

Present: Legislator Bausch, Cianfrini, Clattenburg, Ferrando. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Kingdon, Legislator DeJaneiro, Torrey, Davis, Stein, and Young. County Manager Gsell, County Attorney Zambito, Human Resources Director Cleveland, IT Director Zimmer, County Treasurer German, Deputy Treasurer Andrews, Undersheriff Sheron, Deputy John Baiocco, CSEA Union Representative Lynn Miller, News Reporters Mrozek, Daily News, Fischer, WBTA, Pettinella, Buffalo News, and The Batavian.

Chair Bausch called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes from the May 20, 2015 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Information Technology Director Zimmer presented a contract renewal with New World System for the Finance and Human Resources Application. This contract will provide software upgrades and support services. The annual cost for this contract is \$54,500.00. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

County Treasurer German presented a contract renewal with Freed Maxick & Battaglia for independent Auditing Services. This is a two year contract in the amount of \$30,000 for each year. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Mr. German presented a resolution allowing the sale of County Owned Property to Jeffrey and Kristin Ezzo for property located in Alexander, New York for the auction price of \$1,600. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, Legislator Cianfrini voted no.

Deputy County Treasurer Andrews presented a resolution that would declare property in the Town of Stafford as surplus to be disposed of through auction. This property is currently owned by the County and the County Highway Superintendent has indicated that the County has no current or future use for this parcel of land. Marcia Rice owns the neighboring property and was present at the meeting. She and her family have been maintaining this small parcel for many years. She has requested that the County transfer ownership to her and her family. They are willing to pay any taxes associated with the parcel and any other cost that might need to be satisfied in order to complete the transfer. County Attorney Zambito stated that he has researched this matter and General Municipal Law prohibits the County from just transferring the property to a new owner. This must be sold at auction. Ms. Rice then asked if it was possible to request a permanent easement/right of way for the head of the driveway that is part of the surplus parcel. This will allow the Rice Family to have a legal entrance rights to the property until they can possibly purchase the land at auction. This resolution was Tabled until a right-of-way or permanent easement can be drafted upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

County Attorney Zambito presented the Crime Insurance renewal with Tompkins Insurance Agencies. This is effective June 1, 2015 through June 1, 2016 at a premium of \$4,443.00. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

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

- Budget Amendment/Salary Schedule Amendment-School Resource Officer/Sheriff seconded by Legislator Ferrando
- Surplus Property-Sheriff-Approval Of seconded by Legislator Cianfrini
- Appointment-EMS/Radio Amateur Office seconded by Legislator Ferrando
- Reappointment-Planning Board seconded by Legislator Cianfrini

County Manager Gsell presented his Department Review. 2015 County Budget adopted with a \$0.16/\$1,000 of assessed value tax rate decrease – this helped the County comply with the NYS Tax Cap/Freeze mandate to limit property tax levy growth to annual NYS derived “inflation factor”. Solicitation of and receipt of 8 proposals to transition the Genesee County Nursing Home to private owner/operations which is nearing conclusion with a recommendation to the County Legislature to execute Asset Purchase Agreements and related documents and apply to NYS DOH for transfer of 2 CONS’s to private owners by 1st quarter 2016. NYS Mandated Efficiency/Shared Services plan in conjunction with the City of Batavia and most of the towns and villages within Genesee County. The June 1st filing deadline was met and the goal of 1% current/prospective savings from 1/1/2012 – 2019 equal to \$370,000/year with a total estimated target of \$4.7 million/year. Negotiated two extensions of current CBA’s with two of County’s five unions and submitted same to County Legislature after both had been affirmed by the respective union members. Worked with the County Legislature and private consultant to put in place a new management salary schedule and update alignment of grades and placement within said schedule for approximately 100 County full time, non-organized employees. This replaced a 22 year old schedule that was proving more and more outdated and difficult to recruit new employees into the Genesee County Management ranks. Continued aggressive and enhanced examination and potential closure of Workers’ Compensation municipal pool cases for all members of the Countywide system and numerous open/older claims to potential reduce pool liability and bring the annual budget and assessment of member charges into the 21st Century. Revitalized the County Safety Committee and loss control process of reviewing incidents/accidents, required training like workplace violence and building security measures and working with a consultant to update County Safety policies and secure grants to help committee actions and enhance both employee and visitor safety and security. Worked with Human Resources to implement a new comprehensive Employee Handbook. Continued to represent the County on a number of regional and statewide programs like Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council, STOP-DWI, Housing Initiatives Committee, ADA, Corporate Compliance, County Comprehensive Plan focus groups, GCEDC Board Meetings and STAMP Committee meetings and Water Agency/MCWA progress reports and interagency meetings as well as GAM and 2018 Water Master Agreement for the

