

ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
MEETING NO. 2  
January 22, 1998

The Legislature was called to order by Chairman SWANICK.

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All Members present.

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A moment of silent was held.

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The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. RANZENHOFER.

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Minutes of the previous meeting were APPROVED.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

ITEM 1 - Mr. OLMA presented a resolution of Congratulations Honoring the Quo Vadis Choir on Their Tenth Anniversary. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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ITEM 2 - MESSRS. SWANICK, MARSHALL, Ms. PEOPLES & ET AL presented a resolution of Congratulations Honoring Porfirio & Luz Maria Garcia on Their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.  
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ITEM 3 - Ms. CHASE, presented a resolution of Congratulations Honoring Timothy Cooper as the Evans-Brant Citizen of the Year. Mr. MARSHALL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 4 - Ms. MARINELLI and Et Al presented a resolution of congratulations on the Autistic Services. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LOCAL LAWS:

ITEM 5 - CHAIRMAN SWANICK directed that Local Law Intro No. 10 (Print #1) - 1997 remain on the table.

ITEM 6 - CHAIRMAN SWANICK directed that Local Law Intro No. 11 (Print #1) - 1997 remain on the table and in the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

ITEM 7 - CHAIRMAN SWANICK directed that Local Law Intro No. 1 (Print #1) - 1998 remain on the table.

LEGISLATORS RESOLUTIONS:

ITEM 8 - Mr. MARSHALL presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. Ms. MARINELLI seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Int. 2-1 From: Legs. Chase, Greenan, Larson, Weinstein, Ranzenhofer & Marshall Re: RFP Process for Future Consolidation Funding

Chairman SWANICK directed that the names of Legislators DeBenedetti and Marinelli be added as co-sponsors

Chairman SWANICK directed that Int. 2-1 be referred to the FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

ITEM 9 - Ms. MARINELLI presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 14 Re: Encouraging Development of High-Tech Industries in New York State (Int. 2-2)

WHEREAS, High-tech industries such as software, photonics, new media, biotechnology, environmental, and aerospace technology are relatively new growth industries, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Tonawanda Development Corporation recently attended a meeting of the "Linkage Subcommittee" of the county-sponsored "Workforce Development Steering Committee," and

WHEREAS, New York State has an opportunity to bring these emerging companies to our state through permanent funding and tax incentives, and

WHEREAS, Bills were introduced last year in both houses of the State Legislature to allow research and development tax credits for creating new jobs or making capital investments in the aforementioned industries, and to provide matching funds to corporations transferring new technology from research institutions to high-tech industries, but did not find their way out of committee because there was no preliminary agreement on the details between the Senate and Assembly, and

WHEREAS, The Emerging Industry Alliance of New York, which represents companies in the six aforementioned fields, is lobbying for the introduction and passage of the two aforementioned bills in 1998, and

WHEREAS, The introduction and passage of these bills would be a powerful incentive for companies in these fields to locate in New York State, leading to job creation, spin-off industry, and other economic benefits,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Erie County Legislature does hereby support the development of high-tech industries such as software, photonics, new media, biotechnology, environmental, and aerospace technology in New York State, and be it further

RESOLVED, That to better encourage industries in these fields to locate in New York, this Honorable Body does hereby memorialize the New York State Legislature to introduce and pass, and New York State Governor George Pataki to sign into law, bills to allow research and development tax credits for creating new jobs or making capital investments in the aforementioned industries, and to provide matching funds to corporations transferring new technology from research institutions to high-tech industries, and be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to New York State Governor George Pataki, all members of the local delegation of the New York State Legislature, Emerging Industry Alliance of New York State Chairman Jack Huttner (NY Biotechnology Association, 2E. Loop Rd. Stoney Brook, NY 11790), Assemblyman Robert Sweeney (Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248) and Senator Kenneth LaValle (Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12247), chairmen of the State Legislature's Joint Commission on Science and Technology, Town of Tonawanda Development Corporation Executive Director Robert Dimmig (3411 Delaware Ave. Kenmore, NY 14217), Erie County Executive Dennis Gorski, and Erie Community College Interim President William Mariani.

Fiscal Impact: None for resolution.

LYNN M. MARINELLI

CHARLES M. SWANICK

Chairman Swanick directed that Et Al be added to the sponsorship.

Ms. MARINELLI moved the adoption of the resolution as amended. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 10 - Mr. RANZENHOFER presented the following resolution and requested it be referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Int. 2-3 From Leg. Ranzenhofer Re: Support of A.6629 and S.4422, Confidentiality Law Changes.

ITEM 11 - Ms. PEOPLES presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. Mrs. FISHER seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 15                      Re: Support for Planned  
Federal Airline  
Competition and Lower  
Fares Act.  
(Int.2-4)

WHEREAS, The latest United States Department of Transportation report on airline rates shows that Buffalo is the fourth most expensive city to fly out of in the country, with rates of close to 26 cents per mile, and

WHEREAS, Buffalo is the only city in the top ten that is neither a hub nor subject to landing-slot restrictions, and

WHEREAS, These unreasonably high fares act as a detriment to economic development as they are an extra cost businesses must pay if they locate in the area, and

WHEREAS, The Greater Buffalo Convention and Visitors Bureau indicated that Buffalo lost four conventions in 1996, totaling up to \$1.6 million in revenue and 2,000 visitors to the area, because these groups could fly to other areas at a lower cost, and

WHEREAS, It is therefore obvious that these airfares are at least partially thwarting economic development and tourism efforts such as the construction of a new airport and the planned renewal of our convention center, as well as efforts to revitalize the Western New York region as a hub for business and industry, and

WHEREAS, Part of the problem is that one airline - US Airways - controls approximately 50 percent of the Buffalo market, and there is no low-fare carrier option in the region, and

WHEREAS, In an effort to increase competition among airlines in the area three New York congressmen - Charles Schumer, John LaFalce and Louise Slaughter - plan to introduce the Airline Competition and Lower Fares Act when Congress returns to session; legislation similar to a bill pending in the Senate introduced by Senator John McCain, and

