

ERIE COUNTY BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2025

OFFICE BUILDING

9:00 A.M. Work Session - This session is comprised of the Blue Ribbon Commission and the Sub-Committee deliberating over the topic discussions that have taken place and to start compiling the recommendations for the “white paper.”

10:00 A.M. Call meeting to Order – Co-Chairman Jeff Krabill and Co-Chairman Mike Parker

Commission Roll Call – Co-Chairman

Approval of Minutes - April 29, 2025 meeting regarding Infrastructure: roads/street maintenance

Purpose of the Meeting – To provide insights into determining how entities can work together to reduce costs and be more efficient with **Economic Development**. Facilitators: **Mr. Parker and Mr. Krabill**

Speakers at today’s meeting: **Eric Wobser**, Chief Executive Officer, Greater Sandusky Partnership
Colleen Gilson, Community Development Director, City of Sandusky

Review

- What entities are currently expending public dollars to pursue economic and community development? Cities, villages, townships, county, regional planning, Shores & Islands, GSP, etc.?
- What income streams are solely devoted to pursuing development? Lodging tax for cities, township, and Shores & Islands, Community Improvement Corporation, Port Authority, Land Bank, etc.?
- What tools are being used by public entities to pursue development (i.e. tax incentives, grants, etc.)? Do communities calculate ROI on these investments and can they be used to lessen the tax burden on residents? Also, how can they be used to invest in public infrastructure that offers benefits to the community as a whole?
- What coordination is occurring among entities pursuing economic and community development? Are there opportunities for more partnership and cooperation?
- How are demographic and population changes going to affect the tax base moving forward? Does population stagnation and a declining school-age population lead to a greater cost burden on current residents?

Meeting Summary

Closing Remarks by Commission Members

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

Work Session: 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at the **Services Center**, 2900 Columbus Avenue, 3rd Floor