and Mrs. Loll voting no.

#4	<b>To eliminate Tri-County COG.</b> Tri-County Grant				1,500
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Action Sheet #4 failed in a 1-6 vote, with Mr. Breneman voting yes.

#5	<b>To provide for grant to The Sisters of Saint Joseph.</b> Sisters of St. Joseph			5,000	
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Action Sheet #5 carried in a 5-2 vote, with Dr. Foust and Mr. Fatica voting no.

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	Revenues		Expenditures	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#6				
	<b>To provide for grant To the JFK Center to Fund youth programs.</b>			
	JFK Center		10,000	

Action Sheet #6 carried in a 4-3 vote, with Mr. Fatica, Dr. Foust, and Mrs. Loll voting no.

#7				
	<b>To provide for grant To the Bayfront NATO Center to fund youth Programs.</b>			
	Bayfront NATO Center		10,000	

Action Sheet #7 carried in a 4-3 vote, with Mr. Fatica, Dr. Foust, and Mrs. Loll voting no.

#8				
	<b>To provide for grant To the Booker T. Washington Center To fund youth programs.</b>			
	Booker T. Washington Center		10,000	

Action Sheet #8 carried in a 4-3 vote, with Mr. Fatica, Dr. Foust, and Mrs. Loll voting no.

#9				
	<b>To provide for a grant To the UCEDC to fund Youth programs.</b>			
	UCEDC		5,000	

Action Sheet #9 carried in a 4-3 vote, with Mr. Fatica, Dr. Foust, and Mrs. Loll voting no.

#10				
	<b>To provide for a restricted Account to fund the add'l County share should the County assume control of EMTA.</b>			
	Restricted Account		350,000	

Action Sheet #10 carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Breneman then moved to amend the cover sheet to show the new amount of **\$11,663,424**. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote. OK

Ordinance Number 118, 2015, as amended, carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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2016 Liquid  
Fuels Fund Budget  
#058-All

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 119, 2015, “2016 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote. The cover sheet amount remained the same at **\$900,100**.

2016 PRM  
Fund Budget

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 120, 2015, “2016 Pleasant Ridge Manor Fund Budget”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Fatica.

Mr. Breneman then moved to amend Ordinance Number 120, 2015, to include Action Sheets 1 and 2. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#1	<b>All line items which Have a zero balance Are eliminated and Are not available for Transfers.</b>				
#2	<b>To reduce expected Funding from the ITG Transfer.</b>				
	Medicare				139,375
	Transfer from General Fund	139,375			

Ordinance Number 120, 2015, as amended, carried in a unanimous roll call vote. The cover sheet amount remained the same at **\$30,431,812**.

2016 PRM  
Depreciation  
Fund Budget

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 121, 2015, “2016 Pleasant Ridge Manor Depreciation Reserve Fund Budget”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Mr. Fatica, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote. The cover sheet amount remained the same at **\$845,986**.

2016 Erie County  
Care Management  
Budget

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 122, 2015, “2016 Erie County Care Management Budget”. This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Fatica.

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Mr. Breneman then moved to amend Ordinance Number 122, 2015, to include Action Sheet #1. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#1	<b>To subject this fund to The Erie County Personnel Policy including having all New positions subjected to Approval by County Council.</b>				

Ordinance Number 122, 2015, as amended, carried in a unanimous roll call vote. The cover sheet amount remained the same at **\$12,996,356**.

2016 General  
Fund Budget  
#001-All Depts.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 106, 2015, "2016 General Fund Budget". This was moved by Mr. Breneman and seconded by Mr. Fatica.

Mr. Breneman moved to amend Ordinance Number 106, 2016, to include Actions Sheets 1-43. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica.

Dr. Foust expressed his reservations with regard to Action Sheet #3 and stated he would not ask for a separate vote. He stated that while the taping and televising of Council meetings will have broad appeal in many circles, he felt that there is going to be a lot of problem as far as grandstanding of not only the public but the people who may come to the podium over time and it is money that he did not feel is necessarily well spent.

Mr. Breneman then asked for a separate vote on Action Sheet #36. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica. The vote for Action Sheet 36 carried in a 6-1 vote, with Mr. Breneman voting no.

Actions Sheets 1-35 and 37-43 carried in a unanimous roll call vote. (Action Sheet #44 was pulled previously.)

Dr. Foust then asked for clarification on the number of positions that were cut from the proposed budget, which was 16. The total amount reduced in the budget was \$912,906.

