

Present: Legislator Bausch, Cianfrini, Ferrando, Clattenburg. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Kingdon, Legislator Torrey, Davis, County Manager Gsell, Assistant County Manager Landers, Deputy County Attorney Rogers, County Treasurer German, Highway Superintendent Hens, Chamber of Commerce President Turnbull and Tourism Marketing Director Rapone, Bar Association Representative DeFreze and News Reporter Mrozek.

Chair Bausch called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes from the February 4, 2015 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Tom Turnbull, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Kelly Rapone Tourism Marketing Director presented their Agency Review. The 2014 Bed Tax earnings were down 4% from 2013, which was up 10% over 2012. 2012 was up 15% over 2011. In 2015 the Chamber will be watching to see the impact of decreased fuel costs as a plus to additional travelers taking to the roads. It will also be watching the exchange rate for the Canadian dollar. Currently there dollar buys 20% less US dollars. They have enjoyed a strong exchange rate for the last few years, so this is something to be watching. New rides and management at Darien Lake should see an uptick from these enhancements. The 2015 tourism matching funds grant is again slightly reduced. The 2015 grant amount was \$57,726. In 2014 the Chamber raised \$104,000 to support the County and State tourism program contributions. They anticipate raising \$105,000 in 2015. The Chamber maximizes marketing dollars through in county, cross county and statewide tourism collaborations. The Chamber anticipates in 2015 that their agency will invest \$65,000 and this will yield \$340,000 in collective marketing activities. New for 2015 is a fishing collaborative which will offer world-class fishing opportunities in Orleans County. This was developed over late summer, packaged and made available by December 2014. This offers year-round fishing opportunities which include fly-fishing and charters. There are seven charter captains and fly-fishing guide services, bundled with the Batavia hotels and attractions and dining. Genesee Chamber is the booking agent and this is a collaborative marketing effort with Orleans tourism.

County Manager Gsell presented a resolution designating the Chamber of Commerce as the Official Tourism Agency in Genesee County for the fiscal year, 2015. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Next Mr. Gsell presented the 2015 tourism contract with the Chamber of Commerce to be funded from the County's 2015 hotel and motel tax receipts up to an amount not to exceed \$350,000. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Mr. Gsell presented a budget amendments to carryover unexpended CDBG funds designated for the Genesee County Economic Development Center for the purpose of constructing a truck access road within the Buffalo East Technology Park south in the Town of Pembroke. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Lastly, Mr. Gsell requested authorization to establish 2015 capital projects. This was Tabled upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Ferrando until more information could be provided on these projects.

County Treasurer German presented transfers to be recommended in the 2014 county budget to cover end-of-year expenditures in several county departments. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Next, Mr. German presented a budget amendment in order to close the books for 2014. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Deputy County Attorney Rogers presented a resolution allowing the Bar Association to hold a Mock Trial at the County Courts Facility on March 9, 11, 16 and 25th. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Next, Mr. Rogers presented a resolution seeking authorization from State Legislation which would authorize Genesee County to continue its imposition of an additional 1% local sales tax which expires on November 30, 2015. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Lastly, Mr. Rogers presented a resolution seeking authorization from State Legislation which would authorize Genesee County to continue additional one-quarter of one percent local tax on mortgages for real property located within the County. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

The following referrals were from the Public Service Service Committee upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg:

Budget Amendment-Genesee Justice/Donations seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Budget Transfer-Planning seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

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