

**ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
MEETING NO. 4  
FEBRUARY 18, 2021**

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Baskin.

All members present.

An Invocation was held, led by Ms. Vinal, who offered a prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Todaro.

Item 1 – No tabled items.

Item 2 – No items for reconsideration from previous meeting.

Item 3 – MR. MEYERS moved for the approval of the minutes for Meeting Number 3 from 2021. MR. JOHNSON seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 4 – No Public Hearings.

**MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS**

Item 5 – MR. MEYERS presented a Memorial Resolution Remembering Earl Loder.

Item 6 – MR. MEYERS presented a proclamation Congratulating and Recognizing the Opening of the New Dog Days of Buffalo Facility Located in the Town of Cheektowaga.

Item 7 – MR. JOHNSON presented a proclamation Celebrating Mr. Cyrus Parks Upon the Occasion of His 95th Birthday.

Item 8 – MR. JOHNSON presented a proclamation Congratulating and Recognizing the Opening of Teague's Steak Subs & More.

Item 9 – MS. VINAL presented a proclamation Recognizing the Opening of The Gateway Park Market Pop-Up Shop.

Item 10 – MS. CHIMERA presented a Memorial Resolution Remembering Gregory Joseph Dudek.

Item 11 – MS. VINAL presented a proclamation Congratulating and Honoring Meghan Hall, Recipient of the Carnegie-Knight News21 Fellowship.

Item 12 – MS. VINAL presented a proclamation Celebrating and Recognizing Organ Fairchild on the Release of Their First Single "Seepin".

Item 13 – MS. VINAL presented a Memorial Resolution Remembering Paul W. Murphy.

Item 14 – MS. VINAL presented a Memorial Resolution Remembering Ann O. Gebhard.

Item 15 – MR. LORIGO presented a proclamation Celebrating the Town of Aurora WinterFest.

Item 16 – MR. LORIGO presented a proclamation Honoring Eugenia's Dance Studio.

Item 17 – MR. GREENE presented a proclamation Recognizing and Congratulating John C. Askey on the Occasion of Being Named the 2020 Captain Donald C. Kieffer Leadership Award Recipient.

Item 18 – MR. GREENE presented a proclamation Honoring Brian and Jayne Perry for Their Leadership in Establishing the Akron Marked on Main.

Item 19 – MR. GREENE presented a proclamation Honoring Mark Pitirri on Being Named the 2020 Captain Donald G. Wright, Sr. Memorial Award Recipient.

Item 20 – MR. GREENE presented a proclamation Honoring Ethel and Dr. John Fopeano on the Occasion of Their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

Item 21 – MR. MILLS presented a proclamation Honoring Kelsey Zabawa on Being Named Teen Miss Earth USA First Runner-Up.

Item 22 – MR. MILLS presented a proclamation Expressing Thanks and Appreciation to Pita Gourmet on the Opening of the Orchard Park Location.

Item 23 – MR. MILLS presented a proclamation Honoring People Inc. Upon the Occasion of Their 50th Anniversary of Its Mission in WNY.

Item 24 – MR. MILLS presented a proclamation Honoring Robert and Michelle Fox and Runner's Roost as a Valuable and Trusted Small Business.

Item 25 – MR. TODARO presented a proclamation Honoring Mario Capozzi and His Canine Partner Dok for Their Selfless Service to Protecting the Community.

Item 26 – MR. TODARO presented a proclamation Honoring Buffalo Tom for His Delicious Buffalo-Made Products.

Item 27 – MR. TODARO & MR. GREENE presented a proclamation Recognizing and Celebrating Campfire Grill.

Item 28 – MR. TODARO presented a proclamation Honoring Town Line Volunteer Fire Department Upon the Occasion of Their 100th Anniversary.

MR. MEYERS moved for consideration of the above twenty-four items. MR. JOHNSON seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. MEYERS moved to amend the above twenty-four items by adding one for CHAIR BASKIN, one for MR. GREENE, and by including Et Al Sponsorship. MR. LORIGO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. MEYERS moved for approval of the above twenty-six items as amended. MR. LORIGO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **LOCAL LAWS**

Item 29 – CHAIR BASKIN directed that Local Law No. 1 (Print #1) 2020 remain on the table and in the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 30 – CHAIR BASKIN directed that Local Law No. 2 (Print #1) 2020 remain on the table and in the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 31 – CHAIR BASKIN directed that Local Law No. 3 (Print #1) 2020 remain on the table and in the SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 32 – CHAIR BASKIN directed that Local Law No. 5 (Print #1) 2020 remain on the table and in the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 33 – CHAIR BASKIN directed that Local Law No. 8 (Print #1) 2020 remain on the table and in the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Item 34 – MR. HARDWICK presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. LORIGO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 26

February 11, 2021	COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MILLS.  
CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received, filed and printed:
  - a. COMM. 3E-12 (2021)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Appointments to the EC Arts & Cultural Advisory Board”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

January 28, 2021

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Re: Appointments to Erie County Arts and Cultural Advisory Board

Dear Honorable Members:

Please be advised that, pursuant to Article 22, Section 2205 of the County charter, I hereby appoint the following individuals to the Erie County Arts and Cultural Advisory Board. Their terms will expire December 31, 2023.

