

PRESENT: Chair Bausch, Legislators Cianfrini, Hancock, Leadley. Clerk of the Legislature Pratt absent, County Manager Gsell. Also Present: Confidential Secretary Kingdon, Legislators Ferrando and DeJaneiro, Assistant County Manger Ciaccia, County Attorney Zambito, Elections Commissioner Siebert, Planning Director Duval, Senior Planner Babinski, Deputy Treasurer Landers, Deputy Property Tax Director Andrews, Office for the Aging Director Whitmore, Human Resources Director Marchese, Youth Court Coordinator Sikorski, Batavian Publisher Owens, Daily News Reporter Mrozek and Brittany Baker.

Chair Bausch called the meeting to order at 4PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes of the March 21, 2012 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Hancock.

Elections Commissioner Siebert recommended approval of a budget amendment. Previous to March 1, 2012 all ballots used by the Genesee County Board of Elections have been paid from HAVA Funds directly by the New York State Office of General Services. The Board of Elections has been informed by the New York State Board of Elections that effective March 1, 2012 all expenditures left in the HAVA Grant (approximately \$100,000) must now be paid first from County sources and then submitted to the New York State Board of Elections for reimbursement. It is now required to establish an appropriation account for the printing of all required ballots for 2012. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Planning Director Duval and Senior Planner Babinski were present to seek permission to apply for the Cleaner, Greener Communities Regional Sustainability Planning Program Phase I Application. This is a competitive grant program to encourage communities to develop regional sustainable growth strategies. Phase I funding is intended for creation of a sustainability plan that shall inform land use policies, serve as a basis for local government infrastructure decision making and help guide infrastructure investment of both public and private resources. Currently there is up to \$1 million dollars available per region for plan creation. Ms. Babinski told the Committee that Monroe County will be taking the lead on this application on behalf of Genesee County and other surrounding counties. Mr. Duval stated that the County opted of the last application due to budget restraints, but he feels this may be the County's last chance for this opportunity. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Batavian Publisher Howard Owens was present to seek support for Assembly Bill 6058 and Assembly Bill 8075 which would give public agencies the option to place legal notices with either print publications or online news publications. This act would amend the general construction law, in relation to allowing for online publication of public notices. Mr. Owens feels that public notices should be easily accessible by a broad range of members of the public, and online is now a more common source for news than newspapers. He also feels this will offer greater options for archiving and searching of data. Legislator Cianfrini asked if this would be more cost effective. Mr. Owens

responded that there is potentially a cost savings, and that he feel and RFP process should be done so that the County can get the best price from local news medias. After a discussion of the committee it was decided that Chair Hancock will compose a general letter of support which she will distribute to the Committee for their approval prior to sending to State Officials for support. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Deputy Treasurer Landers and Deputy Real Property Director Andrews were present for their department review. The Treasurer's office has just completed its 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual tax foreclosure auction that saw a profit of approximately \$170,000. The Treasurer's office has worked with Central Services on the switch over of purchasing cards from Tompkins to M&T in March of 2011. There is hope that by using the purchasing cards there will be more cash back incentives. There recently was a RFP issued for a new upgraded tax collection system. This upgrade will have the capability for County residents to view the real time status of their tax bill along with making payments online with a credit card. The combining of the Treasurer's office and Real Property office has been working out well. Deputy Real Property Director has transitioned nicely since the retirement of the previous Real Property Director. Over the last year there have been several audits and there have been positive findings from all of them. There are plans on rolling out a new feature from the upgraded financial system and start paying some vendors via ACH versus a paper check. This will be an option for vendors. This change is expected to bring some savings from reduced paper, ink and postage. Quarterly sales tax figures compared to same quarter last year have increased the last seven quarters. Interest earnings that once generated over a million dollars in annual revenue continue to remain around \$100,000 annually. There does not appear that this amount will increase in the future. The advances to the Nursing Home continue to be a concern of the Treasurer's Office. Currently the County has advanced approximately \$800,000 and projects additional advances in the next month of about \$700,000. Deputy Real Property Director Andrews gave the Committee some highlights from 2011 with the Real Property Department. 2011 assessments were 100% with all of the towns in the county. Currently the city and many of the towns are working on a revaluation system. There has also been implemented an upgraded server system that posts assessments online and the contract with Orleans County for tax mapping has been renegotiated. The Committee thanked Mr. Lander and Mr. Andrews for their updates.

Human Service Chair Leadley made a motion to approve the following referrals from the Human Service Committee for placement on the next Legislature Agenda:

Grant Acceptance/Budget Amendment-OFA- seconded by Legislator Hancock.

Budget Transfer-OFA seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Appointment to the Mental Health Board of Linda Jones and Deborah Kerr-Rosenbeck seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

County Manager Gsell recommended approval of the Rotary Club Fly-in Breakfast at the Genesee County Airport. This has been an annual event since 1998 and provides an excellent opportunity for the promotion of the Airport. County Attorney Zambito did mention to the Committee that there was damage caused to a plane at this event last year

due to some parking issues. The owner of the plane parked in an area that was not intended for parking which caused damage to his plane. Mr. Zambito has talked with County Highway Superintendent Hens to ensure this will not happen in the future. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Hancock.

County Manager Gsell also recommended approval of the appointment of the new Youth Bureau Director to Jocelyn Sikorski. Ms. Sikorski has worked for the County in the Youth Bureau since 1999 starting out as a Youth Program Assistant. She was then appointed to Youth Program Coordinator where she has remained in that role since. This appointment will also amend the Salary Schedule. Legislator Hancock asked if the resolution presented does in fact appoint and amend the salary schedule. Human Resources Director Marchese stated that the resolution does do both of those things. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Hancock. The committee congratulated Ms. Sikorski on her new appointment.

Confidential Secretary Kingdon updated the Committee on the current outreach meeting schedule. The Legislature Office is currently working out an outreach location for the October 24, 2012 meeting.

Mrs. Kingdon also reminded the group that the Public Hearing for Local Law Introductory No. One – A local law in relation to the salaries of County Officers of the County of Genesee, Elected or appointed for a fixed term, in particular for the Coroners is scheduled for the April 11<sup>th</sup> Legislature meeting. The local law resolution was then approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Ms. Brittany Baker who currently holds the title of Genesee 2013 was present to seek permission to use the title Miss Genesee. Ms. Baker has been accepted to compete for the title of Miss New York USA and would like to get official permission to represent her hometown as Miss Genesee. The Committee decided that they did not see an issue with Ms. Baker using the title Genesee, as the word Genesee is not owned by the County. It was expressed by Ms. Baker that she would need something in writing from the Committee stating that it was okay to use this title. It was decided that County Attorney Zambito would draft a letter for Ms. Baker. The Committee thanked her for coming to the meeting to seek permission and wished her the best of luck.

Chair Bausch stated that Genesee Community College is looking to hold a joint meeting and dinner following an upcoming Ways and Means meeting. It was asked that Mrs. Kingdon please contact the college on which date would work best for them and report back to the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion of Legislator Hancock seconded by Legislator Leadley.

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Robert Bausch, Chair  
Ways & Mans Committee

Submitted by ssk 4-5-12