

Present: Committee Legislators Stein (in for Clattenburg), Maha and Torrey. Also, present Legislators Deleo, Dibble, Hawley and Yunker. County Manager Matt Landers, County Attorney Mark Boylan, Clerk of the Legislature Lisa Casey, Human Resources Director Anita Cleveland, Information Technology Director Michael Burns, Director of Real property Tax Services/Deputy Treasurer Kevin Andrews, Compliance Officer Pam LaGrou, Job Development Bureau Employment and Training Director Teresa VanSon, Deputy Director of Real Property Stephenie Davis-Reiss and Susie Ott from Lawley Insurance. JoAnne Beck with The Batavian and Brian Quinn with the Daily News also attended.

Legislator Stein presiding as Committee Chair in Clattenburg's absence and Legislator Deleo was appointed in place of Legislator Stein. Unanimously carried.

The meeting was opened on February 7, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Meeting location was at 7 Main Street, Old Court House in Batavia, New York. In the Legislative Conference Room.

Legislator Stein motioned to amend the agenda to add a Senior Tax Exemption discussion and set public hearing on persons 65 years of age or over tax exemption resolution under the Director of Real Property Kevin Andrews. Also to add a Travel Out-of-State request for Lynda Battaglia, Mental Health to Atlanta, GA for 2024 National Forum on Overdose Fatality Review: Total Opioid Funds Used \$1,189.20 under the County Manager Matt Landers. Legislator Maha motioned to approve amended agenda seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Minutes of the January 17, 2024 Ways and Means Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

County Attorney Mark Boylan presented a contract with Lawley Genesee for Broker/Risk Management Services to review and evaluate the County's risks and appropriateness of various coverages. Mr. Boylan recommended for the Legislature to renew a contract with Lawley Genesee, 20 Jefferson Square, Batavia, NY 14020, for the provision of Broker/Risk Management Services for \$25,000 for the period of February 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

County Attorney Mark Boylan prepared and submitted the 2024/25 Insurance Renewal Application to the Lawley Agency. Mr. Boylan recommended that the Legislature designate New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) of 12 Metro Park Road, Suite 208, Colonie, NY 12205-1139 to provide for the period February 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025 insurance coverage. \$1/\$2 million General Liability, \$1/\$2 million Owners/Contractors Protective Liability, Inland Marine, Commercial Auto Liability, Law Enforcement Liability and Public Officials Liability with a \$1 million self-insured retention by Genesee County. \$1/\$3 million Health Care Professional Liability and \$1/\$2 million Health Care General Liability for the Health Department, Mental Health Department, and County Jail, and Excess Catastrophe Liability at an annualized premium not to exceed \$401,393. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Clerk of the Legislature Lisa Casey reported that Local Law No. 4, Year 1990 and two amendments

(1991 & 1992) were repealed and declared null & void which has allowed for Local Law No. 4, of the Year 2021 as the effective Genesee County Ethics and Disclosure Law. This local law requires the Legislature to determine annually additional County Officers and Employees holding policy-making positions. The required list pursuant to Local Law No. 4 of Year 2021 that determined any agencies of the County rendering policy-making decisions or no longer render policy-making decision was provided to the Clerk of the Legislature. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Human Resources Director Anita Cleveland reported New York State allocated funding to the NYS Health Care Worker Bonus program for the purpose of recruitment and retention which mandates the payment of bonuses for certain frontline health care workers in the Health Department and the Mental Health Department. She submitted claims for eligible titles based on criteria designed by New York State. The fourth of five vesting periods started April 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Human Resources Director Anita Cleveland stated during contract negotiations the CSEA union proposed to add a Dental and Vision plan option in addition to the County sponsored plan at the sole expense of the union member. As part of the ratification of the 2020-2023 CSEA union contract, the County agreed to permit the CSEA bargaining unit members and their dependents to enroll, at the sole expense of the member, in the Solstice Dental and Vision Plan - agreement between CSEA Employee Benefit Fund, 1 Lear Jet Lane, Suite 1, Latham, NY 12110 and the County of Genesee to deduct biweekly payroll deductions from enrolled members at the rates and terms as outlined in the agreement, effective April 1, 2020. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Information Technology Director Michael Burns presented a contract renewal with Eagle Systems, Inc. for the provision of copy equipment under the Cost-Per-Copy program for the first additional one-year period. Mr. Burns recommended for Legislature to renew a contract with Eagle Systems, Inc., 2421 Harlem Road, Buffalo, NY 14225 for the provision of copy equipment under the Cost-Per-Copy program for the period of May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025 at the cost of \$0.0187 per black and white copy and \$0.0434 per color copy. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Information Technology Director Michael Burns presented a 36-month agreement with Empire Access to provide unlimited Local and Long Distance phone service to the Office For the Aging (3 lines), County Building Two (4 lines), and Social Services \ Mental Health (4 lines) to replace the existing Verizon phone service that is being phased out. Mr. Burns recommended for the Legislature to execute the agreement with Empire Access, 34 Main Street, Prattsburgh, NY 14873 for a 36-month phone service agreement effective April 1, 2024 through March 30, 2027 at a cost of \$274.45 a month based on 11 lines of service at \$24.95 per line. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Director of Real property Tax Services/Deputy Treasurer Kevin Andrews led a discussion on senior tax exemption. :