Boukou Karchefsky, MBA, CICA  
230 Fruitwood Terrace  
Williamsville New York 14221

Matthew T. Clohessy, CPA, CIA, CISA, CRC  
9510 Wehrle Drive  
Clarence, New York 14031

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments please feel free to contact my office at (716) 858-8500.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz  
Erie County Executive

2. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 23E-23 (2020)  
BASKIN: “Letter to SUNY Erie Interim President Regarding Community Enrichment Committee Meeting & Discussion”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 3E-14 (2021)  
HARDWICK: “Letter to SUNY Erie Regarding Community Enrichment Committee Discussion on 2/11”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

**KEVIN R. HARDWICK**  
**CHAIR**

Item 35 – MR. JOHNSON presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. LORIGO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 27

February 11, 2021	PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.  
CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 16E-33 (2020)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Authorization to Enter into Contract w/Professional Ambulance LLC”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 18M-3 (2020)  
BUSPATROL: “Stop Arm Camera Implementation in EC”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - c. COMM. 2E-3 (2021)  
BASKIN: “Letter to Chair of Public Safety Committee Requesting Discussion on Professional Standards Issues & Concerns in the EC Sheriff’s Office”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - d. COMM. 2M-4 (2021)  
CATTARAUGUS COUNTY LEGISLATURE: “Certified Copy of Resolution Opposing Closure of Gowanda Correctional Facility”

(Chair's Ruling)

**HOWARD J. JOHNSON, JR.  
CHAIR**

Item 36 – MR. MEYERS presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. TODARO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 28

February 11, 2021	ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MILLS.  
CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 3E-10 (2021)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: "ECSD No. 3 - Engineer Term Contract Agreement"  
(Chair's Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 3M-3 (2021)  
NYSDEC: "Fact Sheet - Certification of Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Brownfield Site - 19 Doat St. & 9 Landsdale Place, Buffalo"  
(Chair's Ruling)
  - c. COMM. 3M-4 (2021)  
NYSDEC: "Fact Sheet - Certification of Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Brownfield Site - 6 Dona St., Lackawanna"  
(Chair's Ruling)
  - d. COMM. 3M-5 (2021)  
NYSDEC: "Invitation for Public Comment - Brownfield Cleanup Draft Work Plan for 1155 Niagara St., Buffalo"  
(Chair's Ruling)
  - e. COMM. 3M-6 (2021)  
NYS AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS: "Letter Certifying Modification of Agricultural Districts"  
(Chair's Ruling)
  - f. COMM. 3M-7 (2021)

NYSDEC: "Invitation for Public Comment - Brownfield Cleanup Draft Investigation Work Plan"  
(Chair's Ruling)

g. COMM. 3M-9 (2021)  
NYSDEC: "Invitation for Public Comment - Brownfield Cleanup Draft Work Plan for 356 Hertel Ave. & 42 Foundry St., Buffalo"  
(Chair's Ruling)

h. COMM. 3M-11 (2021)  
ECWA: "Detailed Financial Report for Years Ended 12/31/2020 & 2019"  
(Chair's Ruling)

2. COMM. 3E-6 (2021)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has received the following lowest responsible bid for the "Big Sister Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility Concrete Repairs" project, Contract No. 97, at 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 2021:

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Lowest Responsible</u>	<u>Bidder Amount</u>
Contract No. 97	North Spur Construction, LLC 156 Garrison Rd. Buffalo, NY 14221	\$86,000.00

and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned lowest responsible bidder has successfully completed similar work; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage Management has determined that this project is a Type II action in accordance with 6NYCRR Section 617.5(c) and therefore is not subject to State Environmental Quality Review Act review under New York State Environmental Conservation Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Big Sister Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility Concrete Repairs project, Erie County Sewer District No. 2, Contract No. 97 be awarded as follows:

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Lowest Responsible</u>	<u>Bidder Amount</u>
Contract No. 97	North Spur Construction, LLC 156 Garrison Rd. Buffalo, NY 14221	\$86,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the Contract with the aforementioned lowest responsible bidder, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney's office and approval as to content by the Commissioner of Environment and Planning; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Comptroller is authorized and directed to allocate \$86,000.00 for Contract 97 in Erie County Sewer District No. 2, Capital Bond Account C.17201; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send one (1) certified copy of this resolution to the County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the Director of Budget and Management, Kristen Walder, Assistant County Attorney, and Joseph Fiegl, P.E., Deputy Commissioner, Department of Environment and Planning.  
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**TIMOTHY J. MEYERS  
CHAIR**

Item 37 – MR. JOHNSON presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 29

