

Present: Legislators Bausch, Stein, Clattenburg, Cianfrini. Also Present: Legislators Torrey, Deleo, Davis, Young, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Gsell, Assistant County Manager Matt Landers, HR Director Anita Cleveland, Job Development Director Scott Gage, Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves, MH Budget Officer Jim Damien, Chief Gordon Dibble, Scott German, Elections Commissioners Dick Siebert & Lorie Longhany, John Hilchey, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Mallory Diefenbach, Howard Owens

Ways & Means Chairman Bausch called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference room. The minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Job Development Director Scott Gage requested permission to apply for ACCES Core Rehabilitation Services Funds. He explained that Genesee County Job Development has had this grant for the past several years. The grant period has ended and an RFP was put out for a new 5-year grant award. A motion for permission to apply was made by Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Mr. Gage next explained the request for a sub-lease agreement for space with GLOW Workforce Development Board, one of their partner agencies with the One Stop Center. The sub-lease agreement would be a three year renewal with modest increases each year ending January 31, 2021. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Chairman Bausch asked about the unemployment rate, Mr. Gage stated the current rate is 4% and there are a lot of open jobs in the county.

Chief Gordon Dibble of the Sheriff's Office explained that four vehicles are slated to be traded with the trade in value being applied to the purchase of five new vehicles. One of the four to be traded has developed a mechanical issue that will cost \$1350 to repair. The dealer is amenable to trading for \$1000 less. This requires adding \$1,000 from the Sheriff's 2017 appropriations for vehicle maintenance and repairs. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

The following referrals were from the Human Services Committee upon motion of Chair Stein:

2017 Budget and Contract Amendment-Community Mental Health Services/Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc. seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Authorizing Genesee County to Retain a Law Firm to Pursue a Claim Against Major Drug Manufacturers to Recover Current and Future Damages to the County Taxpayers from Abuse of Opioid Pharmaceuticals seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Elections Commissioners Lorie Longhany and Dick Siebert presented their department review. They are currently seeking an alternative location for a Town of Batavia polling site that has not been working well. An inquiry with GCC to consider using the new Call Arena has been made. Mr. Siebert explained that when the 48 machines were purchased the County also purchased a 5-year warranty (which has since expired). They have not had any major, costly repairs. Quarterly maintenance is conducted on the machines even when they have not been used. They are satisfied with their machine replacement plan and think they will be able to keep up with providing quality machines to all districts. It was reported that two primaries are expected in 2018. The congressional primary is held in June and state and local are in September-in addition to the general election in November.

County Manager Jay Gsell provided a follow up report on action the County is taking to address the Audit finding relating to "Sub-recipient" Monitoring. He explained that best practices models had been provided and a group of department heads was formed to review the checklist and ensure accountability. He also explained the steps Mental Health is taking toward a corrective action plan. Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves stated he had sought guidance from New York State but did not have any reply to his inquiry. He assured Ways & Means Committee members that his department is now fully aware of the requirement and will take necessary steps to be in compliance with appropriate monitoring. Treasurer Scott German stated his department became aware of the need for sub-recipient monitoring in 2016 and set up training with Laura Landers for department heads and budget officers. He reported that later this month that a working group of department heads will formalize the checklist and procedure manual. Clarification was provided that sub-recipients were not misusing federal funds; the County simply did not physically follow up with sub-recipients instead, they relied on the knowledge that the sub-recipient was having independent audits and were compliant with spending requirements. Presently, there are three departments that have sub-recipients; Mental Health, OFA and the County Manager.

The next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.



Robert Bausch, Chair
Ways & Means Committee
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