

Present: Legislators Bausch, Stein, Clattenburg, Cianfrini. Also Present: Legislators Torrey, Young, Davis, Deleo, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Gsell, Assistant County Manager Matt Landers, Deputy Treasurer Kevin Andrews, Undersheriff Greg Walker, Lawley Genesee-Bill Fritts, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Todd Bender, Kathy Jasinski, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens

Ways & Means Chairman Bausch called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference room. The minutes of the July 19, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Purchasing Director Eve Hens presented a resolution listing County Property that needs to be declared surplus. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Deputy Treasurer Kevin Andrews explained the request to extend a contract agreement with Applied Business Systems for the preparation of tax bill laser printing and inserting the bills into window envelopes. The one year extension is from Sept. 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews next explained that the director of Real Property services has a list of chargebacks to towns and the City of Batavia for assessment rolls, tax rolls, tax bills and update services. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Mr. Andrews explained the next agenda item which is a relevy of unpaid school and village taxes. The Real Property Tax Law requires that, by November 15, 2017, all rural Genesee County School Districts return their respective unpaid 2017-2018 school taxes to the County Treasurer for inclusion in the following year's town and county levy. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Lastly, Mr. Andrews explained that the current contract for auditing services with Freed Maxick, LLP has expired and he requested approval of a five-year contract. There were four bids received and Freed Maxick was the lowest bidder at a cost of \$31,000 per year for required auditing services. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

County Attorney Kevin Earl explained that the Genesee County request to extend the additional one percent sales tax was passed by the New York State Assembly and Senate and provides for a 3-year extension. A local resolution is required which states the new ending date as November 30, 2020. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

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

2017 Budget Amendment- Youth Bureau seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

2017 Salary Schedule Amendment-Health Department-Part-time Temporary Senior Financial Clerk Typist seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Grant Amendment/Budget Amendment-Health Department/Drinking Water Enhancement Program seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

The following referrals were from the Public Service Committee upon Motion of Chair Clattenburg:

Acceptance of Grant Funds-Budget Amendment/Sheriff – Police Traffic Services Program seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Award of Bid/Budget Amendment-Sheriff's Office/Cedar Street Tower Maintenance-Allstate Tower, Inc seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Budget Amendment - Sheriff's Office/Communications Special Supplies seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Creation of Temporary Deputy Sheriff Position/Sheriff's Office seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Amend 2017 Capital Project-Highway seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Legislator Clattenburg stated that the Internal Service Fund- Privatization of the Motor Pool Fleet agenda item was tabled at the August 1, 2017 Public Service Committee Meeting.

Self-Insurance/Worker's Compensation Executive Secretary Kathy Jasinski and Asst. County Manager Matt Landers explained that the County Self Insurance Plan purchased excess insurance through Midwest Employers Casualty Company through July 31, 2017 and they would like to enter into a new contract for excess insurance through July 31, 2018. The premium went down \$7,000 due to the sale of the Nursing Home. Cost of the premium is \$197,143. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Cianfrini, carried unanimously.

Ms. Jasinski and Mr. Landers next reviewed some of the highlights of the County Worker's Compensation Plan. This year a local law was passed that requires municipalities and fire departments to sign an agreement which follows a new cost allocation formula. Grant monies secured for training have resulted in safety training for facilities and highway staff and have been extended to school personnel. Mr. Landers explained that the worker's comp rates for 2018 have not been released yet but are expected soon. It was reported that claims and accidents are down this year. Mr. Landers identified that there is \$1M in the Nursing Home reserve fund and currently there are \$156,000 in claims. The reserve is fully funded and expected to cover all new and existing claims.

The Clerk reported that next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2017 and the NYSAC Conference is 9/13-9/15/17.

Ways & Means Chair Bausch explained that Todd Bender had submitted an application to serve on the GCEDC Board. He was in attendance at the meeting and was asked to share information. Mr. Bender stated that he is a Batavia Town resident, married with children. He is a business owner and at one time, owned five viable businesses. He stated that he sees much opportunity and is pleased with the level of business activity in Genesee County. Legislator Young stated that he was recommending Mr. Bender for the GCEDC Board and that he has first-hand knowledge of his professional demeanor as he was a past partner in one of the businesses. Legislator Cianfrini stated that he was satisfied with the work of the incumbent, Maryann Waiter. He expressed that she challenged the status quo and was not a part of the old boys club. Legislator Clattenburg state that she knows Mr. Bender since his children attended school at St. Joseph's. She further stated that she supported Ms. Waiter however since her candidacy failed to garner enough support, she will support Mr. Bender in an effort to proceed with the work of the GCEDC board. She appreciates his willingness to serve in the future. She stated she appreciates the service of Ms. Waiter as well but must keep County business moving forward. Legislator Davis, also the Legislative liaison to the GCEDC board stated that he initially heard that Ms. Waiter was not planning to seek another term on the board. He went on to state that he was not aware of an organized effort to oust Ms. Waiter from the GCEDC board. He stated that he is a long-time acquaintance of Mr. Bender and thinks he will be an asset to the GCEDC board. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, Legislator Cianfrini voted no.

Chair Bausch asked if committee members wished to adjourn to executive session to discuss a personnel matter relating to the top candidate for DSS Commissioner position. Committee members were satisfied with the meeting and interview process. Mr. Gsell explained that interviews were held for the position of DSS Commissioner, and the committee arranged for a second interview with the top candidate with all legislators. Six legislators were able to attend and meet David Rumsey prior to this meeting. Legislators Stein and Cianfrini served on the interview committee along with HR Director Cleveland, County Manager Jay Gsell and DSS staff Carla Mindler. Mr. Gsell stated that the County will need to submit his name and credentials to New York State for approval even though he has been approved to serve as Wyoming County Commissioner. References have been checked and very favorable comments and statements were made regarding Mr. Rumsey and his service as DSS Commissioner. Mr. Gsell stated the appointment would be for a new 5-year term beginning on October 16, 2017 through October 16, 2022, grade 121 in the management salary schedule with a salary of approximately \$85,800. Mr. Gsell further reported Mr. Rumsey is agreeable to the salary and appointment and will give his current employer notice upon his appointment by the Legislature. Legislator Stein stated how fortunate we are to have a candidate who is a highly qualified, with several years of experience as DSS Commissioner and is well-grounded in the community already. He is a Genesee County resident who is interested in serving his community. Legislator Young asked if there is a way to terminate before 5-years if the candidate is not satisfactory. Mr.

Gsell replied that there is a formal process that is quite extensive however it is a 5-year appointment. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM upon motion of Legislator Cianfrini seconded by Legislator Stein, 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 8-9-17 phl