

Present: Legislators Bausch, Stein, Clattenburg, Cianfrini. Also Present: Legislators Davis and Torrey, Secretary to the County Attorney Sarah Kingdon, County Manager Gsell, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Asst. County Manager Matt Landers, Treasurer Scott German, Real Property Director Kevin Andrews, HR Director Anita Cleveland, Purchasing Director Eve Hens, Undersheriff Greg Walker, Communications Director Steve Sharpe, GCC President Jim Sunser, GCC VP Kevin Hamilton, Job Development Director Scott Gage, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Mallory Diefenbach-The Daily News, The Batavian Howard Owens.

Ways & Means Chairman Bausch called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Conference room at County Building #2. The minutes of the May 3, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Purchasing Director Eve Hens presented a list of items the County no longer needs and requested they be deemed surplus. The list was circulated among County Departments to ensure no one had a use for any of the items. It was requested that Eve double-check with the JFCAC. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

County Treasurer Scott German requested the Committee approve a 5-year contract with Venesky & Co of Cicero, NY for an annual cost of \$11,500. They provide auditing services and agree to keep the cost the same. The County has contracted with them since 1978. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Mr. German explained the 2015 Inter Governmental Transfer Program payment is available and the County needs to provide a 50% match in the amount of \$3,017,872.50 to realize the full amount of \$6,035,745. A budget amendment is needed to take care of the expense side of the IGT program. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Lastly, Mr. German stated the County re-financed debt on the Sheriff's Office with a savings of nearly \$180,000 over ten years. The refinancing formula results in a savings to the General Fund of \$14,795. A budget transfer is needed from Interest on debt to principal on debt in the amount of \$40,000. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Mr. German asked to present his out-of-state travel request for an Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio July 18-21. The Association will reimburse \$1,000 making the cost to the County \$372. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

The following referrals were from the Public Service Committee upon Motion of Chair Clattenburg:

Budget Amendment-Sheriff/Remaining Funds-Village of Bergen and Village of Oakfield Agreements seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Budget Amendment-Sheriff's Reimbursement for Travel Expenses seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Salary Schedule Amendment/Creation of Part-time Jail Nurse Position seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Agreement/Budget Amendment – Sheriff/ Special/Additional Law Enforcement Services For Western Regional OTB seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Reappointment-Genesee County Planning Board seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

2017 Budget Amendment – County Parks - Interpretive Center/Youth Bureau Grant Award seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Surplus Equipment – Highway-Road Machinery Fund and Internal Service Fund seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Establish Capital Project-2017 Budget Amendment-Highway/Slusser Rd seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

2017 Budget Amendment – March Wind Storm Insurance Recovery – Facility Maintenance seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Contract Amendment/Budget Amendment-Harris Corporation-Sheriff seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

County Attorney Kevin Earl explained the resolutions included in the Ways & Means packet are not ready for members to act on today. They relate to the Sales tax agreement. The first resolution revisits the resolution passed in November 2016 that states the Sales Tax Agreement will be terminated on February 28, 2018 and extends that termination date to December 31, 2018. Also needed are agreements for water and operation and maintenance for the water plant as well as authorizing resolutions. The Sales Tax Agreement extension requires Comptroller approval which takes at least 90 days. Mr. Earl requested the water agreement and operation and maintenance agreement issues bypass Public Service Committee since that committee does not meet until June 19th. Public Service Chair Clattenburg stated that was okay to proceed to the next Ways & Means Committee meeting on June 7, 2017. A motion was made by Legislator Cianfrini to table the two resolutions; Resolution Amendment No 416-2016 Sales Tax Allocation Agreement with City of Batavia-Amendment of AND Sales Tax Allocation Amended Agreement Between the County of Genesee and the City of Batavia seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Job Development Director Scott Gage reviewed his department review which included changes with funding. Most streams of funding have seen cuts and current discussion at the Federal level may result in up to 21% funding reduction. State funding for the Youth program went up to cover the increase in minimum wage. Staffing changes include a Senior staff member accept a position with the GLOW Workforce Development Board resulting in downgrading the position from Senior training counselor to Training & Development Counselor. The downgrade saves the County about \$11,000 per year. They

will cover the anticipated shortfall from funding cuts with the savings in personnel costs. Their lease is set through 2021 at a cost of \$8.00 per sq. ft. until 2019 when they will go up to \$9.00 per sq. ft. There are approximately 11,000 walk-in customers and they serve 4,000-5,000 people each year.

