

July 6, 2009

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 9

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

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. INTRO 14-1 (2008)
LOUGHRAN: “Resolution to Hold a Public Referendum to Reduce the Size of the EC Legislature from 15 to 9 Members”
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 - b. COMM. 12D-4 (2009)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County”
(5-0)
 - c. COMM. 12D-8 (2009)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Transmittal of New Claim Against Erie County”
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 - d. COMM. 13D-1 (2009)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Transmittal of New Claim Against Erie County”
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 - e. COMM. 13D-3 (2009)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Transmittal of New Claim Against Erie County”
(5-0)
 - f. COMM. 13M-2 (2009)
SAM MAGAVERN: “Copy of Letter to Legislator Whyte Concerning the Proposed Downsizing of the EC Legislature”
(5-0)
2. COMM. 11E-25 (2009)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Division of Fleet Services within the Department of Public Works currently has two (2) Automotive Mechanics (JG 07) being position numbers 51002692 and 51002693 and one (1) Junior Automotive Mechanic – Highways (JG 7) being position number 51007345; and

WHEREAS, two of those positions are now vacant and one has the incumbent on Leave-Without-Pay to a different position within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Fleet Services has been working with the Highway Division to consolidate repairs of all vehicles and it has been found to be beneficial to have all repairs performed at the Highway garages where they can handle both small and large vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works desires to move the Automotive Mechanics (JG 07) and Junior Automotive Mechanic – Highways (JG 7) from the Division of Fleet and change their title to Junior Automotive Mechanic – Highways (JG 7) within the Division of Highways; and

WHEREAS, B-100’s have been created to accomplish this deletion and addition being B-100 numbers 4762, 4763 and 4764.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the deletion of two (2) positions of Automotive Mechanic (JG 7) and one (1) Junior Automotive Mechanic – Highways (JG 7) within the Division of Fleet; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the creation, within the Division of Highways of two (2) Junior Automotive Mechanic – Highways (JG 7) immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the addition of an Automotive Mechanic (JG 7) within the Division of Highways until it is no longer encumbered at which time it will be changed to a Junior Automotive Mechanic – Highways (JG 7); and be it further

RESOLVED, that this position transfer will become effective July 4, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, to fund this budgetary change, \$59,759.00 be moved from SAP Fund 110, Fund Center 10710 Account 500000 to SAP Fund 210, Fund Center 123, Account 500000 to cover salaries; and \$29,880.00 be moved from SAP Fund 110, Fund Center 10710 Account 502000 to SAP Fund 210, Fund Center 123, Account 502000 to cover fringe benefits; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby provide authorization to the Director of Budget Office to make all required budgetary adjustments to accommodate this request, including interfund adjustments and interdepartmental billings which will serve to charge County departments for the services provided by Fleet Services and Highways; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, and one certified copy to the Commissioner of Personnel, the Comptroller, and the Director of Budget and Management.

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3. COMM. 12E-20 (2009)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, County Executive Collins has called for changes to the proposed operational effectiveness and adopted budgets within the departments and agencies within the County, requiring the operational processes be transparent, quantitatively explicit in terms of outcome measures and detailed in accounting for all costs and revenue sources for each area of service delivery; and

WHEREAS, in connection with this initiative the County requires a Director of Six Sigma to facilitate projects, reporting and cost-savings initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA in Resolution 09-32, dated May 9, 2009, approved additional funding for the Director of Six Sigma for fiscal year 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$163,334; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the implementation of Six Sigma, the Director of Six Sigma issued a RFP to solicit proposals for "Professional Training, Consultation and Assistance in Implementation of Lean/Six Sigma Methodologies;" and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA funded a pilot program via ECFSA Resolution 08-43 on April 11, 2008 and approved additional funding for training via Resolution 08-63, September 15, 2008; and

WHEREAS, based upon the success of the efforts to date the ECFSA has approved additional funding for future waves of Six Sigma training via Resolution 09-32, dated May 9, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the University at Buffalo Center for Industrial Effectiveness was previously selected to conduct the Lean/Six Sigma Training and Canisius College to conduct the Change Management portion of the training.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County is hereby authorized to accept Efficiency Grant funds from the ECFSA to fund the Six Sigma Director position for 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$163,334; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County is hereby authorized to accept Efficiency Grant funds from the ECFSA for on-going Six Sigma training in an amount not to exceed \$152,662; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into agreement with the University at Buffalo Center for Industrial Effectiveness and Canisius College for Six Sigma training and education; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Comptroller, Director of Budget and Management, Director of Six Sigma and the County Attorney.

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4. COMM. 12E-28 (2009)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Real Property Tax Service Department did receive a request from Glenn Speidel who owns property adjoining the above County owned parcel of land to purchase this land; and

WHEREAS, this parcel was reviewed and approved for sale by the Advisory Review Committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following parcel of land be sold without public auction pursuant to Article 14, Section 14-1.0 of the Erie County Tax Act to Glenn Speidel, 1133 Center Road, West Seneca, New York 14224 for the sum of Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$250.00)

All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the Town of West Seneca, County of Erie and State of New York, being part of Lot 212, Township 10, Range 7 of Ebenezer Lands and according to a map of Ebenezer Terrace Extension filed in Erie County Clerk's Office under Cover No. 1289 are known and distinguished as part of subdivision lots number One (1), Two (2) Three (3) and Four (4) in Block R.

Further described on Erie County Tax Map as Section, Block and Lot No. 135.62-1-25. Intending to convey land acquired by Erie County in a deed filed in the Erie County Clerk's Office under Liber 3352 Page 213 on February 18, 1943. This parcel was listed as part of a highway dedication filed on April 19, 1944 under Liber 3524 Page 529 for purpose of maintaining a ditch for drainage purposes and this restriction hereby imposed upon the said premise shall be binding upon all subsequent grantees, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized and directed to execute a quit claim deed conveying the interest of the County of Erie in the above described properties to the aforesaid purchaser; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the County Comptroller, the County Attorney and Department of Real Property Tax Service.
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5. COMM. 13E-11 (2009)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, The Erie County Veterans Service Agency has been approached by the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs to enter into an agreement whereby the DVA will provide its Power of Attorney (POA) accreditation, training and access to its computer network free of charge to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this honorable body authorizes the Director of the Department of Veterans' Services to accept the resources and support provided by the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the DVA will provide access to its computer network via the "Vet Cop" application residing in its server; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Veterans Service Agency will thus include accredited veterans service representatives with New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs Power of Attorney (POA); and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be delivered to the Director of Veterans' Services Patrick W. Welch and the County Executive.
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6. COMM. 13E-17 (2009)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Erie County has undertaken an extensive review of the way in which Erie County utilizes space and maintains their buildings in an effort to more efficiently manage county owned buildings and leases; and

WHEREAS, this initiative requires a position to facilitate projects and incorporate industry standard real estate construction and facilities management practices to County government; and

WHEREAS, the County was awarded an Efficiency Grant from the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (ECFSA) to fund a position in County government to coordinate the Space Utilization Initiative for fiscal year 2009 and beyond; and

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

WHEREAS, the ECFSA in Resolution 09-29, dated May 9, 2009, approved funding for a position to coordinate the Space Utilization Initiative for the fiscal year 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County is hereby authorized to accept Efficiency Grant funds from the ECFSA to fund staffing the Space Utilization Initiative for 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$160,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that quarterly updates will be submitted to the Legislature and ECFSA that summarize the progress of this initiative; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Comptroller, Director of Budget and Management, Department of Public Works, and the County Attorney.
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BARBARA MILLER-WILLIAMS
CHAIR