

November 26, 2013

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 12

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 17D-7 (2013)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Transmittal of New Claims Against EC"
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 - b. COMM. 18M-8 (2013)
ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM: "Quarterly Report for the 3rd Quarter of 2013"
(5-0)
 - c. COMM. 20E-2 (2013)
COUNTY CLERK: "Risk Assessment Report - Cash Receipts/Revenue Collection"
(5-0)
 - d. COMM. 20D-1 (2013)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Transmittal of New Claims Against EC"
(5-0)
2. COMM. 19E-9 (2013)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, it is imperative that Erie County maintain uninterrupted civil service exams, records and procedures in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and Records Retention Law; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Department requires an additional \$9,000 in order to meet year end operating expense to provide civil service functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Director of Budget and Management to transfer \$9,000 of available funds from account 502000, Fringe Benefits, to account 516020, Professional Services and Contracts, within the Department of Personnel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Personnel, the Division of Budget and Management and the Office of the Comptroller.
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3. COMM. 20E-1 (2013)
COUNTY CLERK
WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature previously authorized the Erie County Clerk to act as a retail sales agent for the NYS Thruway Authority in the sale of E-Z Pass Tags (Comm. 12E-17/2012); and

WHEREAS, the sale of these tags has been met with great enthusiasm from the public that visit the County Clerk's Auto Bureau and Clerk's Registrar Office; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk purchases E-Z Pass Tags at a unit price of \$21.00 and is authorized to sell them to the public at \$25.00 per tag, with the County retaining \$4.00 in revenue for every tag sold; and

WHEREAS, no additional resources are necessary to offer these tags for sale; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk's 2013 Budget needs to be adjusted to allow for the unanticipated increase in the sale of these tags.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the following budgetary adjustment in the 2013 Budget:

Erie County Clerk's Office, Fund 110
Fund Center 11310

	<u>Increase</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	
415185 E-Z Pass Tag Sales	\$4,200
<u>Expense</u>	
507000 E-Z Pass Supplies	\$4,200

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Clerk, the Director of Budget and Management and the County Comptroller.
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4. COMM. 20E-3 (2013)

COUNTY CLERK

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk's Office, as part of its duties and responsibilities, is charged with the operation of local Auto Bureaus; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Auto Bureau has operated a satellite branch at the Eastern Hills Mall, 4545 Transit Road, Clarence, New York, since 2008; and

WHEREAS, the current lease is with Glenmont MDC Eastern Hills LLC and does not include common area maintenance; and

WHEREAS, with over 65,000 customers visiting this location on an annual basis normal wear and tear has occurred; and

WHEREAS, the landlord has agreed to provide one-time maintenance services at a cost not to exceed \$5,000; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk's Office/Auto Bureau Division has funding available in the 2013 Budget to cover this one-time cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to execute an addendum to the current lease between the County of Erie and Glenmont MDC Eastern Hills LLC for one-time common area maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$5,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for these one-time maintenance charges is available in the Clerk's 2013 Budget, BA 113, Funds Center 11320, GL 545000 Rental Charges; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive, the County Clerk, the County Attorney, and the County Comptroller.
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5. COMM. 20E-12 (2013)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services will provide a three year grant totaling \$1,455,129 to the County for the provision of indigent defense services; and

WHEREAS, Erie County will contract with the Erie County Bar Association's Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society and the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo to deliver the services required through the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the State of New York Office of Indigent Legal Services, in the amount of \$1,455,129 over three years to provide enhanced representation to indigent defendants; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into three year subcontracts with the Erie County Bar Association Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society and the Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo to deliver said services in the first year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to establish grant funding in the County Attorney's Office as follows:

Erie County Attorney's Office
Grant Fund 281 – Three Year Quality Improvement Grant
June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014

Revenue Increase	
Account 409000 - State Aid Revenue	\$485,043
Appropriation	Increase
Account 516601 - Legal Aid Bureau	\$242,522
Account 516602 - EC Bar Association	<u>242,521</u>
Total Appropriation	\$485,043

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues which may be impacted by changes to the grantor award, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels and county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the County Attorney, the Office of the Comptroller, the County Executive's Office and the Division of Budget and Management.
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THOMAS J. MAZUR
CHAIR