WHEREAS, The aforementioned Act would withdraw some of the landing slots assigned to major airlines at New York LaGuardia, Washington National, and Chicago O'Hare airports and auction them to airlines having trouble competing at those airports; with 40 percent of those slots reserved for flights coming from underserved markets like Buffalo, and

WHEREAS, The Act would also require the federal Department of Transportation to more aggressively monitor major airlines for predatory business practices, and would demand that major airlines charge reasonable fees for baggage handling, subleases and other services needed by competing airlines,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Erie County Legislature does reiterate its ongoing concern over the detrimental effects unreasonably high airfares have on our local economic development and tourism efforts, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body does hereby commend Representatives Charles Schumer, John LaFalce and Louise Slaughter, as well as Senator John McCain, for their efforts to increase competition among airlines and lower fares in cities like Buffalo, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to pass and President Bill Clinton sign into law the Airline Competition and Lower Fares Act, and be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to United States Representatives Charles Schumer, John LaFalce and Louise Slaughter (all New York), United States Senator John McCain (Arizona), President Bill Clinton, and Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Chairman Robert Gioia.

Fiscal Impact: None for resolution.

CHARLES M. SWANICK

CRYSTAL D. PEOPLES

Chairman Swanick directed that Et Al be added to the sponsorship.

Ms. PEOPLES moved the adoption of the resolution as amended. Mr. GREENAN seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 12 - Mr. HOLT presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 16

Re: Support for Efforts to  
Learn Impact of  
Hospital Merger on  
Community.  
(Int.2-5)

WHEREAS, Plans are underway to consolidate Buffalo General, Millard Fillmore, and Children's Hospital, and

WHEREAS, Hospital officials have estimated that 460 full-time jobs will be lost over five years as a result of the merger, and

WHEREAS, The Black Leadership Forum, along with other area leaders and organizations, has brought to light the fact that there has been a lack of information as to how the merger will affect workers at the hospitals, how it will affect the community's accessibility to services, and

WHEREAS, For the aforementioned reasons the Black Leadership Forum has asked that the New York State Department of Health -- which must ultimately approve the merger -- suspend the merger, conduct a hearing and have hospital officials better explain the merger plans, including the number of positions that will be eliminated or reduced to part-time, as well as what preparations are being made to assist or retrain employees who lose their jobs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Erie County Legislature does hereby express a desire to ensure that all those affected by the planned merger of Buffalo General, Millard Fillmore and Children's Hospital be fully knowledgeable of the details of the merger, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body does hereby commend the Black Leadership Forum for taking an active role in this most vital community issue, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body does hereby request that the New York State Department of Health suspend the merger until such time as they conduct a hearing and have hospital officials better explain the merger plans, including the number of positions that will be eliminated or reduced to part-time, as well as what preparations are being made to assist or retrain employees who lose their jobs, and be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to CGF Health System President and Chief Executive Officer John Friedlander (901 Washington St. Buffalo, NY 14203), New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Barbara DeBuono (Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12237), and Black Leadership Forum Chairman Rev. H.V. Reid (Gethsemane Baptist Church, 55 Grape St. Buffalo, NY 14204).

Fiscal Impact: None for resolution.

GEORGE A. HOLT, Jr.

CRYSTAL D. PEOPLES

Mr. HOLT offered an amendment as follows:

DELETE, in its entirety, the second WHEREAS clause, and REPLACE with the following:

WHEREAS, Hospital officials have estimated that numerous full-time jobs will be lost over five years as a result of the merger, and

Mr. HOLT moved the adoption of the amendment. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman SWANICK directed that the names of Legislators Swanick, Kuwik, Fitzpatrick, Holt, Fisher, Olma, DeBenedetti, Dusza, Marinelli, Chase and Greenan be added as co-sponsors.

Mr. HOLT moved the adoption of the resolution as amended. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED.

Legislator Weinstein abstained.

Legislator Ranzenhofer in the negative.

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ITEM 13 - Mr. MARSHALL presented the following resolution and requested it be referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Int. 2-6 From Legs. Chase, Greenan, Larson, Ranzenhofer & Marshall Re: Counter-Measures for Terrorism in Erie County.



ITEM 14 - Mr. DUSZA presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. Mr. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 17

Re: Support for Housing and  
Senior Citizen Assistance.  
(Int.2-7)

WHEREAS, Supportive Services Corporation has provided important services to seniors and disabled persons throughout Western New York, and

WHEREAS, Supportive Services has identified a funding shortfall during their fiscal year, and have requested county assistance to ensure continuity of service delivery, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature set aside funds in the 1998 Erie County Budget for use by worthy community organizations and governmental agencies, and

WHEREAS, this funding may be provided by the County of Erie to local community based organizations and agencies for the purposes of assisting our youth or senior citizens, and to assist in crime fighting, emergency services, or other types of neighborhood-based service delivery, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature must pass an enabling resolution such as this to effect this transfer of funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby approve the transfer of \$12,000 from the legislative contingency (Countywide Contingency DAC: 110923310893) to Fund 110, Project 921, Department 301 Agency Payments & Grants - Public Benefit Services, (DAC: 110921301830), for paying the following agencies:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LINE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Supportive Services Corp.	n/a	\$ 12,000
TOTAL		\$ 12,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the agency cited, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to County Executive Dennis Gorski, Budget Director Kenneth Kruly, First Assistant County Attorney Alan Gerstman, Social Services Commissioner Deborah Merrifield, Supportive Services Corporation, 245 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222.

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of 1998-budgeted funds.

