

Minutes
Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority Meeting
June 29, 2010

Present: Chairman Daniel Oliverio, Secretary Stanley Keysa, Directors Ken Kruly, Lou Thomas, Mark Walling and Cathleen Creighton; Executive Director Ken Vetter

Chairman Oliverio: "I would like to welcome everybody to the meeting of the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (ECFSA) on June 29, 2010."

"I would first like to welcome our two new members; they are gubernatorial appointments Cathleen Creighton and Mark Walling. So welcome and we are happy to have you and we certainly need you. I don't think we have had Directors in your positions since I started here."

"Director Creighton is a labor lawyer in Buffalo who I have had the privilege to work with on a matter or two. She has been in a couple of firms in Buffalo; she was a partner at Lipsitz, Green and now is in her own firm. Notably one of her partners, Mark Pierce, is now a member of the NLRB and I think she will bring a great perspective to this board, along of course with Director Thomas, that we need because we do face labor issues occasionally during the course of our duties."

"Mark Walling is another lawyer, which I think makes four of us now on the board. Director Walling has not only worked in private practice but has also had a stint as a government lawyer in the Attorney General's office. I think that experience will be helpful to us as well."

"Both are experienced and well respected, not only in their profession but in the community, and I think we are very fortunate that they have agreed to serve. I welcome you again on behalf of the entire board."

"Today we have a couple of things to do. We have to finish off some efficiency grant recommendations that Director Kruly and his finance committee considered last week and also comment on the sewer borrowing for capital projects. First I would like to turn it over to Secretary Keysa for the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Keysa?"

Secretary Keysa: “Thank you, Mr. Chair. Before I begin I would just like to ask our new board members, have you each signed your oath of office at this point?”

Director Walling: “Yes, I have.”

Director Creighton: “Yes, I have.”

Secretary Keysa: “Thank you very much. You have before you the minutes of our last Directors’ minutes. If there are no changes to that, they are ready for adoption.”

Director Thomas moved, Director Kruly seconded and the Directors present voted unanimously to approve the following resolution. Roll call vote as follows:

Director Creighton:	aye	Director Johnson:	absent
Secretary Keysa:	aye	Director Kruly:	aye
Chair Oliverio:	aye	Director Thomas:	aye
Director Walling:	aye		

Resolution No. 10-18
Approving Minutes and Resolutions from the May 14th 2010 Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED that the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority approves the minutes of its May 14, 2010 meeting and ratifies and affirms three resolutions numbered 10-15, 10-16, and 10-17 that were approved on May 14, 2010

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Chairman Oliverio: “Next on our agenda is the sewer borrowing. I would like to turn it over to Mr. Vetter to bring us up to date on that.”

Executive Director Vetter: “Thank you Mr. Chairman. At the finance committee held on June 23rd, there was a review of the sewer borrowing under the act that created the Authority; Section 3958 and just a quick quote, stating that we can review and comment on any proposed borrowing, we have always either comment on the borrowing or when in a control status comment or approve/disapprove a borrowing. A review was done by staff and the finance committee regarding this borrowing and given that the interest rate that the County can get through the State EFC [Environmental Facilities Corporation] part of the borrowing is subsidized by 50% by the EFC, the other part is under the EFC’s AAA rating which is one step above ours, that we as an Authority could not borrow as

cheaply, therefore this borrowing and the resolution in front of you indicates so, that the terms related to this borrow are reasonable and true. This is a borrowing that the Authority couldn't do more cheaply. So I ask for consideration of the resolution in front you regarding this borrowing.”

Chairman Oliverio: “Are there any questions for Mr. Vetter on this resolution which I believe we have done in the past?”

Director Walling moved, Secretary Keysa seconded and the Directors present voted unanimously to approve the following resolution. Roll call vote as follows:

Director Creighton:	aye	Director Johnson:	absent
Secretary Keysa:	aye	Director Kruly:	aye
Chair Oliverio:	aye	Director Thomas:	aye
Director Walling:	aye		

Resolution No. 10-19 Comment on Sewerage Management Capital Borrowing

WHEREAS, The Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (“ECFSA”) was created by Chapter 182 of the Laws of 2005, as amended, to be a corporate governmental agency and instrumentality of the State of New York constituting a public benefit corporation to “oversee the County’s budget, financial and capital plans; to issue bonds, notes or other obligations to achieve budgetary savings and to finance short-term cash flow or capital needs; and, if necessary, to develop financial plans on behalf of the County if the County is unwilling or unable to take the required steps toward fiscal stability”; and