		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#1	<b>All individual salaries are To be considered to be a Separate line item and subject To all provisions governing transfers.</b>				
#2	<b>All line items which have a zero Balance are eliminated and are</b>				

	<b>Not available for transfers.</b>		
#3	<b>To provide fee for filming County Council meetings.</b>		
	Professional Fees	8,000	
#4	<b>To reduce CE Other Office Supplies line.</b>		
	Other Office Supplies		1,600
#5	<b>To correct the dues for ERCGP</b>		
	Association Fees	500	
#6	<b>To restrict funds for Outside Counsel</b>		
	Restricted Account	1,000	
	Professional Fees		1,000
#7	<b>To decrease (Human Resources)</b>		
	Hospitalization		7,837
	Prescription Drug		2,495
	Other Health & Welfare		423
#8	<b>To provide a restricted account For possible additional expenses From operation of PRM – East</b>		
	Restricted Account	10,000	
#9	<b>To provide reimbursement To Planning for 67% of GIS position</b>		
	Shared Cost	34,120	
#10	<b>To reduce to 2015 level</b>		
	Vehicles		15,000
#11	<b>To correct Guardian Ad Litem line items in Courts.</b>		
	Ad Litem Counsel	72,000	
	Outside Dependent Children	-----	24,000
	Transfer from C&Y	72,000	
#12	<b>To reduce repairs &amp; Maintenance (District Justices)</b>		
	Maintenance & Repairs	-----	7,000
#13	<b>To transfer additional revenue Generated by the increase in Supervision fees to Clerk of Courts to Corrections.</b>		
	Probation Fees	70,000	
	Fines		70,000

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		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#14	<b>To reduce as a result Of not hiring 6 positions.</b>				
	Clothing & Safety Supplies				12,000
	Travel-Work Required				5,000
#15	<b>To reduce (Adult Probation)</b>				
	Travel – Work Required				10,230
	Telephone				12,695
	All Other Supplies				15,880
#16	<b>To record additional Federal Reimbursements – Corrections.</b>				
	Federal Reimbursements	20,000			
#17	<b>To reduce spending Levels – Maintenance &amp; Fuel (Juv. Prob.)</b>				
	Vehicle Maintenance				1,000
	Fees & Services				2,100
	Computer Supplies				2,400
	Clothing				1,950
#18	<b>To correct wages for Position #0030200-017 (Court Admin.)</b>				
	Non-Bargaining Wages				23,099
	FICA				1,767
	Workers Compensation				42
	Retirement				2,028
	Other Health & Welfare				38
#19	<b>To record savings from change In personnel in position #003400-005 (DA's Ofc)</b>				
	Non-Bargaining Wages				14,100
	FICA				1,079
	Workman Compensation				25
	Retirement				1,238
	Other Health & Welfare				23
#20	<b>To correct the wages for Position #004110-131 due To change in personnel. (Corrections)</b>				
	Bargaining Wages				8,356

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		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
	FICA				639
	Workers Compensation				356
	Retirement				734
	Other Health & Welfare				15
#21	<b>To correct the wages for Position #004-110-127 due To change in personnel. (Corrections)</b>				
	Bargaining Wages				10,709
	FICA				819
	Life Insurance				
	Hospitalization				7,838
	Drugs				2,495
	Workers Compensation				457
	Retirement				940
	Other Health & Welfare				18
#22	<b>To reduce the starting salary of The replacement for the Deputy Director #004010-002 (Adult Probation)</b>				
	Non-Bargaining Wages				17,947
	FICA				1,373
	Workperson Comp. Ins.				766
	Retirement				1,576
#23	<b>To reduce the starting Salary of the replacement For the Director #004010-001. (Adult Probation)</b>				
	Non-Bargaining Wages				14,996
	FICA				1,147
	Workperson Comp. Ins.				640
	Retirement				1,317
#24	<b>To eliminate the additional 30 Hours added to Mgr. of Internal Auditing; Asst Mgr; Fiscal Tech &amp; Sr. Auditor (Controller's Office)</b>				
	Non-Bargaining Wages				2,403
	FICA				184
	Worker Compensation				4
	Retirement				211

