

Present: Legislators Clattenburg, Bausch, Young, Deleo Also Present: Legislators Hilchey, Dibble, Maha, Torrey, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Gsell, Deputy Treasurer Kevin Andrews, Treasurer Scott German, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Job Development Director Scott Gage, Elections Commissioner Richard Siebert & Deputy Karen Gannon, Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves, Chamber of Commerce representatives Tom Turnbull & Kelly Rapone, Human Resources Director Anita Cleveland, Purchasing Director Eve Hens, Howard Owens-The Batavian, Brian Quinn-The Daily News

Ways & Means Chair Clattenburg called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference room before temporarily appointing Legislator Deleo to sit in for Legislator Stein. The minutes of the January 17, 2018 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Chair Clattenburg stated the agenda was being amended to move the OSEA Security Update – Executive Session to the next scheduled Ways & Means Committee meeting and two referred resolutions from Human Services; 2018 Budget Transfer/Salary Schedule Amendment - Community Mental Health Services/ Director Of Community Mental Health Services and 2018 Salary Schedule Amendment - Community Mental Health Services/ Director Of Community Mental Health Services were being moved to after the presentation by Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Job Development Director Scott Gage requested approval of the appointment and reappointment of two individuals to the GLOW Workforce Development Board; Kathryn Ribbick of OATKA Milk and Robert Molisani, Cal-Mum School Superintendent. Mr. Molisani will fill an at-large seat- this requires approval from all four of the GLOW Counties. Both appointments run through February 2020. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Elections Commissioner Richard Seibert and Deputy Karen Gannon requested the contract with Phoenix Graphics Inc. be renewed for an additional year. They provide 20,000 general election ballots and 8,000 primary ballots. Cost for the printed ballots will remain the same as last year, \$14,205. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce President Tom Turnbull and Tourism Director Kelly Rapone shared an update of Chamber and Tourism activities and budget. This year, 20,000 more travel guides are being printed, direct mail pieces are sent to 5,000 and golf packages are being promoted. Hotel beds are sold out for several weeks due to soccer and softball/baseball tournaments. Bed tax collections are up about 3% in 2017. It was clarified that if the amount approved by the Legislature is not collected, the Chamber can only spend what is brought in.

County Manager Jay Gsell explained the County needs to designate an official tourism agency and The Chamber of Commerce is recommended for that designation for the year 2018. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Mr. Gsell requested approval of the annual contract with the Chamber calling for the Chamber to deliver on publicity and tourism efforts. This will be funded by the hotel and motel tax receipts up to \$420,000. If that amount is not realized, the County will only fund up to what is received. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

County Attorney Kevin Earl presented a resolution that would set a required public hearing for a local law that will extend a real property tax exemption of 10% or maximum \$6,000 for Cold War veterans. Real Property director Kevin Andrews explained that NYS Real Property Tax Law allowed the County in 2008 to pass a local law offering the exemption. The Public Hearing will be set for February 28, 2018. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Mr. Earl explained the next resolution which is the local law to continue to make the Cold War Veteran Real Property Tax exemption available to Genesee County residents. The ten year limitation will no longer be in place allowing any Cold War Veteran to provide the appropriate documentation to be eligible for the exemption. Legislator Young stated he will vote in favor of moving it to the full legislature for consideration but is unsure of how he will vote when it comes to the floor. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Mr. Earl explained a building use application has been received from the Genesee County Bar Association for the annual Mock Trial contest. Several area high schools participate and the competition is held in the County Courts facility March 12, 19 and 26. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

County Manager Gsell explained a public hearing is necessary for the CDBG grant the County was awarded for the housing study. Grant requirements include multiple public hearings be offered to ensure citizens have ample opportunity to offer input or comments on CDBG grant funded projects. The hearing will be February 27, 2018 at 4:30 pm in the Old Courthouse. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Mr. Gsell explained the request for a 2018 budget amendment since all of the grant funds for the Housing study were not spent in 2017. The amount of \$25,632 needs to be carried over to 2018. There is no cost to the County, this will simply allow for the bills to be paid in 2018 when the study is completed and presented. This was approved for

placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Treasurer Scott German requested approval of budget item transfers for several departments for 2017. These end-of-year budget transfers are done annually at this time. There is no budget impact. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Mr. German next explained that the County had refinanced serial bonds in March of 2017 resulting in savings of \$164,398 over the life of the refinanced debt. The requested budget amendment has no impact on the County budget. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Mr. German explained that he had received notification that the County will receive one more IGT payment since the County owned the Nursing Home through the year 2016. On February 2, 2017 the County received \$184,347.91 with the County required to have a 50% match (\$92,173). The budget amendment is for an increase in expenditures of \$92,173 in the General Fund and increase in General Fund Nursing Home revenue of \$184,347. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Purchasing Director Eve Hens requested approval of a one year renewal for the contract with IMS Direct for pre-sort mail services. Based on the volume of mail for 2017 the savings to the county has been \$2,036. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Ms. Hens next requested a 2018 budget amendment that would take care of a typo error in the dollar amount for the purchase of a folding machine. The purchase was planned through 2018 Asset Acquisition however due to a typo the incorrect amount was typed into the County finance program. The budget amendment is for use of 1% sales tax in the amount of \$8,100. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Ms. Hens explained the County put out custodial services to bid and received two responses. One was from a preferred source and was more than \$200,000 higher than the other bid. The other bid would provide a \$70,000 savings to the County. Ms. Hens explained that a committee reviewed the bids and weighed the drawbacks and advantages coming to the recommendation of rejecting the bids. County Manager Gsell stated that it has been 10 years since this was put out to bid. He agreed that with the majority of cleaning occurring after hours, and with varying levels of security at county buildings, they recommend waiting until all buildings have similar and adequate security. Legislator Dibble inquired how much savings would make a difference. Mr. Gsell explained that the review committee approached the information in a more

comprehensive manner. Savings to the County is a factor however there are several other significant considerations that played into the recommendation to reject the bids. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

The following referrals were from the Human Services Committee upon motion of Chair Young:

1. Grant Acceptance /Budget Amendment – Health Department-FDA Retail Standards Grant Program seconded by Legislator Bausch
2. Grant Acceptance/Budget Amendment – Health Department/ Northeast FDA Regional Retail Food Safety Seminar seconded by Legislator Deleo
3. 2018 Budget Amendment/Salary Schedule Amendment - Community Mental Health Services/Registered Professional Nurse seconded by Legislator Deleo
4. 2018 Contractual Memorandum Of Understanding/ Budget Amendment – OFA/ Alzheimer’s Association, Western New York Chapter– WNY Alzheimer’s Disease Caregiver Support Initiative (ADCSI) seconded by Legislator Deleo
5. Trust Distribution Authorization/ Budget Amendment- Office For The Aging seconded by Legislator Bausch

Mental Health Director Ellery Reaves provided an update of mental health services and the steps taken locally to ensure Genesee County is staying current with NY State changes. Behavioral health services will be reimbursed following a performance-based model, if you don’t meet what is outlined in the performance matrix, you won’t be reimbursed or paid for provided service. The NYS Office of Mental Health issued a Behavioral Health Value Based Payment Readiness Program overview that covers eligibility for Behavioral Health Care Collaboratives and components and application requirements. Mr. Reaves also explained that he and five other local MH directors have formed a non-profit called Integrity Partners to ensure they take an active role in the transformation process occurring at the state level with how services are rendered and reimbursed. Mr. Reaves is set to retire from full-time service in April when he will reduce to part-time Community Mental Health Services director allowing him to also serve as the part-time interim director of Integrity Partners. Ways & Means Chair Clattenburg commented it is her understanding that we will have a voice at the top which will help ensure behavioral health care services will be paid at the right rate. Chairman Bausch requested a list of the 6 counties that comprise the board of Integrity Partners and when each county signed on. Upon conclusion of Mr. Reaves update, Human Services Committee Chair Young brought the last two referrals for consideration by the Ways & Means Committee.

-2018 Budget Transfer/Salary Schedule Amendment - Community Mental Health Services/ Director Of Community Mental Health Services seconded by Legislator Bausch

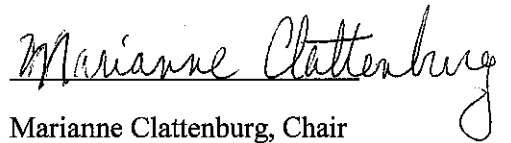
-2018 Salary Schedule Amendment - Community Mental Health Services/ Director Of Community Mental Health Services seconded by Legislator Deleo.

Mr. Gsell presented an out-of-state Travel Request for Deputy Chris Erion of the Sheriff’s Department travel to Louisville, KY for the Annual Polygraph Training Seminar June 3-9, 2018 cost to the County \$2,379.65. This was approved for placement on the

next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.



Marianne Clattenburg, Chair  
Ways & Means Committee  
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