**ERIE COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION** DATE: September 24, 2026

**MEETING MINUTES** **BOARD OF DD SPECIAL HEARING**

| | Present: | Alternate Name: |
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| Richard Jeffrey, Erie County Auditor | **X** | |
| Kevin Baxter, Erie County Prosecutor | | Jason Hinners |
| Caleb Stidham, Erie County Treasurer | **X** | |
| Janice Baum, Fiscal Officer | **X** | |

Others: Brenda Hurst, Chief Fiscal Officer, E.C. Auditor's Office, Lindsey Lavey, Treasurer's Office, Carrie Beier, Rachel Malone, Diane Corso and Felicia Zendejas with the Board of Developmental Disabilities, James Tolbert and Sharon MacNichol with the Milan-Berlin Library, Melissa Price, Beth Ferback, Sue Daniel, Kurt Kresser, Margaret Murray and Jim Peters with Erie MetroParks, Mindy Kayl - Commissioner Candidate, Easton Retzke - HD 89 Candidate, Chris Gasteier and MaryAnn Groot, citizens

Mr. Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM .

Ms. Beier began with informing the Budget Commission members that the Board of DD was requesting collection of the full 3 mill levy for 2027. She mentioned rising costs (up 35% over the past 3 years) and growing demand for services. The Ohio Dept of Developmental Disabilities requires Counties to submit a 5-year forecast and shows the Board will have insufficient funding. Ms. Beier reminded the Budget Commission that the Board of DD does not receive inside millage and have received the same funding since 2016 and asked the Budget Commission to take their 5-year forecast into consideration per Ohio Revised Code 5705.322.

Mr. Stidham asked about the federal revenue line being down $1 million, with Ms. Malone responding that it is a timing issue and they are waiting on a deposit. The Board will spend approximately $1.5 million per month through the end of the year, as they receive more revenue in the beginning of the year and have higher expenses at the end of the year. Ms. Malone expects to end the year with approximately $3.3 million.

On motion of Mr. Stidham and seconded by Mr. Hinners , to approve the collection of the full 3 mill levy for the Board of DD

| | AYE | NAY |
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| Richard Jeffrey | **X** | |
| Jason Hinners | **X** | |
| Caleb Stidham | **X** | |

Ms. Beier encouraged the Budget Commission members to please reach out if they have any questions. Mr. Jeffrey asked if they have plans to put together a plan for any future carryover. Ms. Beier said they have tried to come up with a target, but has to be a joint effort with the Board of DD and Budget Commission. Mr. Jeffrey said they could have a dialogue after they set a target and every entity is different and is better for the jurisdictions to tell the Budget Commission, rather than the Budget Commission tell the jurisdictions. Mr. Stidham said that is why the Budget Commission has the statutory authority and carryover is different for each jurisdiction.

On motion of Mr. Jeffrey and seconded by Mr. Stidham , the special hearing for the Board of DD is adjourned at 2:20 PM .