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		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#25	<b>To eliminate Temporary Staff line item (County Executive)</b>				
	Temporary Staff			8,250	
	FICA			631	
	Workmen's Comp			15	
	Unemployment Compensation			238	
	Reimbursement				
#26	<b>To eliminate Temp Staff (Procurement)</b>				
	Temp Staff			500	
	FICA			38	
	Worker Comp			1	
#27	<b>To eliminate overtime (Procurement)</b>				
	Overtime			1,000	
	FICA			77	
	Worker Comp			2	
#28	<b>To eliminate overtime account (IT Department)</b>				
	Overtime			12,000	
	FICA			918	
	Workperson Comp Ins.			22	
#29	<b>To remove upgrade for position #003220-010 Records Manager (Clerk of Courts)</b>				
	Non-Bargaining Wages			1,979	
	FICA			151	
	Workman Compensation			107	
	Retirement			174	
#30	<b>To eliminate upgrade for Position #003300-003 – Chief Deputy Sheriff (Sheriff's Dept.)</b>				
	Non-Bargaining Wages			3,000	
	FICA			230	
	Workers Compensation			128	
	Retirement			263	
#31	<b>To eliminate the change to 40 Hours for the following positions: #003600-001; 002; 003; 004; 005; 006; 012; 024 (Public Defender)</b>				

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		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
	Non-Bargaining Wages				16,912
	FICA				1,294
	Workman Compensation				41
	Retirement				1,485
#32	<b>To reduce (Adult Probation)</b>				
	Overtime				10,000
	FICA				765
	Workperson Comp Ins.				427
	Retirement				878
#33	<b>To reduce position #002465-009</b>				
	<b>To starting level (County Facilities)</b>				
	Bargaining Wages				11,469
	FICA				877
	Retirement				1077
	Worker Compensation				618
	Other Health & Welfare				19
#34	<b>To eliminate position #00110-005</b>				
	<b>Senior Auditor (Controller's Office)</b>				
	Salaries – N/B				31,220
	FICA				2,388
	Life Insurance				51
	Hospitalization				9,996
	Prescription Drugs				2,922
	Workperson Comp Ins.				56
	Retirement				2,741
	Health & Welfare				513
	Unemployment Tax				278
#35	<b>To eliminate new position –</b>				
	<b>Public Affairs Officer</b>				
	<b>#002200-007 (County Executive)</b>				
	Non-Bargaining Wages				31,142
	FICA				2,382
	Life Insurance				69
	Hospitalization				9,411
	Drug Prescription Drugs				2,922
	Workmen's Comp				56
	Retirement				2,734
	Other Health & Welfare				513
	Unemployment Compensation				278
	Reimbursement				

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		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#36	<b>To eliminate Diversity Officer Position #002200-007 (Human Resources)</b>				
	Non-Bargaining Wages			39,273	
	FICA			3,004	
	Life Insurance			69	
	Hospitalization			9,206	
	Drug Prescription Drugs			2,922	
	Workmen's Comp			71	
	Retirement			3,448	
	Other Health & Welfare			513	
	Unemployment Compensation			278	
	Reimbursement				
#37	<b>To eliminate Administrative Officer I Position #002340-003 (Tax Claim)</b>				
	Non-Bargaining Wages			25,955	
	FICA			1,986	
	Life Insurance			69	
	Hospitalization			9,364	
	Drug Prescription Drugs			2,922	
	Workmen's Comp			47	
	Retirement			2,279	
	Other Health & Welfare			513	
	Unemployment Compensation			278	
	Reimbursement				
#38	<b>To eliminate position #003300-002 – Sheriff Deputy I (Sheriff's Dept.)</b>				
	Bargaining Wages			24,999	
	FICA			1,912	
	Life Insurance			51	
	Hospitalization			9,352	
	Prescription Drugs			2,922	
	Workers Compensation			1,067	
	Retirement			2,195	
	Other Health & Welfare			513	
	Unemployment			278	
#39	<b>To eliminate position #003300-004 – Sheriff Deputy I (Sheriff's Dept.)</b>				
	Bargaining Wages			24,999	
	FICA			1,912	
	Life Insurance			51	
	Hospitalization			9,352	

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		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
	Prescription Drugs				2,922
	Workers Compensation				1,067
	Retirement				2,195
	Other Health & Welfare				513
	Unemployment				278
#40	<b>To eliminate position #003300-010 – Sheriff Deputy I (Sheriff’s Dept.)</b>				
	Bargaining Wages				24,999
	FICA				1,912
	Life Insurance				51
	Hospitalization				9,352
	Prescription Drugs				2,922
	Workers Compensation				1,067
	Retirement				2,195
	Other Health & Welfare				513
	Unemployment				278
#41	<b>To eliminate position #003300-016 – Sheriff Deputy I (Sheriff’s Dept.)</b>				
	Bargaining Wages				24,999
	FICA				1,912
	Life Insurance				51
	Hospitalization				9,352
	Prescription Drugs				2,922
	Workers Compensation				1,067
	Retirement				2,195
	Other Health & Welfare				513
	Unemployment				278
#42	<b>To eliminate position #003300-022 – Sheriff Deputy I (Sheriff’s Dept.)</b>				
	Bargaining Wages				24,999
	FICA				1,912
	Life Insurance				51
	Hospitalization				9,352
	Prescription Drugs				2,922
	Workers Compensation				1,067
	Retirement				2,195
	Other Health & Welfare				513
	Unemployment				278

