

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Legislature Conference Room

The Genesee County Legislature met in a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6:15 PM in the Legislature Conference room at the Old Courthouse.

Chairman Cianfrini opened the meeting and thanked the County Manager and his staff for working with department heads to pull together a 5-year budget plan. The full document is nearly 500 pages. Mr. Gsell explained the department heads did their best to take into account current and future mandates and emphasized how quickly and drastically they can change. He further explained that even with being very conservative and lean and living within our means, we are still slated to be at a deficit in future years.

Legislator Bausch stated the assumptions listed did not include an indication of future mandates. Mr. Landers stated that will be added to the list of assumptions. Mr. Landers also stated that we could have \$2 million in debt service per year for a new jail building and that amount is not included in the assumptions or the total figures.

Legislator Stein stated that she does not want to see Nursing Home profits going to operations since legislators have stated their interest is using funds for needed maintenance on County roads and bridges.

Legislator Clattenburg commented that the 5-year plan can be a point of reference with union negotiations to demonstrate the County can't afford requested increases. She also commented that legislators should be having a discussion about budget priorities and possible ramifications. She asked about having a reserve funds and it was shared that there is a building and capital reserve fund. Mr. Andrews explained that the Legislature has the authority to create and have reserve funds.

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator DeJaneiro, carried unanimously.