

PRESENT: Chair Bausch, Legislators Cianfrini, Leadley and Hancock. County Manager Gsell. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Pratt, Office for the Aging Director Whitmore, Legislator Stein, Human Resource Director Marchese, Undersheriff Sheron, County Attorney Zambito, Mental Health Director Reaves, Legislator DeJaneiro, Daily News Reporter Mrozek, Legislator Ferrando, Nursing Home Administrator Schaller, Batavian Reporter Owen.

Chair Bausch called the meeting to order at 4PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes of the June 20, 2012 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Hancock seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Undersheriff Sheron recommended approval of a salary schedule amendment for the Genesee Justice Program Coordinator which has been recommended for placement at Grade 6 of the Management Salary Schedule by the Management Salary Committee. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Leadley. Legislator Hancock noted the Program was once 100% grant funded but currently it is funded 45% grants. In these difficult budget times she is concerned where the Legislature will come up with the continued funding of the Program.

Human Resource Director Marchese reported that a tentative CSES General agreement has been reached and approved by a two-thirds majority of the Union members. This contract will take the County through 2015. She outlined the terms of the contract and ratification was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Hancock. The resolution also contains the necessary budget amendments for each Department with \$66,149 coming from Contingency.

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

Salary Schedule Amendment-NH/PT Controller amended by Legislator Cianfrini to include a deadline of October 1, 2012 (3-1 Leadley no) seconded by Legislator Hancock.

Salary Schedule Amendment-NH/Director of Finance seconded by Legislator Hancock.

Grant Acceptance/Budget Amendment-Youth/USTA seconded by Legislator Hancock.

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

Salary Schedule Amendment-OFA/Case Supervisor seconded by Legislator Hancock 3-0, Legislator Cianfrini no. Legislator Cianfrini supported a grant funded position for 2012 but did not want to commit for 2013 when budget is so uncertain. OFA Director Whitmore noted that OFA population is expected to increase 50% from 2000-2020. The Agency is 12 years into that and cannot continue to offer the same services while decreasing staffing. She requested that if the position is not approved, the Legislature tell her what services they want discontinued.

Surplus Equipment-OFA seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Salary Schedule Amendment-Mental Health/LPN-Therapeutic Aide seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Human Service Committee Chair Leadley reported Interim Health Director Whitcroft voiced his concern over recent conversations with Bureau of EI employees about delayed reimbursements. The County Manager will draft a letter on behalf of the Legislators putting concerns on record. This will also be sent to State representatives and the Governor. County Manager Gsell noted this was the second largest mandated program for counties.

The County Manager recommended that a budget amendment adopted by the Legislature concerning a COLA for the Youth Bureau be rescinded and a transfer be made instead. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hancock seconded by Legislator Cianfrini. \$14,035 will be transferred from Contingency.

County Manager Gsell presented his Department Review.

Legislator Hancock noted that Departments will be developing their 2013 Budgets in a climate of change which will present difficulties. The County is trying to maintain their level of services and Departments are doing what they can to think outside the box. Some of the proposals will be based on speculation and it will be a time of trial and error. She appreciates the dedication of all the staff. Laurie Itjen continues to assist the Department on a volunteer basis and her tremendous gift is indeed priceless. County manager Gsell noted that the staff has been empowered to be creative and the question is always there, what are you doing for the future.

The 2013 Budget Schedule was presented for review by the Legislature.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25PM upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Robert Bausch, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

Submitted 7/27/12