extension of potable water to unserved portions of the County and Sales Tax distribution. Also, NYSAC Standing Committee on Taxation and Finance as part of the semiannual statewide NYSAC conferences. Executive Assistant to the County Manager is now a Leadership Genesee 2015 class member and the Assistant County Manager is a 2005 Leadership Genesee graduate who is now pursuing his Master's degree through Buffalo State University.

A motion to adjourn to into Executive Session at 5:10 PM to discuss a personnel matter and the sale of county owned property was made upon motion of Legislator Ferrando seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

The Ways and Means meeting reconvened at 6:00 PM upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

The resolution ratifying the Deputy Sheriff's Association Union contract was Tabled at the previous Ways and Means meeting. A motion to take this resolution off the Table was made upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

County Manager Gsell presented the Deputy Sheriff Association Union Contract. The agreement would include increasing unused sick time from 250 days to 300. Uniform allowance would increase to \$700. The spousal buyback would increase to \$3000. Starting January 1, 2016 the high deductible health plan would become a new option. Wages for 2014 would increase 2%, 2015 and 2016 they would increase 2.75%. Legislator Cianfrini stated that this contract will cost the County approximately over \$390,000 in just wages. Legislator Cianfrini stated that he does not have any issues with what Deputies do, he has a problem with this contract and how much it will cost this County. He feels that the Management Salary Review was done to bring the Management staff back up to where the union employees are and that if this contract is approved is throws that management salary plan off. Legislator Ferrando stated that he does not understand the full dollar value of contracts in other counties and if they are comparable dollar wise to the contract in Genesee County, those contracts might be receiving more in one area in not in another. He would like to see the whole package of each County to compare. Legislator Clattenburg stated that they just approved a contract for another union and she would like to see a contract that is more in line with that union contract. She feels that 2% is fair but that 2.5% and 2.75% is a little high. All members of the Ways and Means Committee voted no on this item.

Chairman Bausch presented a resolution appointing Mr. Matt Gray to the Genesee County Economic Development Board for a term effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2021. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

County Attorney Zambito presented a late addition resolution to the agenda that approves a Letter of Intent with Premier Healthcare Management, LLC and Genesee County for the Sale and Transfer of Genesee County Skilled Nursing Facility and Genesee County Adult Home. The proposal submitted by Premier includes an offer to pay the sum of

\$15,200,000 to acquire the real and personal property as well as operation of the Genesee County Nursing Home including the 160 bed skilled nursing facility, 13 person adult day care center and 80 bed adult home. As part of its future plan for operation of the facility, Premier intends to apply for a certificate of need from the New York State Department of Health (DOH) for the 80 beds in the Adult Home to be designated as Assisted Living Program (ALP) beds. The deadline for an application to DOH for ALP beds is June 22, 2015, and in order to assist and facilitate Premier's efforts in that respect the Genesee County Legislature would approve its intention to accept the proposal submitted by Premier Healthcare Management, LLC for the purchase of the real and personal property and operation of the Genesee County Nursing Home. This resolution was added to the Ways and Means agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Cianfrini. This resolution was approved for placement on the Committee of the Whole meeting that is being held immediately following this Ways and Means meeting upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Ferrando.

Robert Bausch, Chair
Ways & Means Committee
Submitted 6-30-15 ssk