

**ERIE COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: August 26, 2026

	Present:	Alternate Name:
Richard Jeffrey, Erie County Auditor	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Kevin Baxter, Erie County Prosecutor	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Caleb Stidham, Erie County Treasurer	<u></u>	<u>Lindsey Lavey</u>
Janice Baum, Fiscal Officer	<u>X</u>	<u></u>

Others: Brenda Hurst, Chief Fiscal Officer, E.C. Auditor's Office, Melissa Price and Beth Ferback, Erie MetroParks, Jolene Buehrer and Christine Wold, Milan-Berlin Library

Mr. Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

On motion of Mr. Jeffrey and seconded by Mr. Baxter, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2026 meeting.

	AYE	NAY
Richard Jeffrey	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Kevin Baxter	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Lindsey Lavey	<u>X</u>	<u></u>

Approval/Address Certificates

Original 2027 Year

For entities previously approved at the 8/21 meeting, but certificate not signed:

Perkins Township

On motion of Mr. Baxter and seconded by Mr. Jeffrey, to approve a reduction of 0.4 mill of the General Fund

	AYE	NAY
Richard Jeffrey	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Kevin Baxter	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Lindsey Lavey	<u>X</u>	<u></u>

Milan-Berlin Library

On motion of Mr. Baxter and seconded by Ms. Lavey, to approve a reduction of 0.34 mill of the General Fund

	AYE	NAY
Richard Jeffrey	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Kevin Baxter	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Lindsey Lavey	<u>X</u>	<u></u>

Milan Township

On motion of Mr. Baxter and seconded by Ms. Lavey, to approve a reduction of 1.3 mills of the General Fund

	AYE	NAY
Richard Jeffrey	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Kevin Baxter	<u>X</u>	<u></u>
Lindsey Lavey	<u>X</u>	<u></u>

Berlin Heights Village

On motion of Mr. Baxter and seconded by Ms. Lavey, to approve a reduction of 1.0 mill of the General Fund

	AYE	NAY
Richard Jeffrey	X	
Kevin Baxter	X	
Lindsey Lavey	X	

Huron Township

On motion of Mr. Baxter and seconded by Ms. Lavey, to approve a reduction of 0.4 mill of the General Fund and 0.2 mill of the Cemetery Fund

	AYE	NAY
Richard Jeffrey	X	
Kevin Baxter	X	
Lindsey Lavey	X	

Amended 2026 Year

Edison Local School District

On motion of Mr. Baxter and seconded by Ms. Lavey, to approve the 2026 amended certificate

	AYE	NAY
Richard Jeffrey	X	
Kevin Baxter	X	
Lindsey Lavey	X	

Milan Village

On motion of Mr. Baxter and seconded by Ms. Lavey, to approve the 2026 amended certificate (clerical correction)

	AYE	NAY
Richard Jeffrey	X	
Kevin Baxter	X	
Lindsey Lavey	X	

Oxford Township

On motion of Mr. Baxter and seconded by Ms. Lavey, to approve the 2026 amended certificate

	AYE	NAY
Richard Jeffrey	X	
Kevin Baxter	X	
Lindsey Lavey	X	

Erie County

On motion of Mr. Baxter and seconded by Ms. Lavey, to approve the 2026 amended certificate

	AYE	NAY
Richard Jeffrey		X
Kevin Baxter	X	
Lindsey Lavey	X	

Margaretta Local Schools

On motion of Mr. Baxter and seconded by Ms. Lavey, to approve the 2026 amended certificate

	AYE	NAY
Richard Jeffrey	X	
Kevin Baxter	X	
Lindsey Lavey	X	

Discussion

Mr. Jeffrey reminded everyone that the ORC mandates that the Budget Commission hold a special hearing to consider the question of whether to reduce the taxing authority of the County in connection with the balance of the Board of Developmental Disabilities fund. The legal notice must be published in the newspaper in two back-to-back weeks. The Budget Commission was originally planning for 9/23, immediately following the regular monthly meeting, but Mr. Stidham is unable to attend. Therefore, on motion of Mr. Baxter and seconded by Ms. Lavey, the special hearing for the Board of Developmental Disabilities will be scheduled for September 24th at 2:00 PM.

	AYE	NAY
Richard Jeffrey	X	
Kevin Baxter	X	
Lindsey Lavey	X	

Audience Questions/Discussion

Ms. Price asked if the minutes for the Budget Commission meetings are posted online. Mr. Jeffrey said that it has been discussed, but haven't done it yet. He will have Ms. Baum email Ms. Price the last meeting's minutes.

On motion of Mr. Baxter and seconded by Ms. Lavey, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM .

	AYE	NAY
Richard Jeffrey	X	
Kevin Baxter	X	
Lindsey Lavey	X	