

PRESENT: Chair Bausch, Legislators Cianfrini, Hancock and Leadley. County Manager Gsell. Also Present: Legislator Ferrando, Purchasing Director Kaleta, IT Director Zimmer, Legislator DeJaneiro, Legislature Clerk Pratt, Assistant County Manager Ciaccia, County Attorney Zambito, Daily News Reporter Mrozek, Human Resource Director Marchese, Highway Superintendent Hens.

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

IT Director Zimmer presented his Department Update. With the 5% decrease in the Department budget last year, he is down 10-11% over the last two years. The Department continues to share Administrative Support with the Youth Department. There have been service issues because of the staffing changes. When Bill Ireland's position was eliminated the premise was that \$60,000 would be put into the budget for consulting services rather than hire an employee. Because of requested budget cuts, 65% of that was eliminated. It was decided that catching up with equipment needs would take priority. An example of the hardships this is causing is that the system was down this weekend because of a vehicle accident which took out a pole and caused severe power surges. Paul and Wayne worked over 20 hours each on Saturday and Sunday. Also, the Jail phones are out with dead equipment because of the power surge. There are also issues with an outdated generator at the Jail. The weekend and after hours work for his employees is not unusual and it is taking its toll. He reviewed industry standards and the County should have 2.5 technicians. We have 1.5. Maintenance is on a break and fix basis. This cannot continue. Other cutbacks include the Pictometry shoots going to a 3 year versus 2 year update. The Sheriff feels this is a Public Safety issue. The Department is now being asked to present a flat budget for 2013. With the mandated benefit increases, additional cuts will be required. Painful choices are putting things at risk. An additional \$45,000 would enable the Department to move forward in 2012. Legislator Cianfrini stated that he is seeing the result of the 2012 Budget cuts here and in other Departments. Systems are weakened and failing. For effective government we need fixes and solutions. He asked what it would take in the 2012 Budget to get things back on track. Mr. Zimmer stated that he believes the restoration of the consulting monies would be extremely helpful. County Manager Gsell stated he has been working with the Treasurer's Office on some possible solutions.

Purchasing Director Kaleta recommended the adoption of the Purchasing Policies and Procedures which set forth guidelines for the purchasing functions of the County for 2012. This is an annual approval. Initially he made changes to the policy but at the request of the County Attorney he is not recommending any changes be made at this time. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Leadley.

He recommended renewal of the cost-per-copy program with Eagle Systems, Inc. for the first one year renewal period through April 30, 2013 at the cost of \$.014 for black and

white copies and \$.06 for color copies. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hancock seconded by Legislator Leadley.

The following referrals from the Public Service Committee were approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini:

Reappointments Airport Advisory Board seconded by Legislator Leadley

Reappointments Parks Recreation & Forestry Board seconded by Legislator Leadley

Salary Schedule Amendment-District Attorney seconded by Legislator Hancock.

It was noted that there is a State proposal to fund the total increase for this year.

Appointments-Fish & Wildlife Advisory Board seconded by Legislator Hancock

Grant Acceptance/Budget Amendment-Emergency Management/Sheriff-FY 2012 Homeland Security Grant seconded by Legislator Leadley

County Manager Gsell recommended approval of an agreement with the Friends of Batavia Peace Garden Foundation for the lease of space at the Engine House for administrative purposes for the period May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 at a rate of \$100 annually. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hancock seconded by Legislator Leadley. Legislator Cianfrini expressed concern that other non-profits may desire a similar agreement. County Manager Gsell noted that this would not set a precedent and any request would be considered on a case by case basis. Questions about building security were addressed.

Mr. Gsell presented a facility use request from the YWCA Children's Center located in the Courts Facility to hold monthly fund raiser activities on the grounds or in the foyer of the Courts Facility. Appropriate liability insurance is in place to cover these events. A term of one year was added to the resolution. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Hancock.

Legislature Clerk Pratt presented the Distribution of Mortgage Tax figures for the first half of 2012 in the amount of \$276,484.99. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Hancock.

Legislator Hancock stated that nomination forms for NYSAC Standing Committees were placed in the back-up packets. She urged interested Legislators to review and submit nominations.

Legislator Cianfrini made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a particular person. This was seconded by Legislator Leadley. The Committee returned to Regular Session upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Legislator Cianfrini made a motion to place the appointments of John Rizzo and Mary Ann Waiter to the Genesee County Economic Development Board on the next

Legislature Agenda. This was seconded by Legislator Hancock and approved. Legislator Cianfrini requested that the appointments be broken into two resolutions. It was the consensus of the Committee to proceed with two resolutions. At this time the appointments will not carry terms.

The next Ways & Means meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2012. The following meeting will be on May 16, 2012 and will be held at the Community College Board Room.

Chair Bausch reported that the Veteran Service Officer Search Committee is recommending two final candidates to be interviewed by the Legislature. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Legislature should interview these candidates at a Committee of the Whole on April 25th prior to the Outreach Legislature Meeting in Bergen. The Clerk was instructed to make a room arrangement for the interviews. The first will begin at 5:30 PM and the second at 6:00 PM. Human Resource Director Marchese will make arrangements with the candidates. The final candidate will be recommended for appointment to the Ways & Means Committee on May 2 for placement on the May 9, 2012 Legislature Agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Robert Bausch, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

Submitted April 19, 2012