

Present: Legislator Bausch, Hancock, Leadley, Cianfrini, Ferrando, Stein, Clattenburg, Lawrence, DeJaneiro, Legislature Clerk Kingdon, Steve Hyde, GCEDC, Rachel Tabelski, GCEDC, Christine Schaller, Nursing Home, Durin Rogers, Deputy County Attorney

Members from GCEDC were present for their quarterly review. Mr. Hyde had reported that the cost of labor has decreased from 2012 to 2013. The decrease in wages is a direct correlation to the elimination of the incentive compensation at the GCEDC. Prior to organizational realignment there is an 8% decrease in wages. The GCEDC budget for 2012 in 2013 is \$1.2 million. Mr. Hyde stresses that the county contribution is critical to continue to implement the progressive economic development strategy for the county. Mr. Hyde then went on to explain the role of the G LDC supporting the GCEDC and the county returns from economic development projects by way of land sales and how funds have been generated to allow reinvestment by the G LDC and continued economic growth countywide. The LDC helps underwrite the GCEDC's economic development program and supports numerous involvement activities countywide. The LDC generated funds also allows for strategic investments including additional shovel ready investments across the county. The total strategic investment fund is \$3 million this is largely driven by a one time record year in 2012 due to ag-park success in land sales. The closed EDC projects for 2012 resulted in 38 projects, 12 attractions, over 400 pledge jobs, \$225 million pledged capital investment and \$2.5 million in grants secured. GCEDC's 2013 goals and key objectives consist of achieving \$29.25 million in capital investment, achieve job creation pledges of the 182 new jobs, achieve the GCEDC 2013 budget from a bottom-line financial operating performance standpoint, advance the stamp project further into the shovel ready lite phase, secure additional funding in an effort to enable by priority a) land acquisition/site control b) engineering design/permitting for infrastructure construction and c) early-stage sales, marketing, PR and awareness activities. Bring the 67 acre Buffalo East Tech Park South campus to a true shovel ready state thereby enabling active sales and marketing of the salable acreage to prospective tenants, actively work to catalyze to middle income housing development in the community in light of the existing studies which demonstrate currently in the growth prospects related to the Ag Park and STAMP. This is a critical talent attraction and retention strategy to continue economic growth here in the county, explore the potential to develop a rural regional economic development organization in Western New York. The committee thanks Mr. Hyde and Ms. for their presentation to the committee.

County Attorney Zambito presented the committee the standard flood insurance quotes. This is a follow-up from a previous meeting. The original quotes given were for a \$1000 deductible. The new quotes presented included \$5000 and \$10,000 deductibles. Mr. Zambito informed the group that our insurance company has advised the county that if a disaster resulting from flood happens and the county does not have flood insurance coverage, the county would not be eligible for FEMA relief money. There are four locations located on Cedar Street that the insurance company is suggesting should have flood insurance coverage. It was decided to talk to Mr. Hens, Highway Superintendent to get his opinion on if these locations should be covered with flood insurance.

Mr. Zambito presented a property easement for National Fuel Gas. National Fuel will be replacing a gas mainline on Tracy Avenue which will start at UMMC and then tie into a line that heads north on the county property and follows the property line westward finally reaching Tracy Avenue. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Mr. Zambito requested approval of a renewal agreement for fuel storage tank pollution liability insurance for the Airport, Highway and Park. This is the first one year renewal with Lawley Genesee for an annual premium of \$3875. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Hancock.

Mr. Zambito then presented his department review. Many of the claims against the county are now being handled internally by the County Attorney Department. There are only two claims that exist that are being handled by outside counsel. The self-insurance committee has had only three claims this year, which is down from previous years. Deputy County Attorney Rogers updated the committee on cases being handled through Assistant County Attorney Office. He handed attachments which showed caseload numbers for the Assistants. The handling of Pistol Permits that were previously handled by the District Attorney's Office is now being handled by the Deputy County Attorney. The Ways and Means Committee thanked the County Attorney for his update.

The following referral from the Human Service Committee was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion by Legislator Leadley:

Surplus Property – Community Mental Health Services – Disposition Of was seconded by Legislator Hancock.

Legislature Clerk Kingdon presented the distribution of mortgage tax first payment for 2013 in the amount of \$303,549.03 which is up from \$276,484.73 last year. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Cianfrini

Chair Bausch noted that NYSAC is organizing again this year May as Mandate Relief Month and encouraging counties to do the same. The committee decided that the next legislature meeting of May 8, 2013 would be declared Mayday for Mandate Relief Day. Copies of the resolution passed that night will be forwarded to the counties elected state officials. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hancock second by Legislator Cianfrini.

Chair Bausch also presented a Memorialization in support of legislation restricting false liens against public officers and public employees. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by legislator Hancock.

Legislator Cianfrini made a motion to adjourn at 6:05 PM seconded by Legislator Leadley.

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Robert Bausch, Chair  
Ways & Means Committee

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