

November 17, 2003

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 14

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATORS FALKNER & SCHROEDER.

1. RESOLVED, that the following items are hereby received and filed.

Item Page -2003 (Comm. 15D-27)  
a. **DPW:** Final Report – EC DPW – 2002 Culvert Inspection Program.  
(3-0) Legislators Falkner and Schroeder absent.

Item Page -2003 (Comm. 16M-4)  
b. **EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT:** Notice of Public Meeting – EC Harbor Project.  
(3-0) Legislators Falkner and Schroeder absent.

2. Item Page -2003 **AS AMENDED**  
(Comm. 20E-20)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works received bids for the Buffalo & Erie County Central Library Renovations project on June 19, 2003, and

WHEREAS, your Honorable Body has previously awarded a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Tunney Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$13,590.00, and

WHEREAS, during the work, it was determined that additional wiring for moves is needed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the construction contingency fund be increased by \$6,000 to a new total amount of \$8,000, with authorization for the Commissioner of Public Works to approve change orders, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that deduct change orders will result in funds being returned to the contingency account, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payments for all of the above from Project 326, Fund 490, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner; one copy to the Division of Budget Management & Finance; one copy to the Office of the Comptroller; and one copy to the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library.  
(3-0) Legislators Falkner and Schroeder absent.

3. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 20E-33)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works received bids for the Erie Community College, City Campus, Athletic Facility Locker Rooms on June 17, 2003, and

WHEREAS, your Honorable Body has previously awarded a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Concept Construction, in the amount of \$204,600, and

WHEREAS, during the work, it was determined that repair work to the exhaust system was needed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the construction contingency fund be increased by \$20,000 to a new total of \$40,000, with authorization for the Commissioner of Public Works to approve change orders, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that deduct change orders will result in funds being returned to the contingency account, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payments for all of the above from Project 398, Fund 410, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner; one copy to the Division of Budget Management & Finance; one copy to the Office of the Comptroller; and one copy to the Erie Community College. (3-0) Legislators Falkner and Schroeder absent.

4. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 20E-34)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works received bids for the Erie County Rath Building, Fire Alarm System Replacement on May 15, 2003, and

WHEREAS, your Honorable Body has previously awarded a contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Frey Electric Construction Co., in the amount of \$783,000, and

WHEREAS, the existing fire alarm system has failed on two occasions placing the occupants of the building at risk and the system will be modified to provide a reliable system during construction of the new fire alarm system, and also, the construction time to install the new system will be compressed from nine months to four months,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the construction contingency fund be increased by \$150,000, with authorization of the Commissioner of Public Works to approve change orders, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that deduct change orders will result in funds being returned to the contingency account, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payments for all of the above from the Rath Building FA Project 396, Fund 410, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner; one copy to the Division of Budget Management & Finance; and one copy to the Office of the Comptroller.

(3-0) Legislators Falkner and Schroeder absent.

5. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 20E-47)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**WHEREAS**, initiatives that promote the growth and prosperity of business and improve neighborhood services in the County are of utmost importance; and

**WHEREAS**, redevelopment programs to rejuvenate an area, and to improve access to neighborhood services for residents are in the general public's best interest; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the objective of this action to promote and provide greater prospects for business development and enhance neighborhood service delivery in an area lacking in such opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, this requested action is consistent with the eligibility requirements of Local Law Number 9 enacted in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, The Jeremiah Partnership and the Bethel Community Development Corporation is a coalition of six East Side Churches working with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation to develop the Jefferson Avenue Incubator; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of The Jeremiah Partnership to enhance development opportunities, remove blight, create jobs, and improve public safety in the East Side community; and

**WHEREAS**, The Jeremiah Partnership requires the assistance of Erie County to achieve these objectives,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute contracts with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Bethel Community Development Corporation, or any church representing The Jeremiah Partnership, to assist the development of the Jefferson Avenue incubator, in amounts not to exceed \$100,000; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the source of funds for this contract shall be \$100,000 available in the Regionalism/Economic Development Fund, DAC 110 904 303 830 1299, which will be transferred

to a separate sub-account under Agency Payments monitored by the Department of Environment and Planning, General Fund 110, Project 922, Department 302, Account 830; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the County Comptroller, the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning, and the County Attorney.

(3-0) Legislators Falkner and Schroeder absent.

6. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 20E-48)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Erie applied for and was awarded a \$582,185 reimbursable Federal grant from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for design and construction of the Sherwood Greenway Bicycle Trail Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the approved 2003 Erie County capital budget includes \$313,485 as a local match for this project which includes \$90,000 for design; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Tonawanda has agreed to provide design services for this project,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that all funds allocated for this project be placed within the budget of the Sherwood Greenway Bicycle Path Project, SFG Fund 410-430; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive is authorized to execute all necessary agreements with the Town of Tonawanda for services related to design and ancillary services of said project for an amount not to exceed \$90,000; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the County Comptroller, the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning, the Commissioner the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works.

(3-0) Legislators Falkner and Schroeder absent.

7. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 20E-50)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the County shall receive federal funding under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and one of the purposes of said Act is to provide housing services to low and moderate income households; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buffalo Urban League, Inc. provides comprehensive housing foreclosure prevention services; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year contract with the Buffalo Urban League, Inc. a private, not-for-profit corporation, for the provision of comprehensive housing foreclosure prevention services in conjunction with the Erie County Consortium Community Development Block Grant Program; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the amount of the contract shall not exceed \$20,000; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the requirements for request for proposals in Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code are hereby waived since the Buffalo Urban League's "Don't Borrow Trouble" campaign is unique to the region and specifically targets problems resulting from predatory lending practices in Erie County and since this special service must be provided immediately; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the County Comptroller, and the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning.

(3-0) Legislators Falkner and Schroeder absent.

**MICHAEL H. RANZENHOFER**  
**CHAIRMAN**