

SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 13

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

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 4E-10 (2006)
MARINELLI: Finance & Management Matrix Tracking
(5-0)
 - b. COMM. 13E-2 (2006)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Alternatives to Incarceration Contract with SUNY at Buffalo Institute for Local Governance & Regional Growth
(5-0)
 - c. COMM. 14E-6 (2006)
MARINELLI: Copy of Letter to Budget Director & DPW Commissioner Re: Capital Projects
(5-0)
 - d. COMM. 15E-3 (2006)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Copy of Statement Regarding Erie County's Four Year Financial Plan
(5-0)
 - e. COMM. 15E-8 (2006)
COMPTROLLER: Financial Report of Erie County for the Six (6) Month Period 6/30/06
(4-0) Legislator Marinelli not present.
 - f. COMM. 15E-15 (2006)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Revision to Four-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2006-2009
(5-0)
 - g. COMM. 15E-24 (2006)
MARINELLI: Copy of Letter to ECFSA Chair Re: Four-Year Plan Revisions
(5-0)
 - h. COMM. 15E-25 (2006)
COMPTROLLER: Erie County 2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
(4-0) Legislator Marinelli not present.

- i. COMM. 15D-7 (2006)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: Copy of Letter to ECFSA Chair Re: Public Authority Law Section 3957 (2) (f)
(5-0)

- j. COMM. 15D-9 (2006)
BUDGET, MANAGEMENT & FINANCE: BMR for Period Ending 6/30/06
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2. INTRO 15-8 (2006) **AS AMENDED**
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WHEREAS, the County Comptroller's Office has issued an audit of wireless device usage and controls; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller's report stated that there is a lack of internal control over the Counties wireless devices; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller's office found that Erie County maintains 691 wireless devices assigned to individual Departments; and

WHEREAS, 84 of the wireless devices do not provide any detail and 24 of these devices are Blackberries; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller's report also found errors in DISS internal tracking systems of wireless devices; DISS reports do not support employee assignments of these wireless devices is non-existent; and

WHEREAS, the audit reported that the county used a variety of different wireless plans ranging in cost from \$44.99 per monthly to \$104.99 per month. The Comptroller's findings concluded that many employees who had large plans used much fewer minutes that their plan allowed for; and

WHEREAS, currently County policy requires department heads to review wireless phone usage within their departments, the audit report concludes that this departmental review is not taking place. It was also found that DISS is not reviewing the usage of wireless devices either monthly and/or annually which is also a violation of County policy; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller has reported that an exit conference was not held to discuss the contents of this report due to the fact that a draft confidential copy of the report was disclosed; and

WHEREAS, the administration has submitted responses to the Comptroller's findings and recommendations in communications dated May 9, 2006 and May 16, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the May 16, 2006 communication from the Administration outlined specific steps to address the concerns identified in the Comptroller's audit of wireless devices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that no later than October 11, 2006 the County Executive shall submit to the Legislature and the Office of the Comptroller a complete accounting of all the actions taken to implement the recommendations contained in the Wireless Devices audit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, County Comptroller, the County Attorney and the Commissioner of the Department of Information and Support Services.

DEMONE A. SMITH
CHAIRMAN