WHEREAS, Section 3958, Subsection D of Chapter 182 of the Laws of 2005 requires this authority to “review and comment on the terms of any proposed borrowing” of the county; and

WHEREAS the Erie County Division of Sewerage Management is looking to borrow \$5.793 million for sewer capital projects; and

WHEREAS the borrowing receives a partial subsidy of 50% on the interest rate from the Environmental Facilities Corporation and the remainder is rated AAA, through New York State; and

WHEREAS this borrowing was excluded from recent ECFSA capital financing due to the beneficial rate structure available to the Division of Sewerage Management and the time period of repayment; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ECFSA does hereby comment that the terms related to the borrowing appear reasonable and prudent.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Chairman Oliverio: “The next item on the agenda and I will turn it over to Mr. Kruly in a moment with respect to some efficiency grants that they considered last week. There are three or four efficiency grants that the Authority has considered at its finance committee meeting last week. I think I would be remiss if I didn’t point out that with these efficiency grants the Authority has provided to the County of Erie approximately \$17 million for various worthy projects from Six Sigma to the Library, some to the College and other uses of the money. These grants were carefully looked at, at least in my year and half to two year tenure on the ECFSA board. We managed to weed out some requests that weren’t the best and move forward with some that were. I think this Authority and it’s board should be very proud of the fact that we are able to do that and we hope that once the NYS budget settles down that will be able to reload in the future. So this is a contribution that this Authority made to the County and it was a studied and careful contribution and I think it has paid dividends in most respects. Mr. Kruly?”

Director Kruly: “Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just one additional comment about the value of these grants; Erie County is the only county that has received these grants and it is certainly one of the benefits of this Board being here.”

“What we did last week was review these in committee but the department heads that were involved in these programs are all here to discuss them with the full board so that you can get a briefing on the issues involved so I think that they should come up and explain these things. Why don’t we start with Commissioner Sentz who will be discussing the first two items of the vehicle locators and the purchase of vehicles over the next few years.”

Commissioner Sentz: “The vehicle locators is a second request; we placed a request for the AVL’s once before and received some responses. We put it out to bid which received a number of responses. We blanketed a highway and sewer district and, when I looked at the savings from the Clarence barn and the sewer district that may influence the gas rates; you can see the gas savings from that. One thing we talked about at the last meeting was approved for year one. What I would like to do now is to request to purchase other vehicles and we are actually purchasing AVL’s; this is only for existing vehicles.

Director Walling: I have to be honest I don't understand this at all, as a new member, so bear with me if I ask a number of basic questions. First of all, what is a vehicle locator? Is it just a GPS?"

Gerry Sentz: "It is basically a GPS. It allows us to know the location of your car."

Director Walling: "So my next question would be, why does having this efficiency improve the efficiency of County government?"

Gerry Sentz: "For example, if we get a call that a street was missed for plowing, the vehicle normally assigned may not be able to come back quickly, so we can check our dispatch board and there may be another vehicle. There may be someone on another route, we can now contact them and reroute them if need be."

Director Walling: "Okay, I see. Another question I have is that Erie County is the only county that received these grants. Received them from where?"

Director Kruly: "State of New York."

Director Walling: "That is money that emanated from the State of New York that is being dispensed by us? Is that correct?"

Chairman Oliverio: "That's correct."

Director Walling: "So we are actually acting as a pass through for these funds? Is that true for all of these grants?"

Director Kruly: "Yes. There is \$17 million that has been made available."

Director Walling: "Forgive me for the basic nature of these questions."

Chairman Oliverio: "It's okay. Are there any other questions on the GPS item?"

Secretary Keysa: "Just to follow up, the process of acquiring these units is that you have not had a long history with them. Is that correct?"

Gerry Sentz: "There are about 150 vehicles and we are rolling it out and getting GPS's installed in all the vehicles. There are about 150 vehicles."

Secretary Keysa: "I would like with regard to the efficiency grants to have you report back in a reasonable period; maybe six months or a year, so that we can see if in fact we achieved savings. So I would like to

ask if it is possible that you give us a report in six months and also in a year to let us know the level of success that you had.”

Gerry Sentz: “I can certainly do that. In the report I mentioned the Clarence barn and the sewer district are the first ones that we put it in and you can already see savings in just 4-5 months. You can see that savings have been achieved in just our first set and remember these weren’t fully operational at the time and you can see the outstanding savings that we are getting; imagine what we can do at the next step when we get all the bells and whistles rolling.”