February 11, 2021	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MILLS.  
CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 3E-15 (2021)  
BASKIN: “Letters of Support for Lowest Responsible Bidder Local Law”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 3M-10 (2021)  
NFTA: “NFTA Annual 17A Report for Third Quarter of FYE 3/31/2021”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 2E-9 (2021)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (National Grid) has requested an easement of County owned land, Section-Block-Lot (SBL) No. 150.20-1-4.12, for rebuilding the Gardenville-Dunkirk Transmission Line; and



WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage Management has stated this easement would have no long-term adverse impacts on the ability of Erie County Sewer District No. 3 to operate and maintain the infrastructure within the proposed easement area; and

WHEREAS, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation has offered \$5,600.00 for the easement; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage Management recommends entering into an easement agreement with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation to assist with their construction project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that an easement for use of a 15-foot-wide area along the westerly boundary of parcel SBL No. 150.20-1-4.12 be granted to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning be authorized to execute all documents associated with this easement subject to approval by the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send one (1) certified copy of this resolution to the County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller's Office, Kristen Walder, Assistant County Attorney, and Joseph Fiegl, P.E., Department of Environment and Planning.  
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3. COMM. 3E-7 (2021)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the County of Erie received bids for the Erie County Medical Examiner's Anthropology Lab Phase 6 Renovation project on December 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, along with Trautman Associates is recommending award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidders; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization to issue an Agreement Amendment to the firm of Trautman Associates for providing additional architectural and engineering services for Phase 7 of the Medical Examiners Renovations to maintain continuity and an extension of the multi-phased project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidders for the Erie County Medical Examiner's Anthropology Lab – Phase 6 Renovations for an amount not to exceed as follows:

General Construction Work:

34 Group	Base Bid	\$205,800
	Alternate Bid G-1	\$179,000

	Total	\$384,800
HVAC Construction Work:		
J.W. Danforth Company	Base Bid	\$587,000
	Alternate Bid M-1	\$11,800
	Total	\$598,800
Electrical Construction Work:		
CIR Electrical Construction Corp.	Base Bid	\$78,100
	Alternate Bid E-1	\$19,900
	Total	\$98,000
Plumbing Construction Work:		
MKS Plumbing Corporation	Base Bid	\$29,700
	Alternate Bid	\$31,000
	Total	\$60,700
Modular Case Work:		
Prentice Office Environments	Base Bid	\$55,870
Furniture Work:		
Prentice Office Environments	Base Bid	\$21,000
Total Award of Construction Contracts		\$1,219,170

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$140,467.42 be allocated to a Construction Contingency Fund with authorization for the County Executive to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed the amount of the Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that change order reductions will result in these funds being returned to the Construction Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute an Agreement Amendment with the firm of Trautman Associates, for additional architectural and engineering services including reimbursables for Phase 7 of the Medical Examiners Renovations to maintain continuity and an extension of the multi-phased project for an amount not to exceed \$110,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above from the following Capital Projects in Fund 410, Funds Center 122 as follows:

A.20003	2020 Erie County Medical Examiners Toxicology/Pathology Phase 6	\$1,119,637.42
A.20904	2009 Space consolidation	\$350,000.00
Total Payments not to exceed		\$1,469,637.42

and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner's Office, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Office of the Comptroller.

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4. COMM. 3E-11 (2021)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, most of the power distribution and wiring systems at various buildings at North and South Campus are original, cannot be modified safely, cannot support a substantial renovation including HVAC system replacement; the mechanical systems including air handling units, steam distribution system, general exhaust systems, building entry and hallway heating, and pneumatic controls are original and are either in poor condition or near the end of their reliable service life; and

WHEREAS, the completion of a Phase 1 Pre-Design assessment which will include a construction budget and phasing plan will allow the Department of Public Works to prioritize the critical needs and develop a timeline for the scope of work; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie will receive 50% reimbursement from New York State for this project; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization to enter into an Agreement with IBC Engineering P.C. to provide professional Phase 1 Pre-Design services for the SUNY Erie Community College Campus-wide 2020 Power Distribution and Wiring, and Mechanical Upgrades project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an Agreement with IBC Engineering P.C. to provide professional Phase 1 Pre-Design services for the SUNY Erie Community College Campus-wide 2020 Power Distribution and Wiring, and Mechanical Upgrades project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above from the approved capital budget, Fund 480, Funds Center 122, E.19001 – 2019 Erie Community College Collegewide Improvements and Renovations, in an amount not to exceed \$165,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner's Office, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, Erie Community College, Director of Finance, and the Office of the Comptroller.

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5. COMM. 3E-20 (2021)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, The Erie County Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, works closely with the NYSDOT; and

WHEREAS, many times, the NYSDOT requires the services of Erie County and vice versa;  
and

WHEREAS, it is cost effective for Erie County to work jointly with the NYSDOT; and

WHEREAS, an executed Intermunicipal Agreement between the NYSDOT and Erie County should be in effect before these cooperative services are undertaken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute a no-cost Intermunicipal Agreement with the NYSDOT whereby the Division of Highways may exchange services with the NYSDOT; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Office of the Erie County Attorney, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance and the Office of the Comptroller.

