



MEMORANDUM COUNTY OF ERIE CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

TO: Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive and Chair of the Capital Projects Committee

FROM: Aislyn McQueen

DATE: June 8, 2026

RE: 2027 Capital Projects Committee Meeting #1

Attendance: County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Deputy County Executive Lisa Chimera, Budget Director Mark Cornell, Deputy Budget Director Ray Nosworthy, Commissioner William Geary, Commissioner Troy Schinzel, Commissioner Daniel Castle, Legislature Chair Tim Meyers, Minority Leader John Mills, Comptroller Kevin Hardwick, Jessica Schuster, James Blackwell, Bryan Fiume, Erich Weyant, Tim German, Dominic Musilli, Charles Banas, and Aislyn McQueen. Virtual Attendee: Timothy Callan.

The County Executive called to order the first meeting of the Capital Project Committee Meetings for 2027.

Director Cornell summarized the agenda and briefly explained each exhibit included within the packet including the public comment policy, Capital Projects request summary fiscal chart, 5 year project request/approval fiscal comparison from 2023-2027, requested projects' like project funding history, 2026 Final Capital Program Bonded & PayGO, update on scheduled debt service for out-years, and update on debt retirement over time. Director Cornell noted there were 62 project requests totaling \$188.1 million dollars. Any questions may be directed to the budget office.

Director Cornell introduced the committee schedule noting the two "if necessary" dates of July 27th and August 3rd that were built into the schedule barring any call back sessions or time for further review. The final date of August 10th is when the Committee will vote on the proposals. Director Cornell emphasized to please alert him if a committee member is unavailable August 10th to ensure the Committee still meets necessary quorum of 7. Director Cornell noted that if the Committee does not need the "if necessary" dates, the Committee may vote on the proposals as early as the August 3rd meeting.

The County Executive clarified that the Committee must approve the proposals by August 15th per the Erie County Charter. The County Executive then asked how the County was performing

against the maximum percentage of debt allowed. The Comptroller followed with another question by asking what the exact figure of the County's debt was. Director Cornell shared that those are two things he can determine and share back with the committee, but the County should be well under the Constitutional debt limit. Timothy Callan answered that the County's debt is around \$385.6 million dollars compared to the limit of \$6.02 billion dollars.

County Executive Poloncarz inquired about the limits placed on outside agencies like the Library and SUNY Erie from submitting proposals in which Budget Director Cornell responded, sharing that the decision was made to prioritize the needs of the County Departments.

The County Executive called for a motion to approve the Committee's meeting schedule which was motioned by Comptroller Hardwick and seconded by Chairman Meyers.

The next meeting will be on Monday June 22nd from 2-3:30pm.

County Executive Poloncarz called for a motion to adjourn the meeting which was motioned by Chairman Meyers and seconded by Comptroller Hardwick.