

PRESENT: Chair Bausch, Legislators Cianfrini, Leadley and Lawrence. Legislator Hancock absent. County Manager Gsell. Also Present: Daily News Reporter Mrozek, Legislators Stein and Ferrando, Elections Commissioners Siebert and Cassidy, Veterans Service Officer Joyce, Legislature Clerk Pratt, IT Director Zimmer, Nursing Home Administrator Schaller, Legislator DeJaneiro, County Treasurer German, County Attorney Zambito, Legislator Clattenburg.

Chair Bausch called the meeting to order at 4PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes of the February 20, 2013 were approved upon motion of Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Elections Commissioners Siebert and Cassidy presented a memorialization in opposition to the early voting bill which has been proposed in the Assembly. This would require polling places to be open for 14 days before a general election and 7 days before any primary election. This would require the hiring of inspectors and for a general election would cost \$55,000. In addition there would be other expenses. Many of our polling sites are located in schools and fire halls which would not be available on an extended basis for use. This would be another unfunded mandate and could cost taxpayers over \$100,000. The Commissioners reported that with voter turnout of 70% in the last Presidential Election, there was not one complaint due to excessive time required to cast their ballot. A report was made to the Genesee Association of Municipalities and they also supported a resolution in opposition to this bill. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Leadley. Legislator Leadley noted that InterCounty also has received resolutions opposing the matter.

The Election Commissioners recommended approval of a contract renewal with Phoenix Graphics for printing supplies for the 2013 Primary and General Election in an amount not to exceed \$16,644. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Cianfrini. The recommendation from State Elections Board is to print 110% of voters to ensure that there are enough poll cards. Our Election Commissioners have devised their own formula which has worked well. Legislator Leadley stated it would be cheaper for everyone to just vote absentee ballots. Elections Commissioner Cassidy noted that the State of Washington does do that.

Mr. Siebert is the Genesee County OTB Director. He distributed a revenue summary for the Agency. Genesee County made a \$23,000 investment in 1974 to be part of OTB. A revenue summary 1974-2012 shows a return to Genesee County of \$11,987,945 including surcharge payments to counties with Racetracks.

The IT Department disposed of computer equipment that is no longer salvageable or usable on a quarterly basis. All legal and environmental guidelines are followed. IT Director Zimmer presented a list of equipment to be declared surplus and disposed of through Regional Computer Recycling and Recovery Corporation with estimated disposal cost of under \$500. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature

Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Cianfrini. An upcoming project will include replacing 70 PCs and laptops at Mental Health.

An RFP was issued for consulting services to design and implement configurations for critical infrastructure including NWS and Public Safety applications. 2 responses were received. It is the recommendation to approve a consulting contract with Systems Management Planning of Rochester, NY in an amount not to exceed \$17,000. SMP has offices in Rochester and Buffalo and a continuity in personnel which is important to the County. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Cianfrini. Legislator Cianfrini asked if any grants were available to help cover costs. Mr. Zimmer stated there are funds available for hardware and software, but not consulting services.

Mr. Zimmer gave an update on the telephone system. There have been no recent outages affecting service. Equipment from 1998 has been decommissioned and we are now running on a server. Some programming is needed. The challenge will be ensuring the combination old/new system is stable. A phased three year plan is being developed for the whole system. There is a need to look long term, always keeping the big picture in sight.

Legislator Stein asked if 4G is available within the County. Mr. Zimmer stated it is not, and Verizon seems to be a holdup. Mr. Zimmer updated the Committee on the efforts of Mr. Evan Tupper who made a presentation to the Committee on Broadband last year. A couple of towns have been mapped, but Mr. Zimmer believes that any success in funding will be driven by economic development involvement.

The following referrals from the Human Service Committee were approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda:

Salary Schedule Amendment-MH/Clinical Social Worker motion by Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Budget amendment-Youth/Reality Check COLA motion by Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Surplus Property-Youth/Typewriter motion by Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Salary Schedule Amendment-NH/Supervising Nurse motion by Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Lawrence. During discussion it was noted that the position to be deleted, Nursing Unit Supervisor, was a salaried position. The new position will not be.

County Manager Gsell recommended approval of a budget transfer of \$200 from contingency to Veterans Service Office Supplies. There were unexpected expenses within his account related to the relocation of the office. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

County Manager Gsell recommended establishing two 2013 Capital Projects: Old Courthouse Roof and Cupola Repair in the amount of \$80,000 and Utility Extensions and Security Improvements for DeWitt Park in the amount of \$51,087. Funds will be taken from the 1% Sales Tax Reserve. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

County Manager Gsell requested approval of a Special Events Agreement with the Rotary Club of Batavia for the Father's Day Fly-In Breakfast at the Airport. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Legislator Stein requested approval of a memorialization on road and bridge funding. She will be attending a meeting with Congressman Collins on Friday and would like to share this with him as approved by the Ways & Means Committee. In addition, following passage by the full Legislature she would like to take it to InterCounty. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Legislator Stein reported that Legislature Chair Hancock has been asked by local agricultural leaders to sign onto support for a bill in regards to a new seasonal worker program striving for a process so that Ag businesses may have a stable work force. Nationally 2500 farms produce 50% of dairy output and 3 are here in Genesee County. Sign on was approved upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Leadley.

County Attorney Zambito reported that the resolution passed at the last meeting approving a water agreement between Genesee County and the Town of Alexander is one side of the picture. The other is that Alexander believes that in order to make their grant application viable, they must also have in place another agreement with the Town of Batavia. Such an agreement would need the approval of the Genesee County Legislature. The attorneys have been working together to bring forward such an agreement. It is for Operation and Maintenance of the Town of Alexander water district by the Town of Batavia at a cost determined by them. After much discussion, it was the desire of the Committee to allow Alexander to proceed with their strongest application possible, but at the same time is mindful of their responsibilities to the entire community as the overseer of the County Wide Water Project. Legislator Cianfrini made and withdrew a motion to table pending review by the Water Resources Committee. That is thwarted by the Committee's meeting schedule of March 28, and a looming grant deadline. It is necessary for the Legislature to be aware of the issues involved and make a policy decision in regard to the Town of Batavia and Alexander proposed contract. The Chair of the Legislature has been asked to call a Committee of the Whole before the March 13 Legislature Meeting for continued discussion. The question was called and a resolution approving the contract was placed on the next Legislature Agenda, with continued discussion at the Committee of the Whole preceding the Legislature meeting upon motion of Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Legislature Clerk Pratt requested consideration of the amendment of the Referral to Ways & Means policy discussed previously. She will submit the policy to the Legislators with some recommendations and it will be discussed at the March 20 W&M meeting.

Legislature Clerk Pratt had been asked by W&M Chair Bausch to prepare a list of fixed term officer appointments and she distributed same for informational purposes.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 5:55PM to discuss a personnel issue upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Leadley. At 6:20 PM to Legislator Lawrence made a motion to return to regular session seconded by Legislator Cianfrini. The Committee adjourned at 6:22 PM upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Bob Bausch, Chair
Ways & Means Committee
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