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**HOWARD J. JOHNSON, JR.  
CHAIR**

Item 38 – MS. CHIMERA presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. JOHNSON seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 30

February 11, 2021	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received, filed and printed:
  - a. COMM. 3E-13 (2021)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Reappointments and Appointments to the Senior Services Advisory Board”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

January 27, 2021

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Reappointments and Appointments to the Senior Services Advisory Board

Dear Honorable Members,

Please be advised that, pursuant to Article 16, Section 1603 of the County Charter, I am reappointing the following individuals to the Senior Services Advisory Board:

James Hart 88 Ullman St. Buffalo, NY 14207	Marcia Hazlett 11424 Partridge Rd. Holland, NY 14080
John Root 234 Ellen Dr. Buffalo, NY 14225	Lillie Walton 80 Mulberry St. Buffalo, NY 14204
Marilyn Yager 2280 Eden Evans Center Rd. Eden, NY 14057	

Please be advised that, pursuant to Article 16, Section 1603 of the County Charter, I am appointing the following individuals to the Senior Services Advisory Board:

Francis McLaughlin 2901 E. Pleasant Ave. Eden, NY 14057	Jennifer Wood 236 Highland Ave. Buffalo, NY 14222
Larry Vito 8617 Bonview Terr. Buffalo, NY 14221	Janet Vito 8617 Bonview Terr. Buffalo, NY 14221
Leonard Vento 127 Fourth Ave. Lancaster, NY 14086	Carmelita Lowery 1014 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14209
Abdi-kani Aden 93 Elmhurst Pl. Buffalo, NY 14216	Georgian Davis 97 Ridge Park Ave. (Rear) Cheektowaga, NY 14211
Jim Banko 2850 Amsdell Rd. #8 Hamburg, NY 14075	Benjamin Matta 5085 Lake Shore Road Hamburg, NY 14075
Kristen DeMartino 232 Glendale Dr. Tonawanda, NY 14150	

Should you have any questions regarding these appointments, please feel free to contact David J. Shenk, Commissioner of Senior Services, at (716) 858-7881 or David.shenk@erie.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz  
Erie County Executive

2. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 16M-7 (2020)  
EC CORRECTIONS SPECIALIST ADVISORY BOARD: “Letter to Chair of Health & Human Services Committee Requesting Input on Implementation of a Jail-Based Medication Assisted Treatment Program”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 23E-16 (2020)  
COMPTROLLER: “Letter to Chair of Legislature Regarding COVID-19 Case”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - c. COMM. 24M-1 (2020)  
CSEA: “Letter to Health Commissioner & County Executive Regarding EC Corrections COVID-19 Testing”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - d. COMM. 2M-1 (2021)  
EC CORRECTIONS SPECIALIST ADVISORY BOARD: “Letter to NYS Governor Requesting Prioritization of Inmates & Jail Personnel for COVID-19 Vaccinations”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - e. COMM. 2M-10 (2021)  
SARAH MCGUIRE: “Letter Advocating for Reopening of Youth Hockey”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - f. COMM. 3E-5 (2021)  
COMPTROLLER: “Letter to Health Commissioner Concerning COVID Outbreak Amongst County Employees”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - g. COMM. 3D-1 (2021)  
COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH: “Updated Nursing Home Outbreak Information - 1/16/21”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - h. COMM. 3D-3 (2021)  
COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH: “Updated Nursing Home Outbreak Information - 1/23/21”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - i. COMM. 3D-6 (2020)  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW: “Local Emergency Order Extensions”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

3. COMM. 3E-19 (2021)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services has developed a four year plan with the New York State Office for Aging; and

WHEREAS, as a part of this plan, there is a need to expand the number and variety of elderly communities that are aware of and receive services from the Department of Senior Services; and

WHEREAS, as a part of this plan, there is a need to expand the number and variety of under 60 and disabled communities that are aware of and are linked with the Department and it's NY Connects unit; and

WHEREAS, the Department issued a 2019 RFP to select a consultant to assist in developing a marketing plan which includes an assessment of past print, social media and radio communications efforts to create an improved and inclusive plan; and

WHEREAS, Townsquare Media August/Waterville LLC, an experienced, media agency with a strong background in developing strategic communications plans and campaigns, was selected through the RFP process; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to continue to contract with Townsquare Media August/Waterville LLC, at a cost not to exceed \$88,450 to function as the consultant to implement the communication plan for the Department for the period March 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, appropriations are available in the 163ADRC-COVID19, 163NYCONNECTS2021, 163MIPPA/ADRC2021 and 163BEC2021 grants to pay for these consulting services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a consultant contract, not to exceed \$88,450 with Townsquare Media August/Waterville LLC to assist in developing a marketing and education plan for the Department during the period March 1 through December 31, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that available appropriations in the 163ADRC-COVID19 (\$20,000), 163NYCONNECTS2021 (\$24,600), 163MIPPA/ADRC2021 (\$24,930) and 163BEC2021 (\$18,920) grants' Professional Services Contracts and Fees account be utilized to pay for these consulting services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the: County Executive's Office, Division of Budget and Management, Comptroller's Office, and the Department of Senior Services.