Exec Director Vetter: “Director Keysa, the way efficiency grant are rewarded requires that County would provide us with quarterly updates.”

Secretary Keysa: “Okay, thank you very much.”

Chairman Oliverio: “Are there any other questions for Mr. Sentz?”

Director Kruly moved and Director Thomas seconded and the Directors present voted unanimously to approve the following resolution. Roll call vote as follows:

Director Creighton:	aye	Director Johnson:	absent
Secretary Keysa:	aye	Director Kruly:	aye
Chair Oliverio:	aye	Director Thomas:	aye
Director Walling:	aye		

Resolution No. 10-20
Approving an Efficiency Grant for Automated Vehicle Locators

WHEREAS, Chapter 182 of the New York Laws of 2005 created the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (“ECFSA”) to serve as a corporate governmental agency and instrumentality of the State of New York, and as a public benefit corporation to “oversee [Erie] County’s budget, financial and capital plans; to issue bonds, notes or other obligations to achieve budgetary savings and to finance short-term cash flow or capital needs; and, if necessary, to develop financial plans on behalf of the County if the County is unwilling or unable to take the required steps toward fiscal stability;” and

WHEREAS, section 3957-a of the New York Public Authorities Law (“Public Authorities Law”) provides that, subject to appropriations during New York State fiscal years 2006-07 through 2010-11, the ECFSA shall provide grants to the County of Erie (the “County”) to support activities that achieve savings through innovations and reengineering; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has applied for an efficiency incentive grant (“efficiency grant”) to fund the purchase of an Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) system to provide a management tool to better control county costs; and

WHEREAS, in connection with this application, the County has indicated that it will not require any additional staffing or equipment to implement and maintain the program anticipated to be in-place to be supported by AVL technology; and

WHEREAS, The ECFSA finance committee has voted unanimously to recommend funding in the amount of \$150,000 to support this initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to the recommendation of the finance committee, the ECFSA hereby approves an efficiency grant in the amount of \$150,000 for the purchase of AVL systems as a efficiency and cost savings measure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the county is required to provide to the ECFSA Executive Director the bids requested and received for the AVL equipment and a business plan on cost savings achievement, timing and program management as a condition to receiving efficiency grant fund reimbursement for this initiative. The Executive Director is hereby authorized by this board to review that plan to determine its feasibility prior to disbursing efficiency grant dollars to Erie County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to this grant, the relevant County official will be required to file quarterly updates with the ECFSA board that forecast and prove discernable savings to the county, its residents and taxpayers as a result of the efforts of this grant and initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ECFSA Executive Director shall send copies of this resolution, via first-class mail, to the County Executive; the County Comptroller; the Chair, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, and the Clerk of the County Legislature; and the Governor, the Comptroller, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Speaker of the Assembly of the State of New York.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Chairman Oliverio: “Is there a second request here?”

Commissioner Sentz: “This is a second request. Last we stood before your board and asked for a four-year plan. One year was approved with the recommendation that we come back in future years. So I am back to ask for years two thru four. Year one has been a great success. We have been able to reengineer what we do. One example is, when we are doing a job with Highways, we used to use two pick-up trucks because we need to move four people, which is inefficient. With the grant money we received last year, we

purchased crew cabs allowing us to move all four people with one pick up truck and one tool box in the back, so we are extremely efficient. We are cutting down the number of vehicles we have which cuts down on the gas mileage, which then cuts down on the fuel. We also put a lot of research into the types of vehicles that we are purchasing and what we have found is that the new vehicles are so much more fuel efficient, were I am maybe getting eleven miles a gallon on a van, these people don't need a full size fan. They can take a small Transit Connect and we can get almost 20 miles a gallon and the guys are happier because they are dealing with something they can work with. It's has been a huge success in year one and it is something I hope we can continue on with. I would like to continue to reengineer the fleet, right size the fleet, get people the types of vehicles they need and then cut down on maintenance, gas mileage and surplus those vehicles, those monies will remain in the County."

Chairman Oliverio: "Are there any other questions? Just out of curiosity, what types of vehicles did you purchase?"

Commissioner Sentz: "Most of the vehicles are Fords, Ford pick-up trucks, the Transit Connects. The only kind we couldn't find a Ford product of was in the one van that we ended up getting a Dodge because their truck fit better to what our needs were but they are all American made."

Chairman Oliverio "Are there any other questions? Could I get a motion to approve?"

