

June 25, 2013

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 9

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR GRANT PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

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

- a. COMM. 2M-4 (2013)  
**PRESIDENT OF ECC:** "Letter to Legislature Concerning COMM. 1E-2 (2013) - Fact Finding Report Between EC, ECMCC, ECC & EC Library & Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 815"  
(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.
- b. COMM. 2M-8 (2013)  
**ECMCC:** "Letter to Legislature Concerning COMM. 1E-2 (2013) - Fact Finding Report Between EC, ECMCC, ECC & EC Library & Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 815"  
(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.
- c. COMM. 3M-2 (2013)  
**BUFFALO & EC PUBLIC LIBRARY:** "Letter Concerning Fact-Finding Report Between EC & Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 815"  
(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.
- d. COMM. 3M-7 (2013)  
**PRESIDENT, CSEA LOCAL 815:** "Letter Concerning Public Hearing Held 1/31/2013"  
(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.
- e. INTRO 10-3 (2013)  
**DIXON, MILLS, HARDWICK, RATH & LORIGO:** "Investigating the Careless Release of Confidential Information by the Department of Social Services"  
(6-0)
- f. COMM. 10E-5 (2013)  
**COMPTROLLER:** "Letter to Deputy County Executive Concerning Department of Social Services Documents"  
(6-0)

- g. COMM. 10D-1 (2013)  
**DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE:** "Letter to Comptroller Concerning Department of Social Services Recycling & Comptroller Inquiry"  
(6-0)
- h. COMM. 10D-3 (2013)  
**COMMISSIONER OF LABOR RELATIONS:** "Letter to Chair of Government Affairs Committee Concerning Fact Finder's Report Deliberations"  
(6-0)
- i. COMM. 11E-1 (2013)  
**COMPTROLLER:** "Letter to Deputy County Executive Concerning Statements Regarding Department of Social Services Documents"  
(6-0)
- j. COMM. 11D-3 (2013)  
**COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Notice of Public Hearing: Local Law Intro. No. 2-2013"  
(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.
- k. COMM. 11M-2 (2013)  
**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
"Copy of Resolution Declaring "Mayday for Mandate Relief" & Urging the State to Adopt Laws that Prohibit Unfunded Mandates on Local Governments"  
(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.
- l. COMM. 11M-3 (2013)  
**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** "Copy of Resolution Opposing New Unfunded Mandates to Require Early Voting in NYS"  
(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.
- m. COMM. 11M-5 (2013)  
**AMHERST TOWN BOARD:** "Minutes of Meeting Held 5/6/2013"  
(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.
- n. COMM. 12E-8 (2013)  
**GRANT:** "Letter to National Fuel Gas Government Affairs Representative Regarding Invitation to 6/20/2013 Legislative Work Session"  
(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.

- o. COMM. 12E-9 (2013)  
**GRANT:** "Letter to National Fuel Gas President & CEO Regarding Invitation to 6/20/2013 Legislative Work Session"  
(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.
- p. COMM. 12D-1 (2013)  
**COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Transmittal of New Claims Against EC"  
(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.
- q. COMM. 12M-12 (2013)  
**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** "Copy of Resolution Urging Governor Cuomo & State Legislators to Exempt Firearm Permit Records from FOIL Disclosure"  
(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.
2. COMM. 12E-15 (2013)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the current contract for providing the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) with Palladian Health is due to expire on July 14, 2013; and
- WHEREAS, Erie County is obligated by the collective bargaining agreements to have an employee assistance program in place; and
- WHEREAS, the current arrangement with Palladian Health is working well for both Erie County and the Unions and the Department of Personnel and Commissioner John Greenan is recommending the extension of the contract with Palladian Health; and
- WHEREAS, Palladian is proposing to extend the contract for one more year at the current per employee rate.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
- RESOLVED, that the Erie County Personnel Department is authorized to enter into a contract extension with Palladian Health for the period of July 15, 2103 to July 15, 2014 at a cost of no more than \$63,380; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that funds for this contract are available in the Adopted 2013 Budget of the Department of Personnel and shall be appropriated in fund center 16110, account 516020, professional fees and services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the County Executive, Department of Personnel, Office of the Comptroller, and the Department of Law.  
(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.

3. COMM. 12E-19 (2013)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the County Executive is seeking authorization to enter into a lease extension agreement for 290 Main Street with the Swan Group Limited Partnership at the current lease rate; and

WHEREAS, this agreement will allow the Department of Social Services to continue to occupy 290 Main Street for an additional five (5) months beyond the current lease expiration date of July 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, this extension will allow the Department of Social Services the ability to reassess their use of 290 Main Street and their future space needs; and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a five (5) month lease extension with the Swan Group Limited Partnership for 290 Main Street; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the lease extension agreement is to be for the current Base Rent of \$55,253.00 per month with escalations and additional rent for electric; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works; and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive; the County Comptroller; the County Attorney; and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management and the Commissioner of Social Services.  
(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.

4. COMM. 12E-26 (2013)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has issued an annual Request for Proposals (RFP), selected providers for its Employee Education and Training Program pursuant to Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code, and has the responses, evaluation and selection material available; and

WHEREAS, these contracts will enable employees of the Department of Social Services to upgrade their professional knowledge and skills thereby benefiting Departmental operations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services must have Legislative approval to renew Employee Education and Training Program contracts; and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to the 2013 Adopted Budget based on this resolution and no additional County local share funds are necessary because the existing appropriation in Account 516040, DSS Training and Education, is sufficient to cover these contract renewals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive and/or the Commissioner of Social Services are hereby authorized to renew the Employee Education and Training Program contracts to New York State mandated State University of New York (SUNY) institutions as specified below:

<u>Educational Institution</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Gross Contract</u>	<u>Institution's Contribution</u>	<u>Paid by ECDSS</u>
Buffalo State College (CDHS) degrees (Master's in Human Svcs Administration/ Bachelor's in Business/Social Work)	09/01/13 08/31/14	\$479,729	\$172,702	\$307,027
Empire State College (Bachelor's/Associate's Degrees in Business/Community and Human Services)	09/01/13 08/31/14	\$431,610	\$155,381	\$276,229
Empire State College (In-Service Training And Organizational Development)	09/01/13 08/31/14	\$957,694	\$287,308	\$670,386

SUNYAB – School of Social Work (Master's of Social Work)	09/01/13-08/31/14	\$285,576	\$99,952	\$185,624
Total		\$2,154,609	\$715,343	\$1,439,266

and; be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.

(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.

5. COMM. 12E-29 (2013)

**COUNTY CLERK**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Clerk's Office Registrar processes an average of 17,000 transactions monthly and records related cash receipts of approximately \$5 million monthly; and

WHEREAS, to efficiently take care of customer needs when they come to the Clerk's Office to conduct business, adequate amounts of change need to be available at all times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize an increase in the County Clerk's change making fund for County Clerk Cashiers from \$1,300 to \$1,900; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 2.06 of the Erie County Administrative Code the Change-Making Fund (Reserve balance) in the County Clerk's Office is increased by \$600; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these funds will be allocated to:

BA 113 – Erie County Clerk - 117100 Petty Cash  
Cnty Clerk – Cashier Change Fd

Current:	\$1,300
Increase	\$600
Total:	\$1,900

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Clerk, the Director of Budget and Management, the County Attorney and the County Comptroller.  
(5-0) Chair Grant not present for vote.

**THOMAS J. MAZUR**  
**CHAIR**