

**ERIE COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: February 25, 2026

	Present:	Alternate Name:
Richard Jeffrey, Erie County Auditor	_____	_____
Kevin Baxter, Erie County Prosecutor	<u>X</u>	_____
Caleb Stidham, Erie County Treasurer	_____	<u>X</u> Lindsey Lavey Deputy Treasurer
John Rogers, Chief Deputy Auditor	<u>X</u>	_____

Others: Brenda Hurst, Chief Fiscal Officer and Janice Baum, Fiscal Officer, E.C. Auditor's Office,
Melissa Price and Beth Ferback from ErieMetroParks, James Tolbert and Sharon MacNicol
Milan-Berlin Library District, Mindy Kayl and Chris Gastier- county residents

Mr. Rogers called the meeting to order at 1:32PM.

On motion of Mr. Baxter and seconded by Ms. Lavey, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2026 meeting.

	AYE	NAY
John Rogers	<u>X</u>	
Kevin Baxter	<u>X</u>	
Lindsey Lavey	<u>X</u>	

Approval/Address Certificates

Amended 2025 Year

For Entities: Soil & Water, Milan Village, Perkins Twp, Castalia Village, Erie County
Milan Library and Milan Twp (revised from previous certificate)

Original 2026 Year

For Entities: Soil & Water, Edison LSD, EHOVE, Huron CSC, Margaretta LSD, Kelleys Island LSD
Perkins LSD, Sandusky, CSD and Vermilion LSD

On motion of Mr. Baxter and seconded by Ms. Lavey, to approve the final 2025 amended certificates and the original 2026 certificates.

	AYE	NAY
John Rogers	<u>X</u>	
Kevin Baxter	<u>X</u>	
Lindsey Lavey	<u>X</u>	

Let the record show that Mr. Jeffrey joined the meeting at 1:36 PM.

Mr. Jeffrey requested meeting dates for Schools to come in for discussion. Ms. Lavy Provided dates that Treasurer Stidham had available. After review there is already a meeting advertised and set for March 25, 2026 so we will try to schedule schools to come that day.

Audience Questions/Discussion

Ms. Sharon MacNicol, Board Member of the Milan-Berlin Library District, spoke about services provided by the library for Seniors and the great value. Her concern is the loss of revenue due to the Budget Commission Decision for Calendar Year 2026.

Mr. Jeffrey again explained the duties on both the Library and Budget commission to present financial information to review to make these decisions for the benefit of the taxpayers.

Mr. Chris Gasteir inquired if these decisions are for the life of the levy. Mr. Jeffrey noted it is discussed yearly and decisions are made based on the previous years information and carryover as well as financial plans.

Ms. Mindy Kayle asked where to find ballot language for the Milan Library Levy. Mr. Jeffrey noted the Board of Elections.

Mr. James Tolbert, Director of the Milan-Berlin Library District, stated it would be 2010 data.

He noted that they were now aware of the process and will be prepared going forward with the costs and budget.

Discussion continued about HB 309 and the greater emphasis of this board as well as if real estate values make a difference in the levies.

On motion of Mr. Baxter and seconded by Ms. Lavey, the meeting was adjourned at 2:16PM.

	AYE	NAY
Richard Jeffrey	X	
Kevin Baxter	X	
Lindsey Lavey	X	