

Present: Legislator Bausch, Cianfrini, Lawrence, Clattenburg. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Kingdon, Legislator Ferrando, Torrey, Stein, County Manager Gsell, Assistant County Manager Landers, Job Development Director Gage, Nursing Home Administrator Schaller, Dr. James Sunser and Kevin Hamilton of GCC, IT Director Zimmer, County Treasurer German, Deputy County Treasurer Stack, Highway Superintendent Hens, News Reporter Mrozak and Owens.

Chair Bausch called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes of the May 7, 2014 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Job Development Director Gage gave his department review. WIA Grant allocations are determined using a federal formula that factors the number of economically disadvantaged adults and youth plus the number of unemployed in Genesee County. The updated 2010 Census Figures will be used to calculate these factors and their percentages will determine our funding based on need. The funding year for the WIA Grant runs July to June of the following year. Our GLOW Workforce Investment Area is anticipating approximately a 12% increase in our Low Income Adult funding, a 13% increase for our At-risk Youth funding, and a 3% decrease in our Dislocated Worker funding in the next program year beginning July 1, 2014. We are estimating Genesee County will receive \$103,155 in Adult funds (+9%), \$134,515 Dislocated Worker funds (-5%), and \$102,863 for youth programs (+9%) for a total of \$340,533 or roughly \$8,792 (+3%) more in total WIA funding. Our current spending levels are within our budgeted allocations for the 2013 funding period ending June 30, 2014. We are required by WIA law to spend a minimum of 70% of our allocation on participant training and staff/operational costs to support their programs. New York State has established a higher goal of 80% spending for the local operators to make up for the funding Albany takes off the top to operate the State system. JDB is currently on track to achieve all the spending requirements of WIA plus have a small carryover of funds at roughly 10% of the 2013 revenue, which will be used to supplement the new 2014 funding allocations. The Governor's new State Budget funded the TANF Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) at \$27.5 million for 2014, about a 10% increase from 2013. The increase will just cover the \$.75 increase in the minimum wage, from \$7.25 to \$8.00 per hour, effective January 1, 2014 therefore no additional youth can be served with the increased funding. We estimate roughly 40 youth will be served in the 2014 TANF Summer Youth Program, with an estimated \$74,902 in funding. All funds must be spent by September 30, 2014 or any unused portion returned to the State. Historically, JDB has always utilized 100% of the grant.

Other Funding for Job Development comes from a contract with the Office for the Aging to provide subsidized work experience for low income Seniors and runs July to June of the following year. Estimated funding of \$36,874 for this new 2014 contract, serving 4 participants for the year. This is a training program with their goal to transition the participants to unsubsidized employment. Job Development has achieved their job placement goals for this year and is on track to fully expend the contract funding. JDB was awarded a new contract by ACCES-VR in January 2014 to provide Assessment, Work Readiness Services, Job Development and Placement Services, and Work Experience Services for youth. The contract for 2014 is in the amount of \$50,018 and is paid based on the established dollar rate for each milestone which is achieved by the customer. The customers are referred by ACCES-VR staff

so our reimbursement depends on the number of referrals we receive annually. The annual contract with the DSS for \$40,653 is to provide a job securing workshop for their DSS clients. The contract runs on a separate program year running from October to September of the following year. JDB provides four hours of instruction, three days per week covering topics of resume development, interviewing skills, life management skills, self-management skills, and workplace culture. JDB is paid based on the number of classes taught and workshop materials used. The revenues from Other JDB Grant Funding will total an estimated \$202,429 and would bring a total anticipated budget for the JDB to \$542,962 for the year, a 2% increase or \$10,951 in additional revenue for the new program year. The current expenditures are within their annual budget, with no budget shortfall projected. There are no County dollars directly funding JDB programs and services at this time.

Next Mr. Gage presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Genesee County Legislature to sign the WIA Youth Contracts. Job Development was approved by the Workforce Investment Board to receive funds in the amount of \$8,912.28. This was approved for placement upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Nursing Home Administrator Schaller presented a contract with UMMC for Laboratory Services. UMMC is located close to the Nursing Home and are able to electronically link to the Nursing Home's computerized physician order program. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Next Ms. Schaller presented a contract with IM Solutions for MDS Consulting Services. By utilizing the services of a professional MDS consultant, the Nursing Home seeks to gain an increase in Medicare and Medicaid revenue. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Dr. Sunser and Mr. Hamilton from Genesee Community College presented their 2014-2015 budget requests. 2013- 2014 GCC budget included a \$100,000 increase in local sponsor support from the County. The approved increase was the first such increase in County sponsorship in four years. Over those four years, the College experienced a growth in enrollment that allowed the College to forgo previously agreed \$50,000 per year increases in sponsor support. Although the sponsor support was held flat, the expenses of the college continued to increase, creating a situation where the direction of local support fell as low as 5.2% of the total operating budget. During the 2014-2015 state budget development process, an increasing number of non-sponsoring counties propose changes to the chargeback system that would more closely link the direct funding and local sponsor contributes per local student, stripping away many other revenue sources traditionally and appropriately used in SUNY's GCC's budget development to demonstrate local support. These changes, had they been enacted, would have resulted in approximately \$1.7 million and reduce funding from other counties to support students attending GCC from those counties. After working closely with elected officials to ensure that the college fully understood the implications of the proposed

