

June 21, 2011

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 8

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 14E-2 (2010)
MILLER-WILLIAMS: "Letter to Mayor Brown in Response to His Letter Sent to the EC Legislature Concerning the New Voting Process"
(5-0)
 - b. COMM. 3E-6 (2011)
WHYTE: "Article Entitled "Austerity for Whom?""
(5-0)
 - c. COMM. 4E-2 (2011)
MILLER-WILLIAMS: "Letter from League of Women Voters of Buffalo/Niagara Inc., Concerning the Redistricting/Reapportionment of the EC Legislature"
(5-0)
 - d. COMM. 6E-2 (2011)
WHYTE: "Letter to Clerk of Legislature Concerning EC Reapportionment Commission"
(5-0)
 - e. COMM. 6D-6 (2011)
BOARD OF ELECTIONS: "Letter to Legislature Concerning Special Election Being Held 5/24/2011 for NYS 26th Congressional District"
(5-0)
 - f. COMM. 6M-27 (2011)
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BUFFALO/NIAGARA: "Letter to Legislature Concerning Advisory Committee on Reapportionment"
(5-0)
 - g. COMM. 9M-5 (2011)
EDEN TOWN BOARD: "Copy of Resolution Concerning Reapportionment of the EC Legislature"
(5-0)
 - h. COMM. 9M-7 (2011)
NEWSTEAD TOWN BOARD: "Copy of Resolution Concerning Reapportionment of the EC Legislature"
(5-0)
 - i. COMM. 9M-13 (2011)
LANCASTER TOWN BOARD: "Copy of Resolution Concerning Reapportionment of the EC Legislature"
(5-0)
 - j. COMM. 10D-9 (2011)
CHAIR, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT: "Letter to Chair of Legislature Concerning Approved Plan for Reapportionment of EC Legislature"
(5-0)
 - k. COMM. 10M-3 (2011)
EGGERTSVILLE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, INC.: "Letter to Legislator Loughran Concerning Reapportionment of EC Legislative Districts"
(5-0)
 - l. COMM. 10M-10 (2011)
CHEEKTOWAGA TOWN BOARD: "Copy of Resolution Concerning Reapportionment of EC Legislative Districts"
(5-0)
 - m. COMM. 10M-17 (2011)
GRAND ISLAND TOWN BOARD: "Copy of Resolution Concerning Reapportionment of EC Legislative Districts"
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 - n. COMM. 10M-18 (2011)
LACKAWANNA CITY COUNCIL: "Copy of Resolution Concerning Reapportionment of EC Legislative Districts"
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 - o. COMM. 11D-1 (2011)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Transmittal of New Claim Against EC"
(5-0)

- p. COMM. 11D-4 (2011)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Transmittal of New Claim Against EC”
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- q. COMM. 11D-5 (2011)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Transmittal of New Claim Against EC”
(5-0)
- r. COMM. 11D-8 (2011)
DIRECTOR OF SIX SIGMA: “Six Sigma Quarterly Status Report”
(5-0)
- s. COMM. 11M-6 (2011)
CITY OF TONAWANDA COMMON COUNCIL: “Copy of Resolution Concerning the Reapportionment of Legislative Districts in EC”
(5-0)
- t. COMM. 11M-8 (2011)
LANCASTER TOWN BOARD: “Copy of Resolution Concerning the Reapportionment of Legislative Districts in EC”
(5-0)
- u. COMM. 11M-9 (2011)
JACOB M. JORDAN: “Submission of Plan for Legislative Redistricting”
(5-0)
- v. COMM. 11M-12 (2011)
FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: “Copy of Local Law Establishing Truth in Taxation in Fulton County”
(5-0)
- w. COMM. 13D-2 (2011)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: “Transmittal of New Claims Against EC”
(5-0)
- x. COMM. 13M-1 (2011)
DIANA GUILD: “Letter to Legislature Concerning the Reapportionment of Legislative Districts in EC”
(5-0)

2. COMM. 13E-16 (2011)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, Erie County is required to provide certain legally mandated training to county employees; and

WHEREAS, this training includes employee workplace violence training, harassment training and safety training; and

WHEREAS, the selection process has determined that SkillSoft is the most appropriate firm to provide content for on-line training; and

WHEREAS, the request for proposal provision of Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code was complied with and a summary of the process is included as Attachment A to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services has funds allocated in their 2011 Budget to pay for their portion of employee training; and

WHEREAS, funding to train employees outside the Department of Social Services needs to be identified; and

WHEREAS, the annual budget for Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) has already been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into a contract with SkillSoft for the provision of on-line content for employee training in an amount not to exceed \$35,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding in the amount of \$20,000 already exists within the 2011 Adopted Budget, Fund Center 12000, Account 516040 DSS Training and Education Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that an increase in the 2011 Budget is hereby authorized for the purpose of funding the remaining \$15,000 of this contract with SkillSoft:

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Fund Center 120 Social Services	
Account 414030 Federal Medical Assistant Percentage (FMAP)	\$15,000

Expense

Fund Center 16110 Personnel
Account 516020 Professional Services Contracts & Fees \$15,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of Personnel, the Commissioner of Social Services, the County Comptroller, the County Attorney, the Director of Budget & Management and the County Executive's Office
(5-0)

3. COMM. 13E-20 (2011)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, for the past 15 years MSGovern has provided the Tax Collection software program used by the Department of Real Property Tax Services; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the County, MSGovern performed an Application Usage and Needs Assessment to evaluate our current processes and identify areas that can be improved through technology enhancements and further staff training; and

WHEREAS, MSGovern has identified opportunities that would allow the current system to be more efficient for the existing users, streamline transactions between MSGovern and SAP, and standardize tax bill preparation; and

WHEREAS, the MSGovern current contract is in effect until January 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Erie County desires to amend the existing contract with MSGovern to allow for the implementation of these recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the annual budget for Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) has already been met; and

WHEREAS, funds are available within the County's 2011 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to amend the existing contact with MSGovern (Management Solutions for Government) to implement a project plan relative to the above; and be it further

RESOLVED, that an increase in the 2011 Budget is hereby authorized for the purpose of making the current property tax collection system more efficient; as follows:

Revenue

Fund Center 120 Social Services
Account 414030 – Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) \$60,000

Expense

Fund Center 11110 Real Property Tax Services
Account 516020 - Professional Services, Contracts and Fees \$60,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Division of Real Property Tax Services, the Division of Information and Support Services, the County Comptroller, the County Attorney, the Director of Budget & Management and the County Executive's Office.
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**CHRISTINA W. BOVE
CHAIR**