

PRESENT: Chair Bausch, Legislators Cianfrini, Hancock and Leadley. County Manager Gsell. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Pratt, Deputy Treasurer Landers, City Manager Molino, Daily News Reporter Mrozek, Legislator Clattenburg, County Treasurer German, Real Property Deputy Director Andrews, Legislator DeJaneiro, Undersheriff Sheron, Human Resource Director Marchese, WBTA Intern Hassett, GCC President Sunser, GCC Representative Hamilton.

Chair Bausch called the meeting to order at 4PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes of the June 6, 2012 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Hancock seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

IT Director Zimmer recommended the approval of an agreement with Pictometry International Corporation for a schedule of 3 aerial flights over 9 years commencing in 2012, second 2016 and third 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$252,725.23. The second and third flights will occur only if funded by appropriation and the plan is this will be under asset acquisition account. Legislator Hancock asked if the Assessors have been communicated with in regards to their request for 2 years flight. Legislature Clerk Pratt will draft a letter to be sent. It was noted that the agreement can be renegotiated if the municipalities want to fund the difference. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Hancock.

Mr. Zimmer updated the Committee on the negotiation of the New World maintenance contract noting that the County previously executed a contract containing a 3% increase for renewals. We are awaiting the appointment of our new representative. A request will go to their Finance Committee for consideration in August. In the meantime, the contract will remain in place and we will have necessary coverage.

Chair Bausch asked Mr. Zimmer to update the Committee on the telephone system. He responded that it remains relatively stable. The new vendor worked with IT staff over the weekend for many hours and found that the fail over mode had bad programming. The system is currently running on 2 of 3 legs and is 90 days from implementation. Additional costs may be up to \$5000.

County Treasurer German recommended ratification of the sale of 3 parcels auctioned on June 14, 2012. The sale of property exceeded outstanding taxes by \$90,426.90. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hancock seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Mr. German reported that receivables increased about \$1,000,000 since his last report. Much of this is in the Physically Handicapped Children Program which has received no payment since October. He is finding that he needs assistance from our Assemblyman to get action on payments. In addition, the Nursing Home currently owes the General Fund \$2,500,000 plus. If receivables don't pick up and cash flow at the Nursing Home continues to rise, the Treasurer may find it necessary to do a RAN. He will keep the Committee posted.

During a previous meeting City Manager Molino made a presentation on Local Option Property Tax Exemptions adopted by the City and requested that the County follow suit. The first is Tax Law 421-f which allows for the provision of an annually declining percentage of the increase in a property's assessed value attributed to an improvement. The option is limited to one and two family residences and does not require the property to be owner-occupied. The City requires a minimum exemption of \$5000 and a maximum of \$80,000. Ordinary maintenance and repairs are not eligible. To date there have been no applications in the City under this exemption. Real Property Tax Law 485-a is a local option providing tax exemptions of an annually declining percentage for the increase in a property's assessed value that is due to an improvement in which a non-residential property was converted to a mix of residential and commercial uses. Real Property Director Landers stated he has taken information from counties which have adopted these exemptions and tried to anticipate local impact. He believes they will be minimal. He does request that should the County adopt these local options, they mirror the City's law to keep this as uncomplicated as possible. This local law would be specific to the City of Batavia and should other municipalities follow suit and request County action, it will be reviewed. The County Attorney is asked to introduce a final draft of the proposed Local Law so that a Public Hearing can be scheduled.

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

Capital Project Amendments/Closure-Highway represents the correction of a clerical error seconded by Legislator Hancock.

Budget Amendment/Transfer-Public Defender-demonstrates maintenance of effort for ILS funding and transfers \$10,202 from contingency seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Salary Schedule Amendment-Sheriff/Seasonal Deputy positions (10) June 1-September 30, 2012 to provide additional law enforcement services to Darien Lake and other operators of summer events seconded by Legislator Hancock.

Salary Schedule Amendment-Emergency Management/Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Management Services increasing hours from 50 to 60 bi-weekly and reducing Deputy Fire Coordinator position from \$4906 to \$2835 effective August 1, 2012 seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Grant offer/Budget Amendment/Establish Capital Project-Airport/Terminal Apron Construction Phase II in anticipation of grant award in amount of \$721,800 Federal Funding, \$40,100 State funding and \$40,100 Local from 1% Sales Tax funding seconded by Legislator Hancock.

Human Resource Director Marchese and County Manager Gsell recommended ratification of the Deputy Sheriff Association contract for 2011-2013 which was mediated by PERB. It includes wage increases and concessions which were outlined by Mrs. Marchese for the Committee. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hancock seconded by Legislator Leadley. Legislator Cianfrini asked what the COLA was over the period and the response was 2.9%. He asked if there were no additional Health Plan concessions. It was noted that this was one of the first Unions to agree to the Health & Wellness Plan and they currently

contribute 10% towards the cost of the Plan. There are funds within the budget to cover the increases.

Genesee Community College President Sunser stated he was present to withdraw the College's original budget request to the County which included an additional \$50,000 and in light of discussion and the 2% budget cap hold the line for 2012-2013. The GCC Budget would remain at \$37,065,000 with a Sponsor's Share of \$1,936,374. Legislator Cianfrini expressed concern about what this would mean for next year. Dr. Sunser noted this would bring the Sponsor Share below .05% which he earlier expressed concerns about. However, the County has a long history of being a strong supporter of the College and he wants to continue to work to be good partners. Conversations for next year will begin early in the Fall. Legislator Bausch noted that the County has been strong in its sponsorship and the College's capital program which makes the College very attractive to those beyond our borders and creates a healthy chargeback number. Legislator Hancock noted that the State is coming forward with no apparent relief of mandates and will continue the 2% tax cap leaving counties in a most vulnerable position. The setting of the Public Hearing for Wednesday, July 11, 2012 was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hancock seconded by Legislator Leadley.

The adoption of the GCC Budget was placed on the July 11, 2012 Legislature Meeting pending the Public Hearing upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Leadley.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 5, 2012 due to the July 4 holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Robert Bausch, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

Submitted 2/27 cpp