RAYMOND K. DUSZA

Mr. DUSZA presented an amendment as follows:

ADD the following after the second WHEREAS clause:

WHEREAS, in 1995, the Town of Tonawanda Police Department established a Family Offense Unit, in an effort to address and curb incidences of domestic violence within our local communities, and

WHEREAS, the Town has worked with Crisis Services, a private, not for profit human service agency that has provided family violence counselors at a satellite office located in Town of Tonawanda Police Headquarters, and

WHEREAS, this collaboration has resulted in the comprehensive provision of family violence victim services to more than 225 individuals in more than 2,000 counseling sessions over the past year alone, and

WHEREAS, in order for this program to continue, the Town of Tonawanda is in need of additional funding from the county; by transferring funding to the Department of Social Services and amending its contractual agreement with Crisis Services, the county will be eligible for matching funds for this program, and

DELETE the second and third WHEREAS clauses in their entirety and replace with the following:

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby approve the transfer of \$22,838 from the legislative contingency (Countywide Contingency DAC: 110923310893) to the Department of Social Services, Fund 120, Department 200 - (DAC: 120953200924830324), for the purposes of the continuation of the Family Violence initiatives with the Town of Tonawanda Police Department, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to enter into new or amended contractual agreements with the agencies specified, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature, the Director of Budget, Management, and Finance, and the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services be and hereby are authorized to complete any and all paperwork necessary to effectuate these transfers of funds, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive Dennis T. Gorski, Budget Director Kenneth Kruly, First Assistant County Attorney Alan Gerstman, Social Services Commissioner Deborah Merrifield, Supportive Services Corporation, 245 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222, and Town of Tonawanda Police Chief Samuel Palmiere, 1835 Sheridan Drive, Kenmore, NY 14223.

Mr. DUSZA moved the adoption of the amendment. Ms. MARINELLI seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman SWANICK directed that names of Legislators Marinelli and Swanick be added as co-sponsors.

Ms. MARINELLI moved the adoption of the resolution as amended. Mr. DUSZA seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ITEM 15 - Mr. DUSZA presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 18

Re: Naming the Workers  
Memorial in Chestnut Ridge  
Park the "Shelf price"  
George Wessel Workers  
Memorial. (Int.2-8)

WHEREAS, George Wessel, longtime labor leader and President of the Buffalo Council of the AFL-CIO, passed away recently, and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. Wessel service to the working men and women of Buffalo, Erie County, and Western New York was exemplary and was demonstrative of his firm commitment to local workers, and

WHEREAS, the AFL-CIO's Workers Memorial, located in Chestnut Ridge Park in the Town of Orchard Park, is a fitting memorial to local union workers, and

WHEREAS, in fitting tribute to the late Mr. Wessel, the Buffalo Council of the AFL-CIO has requested re-naming the memorial the "George Wessel Workers Memorial", and

WHEREAS, in order to effectuate this name change, this Legislature must approve a resolution such as this,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the re-naming of the AFL-CIO Workers Memorial, located in Chestnut Ridge Park in the Town of Orchard Park, as the "George Wessel Workers Memorial", and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to County Executive Gorski, Parks Commissioner James Jankowial and to Buffalo AFL-CIO President John Kaczorowski.

Fiscal Impact: None.

RAYMOND K. DUSZA

MICHAEL A. FITZPATRICK

Chairman SWANICK directed that Et Al be added to the sponsorship.

Mr. DUSZA moved the adoption of the resolution as amended. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ITEM 15 - Mr. HOLT presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 19 Re: Supporting Community Initiatives in  
the City of Buffalo (Int. 2-9)

WHEREAS, the Legislature set aside funds in the 1998 Erie  
County Budget for use by worthy community organizations and  
governmental agencies, and

WHEREAS, this funding may be provided by the County of Erie to  
local community based organizations and agencies for the purposes  
of assisting our youth or senior citizens, and to assist in crime  
fighting, emergency services, or other types of neighborhood-based  
service delivery, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature must pass an enabling resolution such  
as this to effect this transfer of funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby approve  
the transfer of \$74,537 from the legislative contingency  
(Countywide Contingency DAC: 110923310893) to Fund 110, Project  
921, Department 301 Agency Payments & Grants - Public Benefit  
Services, (DAC: 110921301830), for paying the following agencies:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LINE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
YMCA/Wm. Emslie Agency Consortium	830/0752	\$ 74,537
TOTAL		\$ 74,537

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to  
enter into new or amended contracts with the agency cited, and be  
it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to  
County Executive Dennis Gorski, Budget Director Kenneth C. Kruly,  
First Assistant County Attorney Alan Gerstman and to Larry Stitt,  
William Emslie YMCA, 585 William St., Buffalo, NY 14206.

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of 1998-budgeted funds.

GEORGE A. HOLT, Jr.

Mr. HOLT moved the adoption. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 17 - Ms. PEOPLES presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. Mr. OLMA seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 20          Re: Support For Issuance of a  
   "Missing Children Stamp"  
   (Int.2-10)

WHEREAS, in 1988 the Congress of the United States proclaimed a "National Missing Children's Day" to recognize the problem of missing children through America, and

WHEREAS, the nightmare of a missing child touched New York State on August 18, 1993 when 12 year old Sara Ann Wood disappeared while riding her bicycle home from her family's church on Macadam Road in the Town of Litchfield, and

WHEREAS, a Missing Children Stamp Committee was formed in early 1996 in an effort to request the United States Postal service to issue a commemorative postage stamp to draw attention to the plight of all missing children, and

WHEREAS, Since that time, over 25,000 letters have been written from citizens all over the country, as well as other countries of the world in support of this effort, and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Stamp Advisory Committee has sent a letter of refusal concerning the issuance of a Missing Children Stamp,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby states its support for the creation of a "Missing Children Stamp" by the United States Postal Service to increase the awareness of child abduction and the plight of missing children, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Western New York Delegation of the New York State Legislature, the United States Postmaster General and the United States Postal Stamp Advisory Committee.

Fiscal impact: None for resolution.

CHARLES M. SWANICK

CRYSTAL D. PEOPLES

Chairman SWANICK directed that Et Al be added to the sponsorship.

