

PRESENT: Chair Cianfrini, Legislators Bausch, Stein, and Clattenburg. County Manager Gsell. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Pratt, Assistant County Manager Ciaccia, Legislators Hancock and Leadley, Public Defender Confidential Secretary Burkel, Undersheriff Sheron, Genesee Justice Representative Harris, The Batavian Reporter Owen, Parks Superintendent Osborne.

Chair Cianfrini welcomed everyone to the meeting and dates for the 2012 meetings were approved for the Monday before the third Wednesday unless it falls on a holiday, with no meeting scheduled for July and December. The meeting time was set for 4PM.

Public Defender Confidential Secretary Burkel noted with the Appellate Division being cut from the 2012 budget, they will be vacating the space they were using in the Engine House. As a result, they have a secretary desk they are recommending be declared surplus. It has been offered to other County Departments and no requests have resulted. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda. It is a metal desk and will be sold to Eddie Arnold for scrap as there is no room for storage for an auction.

Chair Cianfrini stated it was his understanding the Public Defender was referring all appeals cases to Assigned Counsel. He would like the Committee to discuss this at a later date. He does not agree with the Public Defender's position on this.

Genesee Justice representative Harris stated The County Attorney has approved the County Attorney, Deputy Treasurer and Human Resource Director have reviewed contract renewals for the Child Advocacy Center services and have approved contracting through the budget period which ends September 30, 2012. The County Attorney will draft contract language certifying these are contractual agreements in nature. These contracts were previously extended for two months pending the IRS Audit. It is ongoing but discussions indicate that with the uniform language changes being made, the county should be in compliance. The final report has not yet been issued. Three contracts were approved through September 30, 2012 for placement on the next Legislature Agenda as follows:

Julie Walsh to provide mental health services to child victims and their families at a cost of \$32 per hour upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Julie Chamberlain to conduct clinical supervision for the Justice for Children Mental Health Clinical Therapist who provides services to children alleged to be abused and/or neglected at a cost of \$75 per hour upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Kathy Colgan for forensic interviewing, peer review, and training for the CAC Team at a cost of \$80 per hour upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Stein.

Legislator Bausch noted that during Budget discussions it was noted that other counties were using the Advocacy Center at no charge. Legislators requested that a possible fee schedule for out-of-country users be considered. Undersheriff Sheron noted that at this time the CAC is completely grant funded and it would not be appropriate to charge such

fees. Legislator Clattenburg asked if funding would increase as a result of this being a regional facility. Undersheriff Sheron stated that the funding schedules were currently based on usage and it most likely would not change.

Mr. Sheron recommended acceptance of grant funding and corresponding budget amendments for the following programs which were referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement:

Rural Traffic Enforcement Initiative Project at \$25,000 through September 30, 2012 motion by Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein.

Buckle Up NY at \$6888 motion by Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Child Passenger Safety Program in the amount of \$2210 motion by Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein. This allows for the inspection of car seats and replacement if unaffordable.

Mr. Sheron requested that budget amendments to allow remaining grant funds for the following programs to be carried over into the 2012 budget be approved:

The first is Homeland Security funding in the amount of \$22,590 to be used for training and equipment referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch. Chair Cianfrini inquired why the funding was not spent in 2011. Undersheriff Sheron explained that Homeland Security funding can be carried for several years and this was an accumulation from several years. He is hopeful it can be used this year for a good purpose.

The second is \$29,970 for audio/visual equipment for Jail teleconferencing. There will be 6 stations within the Jail and Probation is set up to use teleconferencing. It is anticipated that eventually teleconferencing can be used for court appearances, attorney/client conferences, etc. There are revenue possibilities. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein. Legislator Cianfrini asked if any of this funding could be used to displace funds budgeted by the County for 2012. They cannot.

Undersheriff Sheron stated that as part of a plea deal the Sheriff's Office has taken ownership of a 2005 Chevy pick-up, pursuant to court order as the result of a drug case forfeiture. The Sheriff is requesting that it be declared surplus and disposed of with the proceeds from the sale deposited to the Sheriff's revenue account, Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds. Legislator Stein asked what the revenue account was used for. Mr. Sheron stated that it is usually used to buy needed equipment. Chair Cianfrini stated he had a concern about the wording of the order. Undersheriff Sheron stated it was his understanding that under the forfeiture act, the proceeds from the sale could be used for law enforcement purposes only. These funds are also shared with prosecution and task force members as appropriate. Considerable discussion pursued. The item was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein.

Amendment of a contract renewal approved in November with Wyoming County Jail for prisoner housing was requested by the Undersheriff. It was approved at \$90 per day and will be going back to \$85 per day. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Stein.

A prisoner housing contract with Livingston County at the rate of \$85 per day through December 2012 subject to annual renewal by written consent of the parties was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein.

Chair Cianfrini noted that the Criminal Justice Advisory Council (CJAC) received a disturbing report on current Jail Population which is very high. Undersheriff Sheron noted that the Jail does seem to have cycles of overpopulation. There are currently many repeat offenders incarcerated and the female population is very high. Mr. Sheron noted that it was very important to keep pending cases moving.

Parks Superintendent Osborne representing Highway recommended approval of a budget transfer within the County Road Fund to adjust year end balances in the amount of \$3237. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein.

A 2012 Salary Schedule Amendment setting the Deputy highway Superintendent's salary at \$57,180 and the Fleet Maintenance Supervisor's salary at \$46,807 reflecting budgeted amount and correcting a clerical error on the salary schedule was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

The appointment of Bill Lawrence of Darien to the District #3 slot on the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Advisory Committee was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg. It was noted that Bill Lawrence is Legislator Lawrence's husband.

A memorandum of understanding with Soil & Water for environmental education programming in the amount of \$40,270.54 was recommended for approval. This agreement has been in place for four years and funding has been approved in the 2012 budget. This will formalize the agreement and was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Stein. Legislator Stein noted that while reviewing the proposed agreement she expressed some concerns to the County Attorney as to its clarity. The County Attorney agreed and some verbiage will be added.

County Manager Gsell noted that the Governor has given his Budget Address and at this point there does not appear to be any major disconnects as far as counties are concerned although Judges and DA salaries are certainly on the radar screen. Local share growth

for Medicaid has been capped and a Tier 6 proposed for retirement purposes. As always, the devil will be in the details according to Mr. Gsell.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07PM upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein.

Ray Cianfrini, Chair
Public Service Committee