

SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 9

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. CHAIR MARINELLI PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. INTRO. 3-19 (2008)
RANZENHOFER, MILLS & RATH: Use of GPS Devices in Erie County Vehicles
(6-0)
 - b. COMM. 6M-11 (2008)
CITY OF BUFFALO LIVING WAGE COMMISSION: Annual Report 2007
(6-0)
 - c. COMM. 9M-4 (2008)
ERIE COUNTY FISCAL STABILITY AUTHORITY: Copy of Resolution 08-51 Concerning Proposed Payments to Current Active Members of AFSCME Local 1095
(6-0)
 - d. COMM. 11D-2 (2008)
DEPARTMENT OF LAW: Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County
(6-0)
 - e. COMM. 11D-4 (2008)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Revised Designation in the Event of Vacancy, Absence or Inability
(6-0)
 - f. COMM. 11D-5 (2008)
DEPARTMENT OF LAW: Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County
(6-0)
 - g. COMM. 11M-8 (2008)
PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS: Letter and DVD Concerning Elephant Abuse at Carson & Barnes Circus
(5-1) Legislator Reynolds voted in the negative.

- h. COMM. 11M-11 (2008)
LEGAL AID BUREAU OF BUFFALO, INC.: Monthly Report and Monthly Activity Report for May 2008
(6-0)
- i. COMM. 13E-6 (2008)
COUNTY CLERK: Letter Seeking Support for Efficiency Grant to Fund Relocation of Downtown Auto Bureau
(6-0)
- j. COMM. 13E-14 (2008)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Appointment to the Erie County Board of Ethics
(6-0)
- k. COMM. 13D-5 (2008)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County
(6-0)
- l. COMM. 13M-1 (2008)
TOWN OF NEWSTEAD CLERK: Certified Resolution Regarding Support for Amendments to GML Section 239-N
(6-0)
- m. COMM. 14D-3 (2008)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County
(6-0)
- n. COMM. 15D-1 (2008)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County
(6-0)
- o. COMM. 15M-2 (2008)
LEGAL AID BUREAU OF BUFFALO, INC.: Monthly Report and Monthly Activity Report for June 2008
(6-0)
- p. COMM. 15M-4 (2008)
STONEWALL DEMOCRATS OF WNY: Supporting the Institution of Domestic Partnership Benefits for Employees
(4-2) Legislators Whyte and Kozub voted in the negative.

- q. COMM. 17D-5 (2008)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County (6-0)
- r. COMM. 17D-11 (2008)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County (6-0)
- s. COMM. 17D-12 (2008)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County (6-0)
- t. COMM. 17D-13 (2008)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County (6-0)
- u. COMM. 17D-16 (2008)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County (6-0)
- v. COMM. 17M-2 (2008)
ALBANY LAW REVIEW: Regionalism Revisited: The Effort to Streamline Governance in Buffalo and Erie County, NY (6-0)
2. COMM. 17E-20 (2008)
DISTRICT ATTORNEY (DA OFFICE – BESAFE GRANT)
 WHEREAS, the District Attorney through the BESAFE Grant provides needed services to the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already approved the District Attorney's Grant Budgets in Book B for 2008; and

WHEREAS, the contract received from the United States Department of Justice authorizes funding levels different from the adopted budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby provide authorization to reallocate funds within the BESAFE Grant to match final federal authorized funding levels, to be adjusted as follows:

BESAFE GRANT 114BESAFE0809 October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009			
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>FINAL</u>
414000 Federal Revenue	\$ 285,592	\$ 154,343	\$ 439,935
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 285,592</u>	<u>\$ 154,343</u>	<u>\$ 439,935</u>
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>FINAL</u>
500000 Full Time Salaries	\$ 160,337	\$ (4,462)	\$ 155,875
502000 Fringe Benefits	68,255	(1,899)	66,356
510100 Out of Area Travel	3,000	4,500	7,500
516010 Contractual	54,000	156,204	210,204
Family Justice Center (\$65,286)			
Haven House (\$56,930)			
Hispanics United (\$47,181)			
International Institute (\$40,807)			
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 285,592</u>	<u>\$ 154,343</u>	<u>\$ 439,935</u>

and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with the Family Justice Center of Erie County, Haven House, Hispanics Untied of Buffalo and the International Institute; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County District Attorney, the Erie County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller and the Director of Budget and Management.
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3. COMM. 17E-21 (2008)
COUNTY CLERK
 WHEREAS, The Erie County Clerk is mandated by State law to record, file and maintain records, documents and indices for use by taxpayers and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk's Office has submitted a grant application to the Local Government records Management Improvement Fund [LFRMIF]; and

WHEREAS, the LGRMIF has approved a \$59,513.28 grant to the Erie County Clerk for the purpose of scanning Clerk Register books dated 1959 to 1993, which are deteriorating, and to provide quality control of the master film by an outside vendor; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk, as Records Management Officer, must maintain the condition and integrity of county's records, which requires funding; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 budget does not provide sufficient funding to the County Clerk for the scanning and maintenance of its records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County of Erie hereby adopts and accepts from the LGRMIF the \$59,513.28 grant that it has appropriated to the County Clerk for scanning of the county's records under such terms and conditions as stated in the grant; and be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive execute the Grant Acceptance Form and such other documents as may be required for the county to receive the grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive, the County Clerk, the County Comptroller, the County Attorney and the Director of Budget, Management and Finance.

(6-0)

BARBARA MILLER-WILLIAMS
CHAIR