Ms. PEOPLES moved the adoption of the resolution as amended.  
Mr. OLMA seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 18 - Mrs. FISHER presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 21

Re: Fidelis Takeover of Better Health Plan. (Int.2-11)

WHEREAS, Better Health Plan, a major Medicaid provider in Erie County, was recently taken over by Fidelis Care New York, and

WHEREAS, The contract approved and negotiated by the Health Department involves the transfer of approximately 18,000 patients previously enrolled in Better Health Plan, and

WHEREAS, Individuals involved with Fidelis and the State and County Health Departments have labeled this shift in health care providers as "seamless" for patients, however many concerns arise regarding cost and quality of care, and

WHEREAS, Fidelis Care will not cover many women's health services however, it is not clear exactly which services Fidelis will and will not cover and where they draw the line between a health service and a women's health service, and

WHEREAS, Since Fidelis will not cover some women's health services doctors are able to bill both Medicaid and Fidelis for services provided in one doctors visit, and

WHEREAS, This separate billing procedure, which would burden busy doctors with extra paperwork, seems unnecessary and may be an extra cost to the County and taxpayers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Erie County Legislature is concerned about the implications this Fidelis take-over may have on the taxpayers and individuals seeking quality health care services in Erie County, and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body requests the presence of Fidelis President/CEO Mark Lane, Social Services Commissioner Deborah Merrifield, Medicaid Reform Division Director Jack O'Connor, and Fidelis Network Providers at an upcoming meeting of the Health Committee to further discuss the specifics of this take-over as it relates to the cost and quality of care under Fidelis, and be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Fidelis President/CEO Mark Lane, Social Services Commissioner Deborah Merri field and Medicaid Reform Division Director Jack O'Connor.

JUDITH P. FISHER

CRYSTAL D. PEOPLES

Ms. PEOPLES offered an amendment as follows:

ADD the following FISCAL IMPACT statement:

Fiscal Impact: None for resolution.

Mrs. FISHER moved the adoption of the amendment. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman SWANICK directed that Et Al be added to the sponsorship.

Mrs. FISHER moved the adoption of the resolution as amended. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



ITEM 19 - Mr. DEBENEDETTI presented the following resolution and requested it be referred to the SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Int. 2-12 From: Legs. DeBenedetti, Olma, Chase, Ranzenhofer, Marshall & Larson. Re: Social Services Decisions.

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ITEM 20 - Mr. DEBENEDETTI presented the following resolution and requested it be referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Int. 2-13 From: Legs. DeBenedetti. Re: Personnel Adjustments

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ITEM 21 - Mr. DEBENEDETTI presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. Mr. GREENAN seconded.

Int. 2-14. From: Leg. DeBenedetti. Re: Legislative Fairness and Equity

Chairman SWANICK directed that Int. 2-14 be referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

Mr. DEBENEDETTI moved to Challenge the Chair. Mr. MARSHALL seconded.

Chairman SWANICK directed that a Roll Call be taken.

Ayes - Chase, Greenan, Larson, Marshall, Ranzenhofer, Weinstein, DeBenedetti, Olma - 8. Noes - Pauly, Dusza, Fisher, Fitzpatrick, Holt, Kuwik, Marinelli, Peoples, Swanick - 9.

DEFEATED.

Subsequently, Int. 2-14 was referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

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ITEM 22 - Mr. MARSHALL presented the following resolution and requested it be referred to the HEALTH COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Int. 2-15. From: Legs. WEINSTEIN, GREENAN, CHASE, RANZENHOFER, MARSHALL & LARSON. Re: Fair Allocation of Medicaid Transition Funds from New York State.

ITEM 23 - Mr. GREENAN presented the following resolution and requested it be referred to the HEALTH COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Int. 2-16. From: Legs. WEINSTEIN, GREENAN, CHASE, LARSON, RANZENHOFER & MARSHALL. Re: Fair Allocation of Medicaid Transition Funds from New York State.

ITEM 24 - Ms. PEOPLES presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. Mr. DUSZA seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 22                      Re: Increase Transitional Funding for ECMC. (Int.2-17)

WHEREAS, New York State spends approximately \$24 billion a year on its Medicaid program, and

WHEREAS, In July 1997, New York State was granted a 1115 waiver from the federal Health Care Financing Association (HFCA) to transfer 2.4 million of its 3.6 million Medicaid recipients into mandatory managed care programs, phased in over a five year period, and

WHEREAS, the federal waive which has been granted to approximately twenty five states, releases New York from certain federal rules regarding Medicaid health care coverage, thereby promoting a transition from fee-for-service to a market-based system, and

WHEREAS, New York State has approximately 36 public hospital that are currently experiencing serious challenges to their financial viability in the managed care environment, and

WHEREAS, Medicaid managed programs are designed to keep Medicaid recipients from seeking routine treatment in expensive hospital emergency rooms, costing approximately \$130 per visit in New York State, and getting them into early primary care and prevention programs, and

WHEREAS, New York's mandatory Medicaid managed care program is estimated to save taxpayers between \$350 and \$650 million over five years, and

WHEREAS, a key feature of New York's transitional program is the creation of a \$1.25 billion fund, providing \$250 million each year, over the next five years, to help public hospitals make the transition to a managed care system, including the shift from acute care services to providing more out patient clinics, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned transitional funding is available to hospitals that serve large Medicaid population, representing approximately 20% of total admissions, as well as indigent and uninsured patients, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Medical Center's (ECMC) 1998 budget is approximately \$175.4 million, including a county subsidy of approximately \$16, million, more than doubling from the 1997 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the county's budget monitoring reports says ECMC lost more than \$5 in the first ten months of 1997 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, ECMC is scheduled to receive approximately \$1.7 million in transitional funding for 1998, and

WHEREAS, while the aforementioned 1998 transitional funding will helpful, mandatory Medicaid managed care will continue to result in significant revenue losses at ECMC, thereby undermining the medical center's ability to continue to provide vitally important, yet costly medical services, including the Level I Trauma Center, the Burn Treatment Center, the AIDS Treatment Center and the Spinal Cord and Head Injury Rehabilitation Centers, and

WHEREAS, ECMC is the only public hospital serving Western New York and is in need of increased annual appropriations from the aforementioned transitional funding program, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby memorialize New York State Department of Health Commissioner Barbara DeBuono to increase the level of mandatory managed care transitional funding for the ECMC, and be it further



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Erie County Legislature hereby opposes a decrease in the reimbursement rate to the Probation Department and encourages the legislature to increase the rate to 46.5%, and be it further

RESOLVED, That certifies copies of this resolution be forwarded to Department of Probation Director Christopher C. Clark, the Western New York Delegation of the New York State Legislature and Governor George E. Pataki.