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**LISA M. CHIMERA  
CHAIR**

Item 39 – MS. CHIMERA presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. JOHNSON seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 31

February 11, 2021	MINORITY & WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MILLS.  
CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 2E-20 (2020)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Notification of Appointment of Acting Director of Equal Employment Opportunity Office”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 3E-11 (2020)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Reappointments to the EC MWBE Utilization Advisory Board”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - c. COMM. 3E-13 (2020)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Appointment to the EC MWBE Utilization Advisory Board”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - d. COMM. 3M-14 (2020)  
MWBE UTILIZATION ADVISORY BOARD: “Meeting Minutes for Meeting Held on 11/18/2019”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

**LISA M. CHIMERA  
CHAIR**

Item 40 – MR. MEYERS presented the following report and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. LORIGO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 32



February 11, 2021	FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MILLS.  
CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 1E-4 (2021)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: “Report on Back to Business Grant Program”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 1M-10 (2021)  
DOUGLAS PEARCE: “Letter to Legislature Regarding Inquiries and Concerns over CARES Act Funding”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - c. COMM. 3D-2 (2021)  
DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT: “Notification of COVID-19 Federal Aid”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - d. COMM. 3D-5 (2021)  
COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE: “Report on Updated Overtime & Food Expenses Charged to COVID-19 Relief Fund”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - e. COMM. 3M-1 (2021)  
ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM: “Quarterly Report for the Fourth Quarter of 2020”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - f. COMM. 3M-2 (2021)  
ASSIGNED COUNSEL PROGRAM: “Financial Report & Cash Basis for Period 7/1/2020-12/31/2020”  
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 3E-8 (2021)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services will provide a three year grant totaling \$750,000 to the County for the provision of indigent defense services at first appearance; and

WHEREAS, Erie County will contract with the Erie County Bar Association’s Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society 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 \$750,000 over three years from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022 to provide enhanced representation to indigent defendants at first appearance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a three-year subcontract with the Erie County Bar Association Aid to Indigent Prisoners Society to deliver said services from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022; 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  
ILS Counsel at First Appearance #3 Grant  
Grant Fund 281 160CAFA3ILS2022  
January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022

Revenue	Increase
Account 409000 - State Aid Revenue	\$750,000
Appropriation	Increase
Account 516602 - EC Bar Association	\$750,000

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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3. COMM. 3E-18 (2021)  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, SUNY Erie Community College is in need of new wireless infrastructure to replace essential equipment, located at the City, North and South campuses, that has reached the end of its useful life and can no longer receive computer support services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with New York General Municipal Law (GML) §103(16), SUNY Erie has chosen to 'piggyback' on a contract with Cisco Corporation let by NCPA National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (Bid Number 01-97) to purchase the necessary equipment with five years of hardware and support services for \$1,527,934.07; and

WHEREAS, based on a review of financing alternatives, it is in the best interest of SUNY Erie to finance the equipment with Key Bank, utilizing an installment purchase contract at zero percent interest with five annual payments of \$305,586.81 for the total cost of \$1,527,934.07; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Erie is requesting Erie County to enter into this agreement on behalf of SUNY Erie as the college is no longer permitted to directly enter into such agreements; and

WHEREAS, denial of this request would negatively impact the ability for the College to provide stable wireless network service to all three campuses; and

WHEREAS, at its January 28, 2021 meeting, the SUNY Erie Community College Board of Trustees approved the Installment Purchase Contract between Erie County and Key Bank and on January 28, 2021 also approved seeking Erie County Legislature approval of the same amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby approve the Installment Purchase Contract between Erie County and Key Bank; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into the Installment Purchase Contract between Erie County and Key Bank; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of the resolution be forwarded the Erie County Executive, President of SUNY Erie Community College and the Chairman of the SUNY Erie Community College Board of Trustees.

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**TIMOTHY J. MEYERS  
CHAIR**

**LEGISLATOR RESOLUTIONS**

Item 41 – MR. MEYERS presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. JOHNSON seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 33

RE: Support for Establishing a  
Buffalo Police Substation at the  
Towne Gardens Plaza  
(INTRO. 4-1)

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATOR JOHNSON**

WHEREAS, Towne Gardens Plaza has fallen into some measure of disrepair and has been under scrutiny by federal and local authorities for several issues; and

WHEREAS, merchant and tenants in the Towne Gardens Plaza complex are upset with conditions like the deteriorating façade and vacant storefronts; and

WHEREAS, in January 2020, the Buffalo Common Council directed city inspectors to conduct an "inspection blitz" - a concerted and intense check for code violations - at the commercial strip on William Street; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, a State Supreme Court justice appointed a receiver to oversee the complex after Fannie Mae began foreclosure proceedings because the owners stopped paying the mortgage; and