Director Kruly moved, Secretary Keysa seconded and the Directors present voted unanimously to approve the following resolution. Roll call vote as follows:

Director Creighton:	aye	Director Johnson:	absent
Secretary Keysa:	aye	Director Kruly:	aye
Chair Oliverio:	aye	Director Thomas:	aye
Director Walling:	aye		

Resolution No. 10-21
Approving an Efficiency Grant for County Vehicle Replacement

WHEREAS, Chapter 182 of the New York Laws of 2005 created the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority ("ECFSA") to serve as a corporate governmental agency and instrumentality of the State of New York, and as a public benefit corporation to "oversee [Erie] County's budget, financial and capital plans; to issue bonds, notes or other obligations to achieve budgetary savings and to finance short-term cash flow or capital needs; and, if necessary, to develop financial plans on behalf of the County if the County is unwilling or unable to take the required steps toward fiscal stability;" and

WHEREAS, Section 3957(a) of New York State Public Authorities Law provides that, subject to appropriations during State fiscal years 2006-07 through 2010-13, the ECFSA shall provide grants to the County of Erie (the "County") to support activities that achieve savings through innovations and reengineering; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive submitted an efficiency grant application for the purpose of replacing a number of vehicles in its current fleet with more efficient and task appropriate vehicles to achieve recurring savings over the life of the vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA finance committee met on June 23, 2010 to discuss the vehicle replacement efficiency grant application; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2010, the ECFSA finance committee voted unanimously to recommend to the ECFSA board that efficiency grant funding be made available to the County to be used to fund the second, third and fourth year of the 4-year phased-in \$3,400,000 application, in the amount of \$2,550,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED based on the recommendation of the ECFSA finance committee, the ECFSA hereby grants up to \$2,550,000 to Erie County for the purchase of more efficient and more task appropriate fleet vehicles to achieve recurring savings over the life of the vehicles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ECFSA Executive Director send, via first-class mail, copies of this resolution to the County Executive; the County Comptroller; the Chair, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, and the Clerk of the County Legislature; and the Governor, the Comptroller, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Speaker of the Assembly of the State of New York.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Director Kruly: 'The next is an efficiency grant on the library RFID.'

Kenneth Stone: "Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to brief you on our grant for Radio Frequency ID chips for our library material; our books, DVD's and CD's that we circulate at the Library. This technology is replacing our current technology and it has a whole series of benefits from numerous stand points. Two of the most significant being: 1) If I have a book to check out I have to place the book where it is read by a barcode or a staff member has to input and I have to do that one at a time. It takes longer to process materials and requires a number of repetitive motions which results in repetitive motion injury. With an ID chip you can take a stack of ten books, set them on a pad and within a matter of minutes they are all recognized, they are all checked out and the security chip on the tag is set so that it won't go through and set the security gate off when you walk through it unless an item has not been checked out. That is the other feature for all of the libraries, save one very small library where it wasn't very economic. This process

includes installing security gates in all of the libraries. We currently only have security systems in our highest volume libraries and we expect that to reduce such expenditures as well.”

“I can go into the benefits or to give you an idea of where we have gone so far. The first grant has allowed us to begin our RFID process in the Buffalo branch libraries, the Amherst libraries and the Central library. We have successfully converted the collections at all of the Buffalo locations and we are waiting for some minor building modifications for one of them at the Clinton location for it to be fully operational. We are at one-half of the interest and we are just beginning at the children’s libraries. To give you an idea of the order of magnitude, we have learned from the branch libraries and apply that to our conversion team moving forward because between central library and the Audubon libraries and the others in Amherst there is about 80% of our volume of the first batch. After we received the first grant we received additional funding to do an additional eight libraries so we will have an additional 21 locations done with the funding already in place. This grant will allow us to have the funding in place for the remaining 16 libraries and will fully the benefits of converting RFID which will lead to dumping most of the bar code hardware which will really down calls; most of the barcode hardware that we have at most of our locations and eliminate that maintenance expense and confusion for the public because they are not dealing with a mixed bag where everything is RFID. It speeds process for both patron and staff. I would be happy to answer any questions that you have.”

Oliverio: “Are there any questions for Mr. Stone?”