Fiscal impact: To be determined.

CHARLES M. SWANICK                      CRYSTAL D. PEOPLES                      EDWARD J. KUWIK

Chairman SWANICK directed that Et Al be added to the sponsorship.

Mr. KUWIK moved the adoption of the resolution as amended. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 26 - Ms. PEOPLES presented the following resolution and moved for immediate consideration. Ms. MARINELLI seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 25                      Re: Controlling Costs to Taxpayers  
for Early Intervention and  
Preschool Special Education  
Programs. (Int.2-19)

WHEREAS, Counties and the City of New York support the provision of services for children with special needs, and

WHEREAS, The escalating costs of the Early intervention and Pre-K Program threaten to draw resources away from services to all children in New York State,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That in the interest of serving all children appropriately, the Erie County Legislature urges that the issue of controlling costs to taxpayers for Early Intervention and the Pre-school Special Education programs be a top priority for the Governor and the New York State Legislature, and be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor George E. Pataki, the Western New York Delegation of the New York State Legislature and County Executive Dennis T. Gorski.

Fiscal impact: To be determined.

CHARLES M. SWANICK

CRYSTAL D. PEOPLES

Chairman SWANICK directed that Et Al be added to the sponsorship.

Ms. PEOPLES moved the adoption of the resolution as amended. Ms. MARINELLI seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ITEM 27- Mr. OLMA presented the following resolution and requested it be referred to the COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Int. 2-20. From: Legs. Olma. Re: In Support of Preserving the Buffalo Air Terminal.

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ITEM 28 - Mr. OLMA presented the following resolution and requested it be referred to the HEALTH COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Int. 2-21. From: Legs. Olma. Re: Review Committee to Evaluate the Smoking Law.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

ITEM 29 - Ms. MARINELLI moved for a suspension of the rules to include and item not on the agenda.

GRANTED.

Comm. 2E-21. From: County Executive. Re: Appointment to the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library Board of Trustees

Chairman SWANICK directed that Comm. 2E-21 be referred to the COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE.

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ITEM 30 - Ms. PEOPLES moved for a suspension of the rules to include an item not on the agenda. Mr. MARSHALL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 25 Re: Lease for Legislative Office Space  
Legislator Holt (Comm. 2E-22)

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to sign a lease Agreement between Towne Garden, LTD, 440 Clinton Street, Buffalo NY 14204 and Erie County Legislator GEORGE A. HOLT for Legislative Office Space.

Ms. PEOPLES moved the adoption. Mr. MARSHALL seconded.

CARRIED.

Legislator Holt abstained.

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ITEM 31 - Mrs. FISHER moved for a suspension of the rules to include an item not on the agenda.

GRANTED.

Comm. 2M-11 From: Association for Professionals In Infection Control & Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC) Re: Impending Mergers of Hospitals in Western New York area.

Chairman SWANICK directed that Comm. 2M-11 be referred to the HEALTH COMMITTEE.

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ITEM 32 - Ms. PEOPLES moved for a suspension of the rules to include an item not on the agenda. Mr. MARSHALL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 26 Re: Opposition to Planned Pay Raises and Employee Benefit Packages for Executive Management Employees at ECMC (Int. 2-22)

WHEREAS, a report surfaced Tuesday, January 20 regarding plans for the Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) Board of Managers to consider and approve a proposal to increase base salaries of Executive Management employees, provide "one-time adjustments in annual compensation," and institute a split dollar life insurance arrangement, and

WHEREAS, these proposals fly in the face of statements made by Medical Center officials regarding the need for the hospital to continually cut costs and carefully examine expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the split dollar life insurance arrangement appears to resemble other life insurance arrangements reported recently for NFTA officials and at least one local School Board Superintendent that are costly to taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, the proposal would offer so-called "One-Time Performance Compensation Adjustments" in the following manner:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Proposed "Compensation Adjustment"</u>
Chief Executive Officer	\$ 24,420
Medical Director	\$ 13,520
Chief Operating Officer	\$ 11,250
Chief Financial Officer	\$ 9,088
Director of Long Term & Post Acute Care (Erie County Home Director)	\$ 3,021
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 61,299</b>

And

WHEREAS, in consideration of the fact that Erie County's subsidy to ECMC increased for fiscal year 1998, this package of compensation adjustments are wholly improper and send the wrong message to taxpayers as well as to rank-and-file employees at ECMC, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature must take a position with respect to this matter with all deliberate speed, as this matter is scheduled for consideration at the ECMC Board of Managers meeting on January 22, 1998 at 4:30 p.m.,



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby express its opposition to the package of Executive Management compensation scheduled for consideration by the Erie County Medical Center Board of Managers today, and does hereby call upon board members to take no action on said proposal at this time or at any time in the foreseeable future, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be delivered immediately to all members of the Erie County Medical Center Board of Managers.

Fiscal Impact: Impact of Compensation Proposal is Severely Negative for County Taxpayers.

CHARLES M. SWANICK      CRYSTAL D. PEOPLES, EDWARD J. KUWIK  
MICHAEL A. FITZPATRICK      GEORGE A. HOLT, Jr.      JUDITH P. FISHER  
GREGORY B. OLMA      ALBERT DEBENEDETTI      RAYMOND K. DUSZA  
LYNN M. MARINELLI      JOHN W. GREENAN      JEANNE Z. CHASE  
FREDERICK J. MARSHALL      WILLIAM A. PAULY      BARRY WEINSTEIN, M.D.  
MICHAEL H. RANZENHOFER      DALE W. LARSON

Ms. PEOPLES moved the adoption. Mrs. FISHER seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ITEM 33 - Mr. OLMA moved for a suspension of the rules to include and item not on the agenda. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 27      Re: Authorizing the Polish Community Center To Retain Unused Funds from the 1997 Budget.  
(Int. 2-23)

WHEREAS, The contract between the County of Erie and the Polish Community Center requires that the Center refund any money that remained unused at the end of 1997, and

WHEREAS, Those funds, however, were not received until late in the year, making it impossible to expend them in so short a time period, and

WHEREAS, The need for those funds remains,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the Polish Community Center to retain any and all unused funds remaining from the 1997 contract with the County of Erie, which they would otherwise be required to return to the county, and be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Erie County Executive Dennis Gorski, Erie County Comptroller Nancy Naples, Erie County Budget Director Kenneth Kruly and Polish Community Center Executive Director Annette Juncewicz.

