

Present: Legislator Bausch, Cianfrini, Clattenburg, Young. Also Present: Legislator Torrey, DeJaneiro, Davis, Deleo, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Gsell, Assistant County Manager Landers, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Eve Hens, Chamber of Commerce Tom Turnbull & Kelley Rapone, Susie Boyce, Media representatives; Jim Krencik and Howard Owens.

Ways & Means Chairman Bausch temporarily appointed Legislator Young to the Ways & Means Committee after calling the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes from the February 3, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Chamber of Commerce President Tom Turnbull and Tourism Director Kelly Rapone reviewed the report previously submitted to the committee. Mr. Turnbull thanked legislators for their support of the new office location and encouraged anyone who hasn't seen the new building to stop in for a tour. Bed tax revenue is down 3% from last year; \$416,000 down from \$430,000 in 2015. There are at least 1,000 beds in the county. A wide variety of events planned in Genesee County attribute to hotel stays throughout the year. All tourism is promoted, not just events or businesses that are members of the Chamber. Membership rates range from \$210 to \$310 and corporate membership is \$3,000. At present there are about 500 members. Kelly Rapone shared that the new website launched and shared some of the features that make it easy to navigate and use. Multiple publications will be available soon. Volunteers are getting ready to man the visitor's center where activity picks up in April through October. March 4<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Awards Ceremony where Stein Farms is among the select group of award recipients.

County Manager Gsell presented a resolution designating Genesee County Chamber of Commerce as the County's Tourism Agency. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Cianfrini.

Next, Mr. Gsell presented a resolution authorizing the County to enter into an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for 2017. The publicity and tourism activities included in the agreement will be funded by the County's hotel and motel tax receipts up to \$420,000. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Young.

Purchasing Director Eve Hens referenced the draft revised Purchasing Policies and Procedures and explained they should be updated annually. Ms. Hens outlines the three changes which include change order procedures, donating surplus property to non-profits or municipalities and minor format changes. Legislator Clattenburg noted on page 4 of the quick reference guide that public works contracts under \$5,000 are awarded by the Purchasing Director. Due to the previously existing relationship between the Highway Superintendent and Purchasing Director it was suggested any perception of impropriety could be avoided if the county attorney or county manager signed off. Mr. Gsell stated the Purchasing department is directly under his supervision so it makes sense to have the County Manager make the bid award. Ms. Hens stated the change will be made to the

purchasing policy. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Next, Ms. Hens explained the need for revisions to the Purchasing Card procedures including increasing the P-card limit where appropriate and the need for 4 signatures in the approval process. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

County Attorney Kevin Earl described the need for a resolution requesting an extension of the additional one-quarter of one percent local tax on mortgages for real property within Genesee County. State representatives Hawley and Ranzenhofer will be asked to draft legislation that requests the state legislature supports this continued tax rate for three years. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Mr. Earl then explained the need for a request to State Representatives Hawley and Ranzenhofer to draft and introduce legislation authorizing Genesee County to renew the additional 1% sales tax. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

Mr. Earl introduced Susie Boyce from Lawley Genesee and request to continue with Broker Risk Management Services which include expert review of policies, recommendations for coverage of gaps and negotiating for the best coverage. Cost is \$22,000 for the period of February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018. Discussion also included the advantage of using the County Insurance Committee which provides local control of claims and the decision to settle. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

The Following Referrals Were From The Human Services Committee Upon Motion Of Legislator Young:

Acceptance of Special Legislative Grant and Budget Amendment-Youth Bureau seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Appointments – Genesee County Youth Board seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

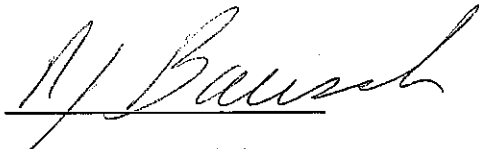
County Manager Jay Gsell stated the real estate piece of the Nursing Home sale is expected later today or tomorrow. He checked with the treasurer however, monies have not been deposited in the County account yet.

The Clerk reported the next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is February 15, 2017. The Clerk explained the representative from Pro Act Pharmacy Benefit Plan offered to provide the Committee with an in-person update. Committee members agreed the monthly reports are adequate.

Legislator Clattenburg made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss contract negotiations seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

At 5:44 PM the Ways & Means Committee meeting reconvened upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Clattenburg.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Clattenburg carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Bausch", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Bausch, Chair  
Ways & Means Committee  
Submitted 2-6-17 phl