

Present: Legislator Bausch, Cianfrini, Lawrence, Clattenburg. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Kingdon, Legislator Ferrando, Torrey, Stein, County Manager Gsell, Assistant County Manager Landers, Deputy County Treasurer Stack, County Attorney Zambito, Purchasing Director Patterson, Executive Secretary Jasinski, IT Director Zimmer, GCEDC President Hyde, News Report Mrozek.

Chair Bausch called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes of the August 6, 2014 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Executive Secretary to the Workers Comp Plan Kathy Jasinski and Assistant County Manager Matt Landers presented the 2015 Budget and Apportionment for the Workers Compensation Plan. Within in this budget \$40,000 is allocated for a Safety Officer. This will not be for a person but for a bank of hours. This will be contracted out and will be available to the County and all the outside agencies within the plan. This will help get the Safety Committee up and running more effectively. They will also be available for safety training and any safety questions that may come up. This budget was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Next, Mr. Landers and Ms. Jasinski discussed the possibility of making changes to the Workers Compensation Local Law. The way that participants are assessed is a 50-50 approach between experience and assessment. Other plans in other Counties that are self-funded either use 100% experience or 100% assessment. It may be better for the County to lean towards a more experience model rather than assessment. They would also like to change the cap that is within the Local Law up to around \$150,000. Mr. Landers and Ms. Jasinski will start talking to the participants in the plan to get their perspective on this change.

Information Technology Director Zimmer presented a contract with MacSource Communications to provide telephone system maintenance for the Genesee County nursing home. This is a one year contract for an amount not to exceed \$3871.56. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Job Development Director Gage presented the Workforce Investment Act/Wagner Peyser Local Plan. The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 requires each local Workforce Investment Board to develop and submit to the State a comprehensive local plan with the appropriate Chief Elected Officials. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

Purchasing Director Patterson requested an amendment to the 2014 Salary Schedule to eliminate one Senior Custodial Worker full-time position and create one Custodial Worker full-time position. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Mr. Hyde from GCEDC presented the 2013 GCEDC Tax Base Analysis. The Genesee County Economic Development Center is a public benefit organization established in 1979. It is the lead agency for countywide economic development strategy, sales and marketing. There are seven members appointed to this board by the County Legislature. The EDC is constantly driving economic development. They focus an “ecosystem” via Tech-Based Economic Development that fosters business investment and sustainable long-term economic activity. Mr. Hyde presented a portfolio of projects with PILOT’s and associated capital investment. The PILOT portfolio has grown considerably. In recent years the volume has been declining due to retail and insurance requirements. However, the capital investment, a portion of which turns to tax base, has grown considerably despite the declining number of PILOT’s. Since 2006, 45 PILOT’s have expired/terminated with 100% placement on the tax rolls. 43 expired PILOT’s are paying full property taxes with just two properties placed on the tax exempt rolls. The counters the general perception that companies move away once a PILOT expires. Since 2006, total property tax type payments (PILOT’s and expired PILOT’s on tax rolls) from GCEDC projects have increased by 1.97 million and have more than doubled. A portfolio of projects in each year changes, suite year-to-year analysis is not 100%. Directionally, the EDC strategy for growth is working – as time passes, more jobs are being created. The portfolio in 2013 has created 79% more jobs than the portfolio of 2008. The Ways and Means Committee thanked Mr. Hyde for his update.

County Attorney Zambito requested an amendment to the Salary Schedule by increasing one position of one part-time Assistant County Arty which currently works 30 hours per week to one full time Assistant County Atty. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Next Mr. Zambito presented the Retail Lease and Operation Agreement between the Town of Batavia and the Town of Elba for the operation of water districts. This was approved for placement on the next legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Lawrence.

STOP DWI Coordinator Landers presented his Department Review. Except for a small jump in 2013, arrests have been trending downward steadily since the 1980s. While this is largely attributed to stricter laws and penalties for drinking and driving, this decline doesn’t mean there aren’t drunk drivers on the roads any longer. Resources for this program will go to where the biggest impact will be felt in the community. Based on current trends, it was recommended by Mr. Landers that the City of Batavia Police Department get all that they requested towards enforcement efforts. Due to a complex DWI fine collection and enforcement system, outstanding DWI fine money has become a major issue state wide. Approximately \$300,000 is outstanding in DWI receivables. The District Attorney, County Clerk, Sheriff, Probation and Magistrates are all working together to bring this amount down. The City of Batavia Police has tried a new program where an officer for the entire month of September with only do DWI patrols. The

program will only be paying straight time over these periods vs the overtime which will provide 50% more enforcement time.

The STOP DWI budget was presented and was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Laura Landers from Freed Maxick presented the 2013 Financial Statement Audit overview. The revenue came in approximately \$1 million under budget however the expenditures came in \$6.7 under budget. The revenue is only about 1% of the adopted budget while the expenditures variance is only 7% of the budget. This shows that the budgeting process is on track and that it is a good system. The balance of the financial statements all relate to the audits for the federal funds and the NYS DOT funds. The past years the County and the auditors have worked on becoming a low risk auditee. This shows that there were no deficiencies in compliance with federal programs. This is looked at favorably. The end of the year fund balance showed \$27 million that consists of restricted money of \$2.5 million which is in various reserve accounts. The General Fund is healthy at this point. Ms. Landers reported that this was a clean audit. The Committee thanked her for her report.

The following referrals were from the Human Service Committee upon motion of Legislator Lawrence:

Budget Amendment-Records Management/Local Records Mgt. Improvement Grant seconded by Legislator Cianfrini

Appointment-OFA Advisory Board seconded by Legislator Clattenburg

Salary Schedule Amendment-DSS seconded by Legislator Clattenburg

County Manager Gsell presented the AFSCME Contract for January 31, 2015 through December 31, 2019. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Lawrence seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

At motion to adjourn was made by Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg at 6:45 PM.

Robert Bausch, Chair
Ways & Means Committee
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