Fiscal Impact: Reauthorization of 1997 budgeted funds.

GREGORY B. OLMA

Mr. Olma offered an amendment as follows:

ADD: and William Emslie YMCA Constorium after every "Polish Community Center."

Mr. OLMA moved the adoption of the amendment. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. OLMA moved the adoption of the resolution as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ITEM 34 - Mr. OLMA moved for a suspension of the rules to include and item not on the agenda. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 28 Re: Authorizing the Town of Cheektowaga Neighborhood Preservation and Wellness Program to Retain Unused Funds from the 1997 Budget (Int. 2-24)

WHEREAS, The contract between the County of Erie and the Town of Cheektowaga Neighborhood Preservation and Wellness Program requires that the Program refund any money that remained unused at the end of 1997, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Cheektowaga Neighborhood Preservation and Wellness Program, however, has not yet received those funds, and

WHEREAS, The need for those funds remains,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the Town of Cheektowaga Neighborhood Preservation and Wellness Program to receive and retain any and all funds from the 1997 contract with the County of Erie, which they would otherwise be required to return to the county, and be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Erie County Executive Dennis Gorski, Erie County Comptroller Nancy Naples, Erie County Budget Director Kenneth Kruly, and Town of Cheektowaga Supervising Building and Plumbing Inspector Ronald Marten.

Fiscal Impact: Reauthorization of 1997 budgeted funds.

GREGORY B. OLMA

Ms. PEOPLES moved the adoption. Mr. OLMA seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ITEM 35 - Mr. OLMA moved for a suspension of the rules to include and item not on the agenda. Ms. PEOPLES seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 29 Re: Authorizing the Town of  
Cheektowaga Justice Court to  
Retain Unused Funds from the  
1997 Budget (Int. 2-25)

WHEREAS, The contract between the County of Erie and the Town of Cheektowaga Justice Court requires that the program refund any money that remained unused at the end of 1997, and

WHEREAS, Those funds, however, were not received until late in the year, making it impossible to expend them in so short a time period, and

WHEREAS, The need for those funds remains,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the Town of Cheektowaga Justice Court to retain any and all unused funds remaining from the 1997 contract with the County of Erie, which they would otherwise be required to return to the county, and be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Erie County Executive Dennis Gorski, Erie County Comptroller Nancy Naples, Erie County Budget Director Kenneth Kruly, and Cheektowaga Town Court Justices Thomas Kolbert and Richard Kmietek.

Fiscal Impact: Reauthorization of 1997 budgeted funds.

GREGORY B. OLMA

Ms. PEOPLES moved the adoption. Mr. OLMA seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS:

FROM THE COMPTROLLER

ITEM 36 - (Comm. 2E-1) Single Audit of Federal Programs

ITEM 37 - (Comm. 2E-2) Bond Resolution - \$3 Million for Surveys, Plans, Specs & Estimates for Planning Improvement of County Court Facilities.

The above two items were received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM CHAIRMAN SWANICK

ITEM 38 - (Comm. 2E-3) 1998 Copy of Letter to Republicans Re: 1998 Committee Assignments.

RECEIVED & FILED.

ITEM 39 - (Comm. 2E-4) Majority Appointment to Erie County Audit Committee.

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Dear Madam Clerk:

Pursuant to Section 1813 of the Erie County Charter, we, the undersigned members of the Erie County Legislature do hereby appoint CRYSTAL D. PEOPLES to serve as the Majority appointment to the Audit Committee for Erie County for the year 1998.

EDWARD J. KUWIK	MICHAEL A. FITZPATRICK
GEORGE A. HOLT, Jr.	JUDITH P. FISHER
CRYSTAL D. PEOPLES	RAYMOND K. DUSZA
CHARLES M. SWANICK	LYNN M. MARINELLI

RECEIVED, FILED & PRINTED.

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FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ITEM 40 - (Comm. 2E-5) Reappointment to Erie County Board of Ethics.

Received and referred to the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

ITEM 41 - (Comm. 2E-6) Reappointment to Convention Center Board.

RECEIVE, FILE & PRINT.

Honorable Members:

In accordance with the agreement between the County of Erie and the City of Buffalo. I have reappointed the following member to the Board of the Directors of the Management Corporation for the Convention Center.

Reappointment	Term Expires
Eli Mundy 5500 Main Street - Suite 222 Williamsville, NY 14221	11/30/2001

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FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ITEM 42 - (Comm. 2E-7) Appointments to Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Board of Trustees.

Received & referred to the COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE.

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ITEM 43 - (Comm. 2E-8) Probation - Alternative to Incarceration Grant Adjustments.

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

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ITEM 44 - (Comm. 2E-9) Highways - Transfer of Funds.

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

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ITEM 45 - (Comm. 2E-10) Engineering Services Agreement - ECSD No. 4 - Aurora Street Pumping Station Design.

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

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ITEM 46 - (Comm. 2E-11) 1998 Senior Services - Authority to Renew Van Contracts.

ITEM 47 - (Comm. 2E-12) Senior Services - Authorization to Revise Grant Budgets to Purchase Two (2) Vans & Purchase Nutrition Equipment.

The above two items were received and referred to the SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

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ITEM 48 - (Comm. 2E-13) 1998 Emergency Shelter Grant Program Contracts.

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ITEM 49 - (Comm. 2E-14) Fourth Amendatory Agreement to the Erie County Sport Fishing Promotion - Northeast Outdoors, Inc.

ITEM 50 - (Comm. 2E-15) ECSD No. 6 - Engineering Services Agreement Work Project - TVGA-3.

