

Present: Legislators Bausch, Stein, Clattenburg, Cianfrini. Also Present: Legislators Torrey, Deleo, DeJaneiro, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Gsell, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Asst. County Manager Matt Landers, Real Property Director Kevin Andrews, Real Property Director Kevin Andrews, HR Director Anita Cleveland, Undersheriff Greg Walker, GCC VP Kevin Hamilton, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Premier Health Representative Cindy Hammer, Mallory Diefenbach-The Daily News.

Ways & Means Chairman Bausch called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference room. The minutes of the June 7, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Kevin Hamilton, GCC VP of Finance stated the college appreciates the support of the County and requested a public hearing be set on the 2017-2018 GCC Budget and sponsor share. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Next, Mr. Hamilton asked the Committee for formal support of the college budget. The requested sponsor share is \$50,000 more than last year for a total county sponsor share of 2,586,374. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Assistant County Manager Matt Landers explained that Local Law #3 of 2016 established the requirement for all participants in the Genesee County Mutual Self Insurance Plan to adopt and sign a participant agreement which stipulates the roles and responsibilities between the participant and the Plan. The agreement has been written and he is recommending the Legislature Chair sign on behalf of the County. Clarifying language was added based on recommendations from legislators. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Mr. Landers informed the Committee of the recent state legislation that provides volunteer firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer coverage because the presumption is that the cancer was caused from their work fighting fires.

The following referrals were from the Public Service Committee upon Motion of Chair Clattenburg:

- Adoption Of By-Laws & Appointment Of Ex-Officio Members – Sheriff's Office/ Enhanced 9-1-1 Operations Board Seconded By Legislator Stein, Carried Unanimously.
- Maintenance Agreement Renewal & Battery Replacement / Budget Amendment - Sheriff's Office / Eaton Corporation Uninterrupted Power Supply Seconded By Legislator Cianfrini, Carried Unanimously.
- Agreement Renewal And Budget Amendment – Sheriff / Police Services For Village Of Bergen Seconded By Legislator Stein, Carried Unanimously.

- 2017 Budget Amendment – March Wind Storm Insurance Recovery – Facility Maintenance Seconded By Legislator Cianfrini, Carried Unanimously.
- Capital Project Amendment/Budget Amendment – Highway Seconded By Legislator Stein, Carried Unanimously.
- Grant Acceptance/Establish Capital Project/Budget Amendment – Pratt Road Bridge Over Tonawanda Creek (Pin 4755.43) Bridge NY Seconded By Legislator Cianfrini, Carried Unanimously.
- Grant Acceptance/Establish Capital Project/Budget Amendment – Searles Road Bridge Over Spring Creek (Pin 4bny.01) Bridge NY Seconded By Legislator Stein, Carried Unanimously.

County Attorney Kevin Earl explained the resolutions included in the Ways & Means packet are not ready for members to act on today. They relate to the Sales tax agreement. The first resolution revisits the resolution passed in November 2016 that states the Sales Tax Agreement will be terminated on February 28, 2018 and extends that termination date to December 31, 2018. Also needed are agreements for water and operation and maintenance for the water plant as well as authorizing resolutions. The Sales Tax Agreement extension requires Comptroller approval which takes at least 90 days. Mr. Earl requested the water agreement and operation and maintenance agreement issues bypass Public Service Committee since that committee does not meet until June 19<sup>th</sup>. Public Service Chair Clattenburg stated that was okay to proceed to the next Ways & Means Committee meeting on June 7, 2017. A motion was made by Legislator Cianfrini to table the two resolutions; Resolution Amendment No 416-2016 Sales Tax Allocation Agreement with City of Batavia-Amendment of AND Sales Tax Allocation Amended Agreement Between the County of Genesee and the City of Batavia seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Job Development Director Scott Gage reviewed his department review which included changes with funding. Most streams of funding have seen cuts and current discussion at the Federal level may result in up to 21% funding reduction. State funding for the Youth program went up to cover the increase in minimum wage. Staffing changes include a Senior staff member accept a position with the GLOW Workforce Development Board resulting in downgrading the position from Senior training counselor to Training & Development Counselor. The downgrade saves the County about \$11,000 per year. They will cover the anticipated shortfall from funding cuts with the savings in personnel costs. Their lease is set through 2021 at a cost of \$8.00 per sq. ft. until 2019 when they will go up to \$9.00 per sq. ft. There are approximately 11,000 walk-in customers and they serve 4,000-5,000 people each year.

