

PRESENT: Chair Bausch, Legislators Cianfrini, Hancock and Leadley. County Manager Gsell. Also Present: Legislature Clerk Pratt, Job Development Director Gage, Legislator Ferrando, County Treasurer German, Deputy Real Property Director Andrews, Batavian Reporter Owen, Human Resource Director Marchese, County Attorney Zambito, Daily News Reporter Mruzak, Jail Superintendent Minardo, Legislator DeJaneiro.

Chair Bausch called the meeting to order at 4PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes of the January 16, 2013 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Hancock seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Job Development Director Gage recommended approval of a GLOW WIB at large appointment of New York State Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocation Rehab for an ongoing term. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Cianfrini. Legislator Cianfrini noted that the applicant is not a resident, but being appointed as a job related matter.

The following referrals from the Human Service Committee were approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Leadley:

Salary Schedule Amendment-DSS/Intake Clerk deleting Receptionist position seconded by Legislator Cianfrini

OFA Advisory Council appointments of Walter Wenhold as a Community Member and Cheryl Venditte as a Provider/Caregiver through December 31, 2015 seconded by Legislator Hancock

Salary Schedule Amendment/Budget Transfer-Health/Supervising Community Health Nurse through December 31, 2013 seconded by Legislator Cianfrini in compliance with IRS Audit of contracted services versus employee

Budget/Salary Schedule Amendment-Mental Health Clinical Social Worker to meet need for increased coverage due to Orleans County clients being bussed here for services with offsetting revenue seconded by Legislator Hancock

Budget Amendment-Mental Health/Living Opportunities of DePaul to accept additional pass through funding in the amount of \$25,280 seconded by Legislator Hancock

Human Services Chair Leadley also reported that the Committee approved a clarification to the Mental Health Board affirming \$40 stipend payment to Board members in accordance with law. The Legislative Liaison does not receive such payment. The Committee received an update on security issues from Social Services Commissioner Kirkpatrick. There was much discussion and the County Manager will be reactivating the Safety Committee to review security in all County Buildings and Offices. We have not received a reply in regards to our request for approval of Ellery Reaves as Mental Health Director. Follow-up as appropriate was requested.

County Treasurer German recommended 2012 budget item transfers to cover end-of-year expenditures in several county departments. These will all be covered by transfers from other appropriations. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda

upon motion of Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Cianfrini. Legislator Cianfrini asked about the \$65,000 Jail transfer. Extended leave coverage has been necessary which accounts for the higher costs.

A year-end budget amendment in the amount of \$709,949 was requested to account for additional sales tax revenue and distribution to the municipalities. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Hancock.

Mr. German requested approval of a budget transfer and amendment which will allow books to be closed and give the Nursing Home additional funding to cover unanticipated expenses in the amount of \$47,741. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Hancock.

A correction to the tax rolls in the Town of Batavia for the ARC building purchased prior to taxable status date with no timely application received for tax exempt status. Pursuant to Volume 9 Opinion of Counsel SBEA No. 76 the owner is eligible for a correction so long as the assessor concurs in writing that the property was eligible for tax exempt status as of taxable status date and such statement has been made. The tax warrant for the Town of Batavia will be reduced by \$9,852.57, the amount payable to the Supervisor of the Town of Batavia be reduced by \$2,012.36 and the amount payable to the City School District be reduced by \$21,543.36. There will be a reduction to the County of \$7,840.21.

A budget amendment for the Sheriff's Office (Jail) to allow for the carryover of grant funding for the purchase and installation of video conferencing equipment at the Jail in the amount of \$20,429 was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Hancock. The equipment will be used by professionals – lawyers, physicians, court appearances, etc. and will hopefully lower transport costs. The wiring has been completed and the equipment vetted.

County Attorney Zambito reported that the additional 1% sales legislation expires this November. He has prepared a request for our State Legislators to introduce a Home Rule Message to allow the County to continue the additional 1%. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

The additional ¼ percent Mortgage Tax legislation also expires in the Fall. Mr. Zambito introduced a local law extending the additional mortgage tax and requested that a Public Hearing be scheduled for February 27, 2013. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hancock seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

The Bed Tax is also expiring. He has prepared a request for our State Legislators to introduce a Home Rule Message to allow the County to continue the Bed Tax at 3%. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Hancock.

County Manager Gsell recommended approval of a budget amendment to allow for CDBG grant funds carryover in the amount of \$750,000 for the development of a composting facility in the Town of Batavia. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

County Manager Gsell recommended approval of a budget amendment to allow for CDBG grant funds carryover in the amount of \$500,000 for the Genesee County Advanced and Nano-Tech Manufacturing Concepts Training Program and the development of the Buffalo East Technology Park in the Town of Pembroke. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Leadley seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

An Outreach Meeting has been planned for June 26, 2013 in the Town of Oakfield. City Legislators have expressed interest in arranging for the May 22, 2013 Outreach Meeting to be held at the City Centre. They will contact the City to make appropriate arrangements.

Legislature Chair Mary Pat Hancock will deliver her State of the County Address on February 20, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the Legislature Chambers. This year's address will focus on major trends impacting local county governments and how Genesee County is dealing with these trends. "Changes are so significant that they impact every department and employee, as well as all of our citizens." All are cordially invited and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be available.

The Committee entered into Executive session at 4:45 PM at the request of the County Attorney to discuss litigation matters. They returned to Regular Session at 5PM. County Attorney Zambito to communicate with counsel and to seek agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 PM upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Leadley.

Robert Bausch, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

Submitted 2/7 cpp