changes, an agreement was struck to delay the implementation of the proposed changes for two years, during which time a fuller review is expected to occur. The projected changes will limit the chargeback rate to include only the sponsor contribution community college receives. Understanding those changes, and as an effort to be proactive, Genesee Community College has requested an increase of \$500,000 in sponsor contribution. After a lengthy conversation among the Committee it was decided to table this resolution for further discussion. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Next Dr. Sunser presented a resolution that would approve the proposed Capital Projects that will be done under the Facilities Master Plan. The resolution authorizes the County Treasurer to establish a capital project for the construction of a Community and Event Center and a Student Success Center. County Treasurer German stated that he will not establish these projects because there is no funding source available to do that. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Assistant County Manager Landers requested an amendment to resolution 292 of 2008. The resolution recommends a change to the term of the lease agreement from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2018 to April 3, 2009 through March 31, 209, pursuant to the provisions of Clause Number 5 of the lease agreement. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Next, Mr. Landers requested permission to apply for grant funding to participate in the High Visibility Road Check/Saturation Patrols/DRE Call Out Project, which will be allocated to the Sheriff's Department, Batavia City Police Department and the LeRoy Police Department for their collaborative enforcement efforts during crackdown periods between October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Information Technology Director Zimmer presented proposals to upgrade the County telephone system. The intent of the project is to provide a stable and reliable telephone system for County departments by the end of 2014. The County Nursing Home and the Sheriff's office are not included in this recommendation. The Sheriff's office phone system was upgraded as part of the radio system upgrade project, and an upgrade at the Nursing Home is on hold pending the County's decision on the future of the facility. Three options were reviewed concerning the telephone system as detailed in a PowerPoint presentation. The telephone system as it stands is problematic and during the past four years outages have ranged from several minutes to over two hours. A complete replacement of the infrastructure is being recommended replacing the current infrastructure with new office equipment, but reusing approximately 50% of existing handsets. The existing infrastructure is aging and components are between 4 and 20 years old. Periodic outages have occurred over the past four years and will continue given the aging equipment. This project was not proposed as part of the 2014 asset acquisition process. The County Treasurer has identified using 1% of sales tax funds in the amount

of \$455,570 to cover the cost of this project. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Next Mr. Zimmer proposed a contract with MacSource to provide telephone system upgrades. This contract is not to exceed \$407,541.06. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

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

Budget Amendment-EMS/Homeland Security Grant seconded by Legislator Cianfrini

Budget Amendment-Sheriff/Village of Oakfield Police Services seconded by Legislator Lawrence

Budget Amendment-Sheriff/Village of Bergen Police Services seconded by Legislator Cianfrini

Establish/Amend/Close/Budget Amendment- Capital Projects- Highway seconded by Legislator Lawrence

Reappointment-Highway Superintendent referred to the Committee of the Whole for discussion.

County Manager Gsell presented a contract with U.S. Bankruptcy Court Western District of New York. U.S. Bankruptcy Court has contracted with the County since 1997 for use of space in the Old Courthouse to conduct court proceedings. This lease agreement is for the period October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 at a rate of \$850 per month for utilities, general liability insurance and maintenance of space. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Chair Bausch presented a resolution recommending Mr. Robert Boyce be appointed to the Genesee Community College Board of Trustees. Mr. Boyce was present at the meeting and did introduce himself and explained some of the Boards he has been on in the past. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Lastly Mr. Bausch presented a resolution drafted by Legislator Stein opposing expansion of Federal Control Under the Clean Water Act. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have released a 371 proposed rulemaking defining the Waters of the U.S. under the Clean Water Act. The rule change proposed by the EPA and the Corps would subject almost all physical areas with a connection to downstream navigable waters, including features such as ditches, natural or man-made ponds, and flood plains, to the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act. The proposed rule change, if adopted, will cause significant economic harm to local farmers,

stall the development of businesses, take control of land use for sustainable food production out of our local providers' hands, and negatively impact County-owned and maintained infrastructure such as roadside ditches and flood-control channels. The cost to farms, municipalities and taxpayers would be enormous. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

At motion to adjourn was made by Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg at 6:15 PM.

Robert Bausch, Chair
Ways & Means Committee
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