

Present: Legislators Bausch, Cianfrini, Clattenburg, Stein. Also Present: Legislator Young, Deleo, Davis, Torrey Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Gsell, Assistant County Manager Landers, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Real Property Director Kevin Andrews, Job Development Director Scott Gage, EMS staff Mr. Bouton IT Director Steve Zimmer, Purchasing Director Eve Hens, Justice for Children Center Coordinator Theresa Asmus-Roth, Genesee Justice Coordinator Cathy Uhly, Daily News Mallory Diefenbach, The Batavian Howard Owens.

Ways & Means Chairman Bausch called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously. Chair Bausch noted the Ways & Means meeting was on Monday, March 20, 2017 due to adverse weather on March 15, 2017. The Clerk confirmed the minutes are dated 3/20/17.

Information Technology Director Steve Zimmer reviewed highlights of his department report. He had a full-time position which focused on updating the website and social media but the candidate didn't work out and he did not re-fill the position. He stated that he will be requesting that position be put back in the 2018 budget. Mr. Zimmer stated there is no cross-training among IT staff nor with the crossover position with the Sheriff's Department. Bill Oliver is the sole Sheriff's Department staff with crucial knowledge and training relative to integrating IT and communications needs. Department projects will need to come to a stop since they are typically very time-consuming. His two techs, Paul and Tomasz are working many over-time hours due to crisis that require immediate attention. They are not charging for all of the overtime hours. His OT budget is \$11,000 for the year. Legislator Cianfrini asked if hiring a FT position would eliminate the need for OT while helping the department overall. Concern was raised by Legislators Stein and Clattenburg regarding public safety and suggested Mr. Zimmer provide a staffing proposal to the committee. Legislator Stein questioned if long-term tech support funding is built into grant or project applications. Mr. Zimmer stated that has not been the case-departments apply for a grant but neither short nor long-term IT needs/resources are covered. Mr. Zimmer further stated his most immediate need is tech support to help relieve some of the pressure on current techs. Mr. Zimmer was asked to bring a proposal for a position to the committee.

Mr. Zimmer was joined by Purchasing Director Eve Hens to explain the request to award the 2017 RFP for Digital Multifunction Devices & Service to Eagle Systems, the current provider. Two proposals were lease-to-own, which is not a desirable arrangement due to costs associated with repairs and maintenance and how quickly units become outdated. The County has approximately 59 units. Cost per copy for black is \$.0079 and color is \$.0380. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Real Property Director Kevin Andrews presented information relating to a contract with Freed, Maxick and Battaglia Accounting Firm for (not to exceed) \$20,000 to assist the Treasurer with outstanding Nursing Home revenues and assistance with closing the E

Fund known as the Nursing Home Fund. Mr. Andrews related that consulting services will occur over the course of months. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Richard Seibert, OTB Director and Republican Elections Commissioner shared an update on recent news reports on Batavia Downs CEO Henry Wojtaszek and former State Senator and Lobbyist George Maziarz. Mr. Seibert stated that he has served on the OTB board for 20 years and is proud of the progress and success of the organization. Recent news reports stated George Maziarz served as a lobbyist for OTB. Mr. Seibert clarified that OTB had a lobbyist relationship with Patty Lynch who had Maziarz doing some work for her. He reported that the board made it clear they do not want any future association with Mr. Maziarz. Mr. Seibert related the Attorney General conducted an investigation which revealed the former Niagara County Republican Chairman had not properly filed necessary paperwork. If Mr. Wojtaszek agreed to a misdemeanor charge he would not lose his license. Mr. Seibert stated he and the board have confidence in him and what he has accomplished at Batavia Downs.

Purchasing Director Eve Hens explained her request to have two part-time cleaner positions combined to one full-time position. She shared research regarding productivity and employee loyalty of full-time staff compared to part-time staff. The two 19.5 hr positions would be combined to one 37.5 hour full-time position for a potential increase in cost of \$12,825. Ms. Hens explained that both part-time positions are currently filled and the individual who would take the full-time job does not need health insurance therefore the increase in cost would be less than the \$12,825 listed as the budget impact. The other part-time cleaner would be notified the position is being eliminated. Ms. Hens stated the increase in cost would be covered by budget transfers. Savings are expected from repairing equipment rather than replacing, less overtime and savings with cleaning products. Chairman Bausch made a motion to table the salary schedule amendment seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

The following referrals were from the Human Services Committee upon Motion of Human Services Chair Stein:

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

County Manager Jay Gsell explained the new Administrator of the Genesee County Legal Assistance Corporation requested an increase in the compensation for services in the amount of \$10,000. The board president sent a letter stating the board had discussed the matter at their meeting in February and formally request \$10,000 compensation for the period of January 1-December 31, 2017. Legislator Cianfrini, a member of the Legal Assistance Corporation board, stated that he was unavailable to attend the board meeting when the matter was discussed. He further stated he was unaware of additional duties which would support the request for more compensation and he will vote against the measure. The motion by Legislator Clattenburg was seconded by Legislator Stein and

failed unanimously. County Manager Gsell stated he will draft a new agreement and resolution with the original amount of \$8,800.

Mr. Gsell explained the Job Development Employment and Training Director is recommending the County enter into a 5 year License Agreement with the NYS Department of Labor for space located at 587 East Main Street in Batavia. The agreement was reviewed by previous county attorney Chuck Zambito. Agreement period is February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2021 for \$64,944 for the first three years and \$73,062 for the final two years. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Mr. Gsell presented out-of-state travel requests for EMS staff Bill Schutt who is requesting travel to Maryland for FEMA Emergency Management Institute Advanced Training. Training dates are June 12-16 and September 10-15 and each will bear a \$375 cost to the County. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

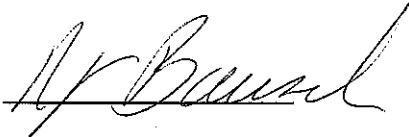
Legislature Clerk LaGrou explained the NYS Retirement System requires newly elected or re-elected officials participating in the Retirement System to submit a 3-month record of activity. Two officials, the Treasurer and County Clerk are listed in the resolution. The Treasurer is re-certifying his previous Record of Activity and the County Clerk completed his for the first time. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is April 19, 2017.

Justice for Children Advocacy Center Coordinator Theresa Asmus-Roth explained that her program was notified of an increase in grant funding from the NYS Office of Victim Services as well as a two-year extension. The additional funding will support an increase in staff at the main location and two satellite offices; Albion and Warsaw. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Genesee Justice Coordinator Cathy Uhly described the same notification was received by her program. The additional funding will allow for another part-time victim service worker to provide advocacy, referrals and court accompaniment. The grant period is 10/1/17 through 9/30/19. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Stein carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Bausch", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Bausch, Chair
Ways & Means Committee
Submitted 4-10-17 phl