Director Thomas moved to approve, Director Kruly seconded and the Directors present voted unanimously to approve the following resolution. Roll call vote as follows:

Director Creighton:	aye	Director Johnson:	absent
Secretary Keysa:	aye	Director Kruly:	aye
Chair Oliverio:	aye	Director Thomas:	aye
Director Walling:	aye		

Resolution No. 10-22
Approving an Efficiency Grant for Erie County Library RFID System

WHEREAS, Chapter 182 of the New York Laws of 2005 created the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (“ECFSA”) to serve as a corporate governmental agency and instrumentality of the State of New York, and as a public benefit corporation to “oversee [Erie] County’s budget, financial and capital plans; to issue bonds, notes or other obligations to achieve budgetary savings

and to finance short-term cash flow or capital needs; and, if necessary, to develop financial plans on behalf of the County if the County is unwilling or unable to take the required steps toward fiscal stability;” and

WHEREAS, Section 3957-a of the New York State Public Authorities Law provides that, subject to appropriations during State fiscal years 2006-07 through 2010-13, the ECFSA shall provide grants to the County of Erie (the “County”) to support activities that achieve savings through innovations and reengineering; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Libraries submitted a follow-up efficiency grant to complete the system-wide implementation of RFID technology to make material checkout and cataloging more efficient; and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA finance committee met on June 23, 2010, to discuss the County’s efficiency grant application; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2010, the ECFSA finance committee voted to recommend to the ECFSA Board of Directors that efficiency grant funding be made available to the County to be used to fund up-front costs related to this RFID initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, based on the recommendation of the ECFSA finance committee, the ECFSA hereby grants to the County Libraries up to \$1,044,797 in efficiency grant funding to be used for the purpose of completing restructuring material checkout and cataloging; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ECFSA Executive Director send, via first-class mail, certified copies of this resolution to the New York State Director of the Budget, the Chair of the New York State Senate Finance Committee, and the Chair of the New York State Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Director Kruly: “The next item is for Six Sigma. Could we have Bill Carey up to speak?”

Bill Carey: Good morning thank you for the opportunity to come back. There are two efficiency grants that we have submitted. One is for my salary for 2011 and 2012; the other is to continue the technical and rapid action training for part of 2011-2012 as well as funding the mini-tab software. This board has funded the Six Sigma program; my salary, as well as the software since 2008 all of the training and we are funded through 2010. So this requests it through 2012.”

Director Thomas: “I am curious as to how much Six Sigma has affected productivity in Erie County?”

Bill Carey: “I think the question is, have we saturated the market for what we are doing in Erie County? We have made a mark; 37 trained green

belts right now with different levels of proficiency and abilities. As we complete one project we identify other areas that we can take a look at so it is giving us an inventory of project opportunities. We have generated roughly 37 green belts and 5 black belts so we technically have only 42 people trained. There are team members who are exposed to the tools but their level of comprehension of these tools needs to grow through application of more projects, so our plan is to continue the training, adopt a rapid action discipline which is a shorter cycle, smaller scope to complete one project. This will be continued each year to get more projects completed.”

Director Kruly: “The application that we received included \$4,000 in travel. Our efficiency grant funding is running and low and I think it might be time that the County utilize some of the savings you are making to support this initiative.”

Chairman Oliverio: “Before we put together a resolution, could you comment on how much this program would be total?”

Executive Director Vetter: “Mr. Chairman, it is just over \$220,000 on training and staffing. We came into this meeting with requests that have been approved by this board; thus far, there is a remainder of approximately \$300,000. If the two items are approved it would be just over \$200,000. The remaining efficiency grants available based on our audit would be approximately \$130,000.”

Chairman Oliverio: “Okay, Mr. Vetter can we separate out the training component?”

Executive Director Vetter: “Yes Mr. Chairman, these numbers are comprised of staffing, training and software. The training software was \$56,000.”

Secretary Keysa: “I would agree at this point the County should be picking up the expense at this point and agree that the focus should be that you no longer need us at some point. Otherwise, I will approve of the staffing for one more year.”

Director Walling: “I have to say in all honesty that there is a lot of language that I am unfamiliar with so I am abstaining from this vote.”

Bill Carey: “I would welcome your request to come and do a show and tell session at any time.”

Director Kruly moved, Secretary Keysa seconded, and the Directors present duly approved the following resolution with Directors Creighton and Walling abstaining. Roll call vote as follows:

Director Creighton:	abstain	Director Johnson:	absent
Secretary Keysa:	aye	Director Kruly:	aye
Chair Oliverio:	aye	Director Thomas:	aye
Director Walling:	abstain		

Resolution No. 10-23
Approving an Efficiency Grant for Six-Sigma Implementation Staffing

