

**AGENDA**  
Erie County Council

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André R. Horton, Chairman  
Jay Breneman, Vice Chairman  
Edward T. DiMattio, Jr.  
Kathleen Fatica  
Dr. Kyle Foust  
Fiore Leone  
Carol Loll

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

6:30 P.M. - Council Caucus  
7:00 P.M. – Council Meeting

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION
3. ROLL CALL
4. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC
  - A. Marvin Cross – Contracting Licensures
  - B. Randy Barnes – Responsibilities as a Liaison
5. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
  - A. February 23, 2016 – Regular Meeting
6. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS
  - A. County Executive and/or her Designee
  - B. Finance Committee – Dr. Foust
  - C. Personnel Committee – Mr. Breneman
  - D. Other
7. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 11, 2016, “2016 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Revenue & Expenditures of \$59,097 for Release of Restricted Funds for Refugee Health Case Coordinator”. (Personnel Committee – 2/9/16)

- B. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 12, 2016, “An Ordinance of the County of Erie, Pennsylvania (The ‘County’) Authorizing and Directing the Execution and Delivery of a Guaranty Agreement for the Benefit of Pleasant Ridge Manor (‘Pleasant Ridge’) and Compliance with the Provisions Thereof and Incurring Nonelectoral Debt Thereby; Approving a \$700,000 Letter of Credit Agreement From Pleasant Ridge to PNC Bank, National Association; Directing the Proper Officers of the County to Take Necessary Actions; and Repealing All Inconsistent Ordinances”. (Finance Committee)
- C. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 14, 2016, “First 2016 Domestic Relations Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$2,235 from Change in Positions”. (Personnel Committee – 2/23/16)
- D. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 15, 2016, “Sixth 2016 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$738 for Transfer to Domestic Relations”. (Personnel Committee – 2/23/16)

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 16, 2016, “Seventh 2016 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$122,783 and Creation of Line Items for Stonegarden Grant FY 2015-2017”. (Finance Committee)
- B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 17, 2016, “First 2016 Erie County Care Management Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$50,040 and Creation of Intellectual Disabilities Incident Management & Investigation Position”. (Personnel Committee)
- C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 18, 2016, “Eighth 2016 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$16,453 for Creation of Part-Time Communications and Public Relations Administrator”. (Personnel Committee)
- D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 19, 2016, “2016 Unrestricted Gaming Fund Budget Restriction of \$107,271 in Grant Funding to EMTA”. (**SEE ATTACHED**) (Finance Committee)

- E. Possible adoption of Resolution Number 8, 2016, “A Resolution Urging The General Assembly And Administration To Restore Funding For Human Services Programs To Historic Levels, And To Put Mechanisms In Place To Assure Any Future Budget Impasse Or Budget Delay Does Not Become A Burden On Erie County And Its Constituents”. (**SEE ATTACHED**) (Finance Committee)
  
- F. Possible appointment of James Wandless to the Erie County Human Relations Commission to represent Mr. Leone’s District. (**SEE ATTACHED**) (Finance Committee)

9. ADJOURNMENT

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 19, 2016**

**2016 Unrestricted Gaming Fund Budget Restriction of \$107,371  
in Grant Funding to EMTA**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the County Council of the County of Erie, pursuant to Article II, Sections 3B(1), 3B(2)(f) of the Home Rule Charter for the County of Erie, that Unrestricted Gaming Fund Budget grant funds in the amount of \$107,371, designated for the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority from September 15, 2016 to December 31, 2016, are hereby restricted as outlined on the attached Exhibit A.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE  
COUNTY OF ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

Attest:

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Douglas R. Smith  
County Clerk

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André R. Horton, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jay Breneman, Vice Chairman

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Edward T. DiMattio, Jr.

