

Present: Legislators Bausch, Stein, Clattenburg, Young. Also Present: Legislator Deleo, Davis, Torrey, DeJaneiro, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Gsell, Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves, County Attorney Kevin Earl, GCEDC Mark Masse, Daily News Jim Krenzick, The Batavian Howard Owens.

Ways & Means Chairman Bausch called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Genesee Community College Board Room. After appointing Legislator Andrew Young to temporarily serve on the Ways & Means Committee, the minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

GCEDC Senior VP of Operations Mark Masse requested permission for the County to take the lead and apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Resurgence Brewing Project, the anchor commercial tenant at Ellicott Station in Batavia. Mr. Masse stated this is the project he presented to the Ways & Means Committee on April 4th. Permission to apply was granted upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Mr. Masse explained that applying for CDBG funds requires a Public Hearing to obtain citizen comments regarding community and economic development needs in the County and comments on any specific project proposals. He requested a Public Hearing be scheduled for May 24th at 5:30 PM at the Old Courthouse. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Next, Mr. Masse presented a resolution for the PILOT Increment Financing (PIF) project that would help with financing an expansion of the Waste Water Treatment Facility in Pembroke and assist Yancy's Fancy by allowing them to expand their operations. The PIF will be for \$272,506. Other proposed funding sources include \$100,000 GCLDC that is approved, \$100,000 from the Town of Pembroke which is pending, \$440,000 GGLDC toward construction costs which is also pending and \$511,081 pending from Pembroke Central School. Legislator Davis thanked Mr. Masse for his commitment to the details of the project and ensuring questions were answered and steps were taken in the proper order. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

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

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

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

2017 Budget Amendment/Community Mental Health Services/Equipment seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

2017 Budget And Contract Amendment - Community Mental Health Services/GCASA seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Grant Acceptance/Budget Amendment - Health Department/ Rabies Reimbursement Program seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

County Attorney Kevin Earl presented his department review. He explained that he thought it was a good decision by the Legislature to keep the County Attorney position full-time. He is busy every day, responds to department heads in a timely manner, reviews existing and new contracts regularly and is engaged in a few litigation cases. Legislator Young asked if maintaining a full-time County Attorney is saving the County money on outside counsel. Mr. Earl replied that he thought it was providing a cost savings because he is working on a few cases now. Legislator Stein asked for an update on the status of contracts entered into the NWS Contract Module. Mr. Earl stated he will check with Secretary Sarah Kingdon however he is aware that she has uploaded some. She also inquired about the status of the Inter Municipal Agreements. Mr. Earl stated they are all done however, not all Inter-Operable Agreements have been signed. Ways & Means Chair Bausch commented on the work of the assistant county attorneys and the number of references to child protection cases. He questioned what percentage of time the Assistants spend on these cases. Legislator Clattenburg asked what Mr. Earl thought was the most pressing issue or matter in the coming months, Mr. Earl replied that day to day matters and a couple of litigation cases are his focus. Mr. Earl was commended for a well-done written report.


County Manager Jay Gsell stated the Rotary Club of Batavia requested use of the Genesee County Airport for their Annual Fly-In Breakfast. The event is scheduled for June 18, they request access to the facility on the 16 and 17th for set up and the 19th and 20th for clean-up. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Next, Mr. Gsell shared an update on the Governor's Shared Services program. He attended a workshop in Syracuse where participants were provided some answers and information. Forms have been released by the State and the time frame is very tight for obtaining participation and input, conducting public hearings, identifying potential shared services and cost savings. Legislator DeJaneiro questioned if a new multi-county jail would count. Mr. Gsell explained that the study must be completed first and there are steps and processes that must be followed. Currently, there is no mechanism in place in NYS for a multi-county jail. Legislator Young commented on the benefit to looking at how we can do county work more efficiently by consolidating and lowering taxes. Mr. Gsell stated the 5-year budget plan is still expected to be ready by the end of the month.

Clerk LaGrou explained the Republican and Democratic Committees had submitted recommendations for designating the Daily News as the official County newspaper for the year 2017. County law requires an official Newspaper be named. 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 May 17, 2017 at County Building #2.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Davis carried unanimously.

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

Robert Bausch, Chair
Ways & Means Committee
Submitted 5-5-17 phl