

# **ERIE COUNTY BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION**

## **MEETING AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025**

**10:00 A.M. – ERIE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING**

**Call meeting to Order** – Co-Chairman Jeff Krabill and Co-Chairman Mike Parker

**Commission Roll Call** – Co-Chairman

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Purpose of the Meeting** – To provide insights into determining what efficiencies the water, sewer and water, and sewer plant operations within the county could gain or are gaining by working together. Facilitators are:

**Mr. Kelly Moon and Mr. Jeff Krabill**

- Vermilion, Sandusky, Huron operate water and sewer plants. Are the cities satisfied that they are maximizing production capacity? Like baseload electric power plants, operation at near or full capacity can reduce costs per units measured of production.
- Metrics tracked for current production costs at each plant.
- Condition of water plants acceptable?
- Major maintenance, Capital improvements or extra capacity needed in the near future (less than 5 years)? Long term - > 5 years?
- Would centralized dispatching of water from the plants conceivably reduce costs? Leads into next question;
- What about centralized maintenance planning and capital improvement coordination like a rural water district, but just for plants?
- Is routine maintenance primarily in-house or contract?
- Are plant operators & maintenance personnel effectively utilized or used in other capacities during “down” time? Or could there be a “traveling” maintenance crew within the county?
- Costs per units measured /customer for Erie County, Sandusky, Huron, Vermilion
- All other performance indicators tracked by water departments’ management
- Activities planned or in progress to improve efficiency
- Financial incentives for regionalization at state level
- Impact of water and sewer on development
- What have other governments done to remove themselves from the public utility (e.x. regional districts)
- How do EPA mandates change or delay actions as regional entities work to collaborate locally

**Closing Remarks by Commission Members**

**Action Items As Needed**

**Adjourn**

**Next Meeting:** 10:00 AM Tuesday, April 8, 2025 Erie County Downtown Office Building, 247 Columbus Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Commission Chambers Topic: Public Transportation  
Ms. Balconi Ghezzi and Mr. Krabill, Facilitators