County Manager Jay Gsell reviewed the highlights of his written department review. He referenced the 5-year budget plan, the close-out of the County Nursing Home and the 350 boxes of records that are being transferred to the Records Office at County building #2. He explained that the Safety Committee is proactive and working on making good use of resources provided by Senator Ranzenhofer. There are several CDBG grants the county manager's office is collaborating with the GCEDC to bring in crucial funding for projects that benefit county residents and business. He discussed the work being done in

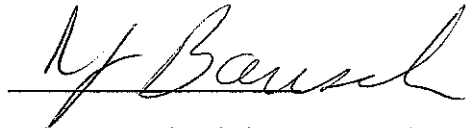
conjunction with the Sales Tax Agreement negotiations and how the working group is reviewing water agreements and how they are tied together. He spoke of the current issue of the State Legislature not passing the sales tax or mortgage tax extenders. Legislator Cianfrini received a phone call from Assemblyman Hawley who stated the legislature was wrapping up session and they did not expect to have the extender legislation come before them for consideration. The Assembly had passed an omnibus bill that had sales tax extenders as well as language regarding mayoral control of NYC schools. He said he expects to be called back to Albany when agreement is reached on the school control issue. Then they will be able to vote on the sales tax extenders.

Cindy Hammer from Premier consulting Associates shared an overview of the County Self-Funded Health Care Plan and the 9-year history of the County relationship with Premier. The County has been self-funded since 1989. She reviewed the advantages of a self-funded plan which include gaining more financial control. She explained there are four types of funding mechanisms and shared a comparison between fully insured and self-funded. Also discussed were the County's short term goals which include getting an RFP out for Medical and pharmacy, using and analyzing data, addressing collective bargaining agreements, revising plan designs, creating options that include high deductible plans as well as longer term goals such as wellness initiatives, reviewing prescription drugs cost control measures and analyzing GCC's plan.

The Clerk reported the next scheduled meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is Wednesday, July 5, 2017.

Ways & Means Chair Bausch explained the GCEDC has one board seat whose term will end on June 30, 2017. The current member, Mary Ann Wiater, whose term is set to expire, completed an application seeking reappointment. Mr. Bausch stated he had been advised by the county attorney that the committee could adjourn to executive session to discuss the matter. Legislator Cianfrini stated he was opposed to going into executive session. He stated his concern with the matter not coming to Ways & Means until today. He asked if the other person who submitted an application had withdrawn and was informed that he has not. He stated that Ms. Wiater is the only female on that board and with a previous perception of "the old boys club", she was dispelling the notion. He stated she is an independent thinker who asks the hard questions. He then asked for a reason why each member would not support Ms. Wiater's reappointment. Legislator Clattenburg stated that she was not aware of any wrong-doing or ethical issues with Ms. Wiater's actions as a GCEDC board member and would support her reappointment. Legislator Stein indicated her appreciation for Ms. Wiater's willingness to serve however upon reviewing committee minutes she is disappointed with work that has not moved ahead therefore she will not support the appointment. Chair Bausch stated he thought the same as Legislator Stein and also had conversations with the Legislative Liaison, Mike Davis who stated he would not support the reappointment of Ms. Wiater. The question was put to vote with Legislator Cianfrini and Clattenburg, voting in favor and Legislator Stein and Chair Bausch voting opposed. Legislator Cianfrini stated that the board, who meets regularly to address significant financial and business matters, will now have to function with a vacancy since the term expires June 30, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.



Robert Bausch, Chair  
Ways & Means Committee  
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\*On Thursday, June 22, 2017 the GCEDC Attorney, Russ Gaenzel contacted the Genesee County Attorney to cite Section 856 of General Municipal Law that states "A member shall continue to hold office until his successor is appointed and has qualified." Therefore, the GCEDC member whose term is set to expire on June 30, 2017 will serve until another appointment is made.