WHEREAS, the plaza is adjacent to the Towne Plaza housing complex, which has been the subject of a US Department of Housing and Urban Development inspection for conditions and security problems, including gang violence, a homicide, and drug dealing; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 federal inspection found "systemic issues" at Towne Gardens, and there are no working security cameras, concerns about tenant safety, vacant units, debris and non-maintained units and common areas; and

WHEREAS, the federal inspection said Towne Gardens "needs a complete and thorough renovation with professional assistance"; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the City of Buffalo took Towne Gardens to court for housing violations; and

WHEREAS, both the apartment buildings and the commercial strip have suffered decades of neglect, according to the receiver; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 and 2020, there were a series of criminal actions involving the area around the plaza and housing complex involving a shooting, a beating and criminal convictions/pleas of gang members; and

WHEREAS, commercial tenants and residents alike have grave concerns about conditions and crime and violence in the plaza and neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, one mechanism that has been shown to help deter and fight crime has been the establishment of police substations and officers in the community under threat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature respectfully requests the Buffalo Police Department consider establishing a substation in the Towne Gardens Plaza, to support the community, help deter crime and assist crime victims and local residents and tenants; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Buffalo, Buffalo Police Commissioner, Common Council President and Towne Gardens Plaza receiver Raymond Fink.

Item 42 – MR. MEYERS presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration and approval. MR. JOHNSON seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 34

RE: Re-Appropriation of 2020 Public  
Benefit Funding  
(INTRO. 4-2)

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATOR BASKIN**

WHEREAS, Beautiful Brains, Inc. was awarded \$5,000 in public benefit funding by the Erie County Legislature in the adopted 2020 Budget in Fund Center 1332010 – Community/Neighborhood Development, Account 518571; and

WHEREAS, the Legislator who appropriated the funding has deemed it necessary to transfer the funding to an alternative organization; and

WHEREAS, as in similar 2018, 2019 and 2020 situations, it is the intention of this Honorable Body to transfer such funding to community organizations serving the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to transfer the \$5,000 of 2020 public benefit funding to Buffalo Reuse Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that while the agency name is changing the overall budget line amount is to remain the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Division of Budget and Management is authorized to make any adjustments necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution or any other changes identified by the Office of the Erie County Comptroller; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Erie County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the Director of Budget and Management, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Item 43 – CHAIR BASKIN directed that the following resolution be referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

INTRO. 4-3 from BASKIN, MEYERS, HARDWICK, JOHNSON, CHIMERA, GILMOUR & VINAL. Supporting Our Vulnerable Senior Citizens in Long-Term Care and Nursing Homes and Calling for a State Inquiry into COVID Nursing Home Deaths.

Item 44 – MR. MEYERS presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. MR. LORIGO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 35

RE: Supporting Expansion of 1A Vaccine Priority to Include Congregate Living Centers that Provide Care for the Elderly (INTRO. 4-1)

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATOR TODARO**

WHEREAS, group 1A is the highest priority for vaccine distribution in New York State. This designation provides priority vaccinations to nursing home residents and frontline healthcare workers; and

WHEREAS, Erie County is home to hundreds of elderly nuns living in congregate settings like motherhouses and convents. Many congregations provide care to their frail and elderly members with the same level of attention as long-term care facilities and nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, despite providing the same level of treatment, motherhouses and convents are not considered long-term care facilities or nursing homes for the purposes of vaccine distribution and eligibility; and

WHEREAS, an outbreak at a Felician Sister's convent in Cheektowaga led to the infection of twenty-two nuns and six deaths. As a result of the deaths, the convent has shut down entry and exit to the convent for everyone since November; and

WHEREAS, the women who passed away due to COVID-19 complications at the Cheektowaga convent ranged in age from 70 to 95 years old. On an individual basis, these women provided decades of care to residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, across the nation elderly nuns have been dying as the pandemic has spread through their living facilities just as it has run through traditional nursing homes and long-term care facilities; and

WHEREAS, these convents and motherhouses, despite providing long-term care to their elderly residents, are not eligible for 1A vaccine status. As a result, the sisters are forced to wait to receive potentially life-saving vaccinations until more eligibility criteria opens or they fall under 1B eligibility; and

WHEREAS, sisters of the same Felician order have been vaccinated in Illinois, New Jersey, and Michigan already. It is time New York State provide the same priority to those located in New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorably body hereby supports the expansion of 1A priority designation to include all elderly congregate living centers and facilities providing long-term care, including motherhouses and convents, that are not currently included in 1A eligibility; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorably body again urges the Federal Government and the State of New York to increase the supply and distribution of vaccines to Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, the Western New York Delegation to the New York State Senate and Assembly, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

MR. MEYERS moved to amend the resolution by including Et Al Sponsorship. MR. JOHNSON seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. MEYERS moved to approve the resolution as amended. MR. TODARO seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**COMMUNICATIONS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE**

Item 45 – MR. MEYERS moved to discharge the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE of further consideration of COMM. 3E-9 (2021). MR. JOHNSON seconded.