ITEM 51 - (Comm. 2E-16) Semi-Annual Attendance Records - Board of Managers - ECSD.

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

ITEM 52 - (Comm. 2E-17) Health - Lease Agreement for WIC Program - Distribution Site - 155 Lawn Avenue, Buffalo.

Received and referred to the HEALTH COMMITTEE.

ITEM 53 - (Comm. 2E-18) 1998-1999 Community Block Grant Emergency Shelter Grant & "Home" Investment Partnership Program.

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

ITEM 54 - (Comm. 2E-19) proposed P.I.L.O.T. Agreement by & Among the County of Erie, city of Buffalo & Buffalo River Apartments, L.P.

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM LEGISLATOR MARSHALL

ITEM 55 - (Comm. 2E-20) Changing Vote on Intro. 1-9 (1998)

RECEIVE, FILE & PRINT.

Dear Ms. Manzella,

We would like to change our vote on Intro 1-9 from "affirmative" to "negative" and be recorded as such.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

FREDERICK J. MARSHALL  
Minority Leader

MICHAEL H. RANZENHOFER  
Legislator - 16th District

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

FROM THE ERIE COUNTY MORGUE

ITEM 56 - (Comm. 2D-1) Monies & Other Properties Found on Deceased Persons.

Received and referred to the HEALTH COMMITTEE.

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FROM ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ITEM 57 - (Comm. 2D-2) Notice of Personnel committee Meeting Held 1/7/98 and Curriculum committee Meeting Held 1/14/98.

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FROM DEP

ITEM 58 - (Comm. 2D-3) SEQU - Lead Agency Status - Type 1 Action - Co-owned Stadium Improvements for Professional Football.

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

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FROM PERSONNEL

ITEM 59 - (Comm. 2D-4) Position Change Report.

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FROM BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

ITEM 60 - (Comm. 2D-5) Agenda & Minutes for Meeting Held 1/15/98.

The above two items were RECEIVED & FILED.



FROM ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ITEM 61 - (Comm. 2D-6) Notice of Student Support Services Committee Meeting Held 1/14/98 & Workforce Development & Community Srvs. Comm. Held 1/14/98.

Received and referred to the COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE.

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FROM MENTAL HEALTH

ITEM 62 - (Comm. 2D-7) Forensic Mental Health Annual Report.

Received and referred to the HEALTH COMMITTEE.

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FROM DPW

ITEM 63 - (Comm. 2D-8) Agreement with NYSDOT - Erie County Bridge Replacements - Towns of Alden & Clarence.

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ITEM 64 - (Comm. 2D-9) Rath Building - Sub-Basement Asbestos Abatement - Phase II.

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ITEM 65 - (Comm. 2D-10) Court Facilities Project.

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ITEM 66 - (Comm. 2D-11) ECC - North, South & City - HVAC Improvements, Professional Services Change Order.

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ITEM 67 - (Comm. 2D-12) Fire Training Academy, Miscellaneous Improvements.

The above five items were received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM BUDGET, MANAGEMENT & FINANCE

ITEM 68 - (Comm. 2D-13) Preparation of School District Taxes for 1997 - 1998.

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TO THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

STATEMENT, MATERIALS AND LABOR IN PRODUCING SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX BILLS AND THE SPREADING OF ASSOCIATED COSTS:

TAX BILLS	\$7,907.42
TAX ROLL PAPER	\$460.00
INDEX PAPER	\$34.50
SEPARATORS	\$40.25
TAX ROLL COVERS	\$339.25
DATA PROCESSING CHARGES	\$20,387.25
WAGES	\$24,960.00
TOTAL	\$54,128.67

259,282 Parcels ==> 0.208764 COST PER PARCEL

AKC1 OUT OF COUNTY	\$40.25
CITY OF TONAWANDA	\$40.25
ATT1 & SCC1 FLAT CHARGE @	\$40.25
	\$80.50

GRAND TOTAL TO SPREAD ==> \$54,289.67

SCHOOL DISTRICT	CODE	PARCEL	COST
ALDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #1	AC-1	4,571	\$954.26
AKRON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	AKC-1	3,174	\$662.26
AMHERST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	AM-1	9,145	\$1,909.14
SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	AM-7	10,857	\$2,266.55
ATTOCA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	ATT1	9	\$40.25
EAST AURORA UNION FREE DISTRICT#1	AU-1	5,731	\$1,196.42
CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DIS. #1	CH-1	7,940	\$1,657.58
UNION FREE SCHOOL DIST. #2 (MARYVALE)	CH-2	7,459	\$1,557.17
UNION FREE SCHOOL DIST. #3 (CLEV-HILL)	CH-3	4,613	\$963.03
UNION FREE SCHOOL DIST. #9 (SLOAN)	CH-9	5,204	\$1,086.41
CLARENCE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	CLC1	9,271	\$1,935.45
SPRINGVILLE-GRIFFITH INSTITUTE	CMC1	6,248	\$1,304.36
DEPEW UNION FREE SCHOOL	DUFC	6,791	\$1,417.71
EDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #1	EC-1	4,623	\$965.11

FRONTIER CENTRAL SCHOOL DIST.#4	FR-4	14,583	\$3,044.40
GRAND ISLAND CENTAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	GIC1	8,331	\$1,739.21
GOWANDA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	GOC1	1,365	\$284.96
HAMBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	HC-1	9,774	\$2,040.46
HOLLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	HDC1	3,346	\$698.52
IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #1	IRC1	7,288	\$1,521.47
LACKAWANNA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	LK-1	7,135	\$1,489.53
LANCASTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DIST. #1	LC-1	15,739	\$3,285.73
LAKE SHORE CENT. EVANS-BRANT SCHOOL	LSC1	10,405	\$2,172.19
NORTH COLLINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DIST. #1	NCC1	2,341	\$488.72
ORCHARD PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL #1	OPC1	12,515	\$2,612.68
PIONEER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #1	PC-1	859	\$179.33
SILVER CREEK CENTRAL SCHOOL DIST. #1	SCC1	10	\$40.25
KENMORE-TONAWANDA UNION FREE SCHOOL	UNF1	26,533	\$5,539.13
WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	WMC3	25,866	\$5,399.88
WEST SENECA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	WSC1	21,047	\$4,393.85
CITY OF TONAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT	TCSD	6,528	\$1,443.30

RECEIVED, FILED & PRINTED.