- Increase will be the average of GLOW Counties
- Twenty years since it was last set (twenty years ago County went high with number)
- Committee agreed to increase the limit - change it to less than \$23,800 Livingston is pushing the number up. (State Maximum 50K – Monroe County)
- March 1st Deadline
- Will not affect the tax levy
- Aging population – eligibility will increase. Open people’s eyes and may be able to take advantage of this. Short timeline may not have much of affect in 2025 taxes but in 2026 there will be a larger impact
- Suggested Social Security COLA level should be added in. That is real across all of us. Senior Citizens (Pam Whitmore OFA) “These Golden Years they have Silver Dollars and they matter in our County.”
- This increase could allow the seniors to stay in their homes
- Discussed Kevin bringing forward a report every five years to the Legislature

Director of Real property Tax Services/Deputy Treasurer Kevin Andrews reported in order to keep pace with increases in social security income and to assist senior citizens to be able to afford to stay in their homes he is proposing that the sliding scale income amounts for the Persons 65 Years of Age or Over tax exemption be amended. Mr. Andrews recommended for the Legislature to approve of a public hearing to be held on the proposed amendment to the Persons 65 Years of Age or Over tax exemption on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Old Courthouse, 7 Main St, Batavia, New York. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers stated that GC-000 Countywide Policy & Procedure Process established a process for drafting new countywide policy & procedure, modifying existing countywide policy & procedure and periodically reviewing and updating countywide policies and procedures. County Manager Landers recommended that the Legislature approve and adopt GC-052 Request for Facilities Management Services and GC-053 Donation Acceptance as presented. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers reported the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law March 11, 2021 with Genesee County scheduled to receive a total of \$11,125,969 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Genesee County Job Development Bureau and GLOW Workforce Development Board have a continued increased demand from Genesee County residents for job training and related services. The Employment and Training Director of the Job Development Bureau requested that amendments be made to allow for unspent 2023 ARPA revenue of \$22,005 to be allocated to the 2024 County Budget, in order to continue to provide training and support to Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth population of Genesee County. County Manger Landers recommended that the Legislature execute the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 21.027 2024 Vendor Agreement between the County of Genesee and Job Development Bureau. County Manager Landers also requested

authorization to amend the 2024 budget by increasing ARPA Contractual Expense for \$50,000 to be offset by an increase in revenue Federal Aid ARPA in a like amount. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers stated due to a clerical error during the 2024 budget process, the incorrect interfund transfer revenue account amount was recorded in the County Manager's Budget. In order to correct this error, the County Manager has requested that a budget amendment be approved. County Manager Landers requested authorization to amend the 2024 Genesee County by increasing expenditure Computer Supplies for \$10,000 offset by an increase in revenue Interfund Transfer in a like amount. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers presented a travel out-of-state request for Jake Greenbaum with the Health Dept. to travel to Minneapolis, MN for a Program Manager Conference/National Healthy Homes Conference with a total cost of \$3,063 fully grant funded. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers presented a travel out-of-state request for David Bell with the Health Dept. to travel to Cleveland, OH for a NACCHO – Preparedness Summit with Radiation Work shop with a total cost of \$1,006 fully grant funded. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers presented a travel out-of-state request for Antonio Lang and Alex Uptegrove with Information Technology to travel to Indianapolis, IN for Tyler Connect 2024 Conference with a total cost of \$7,038. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers presented a travel out-of-state request for Bryan Tadlock with the Health Dept. to travel to Cleveland, OH for a NACCHO – Preparedness Summit with a total cost of \$1,854 fully grant funded. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers presented a travel out-of-state request for Carla Wahls with the Health Dept. to travel to Cleveland, OH for a NACCHO – Preparedness Summit with a total cost of \$2,154 fully grant funded. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers presented a travel out-of-state request for Karen Lang a County Coroner to travel to Las Vegas, NV for 2024 IACME Training Symposium with a total cost of \$450. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers presented a travel out-of-state request for Lynda Battaglia from Mental Health to travel to Atlanta, GA for a 2024 National Forum on Overdose Fatality Review with a total of opioid funds used \$1,189.20. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Referral from Human Services Committee

1. Budget Amendment-Mental Health/LGU Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.
2. Contract-Mental Health/Heidi Cropp, MSN PMHNP seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.
3. Agreement – Public Health/Qiagen LLC seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.
4. Agreement – Public Health/The Lamar Companies seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.
5. Agreement – Public Health/Gateway Outdoor Advertising seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.
6. Agreement – Public Health/ Viken Detection seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Legislature Clerk Lisa Casey announced the next Ways and Means Committee Meeting is Wednesday, January 17, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Conference Room at the Old Court House

Chair Report:

Legislator Stein called for Executive Session to discuss under Public Officer Law § 105 Conduct of Executive Session...discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation motioned by Legislator Maha and seconded by Legislator Deleo at 5:24.

Motion to exit executive session by Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Maha at 5:34 p.m.

Adjournment of the Ways and Means Committee Meeting motioned by Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo at 5:34 p.m.

Rochelle M. Stein 2-7-24
Ways & Means Committee