

NOVEMBER 13, 2008

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 12

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MILLS. CHAIR MARINELLI PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. INTRO 10-6 (2008)
IANNELLO: Requiring Public Accountability for Private Schools Receiving State Funds (4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.
 - b. COMM. 11M-9 (2008)
EC LEGISLATURE MAJORITY COUNSEL: Letter to ECFSA Regarding Resolution 08-51 Payments to AFSCME Local 1095 (4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.
 - c. COMM. 17D-18 (2008)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Position on Intro 15-6 Concerning AFSCME Contract Impasse (4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.
 - d. COMM. 18D-1 (2008)
EC LEGISLATURE MAJORITY COUNSEL: Letter to ECFSA Regarding Comm. 15-6 (4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.
 - e. COMM. 19M-8 (2008)
NYS COMPTROLLER: Letter to EC Board of Elections Concerning Selection for Examination by NYS Comptroller (5-0)
 - f. COMM. 21D-1 (2008)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County (5-0)
 - g. COMM. 21D-3 (2008)
DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: Government Affairs Committee Request (5-0)
 - h. COMM. 21D-6 (2008)
DEPUTY COMPTROLLER - AUDIT & CONTROL: EC Comptroller's Office Audit of Bureau of Purchase (5-0)
 - i. COMM. 21M-2 (2008)
TOWN OF BRANT: Resolution Concerning Registrars of Vital Statistics (5-0)
 - j. COMM. 21M-3 (2008)
TOWN OF TONAWANDA: Resolution Concerning Registrars of Vital Statistics (5-0)
 - k. COMM. 21M-4 (2008)
ERIE COUNTY FISCAL STABILITY AUTHORITY: Copies of Resolutions Passed at Meeting Held 9/15/08 (5-0)
 - k. COMM. 21M-6 (2008)
TOWN OF ALDEN: Resolution Concerning Registrars of Vital Statistics (5-0)
 - l. COMM. 22D-3 (2008)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County (5-0)
 - m. COMM. 22D-5 (2008)
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 - n. COMM. 22D-6 (2008)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County (5-0)
 - o. COMM. 22M-1 (2008)
NIAGARA ERIE REGIONAL COALITION: Agenda Items for Meeting Held 10/24/08 (5-0)

- p. COMM. 22M-2 (2008)
EC BAR ASSOCIATION: Quarterly Report - Assigned Counsel Program - 3rd Quarter (5-0)
- q. COMM. 22M-3 (2008)
LEGAL AID BUREAU OF BUFFALO, INC.: Monthly Report/Monthly Activity Report for September 2008 (5-0)
- r. COMM. 22M-9 (2008)
TOWN OF EDEN: Copy of Resolution Opposing Changes Consolidating Local Registrars of Vital Statistics (5-0)
- s. COMM. 22M-14 (2008)
NIAGARA ERIE REGIONAL COALITION: 10 Year Anniversary Celebration - 1998 - 2008 (5-0)

2. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

- a. COMM. 10D-5 (2008)
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN: Letter & Memorandum Concerning Need for Child Drop Off Center in the Rath Building (4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.

3. COMM. 19E-13 (2008)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE AS AMENDED
WHEREAS, Erie County has undertaken an extensive review of the way in which Erie County utilizes space and maintains their buildings in an effort to more efficiently manage county owned buildings and leases; and

WHEREAS, this initiative requires a Space Utilization position to facilitate space utilization projects and introduce industry standard facilities management practices to County government; and

WHEREAS, the Space Utilization position was proposed by the Collins' Administration and approved by the Erie County Legislature on January 8, 2008 and was subsequently approved and funded through an efficiency grant by the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority in February, 2008; and

WHEREAS, in connection with that award, continued funding of the Space Utilization position is required and has been requested; and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA in Resolution 08-65, September 15, 2008, approved funding for the Space Utilization position for fiscal year 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County is hereby authorized to accept an Efficiency Grant from the ECFSA to fund the Space Utilization position for 2009 in an amount not to exceed \$160,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that quarterly updates will be submitted to the ECFSA and the Erie County Legislature that summarize the projects and projected savings to the county as a result of this initiative; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management and Erie County Comptroller are hereby authorized to make any budget and accounting adjustments required to accept efficiency grant funds as outlined above; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the acceptance of this efficiency grant from the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority shall not result in the establishment of a Department of Real Estate and Asset Management which must be addressed by the Erie County Legislature by local law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Comptroller, Director of Budget and Management, and the County Attorney. (4-1) Legislator Reynolds voted in the negative.

4. COMM. 22E-7 (2008)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE AS AMENDED
WHEREAS, Erie County applied for an Efficiency Grant from the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (ECFSA) to fund the purchase of a GPS System to provide a management tool to better control costs associated with the operation of the County's vehicle fleet; and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA in Resolution 08-64, September 15, 2008, approved funding of this initiative in an amount not to exceed \$136,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County is hereby authorized to accept this Efficiency Grant from the ECFSA to fund the purchase of GPS Systems in an amount not to exceed \$136,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management and Erie County Comptroller are hereby authorized to make any budget and accounting adjustments required to accept Efficiency Grant funds as outlined above; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County is required to provide to the Erie County Legislature the bids requested and received for the GPS Equipment and a business plan on cost savings achievement, timing and program management; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Gerard J. Sentz, Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Office of the Comptroller, the Director of Fleet Services, and the Office of the County Attorney.

(4-1) Legislator Reynolds voted in the negative.

BARBARA MILLER-WILLIAMS
CHAIR