CHAIR BASKIN directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: CHAIR BASKIN, MS. CHIMERA, MR. GILMOUR, MR. JOHNSON, MR. MEYERS and MS. VINAL. NOES: MR. GREENE, MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. TODARO and MR. HARDWICK. (AYES: 6; NOES: 5)

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 36

RE: Personnel Modification – Dept. of Social Services  
(COMM. 3E-9, 2021)

WHEREAS, the last Special Assistant to the Commissioner left County government in May 2020; and

WHEREAS, a former Erie County employee, who has significant experience working in Erie County Government, is willing to return to County service if paid at their former payroll step (Step 5).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the establishment of a variable minimum, Job Group 15, Step 5 (annualized salary \$94,365) hiring level for the position of Special Assistant to the Commissioner for the Department of Social Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust the Adopted 2021 Budget of the Department of Social Services as necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Personnel, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Department of Social Services.

MR. MEYERS moved to approve the item. MR. JOHNSON seconded.

MR. LORIGO moved to send the item to committee. MR. MILLS seconded.

CHAIR BASKIN directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MR. GREENE, MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. TODARO and MR. HARDWICK. NOES: CHAIR BASKIN, MS. CHIMERA, MR. GILMOUR, MR. JOHNSON, MR. MEYERS and MS. VINAL. (AYES: 5; NOES: 6)

FAILED.

CHAIR BASKIN moved the previous question and directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: CHAIR BASKIN, MS. CHIMERA, MR. GILMOUR, MR. JOHNSON, MR. MEYERS and MS. VINAL. NOES: MR. GREENE, MR. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. TODARO and MR. HARDWICK. (AYES: 6; NOES: 5)

CARRIED.

### **SUSPENSION OF THE RULES**

Item 46 - MR. MEYERS moved for a Suspension of the Rules to include an item not on the agenda.

GRANTED.



COMM. 4E-16 from LORIGO, TODARO, GREENE & MILLS Re: FOIL Request of Dept. of Personnel for Information Related to Comm. 3E-9 (2021)

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Item 47 - MR. MEYERS moved for a Suspension of the Rules to include an item not on the agenda.

GRANTED.

COMM. 4E-17 from LORIGO, TODARO, GREENE & MILLS Re: FOIL Request of Dept. of Social Services for Information Related to Comm. 3E-9 (2021)

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS**

#### **FROM THE COMPTROLLER**

Item 48 – (COMM. 4E-1) Letter to Commissioner of Social Services Concerning COMM. 3E-9 (2021)

Item 49 – (COMM. 4E-2) Follow-Up Letter to Commissioner of Social Services Concerning COMM. 3E-9 (2021)

The above two items were received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

#### **FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Item 50 – (COMM. 4E-3) Wendt Mansion Hazardous Survey

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

Item 51 – (COMM. 4E-4) Inter-Municipal Agreement w/Town of Evans - Construction of Water Infrastructure at Agribusiness Park

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Item 52 – (COMM. 4E-5) ECSD No. 4 - Contract Close Out

Item 53 – (COMM. 4E-6) ECSD No. 8 - Contract Close Out - No. 18-D

Item 54 – (COMM. 4E-7) ECSD No. 8 - Contract Close Out - No. 18-A

Item 55 – (COMM. 4E-8) ECSD Nos. 1 & 4 - Engineering Term Contract Agreement

Item 56 – (COMM. 4E-9) ECSD No. 3 - Engineering Term Contract Agreement

The above five items were received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

Item 57 – (COMM. 4E-10) Inter-Municipal Agreement w/Town of Amherst - Canalway Trail & Hopkins Road Trail Safety Enhancement Program

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Item 58 – (COMM. 4E-11) Appointment to the Buffalo & EC Public Library Board of Directors

Item 59 – (COMM. 4E-12) Additional Appointments to the Buffalo & EC Public Library Board of Directors

The above two items were received and referred to the COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COMPTROLLER

Item 60 – (COMM. 4E-13) Letter to Chair of Legislature Concerning COMM. 3E-9 (2021)

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY CLERK

Item 61 – (COMM. 4E-14) Update on EC Clerk's Office COVID-19 Response

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM CHAIR BASKIN

Item 62 – (COMM. 4E-15) Letter to Legislature Clerk Concerning Transition of Meetings on 2/18/21

Received, filed and printed.

February 16, 2021

Robert M. Graber, Clerk  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street Fourth Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: February 18<sup>th</sup> Work Session and Legislative Session will be Held Virtually due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the Legislative Session Time Will Be Changed

Dear Mr. Graber:

Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to help protect the members and staff of the Erie County Legislature and the public from potential exposure to the virus, I am writing to advise you that pursuant to Section 2.03 of the Erie County Legislature's Rules of Order, I am shifting the Legislature's scheduled February 18, 2021 session from being held in the Chambers of the Legislature to a virtual hearing via Zoom. In addition, the legislative session will be held at 11:00 am instead of 2:00 pm.