GCC President Jim Sunser and VP Kevin Hamilton presented information on the GCC budget and requested Sponsor contribution. He expressed that a \$50,000 per year increase over several years would help avoid a year with a large increase where they would "catch up" to the needed level. He stated they understood the \$50,000 requested increase last year was not possible for the County and the GCC Trustees pulled that request and used fund balance to fill the gap. This year they are working on a conservative budget that would be a 1% increase from last year (\$386,000). They have included an adjustment to the sponsor share of \$100,000 to the County Sponsor amount which would cover the requested \$50,000 last year and \$50,000 for the coming year. That would put the County share at 6% of the total operating budget. Genesee County is at the second lowest sponsor share among Community Colleges in NYS. New State legislation changes how chargebacks are calculated. Beginning next year, chargebacks will be calculated only using the sponsor share, no other local share contributions will be included in the formula. This will be phased-in over five years. Ways & Means Chairman Bausch asked if this was legislation or a new rule. The fiscal implications are significant for the County. The financial structure with the College will need to be revisited. Dr. Sunser stated he will research that and let the committee know. The GCC Board needs to take action with their budget next week and are asking for an increase of \$100,000. Legislator Cianfrini stated how it is difficult for the Legislature to approve an increase without seeing the GCC budget and his understanding is the legislative liaison has not been included in discussions allowing a more free-flow of information between the county and college. Legislator Stein asked how the increase in on-line courses affects the use of the physical plant/facilities. Dr. Sunser stated many students take both on-line and classroom courses therefore students are using facilities. Budgeted increases include; 10% health insurance, 15% workers comp, 2% salary for all employees through 2019. Occupancy rate at the college dorms is around 90%. The event center will have a marketing director to promote the facility and organize events and they plan on hiring maintenance staff.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens explained his agenda item as a consultant agreement with Clark Patterson Lee for them to update the Environmental Impact Statement and required SEQR for the County to pursue an additional 2.4 Million gallons per day of water. Turnaround time is 4-6 months and the scope of work is covered by the \$160,000 cost. There is an existing fund balance in the water fund and Mr. Hens is recommending a budget amendment. Legislator Stein made a motion to amend the date (2016) to 2017 in the second *Resolved* paragraph seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

County Manager Jay Gsell explained the resolution for a lease agreement with the Friends of Batavia Peace Garden Foundation. They lease 682 square feet of space at the

Engine House for a cost of \$100. The lease period is May 1, 2017- April 30, 2018. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Mr. Gsell stated that a template has been received for a resolution authorizing the collection of wireless surcharge fees on pre-paid phones. The County will need to take action to begin collecting those fees. Recent estimates are between 20-50% of wireless devices are pre-paid.

Mr. Gsell provided an update on the Shared Services process and steps. He is attending the next GAM meeting to keep the concept in front of the towns and villages. The three required Public Hearings have not been set but can be scheduled in conjunction with legislature meetings.

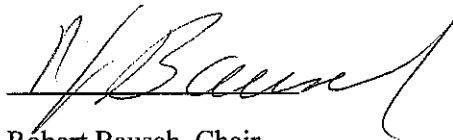
The Distribution of Mortgage Tax-First payment 2017 was presented with a total amount to be distributed of \$384,918.90. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens and Purchasing Director Eve Hens provided a tour of County Building #2 to legislators, county employees and members of the public to show the building restorations and remodeling following the flood last year.

A motion was made to adjourn to executive session by Legislator Stein to discuss a personnel matter seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Legislator Cianfrini to return to the Ways & Means Committee meeting seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.



Robert Bausch, Chair
Ways & Means Committee
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