ITEM 69 - (Comm. 2D-14) Preparation of City of Tonawanda Taxes for 1997.

RECEIVE, FILE & PRINT.

TO THE HONORABLE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

PREPARATION OF TONAWANDA CITY TAXES	
Tax Bills	\$ 131.50
Tax Rolls, Assessment Roll an Worksheets	\$ 215.46
Wages	\$ 893.17
Data Processing Time	\$1,455.11
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Total Cost	\$2,695.24

RECEIVED, FILED & PRINTED.

ITEM 70 - (Comm. 2D-15) Preparation of City of Lackawanna Taxes for 1997.

RECIEVE, FILE & PRINT.

TO THE HONORABLE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

PREPARATION OF LACKAWANNA CITY TAXES	
Tax Bills	\$ 141.68
Tax Rolls, Assessment Roll an Worksheets	\$ 471.24
Wages	\$2,240.53
Data Processing Time	\$1,455.11
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Total Cost	\$4,308.56

RECEIVED, FILED & PRINTED.

ITEM 71 - (Comm. 2D-16) Preparation of Village Taxes for 1997-1998.

RECEIVE, FILE & PRINT.

To: HONORABLE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE:

PREPERATION OF VILLAGE TAXES

Tax Bills	\$2,921.00
Tax Roll, Assessment Roll, and Worksheets	\$1,472.63
Wages	\$3,580.50
Data Processing Time	\$5,131.35
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TOTAL COST	\$13,105.48
Cost per Parcel=>	0.369470271

VILLAGE	PARCEL COUNT	COST
Akron	1,097	\$405.31
Alden	862	\$318.48
Angola	946	\$349.52
Blasdell	1,183	\$437.08
Depew	6,643	\$2,454.38
East Aurora	2,591	\$957.30
Farmham	214	\$79.07
Gowanda	1,227	\$453.34
Hamburg	3,675	\$1,357.80
Kenmore	4,688	\$2,101.55
Lancaster	4,325	\$1,597.96
North Collins	536	\$198.04
Orchard Park	1,178	\$435.24
Sloan	1,610	\$594.85
Springville	1,589	\$587.09
Williamsville	2,107	\$778.47
TOTAL	35,471	\$13,105.48

RECEIVED, FILED & PRINTED.

ITEM 72 - (Comm. 2D-17)

Ms. PEOPLES moved for immediate consideration. Mr. LARSON seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 30

Re: Correction of 1998 County of  
Erie, Towns of Boston, Elma &  
Newstead Tax Bills.

WHEREAS, the Erie County Director of Real Property Tax Services has received the attached applications from the Towns of Boston, Elma and Newstead, for correction of 1998 County of Erie, Towns of Boston, Elma and Newstead tax bills, in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law section 556-b and

WHEREAS, the Director has investigated the validity of such applications and found them to be valid,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the applications for correction of the 1998 County of Erie, Towns of Boston, Elma and Newstead tax bills hereby be approved based upon the recommendations of the Director of Real Property Tax Services and be charged back to the Towns of Boston, Elma and Newstead, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance and the County Attorney.

Ms. PEOPLES moved the adoption. Mr. LARSON seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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FROM DPW

ITEM 73 - (Comm. 2D-18) Supplemental Agreement to General Architect/Engineer Contract, Erie County Public Health Lab Relocation to the ECOMC Campus.

Received and referred to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

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FROM ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ITEM 74 - (Comm. 2D-19) Notice of Auxiliary Services Corporation Foundation Committee Meeting Held 1/21/98.

ITEM 75 - (Comm. 2D-20) Notice of Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting to be Held 1/28/98.

ITEM 76 - (Comm. 2D-21) Notice of Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting Held 1/20/98 & Personnel Committee Meeting to be Held 1/27/98.

The above three items were RECEIVED & FILED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES

FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

ITEM 77 - (Comm. 2M-1) Notice of Board Meeting & Related Information.

Received and referred to the HEALTH COMMITTEE.

FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR ERIE COUNTY

ITEM 78 - (Comm. 2M-2) Annual Report for Year Ended 12/31/96.

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM MAYOR ANTHONY M. MASIELLO

ITEM 79 - (Comm. 2M-3) Copy of Letter to Swanick Re: Appointment to Library Board of Trustees.

Received and referred to the COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM TOWN OF TONAWANDA

ITEM 80 - (Comm. 2M-4) Certified Resolution Re: Direct Payment of Erie County Sales Tax to Town of Tonawanda.

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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FROM ASSEMBLY REYNOLDS

ITEM 81 - (Comm. 2M-5) Acknowledgement of Receipt of Resolution.

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FROM THOMAS I. MCELVEIN, JR

ITEM 82 - (Comm. 2M-6) Notice of Hearing with Respect to a Proposed Rezoning within Village of Akron.

Thw above two items were RECEIVED & FILED.

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FROM ERIE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

ITEM 83 - (Comm. 2M-7) Meeting Notice & Other Information.

Received and referred to the ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

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FROM KPMG PEAT MARWICK, LLP

ITEM 84 - (Comm. 2M-8) Independent Auditor's Report on General Purpose Financial Statements for Year Ended 12/31/96

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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FROM NYSDEC

ITEM 85 - (Comm. 2M-9) Meeting Notice & Fact Sheet.

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FROM CITIZEN TASK FORCE

ITEM 86 - (Comm. 2M-10) Draft Agenda & Other Information.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

ITEM 87 - At this time, there being no further business to transact, the Chairman announced that the Chair would entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

Ms. PEOPLES moved that the Legislature adjourn until 2:00 P.M., Thursday, February 5, 1998. Mr. MARSHALL seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Chairman declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, February 5, 1998 at 2:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Time.

LAURIE A. MANZELLA  
Clerk