Please notify all legislators, staff, the media, and the public of this change and the call-in details. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

April N.M. Baskin  
Chair of the Legislature

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS**

**FROM THE CLERK OF LEGISLATURE**

Item 63 – (COMM. 4D-1) Public Notice - Requesting Applications from Candidates Interested in Serving on 2021 EC Advisory Committee on Reapportionment

Received, filed and printed.

February 19, 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE / MEDIA ADVISORY**

To: All Interested Parties

From: Robert M. Graber  
Clerk of the Legislature

Subject: Letters of Interest and Resumes for Position of Commissioner  
of the Erie County Water Authority

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that letters of interest and resumes from individuals interested in appointment or reappointment to the position of Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority are being accepted by the Erie County Legislature.

Pursuant to Section 5.01 of the Erie County Legislature's Rules of Order:

Candidates, including incumbents seeking reappointment, for the position of Commissioner of the Erie County Water Authority, shall formally submit, in writing, to the Chair of the Legislature, notice of their candidacy for that position.

Individuals interested in consideration for Commissioner should submit a letter of interest and resume to Legislature Chair April N.M. Baskin, c/o Robert M. Graber, Clerk of the Legislature, 92 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor, Buffalo, New York 14202 or via electronic mail to Robert.Graber@erie.gov.

The deadline for receipt of all documents is no later than 10:00 am on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

**FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT**

Item 64 – (COMM. 4D-2) Letter Regarding Supplemental Information for EC Back to Business Program

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

Item 65 – (COMM. 4D-3) Letter to Comptroller's Office Concerning Request for Outside Counsel

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT**

Item 66 – (COMM. 4D-4) Supplemental Information Regarding Intro. 19-3 (2020)

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

Item 67 – (COMM. 4D-5) Transmittal of New Claims Against EC

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH**

Item 68 – (COMM. 4D-6) Updated Nursing Home Outbreak Information - 2/6/21

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE DEPUTY COMPTROLLER**

Item 69 – (COMM. 4D-7) Law Department Spending - 12/2020

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Item 70 – (COMM. 4D-8) Response to Comptroller's Letter Regarding COMM. 3E-9 (2021)

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Item 71 – (COMM. 4D-9) Local Emergency Order Extensions

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

FROM THE CLERK OF LEGISLATURE

Item 72 – (COMM. 4D-10) Letter to Legislature Concerning Transition of Meetings on 2/18/21

Received, filed and printed.

February 16, 2021

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: ROBERT M. GRABER, CLERK

SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 18, 2021 WORK SESSION AND LEGISLATIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION TIME WILL BE CHANGED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Erie County Legislature Chair April N.M. Baskin's letter concerning COVID-19, the Erie County Legislature's scheduled February 18, 2021 legislative session and work session will be shifted from being held in the Chambers of the Legislature to a virtual hearing, to be held via Zoom. In addition, the legislative session will be held at 11:00 am, instead of 2:00 pm.

The Chairwoman's letter directing the changes is attached.

The Zoom details are as follows:

Topic: Erie County Legislature Work Session at 10:00 am and Legislative Session #4 (2021) at 11:00 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88690806017?pwd=R0xaaXp5dXlpWG1jT2oreWFkVCtIQT09>

Meeting ID: 886 9080 6017

Passcode: 548536  
Or call 646-876-9923

Thank you.

**FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Item 73 – (COMM. 4D-11) Child Protective Caseloads for 01/2021

Received and referred to the HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES**

**FROM THE VISIT BUFFALO NIAGARA**

Item 74 – (COMM. 4M-1) Submission Pursuant to Budget Resolution No. 83, Disclosure of All Employees, Job Titles, Descriptions & Salaries

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

Item 75 – (COMM. 4M-2) Submission Pursuant to Budget Resolution No. 84, 2021 Budget Appropriation

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

**FROM THE BUFFALO NIAGARA CONVENTION CENTER**

Item 76 – (COMM. 4M-3) Submission Pursuant to Budget Resolution No. 83, Disclosure of All Employees, Job Titles, Descriptions & Salaries

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Item 77 – Chair Baskin announced that the schedule for committee meetings to be held on Thursday, February 25, 2021, would be distributed.

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

Item 78 – Legislator Todaro requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Twylah J. Mediak and Vladimir Jovic.

Item 79 – Legislator Lorigo requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Robert J. Rigby.

Item 80 – Legislator Hardwick requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of William Waite.

Item 81 – Chair Baskin requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Tiara Lott.

Item 82 – Legislator Gilmour requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Bronislaw Brozyna.

Item 83 – Legislator Greene requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of Elizabeth “Betty” Ginski and Dale Honsberger.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Item 84 - At this time, there being no further business to transact, CHAIR BASKIN announced that the Chair would entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MR. MEYERS moved that the Legislature adjourn until Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. MR. JOHNSON seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR BASKIN declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**ROBERT M. GRABER  
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE**