

OCTOBER 18, 2007

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 10

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. INTRO 1-4 (2007) **AS AMENDED**
IANNELLO, MILLER-WILLIAMS, KOZUB, REYNOLDS, LOUGHRAN and MILLS
WHEREAS, Erie County has a wireless policy providing wireless phones to department heads, elected officials and to County personnel to insure employee safety and to conduct communications while doing County business; and

WHEREAS, in December 2005, according to records, the County maintained and paid for 691 wireless devices, 90 of which are Blackberries; and

WHEREAS, vendor contracts provided for unlimited use within the network, with roaming charges appearing as additional costs and other additional features not needed to conduct County business; and

WHEREAS, incidental personal use is currently allowed by department heads, elected officials and administrative personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Information and Support Services (DISS) is responsible for telecommunications within Erie County Government; and

WHEREAS, a recent audit found inconsistencies in wireless assignments and inaccuracies in billing statements; and

WHEREAS, said audit also indicates numerous instances whereby County employees appear to possess two, and in some cases more, wireless devices; and

WHEREAS, Erie County is facing a fiscal crisis with a hard Control Board in place partly due to such reckless use of tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body is obligated to reduce spending as an obligation to the residents of Erie County and for the integrity of our purposes as legislators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature is calling on DISS for a complete and immediate inquiry into the assignments of each wireless device, the need of each device in order to more fully conduct County business, and to block those features not needed for County business; and be it further

RESOLVED, that individuals who have downloaded games, images or any features that have caused added expense to Erie County, reimburse Erie County for said fees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that DISS begin this inquiry immediately with the cooperation of supervisors of those departments involved utilizing the information in the audit performed by the Comptroller's office and dated April 11, 2006; and be it further

RESOLVED, that DISS submit those findings of these inquiries to the Erie County Legislature no later than December 1, 2007.

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2. COMM. 14E-14 (2007) **AS AMENDED**
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, the Division of Planning of the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has had limited staffing since the 2005 budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2007 the Erie County Legislature adopted the Framework for Regional Growth (the "Framework") to serve as the guiding policy document concerning land use decisions throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, The Framework identifies the establishment of an Erie County Planning Board as an important first step in implementing the policies set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the need to implement the planning policies contained in the Framework, cannot be sustained by the Department at current staffing levels; and

WHEREAS, the creation and operation of the proposed Erie County Planning Board will require dedication of staff to support the various functions of the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York mandates that Planning functions for GML 239, agricultural districts and many SEQR requirements be performed at the County level; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Regional Framework support of the Planning Board requires professional planning staff specifically dedicated to those duties and State mandated planning functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the operating fund budget for the Department of Environment and Planning be revised to reflect the funding of two (2) Planners and two (2) Junior Planners positions as follows:

Reuse of funds from SAP 1620060 GL 500000	19,959.35
Transfer from SAP 1335010 GL 516000	1,550.00
To FUND 110	
Account 500000 Full-Time Salaries	21,509.35

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the position of Special Projects Coordinator is hereby deleted from the budget for the Department of Environment and Planning; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; the County Comptroller; the Director of the Division of Budget, Management, and Finance; the Commissioner of Personnel; and the County Attorney.
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3. COMM. 17E-3 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage Management has requested that (1) position of Senior Account Clerk, Job Group 6, be deleted; and

WHEREAS, authorization is requested to upgrade the following positions:

Title	Position Control No.	Current Job Group	Recommended Title	Recommended Job Group
Sr. Account Clerk	8119	6	Sr. Data Processing Control Clerk	7
Sr. Account Clerk	8122	6	Sr. Data Processing Control Clerk	7
Sr. Account Clerk	8121	6	Sr. Data Processing Control Clerk	7
Sr. Account Clerk	51001296	6	Administrative Clerk	7
Sr. Clerk Typist	51000756	4	Sr. Data Processing Control Clerk	7

and,

WHEREAS, the newly upgraded positions will be created to implement a costs savings, centralized purchasing and payroll groups for the Division of Sewerage Management; and

WHEREAS, the newly upgraded positions will be funded by the Sewerage Management 2007 Budget, unexpended Personal Services, Account No. 500000, and unexpended Fringe Benefits Account No. 502000, and

WHEREAS, the position adjustments are reflected on the B-100 position authorization form, Control Numbers 3245 and 3246 in the SAP system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the position of Senior Account Clerk, Job Grade 6, Control No. 3244, be deleted, which will result in a reduction in Personal Services and Fringe Benefits; and

RESOLVED, that the upgrades of four (4), Senior Data Processing Control Clerk, Job Group 7, positions and one (1), Administrative Clerk, Job Group 7 position in the Division of Sewerage Management be approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for the position adjustments is available in unexpended Personal Services, Account No. 500000, and unexpended Fringe Benefits, Account No. 502000, in the 2007 budget of the Division of Sewerage Management, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of the approved resolution be sent to the County Executive, the Director of Budget and Management, the Erie County Personnel Department and Thomas J. Whetham, P.E., Deputy Commissioner, Department of Environment and Planning.
(3-1) Legislator Konst in the negative.

**KATHY KONST
CHAIRPERSON**