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		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#43	<b>To eliminate position #003300-028 – Permit Clerk (Sheriff’s Dept.)</b>				
	Bargaining Wages			21,431	
	FICA			1,639	
	Life Insurance			51	
	Hospitalization			9,320	
	Prescription Drugs			2,922	
	Workers Compensation			39	
	Retirement			1,882	
	Other Health & Welfare			513	
	Unemployment			278	

Mr. Breneman then moved to amend Ordinance Number 106, 2015, to include Action Sheet #45. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

		Revenues		Expenditures	
		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
#45	<b>TRANSFERS – TO REDUCE</b>				
	DOMESTIC RELATIONS				
	MH/MR				
	DRUG & ALCOHOL				
	CHILDREN & YOUTH			58,356	
	DEBT SERVICE				
	PLANNING			101,961	
	LIBRARY FUND			76,444	
	HEALTH DEPT.			26,521	
	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
	PUBLIC SAFETY			48,729	
	PLEASANT RIDGE MANOR			139,375	
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>139,375</b>	<b>312,011</b>

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m. for Council to enter caucus to discuss the real estate tax levy. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Leone.

Dr. Foust moved to amend the Erie County 2016 Budget to include that any new position where the funds needed to create those positions be held in restricted line items until the State budget is set. This was seconded by Mr. Breneman. Mr. Fatica clarified with Mrs. Pasquale that these would have then have to come before Council. This was carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Dr. Foust moved to approve the tax levy for 2016 Erie County Budget in the amount of .23 mils. This was seconded by Mr. Breneman. Mr. Maloney clarified that revenues would then decrease \$2,932,127, and it would be a balanced budget.

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Dr. Foust then commented that the proposal to raise taxes is taken very seriously by Council and always has. He won't seek to minimize it by saying it's only this much, and he did not feel that Mr. Fatica used that phrase as Mr. Barnes referred to earlier in a pejorative way. He stated that Council is aware of what it means that they are doing. The important thing is the County has incurred new expenses, primarily the radio system, but other things as well. Council has already taken out 15 positions and nearly \$1 million in budget cuts this year, and there is still a \$2 million deficit. It is tough to continue any operation when you deficit spend. He commented that no one is ever in a hurry to raise taxes, but this is a minimal amount that basically cuts the proposal in half that was given to Council by the Administration and allows us to get out from underneath that deficit and go forward.

Mr. DiMattio stated that he is not in favor of any tax increase this year. The biggest reason is the hits that have been taken in Erie County. He wouldn't say there would never be a tax increase because that would be foolhardy to state that, but felt that some times are better than others and this year would not be a good year. He felt that it becomes very difficult to explain to the taxpayer with the fund balance the County has the reason for that issue.

Chairman Leone stated that he has voted in the past, and it is difficult to continue to vote in the future on the basis that he votes for the County as a whole. I have voted for the County as a whole. Each Council member comes from various districts and we've always said we are more interested in the County as a whole. He commented that if they are going to play any kind of politics, it's going to be strictly by district. He further commented that he has tried desperately to help everyone throughout the County regardless of whose district it was, from now on his main concern will be for those in his district alone.

#46

**REVENUE – TO DECREASE**

**TAX REVENUE**

	Revenues		Expenditures	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
CURRENT REAL ESTATE TAX		2,932,127		

Action Sheet #46 passed in a 4-3 vote, with Mr. DiMattio, Mr. Horton, and Chairman Leone voting no.

Mr. Breneman then moved to amend the cover sheet to change the amount to **\$96,574,926**. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a 5-2 vote, with Mr. Horton and Mr. Leone voting no.

November 17, 2015

**Ord. 123, 2015 –  
2016 Real Estate  
Tax Levy**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 123, 2015, “2016 Real Estate Tax Levy”. This was moved by Dr. Foust and seconded by Mr. Fatica. The real estate tax levy cover sheet will reflect 5.16 mils.

Ordinance 123, 2015, then carried in a 4-3 vote, with Mr. DiMattio, Mr. Horton, and Mr. Leone voting no.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Deneé M. Breter, Council Secretary

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