WHEREAS, Chapter 182 of the New York Laws of 2005 created the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (“ECFSA”) to serve as a corporate governmental agency and instrumentality of the State of New York, and as a public benefit corporation to “oversee [Erie] County’s budget, financial and capital plans; to issue bonds, notes or other obligations to achieve budgetary savings and to finance short-term cash flow or capital needs; and, if necessary, to develop financial plans on behalf of the County if the County is unwilling or unable to take the required steps toward fiscal stability;” and

WHEREAS, section 3957-a of the New York Public Authorities Law (“Public Authorities Law”) provides that, subject to appropriations during New York State fiscal years 2006-07 through 2010-13, the ECFSA shall provide grants to the County of Erie (the “County”) to support activities that achieve savings through innovations and reengineering; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has applied for an efficiency incentive grant (“efficiency grant”) to fund implementation of “Six Sigma” methodologies in County government; and

WHEREAS, in connection with this application, the County has identified William Carey to serve as its Director of Six Sigma implementation (the “Six Sigma Director”); and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA finance committee (the “finance committee”) met on June 23, 2010, to discuss the County’s application for an efficiency grant to fund Six Sigma’s implementation; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2010, the finance committee voted to recommend to the ECFSA Board of Directors that an allocation be made for Six Sigma staffing in an amount to be determined by the board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the ECFSA hereby allocates up to \$163,334 in efficiency-grant funding for the County to subsidize the Six Sigma Director’s salary for 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Six Sigma Coordinator is hereby directed to provide an ongoing plan and schedule of true and reasonable Erie County cost savings

directly related to the activities of the Coordinator position as a condition of the county receiving reimbursement for said position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to this efficiency grant, the ECFSA expects the County to achieve the benchmarks to be agreed upon by the ECFSA and the county will provide ongoing, reasonable, verifiable savings estimates as a result of the efforts of this position:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ECFSA Executive Director shall send copies of this resolution, via first-class mail, to the County Executive; the County Comptroller; the Chair, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, and the Clerk of the County Legislature; and the Governor, the Comptroller, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Speaker of the Assembly of the State of New York.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Director Kruly then moved, Secretary Keysa seconded, and the Directors present duly approved the following resolution with Directors Creighton and Walling abstaining. Roll call vote as follows:

Director Creighton:	abstain	Director Johnson:	absent
Secretary Keysa:	aye	Director Kruly:	aye
Chair Oliverio:	aye	Director Thomas:	aye
Director Walling:	abstain		

Resolution No. 10-24
Approving an Efficiency Grant for Six-Sigma Training

WHEREAS, Chapter 182 of the New York Laws of 2005 created the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (“ECFSA”) to serve as a corporate governmental agency and instrumentality of the State of New York, and as a public benefit corporation to “oversee [Erie] County’s budget, financial and capital plans; to issue bonds, notes or other obligations to achieve budgetary savings and to finance short-term cash flow or capital needs; and, if necessary, to develop financial plans on behalf of the County if the County is unwilling or unable to take the required steps toward fiscal stability;” and

WHEREAS, Section 3957-a of New York State Public Authorities Law provides that, subject to appropriations during State fiscal years 2006-07 through 2010-13, the ECFSA shall provide grants to the County of Erie (the “County”) to support activities that achieve recurring savings through innovations and reengineering; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive submitted an efficiency grant for Six Sigma training; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this application, the County has completed an RFP process to choose appropriate vendors to perform said training; and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA finance committee met on June 23, 2010 to discuss the County's Six Sigma training efficiency grant application; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2010, the ECFSA finance committee voted to recommend to the ECFSA Board of Directors that it consider funding for Six Sigma in an amount to be determined by the full board; and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA anticipates that the Six Sigma reengineering of the County's operations can deliver necessary services in a more efficient and effective manner resulting in recurring cost savings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the ECFSA hereby grants up to \$66,259 to the County in efficiency grant funding to be used for the purpose of funding its Six Sigma training for 2011 and that allowable expenses for this grant not include travel expenses.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Secretary Keysa: "As I indicated previously, changes to the Public Authorities Act call for a record of how each Director voted, so that will be reflected in the minutes."

Chairman Oliverio: "The ECFSA has accomplished a lot in 2010 and will continue to do so, even in advisory status. We hope that our efficiency grants will be well reflected in the County's 2010 budget."

Chairman Oliverio moved to adjourn, Director Kruly seconded and the Directors present voted unanimously to adjourn. Roll call vote as follows:

Director Creighton:	aye	Director Johnson:	absent
Secretary Keysa:	aye	Director Kruly:	aye
Chair Oliverio:	aye	Director Thomas:	aye
Director Walling:	aye		

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley J. Keysa, Secretary

June 29, 2010