Approved by:

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Kathy Fatica

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Kathy Dahlkemper,  
County Executive

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Dr. Kyle Foust

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fiore Leone

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Carol J. Loll

**Exhibit A**  
**2016 Unrestricted Gaming Fund Budget**  
**of \$ 107,371**  
**For Restriction of Grants to EMTA**

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Total Expenditures</u>		
EMTA Grant	067-021015-006216	(101,062)
Handicapped Transportation	067-021015-006218	(6,309)
Restricted Account	067-021015-003700	107,371
Total Expenditures		<u><u>0</u></u>

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 8, 2016**

### **A Resolution Urging The General Assembly And Administration To Restore Funding For Human Services Programs To Historic Levels, And To Put Mechanisms In Place To Assure Any Future Budget Impasse Or Budget Delay Does Not Become A Burden On Erie County And Its Constituents**

**WHEREAS**, counties are at the forefront for delivery of crucial human services that protect the most vulnerable individuals, such as child welfare and protective, mental health, intellectual disabilities, substance abuse treatment, homeless assistance, meal programs, lottery funded transportation, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the capacity to meet critical service needs has been compromised by a steady decrease in state funding over the past decade, especially the drastic ten percent aggregate cut to the seven human services line items in FY 2012-2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Human Services Block Grant has provided much-needed flexibility for the 30 counties eligible to participate, but remains closed to the remaining 37 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, new mandates and additional program requirements continue to be placed on counties in the face of decreasing state funds; and

**WHEREAS**, while the rebalancing initiative for child welfare services is portrayed as only an accounting change, the initiative shifts a full quarter of funds for mandated child protective services into the following budget year with no more than a promise of being made whole; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the six-month budget impasse in FY 2015-2016, counties and the providers with whom they contract were forced to make difficult decisions about remaining open and meeting clients' needs while state payments were withheld; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to continue providing services during the budget impasse, Erie County was forced to hold invoices passed the normal payment terms of 30 days resulting in late fees; cancel all non-critical travel; delay all non-critical purchasing; delay all new hires and filling of vacancies disrupting County operations; withhold \$1,154,926 in Debt Service Payments; halt \$100,000 in various important IT projects around the County; create a furlough plan and strategies to suspend some county services as a last resort; all of which resulted in the unwarranted expense of hundreds of hours of lost time in departments across the County; and

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**WHEREAS**, Erie County has estimated lost revenue of approximately \$36,400 due to loss of interest during the impasse.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Erie County remains committed to the important role we play in delivery of services to our communities; and

**RESOLVED**, that Erie County stands ready to work in partnership with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania in support of counties' top priority for 2016, the commonwealth budget and human services funding; and

**RESOLVED**, that Erie County supports restoration of funding of the ten percent reductions to the seven key human services line items that occurred in FY 2012-2013, as without restoration to prior funding levels, all counties find it difficult to serve the state's most needy citizens; and

**RESOLVED**, that Erie County opposes "rebalancing" initiatives for child welfare services that will force counties to reduce funding by a quarter, reduce payments to providers, shorten contract periods, or use county property tax funds to cover the state's obligation until a future budget makes a true allocation; and

**RESOLVED**, that Erie County asks that state leaders continue to work with them to find ways to administer human services programs in a way that ensures both quality and efficiency, including expansion of the Human Services Block Grant to any willing and able county; and

**RESOLVED**, that Erie County will work in concert with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania and state leaders to develop comprehensive solutions for any future budget impasse or delay to ensure that counties are never again put in a situation where they are forced to cover the state's funding obligations; and

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**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Erie County legislative delegation, to Governor Wolf, and to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, this resolution was passed on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 by a vote of \_\_ to \_\_.

APPROVED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
André R. Horton, Chairman  
Erie County Council

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Kathy Dahlkemper,  
County Executive

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Douglas R. Smith  
County Clerk

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** County Council Members

**FROM:** Fiore Leone, County Council

**DATE:** March 3, 2016

**RE:** **Erie County Human Relations Commissions**

I hereby convey notice of my appointment of James Wandless, 1424 West 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, Pennsylvania, to the Erie County Human Relations Commission.

Mr. Wandless will be filling the unexpired term of Mary Hayes. This term will expire on October 31, 2016.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.