



THE LEGISLATURE NIAGARA COUNTY

LEGISLATOR RANDY R. BRADT
9th DISTRICT
Chairman, Facilities/Space Utilization Committee

April 6, 2015

The Honorable William L. Ross, Chairman
The Niagara County Legislature
Niagara County Courthouse
175 Hawley Street
Lockport, New York 14094

Dear Chairman Ross:

First, let me express my sincerest wishes for fulfillment in the years ahead to you, as I just read of your decision to retire from this august body. It has been a true pleasure to serve with you, and I know our county is better for your leadership.

It is that leadership, in fact, which I am writing to ask you to exercise.

As you know, I am, by profession, an accountant. On reviewing the current timetable for legislative approval of the purchase of the three parcels located at 111 Main St., 50 Main St., and 20-40 East Ave., and the effect that our current calendar will have upon the closing date for the properties, it appears we will needlessly expend as much as \$12,000-\$15,000 in unnecessary pro-rated lease payments absent a change to the schedule.

I would strongly urge you to convene a Special Meeting of the Legislature no later than the afternoon of Friday, April 17, 2015 to prevent that contingency from becoming a costly reality. As both caucuses of the Legislature were favorably disposed toward the auction process and the proposed purchase price, such a meeting could reasonably be conducted briefly, and with a minimum of inconvenience to the members, as they have all repeatedly gone on the record in support of this purchase process.

I am also taking the liberty of carbon-copying the Majority Leader and Minority Leader, as this plan would seem the most prudent and immediate manner of bringing a favorable, and cost-containing, resolution to this issue.

Thank you for your attention, and again, best wishes to you as you move on to the next phase of your life.

Sincerely yours,

Randy R. Bradt

Cc: Hon. Richard E. Updegrove,
Majority Leader
Hon. Dennis F. Virtuoso,
Minority Leader
Mr. Claude A. Joerg
Mr. R. Thomas Burgasser
Mr. Jeffrey M. Glatz
Mrs. Mary Jo Tamburlin, Clerk