

Present: Legislators Stein, Torrey, Maha, Hilchey, Also Present: Legislators Dibble, Bausch, Deleo, Young, Clattenburg, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Deputy Highway Superintendent Paul Osborn, JCAC Coordinator Theresa Asmus-Roth, Sheriff William Sheron, Batavia City Police Chief Shawn Heubusch, GLOW Solid Waste Coordinator Peggy Grayson, Planning Director Felipe Oltramari, IT Director Steve Zimmer, Genesee Justice Coordinator Cathy Uhly, Jail Superintendent Bill Zipfel, Treasurer Scott German, Deputy Treasurer Kevin Andrews, Brian Quinn-The Daily News, Howard Owens-The Batavian, Probation Director Tim Michalak, Assistant Engineer Laura Wadams

Public Service Chair Stein called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm in the Legislative Conference Room at the Old Courthouse.

The agenda was amended to remove Sheriff's agenda item "2018 Budget Amendment" and add JCAC agenda items "Contractual Agreement and Budget Amendment" upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, Carried unanimously.

Minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Paul Osborn requested approval of an agreement with the Student Conservation Association, Inc. to establish an educational internship in conjunction with the County Park. The intern would assist with environmental programs at the Interpretive Center. The ACORNS volunteer group donates funds to cover the cost therefore there is no direct County cost. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Sheriff William Sheron requested a budget amendment to move unspent grant funding. Some of the funds will be used to purchase equipment in need of replacement. The remainder will go unused until needed. Total to be added to the 2019 budget is \$83,545. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Sheron requested the County accept grant funding in the amount of \$30,000 from NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services. The funds will be used to purchase equipment to support the department's crime prevention programs. The funds were not included in the budget therefore an amendment is required. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Sheron explained that the County contracted with Frontier Communications for purchase, installation and maintenance of the 911 system at the Emergency Services Dispatch Center in 2013. The maintenance agreement expires in March and a new agreement has been negotiated at an annual cost of \$54,280 thru March of 2023. Cost of the agreement was included in the 2019

budget. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Sheron explained that Oakfield-Alabama Central School has requested to enter into a MOU with the County for a 10-month School Resource Officer for the district. This will require the creation of a new deputy sheriff position to fill the void on road patrol resulting from the new 10-month SRO. The action also requires a budget amendment in the amount of \$41,263 which is the amount the school will pay for the SRO. Sheriff Sheron stated he has 5 new hires slated to begin training March 11 at the Academy in Niagara. Total training time for the academy and road patrol training is 36 weeks. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Sheron explained that the agreement with Livingston County Jail has expired and he has been negotiating the daily rate for prisoner housing. For many years it has been \$85 per day however the new rate is \$100/ day. It was explained that Livingston County is more likely to have medical staff which is useful given the prevalence of addiction and mental health issues of many prisoners. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Genesee Justice Coordinator Cathy Uhly requested permission to apply for NYS Office of Victim Services grant funds. The term of the grant award is three years with the option of one two-year renewal period. Motion authorizing permission to apply was made by Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Ms. Uhly explained that the financial management assistant needs to work more hours each week to keep up with the grants and financial requirements of Genesee Justice and Justice for Children Advocacy Center. Both programs budgeted for her to work additional hours beginning January 1, 2019. The resolution authorizes the position to increase from 27.5 to 30 hours per week. 65% of this position is County funded and the remaining 35% is funded by two grants. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Ms. Uhly explained that \$2,062 in donations from a private agency was received by Genesee Justice and the program is requesting a budget amendment to their 2019 budget. There are no donor restrictions. They were directed to use the funds as needed. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

GLOW Solid Waste Coordinator Peggy Grayson stated the GLOW committee expects to be awarded funding from NYS DEC to be used for a household hazardous waste collection program in 2019. GLOW will need to contract with other GLOW Counties and Environmental Enterprises, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$35,000. Environmental Enterprises was awarded the same contract in 2017 and 2018. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Emergency Services Coordinator Tim Yaeger explained that the County has the Ready Genesee App that is used to share pertinent information for Genesee County residents when there are various alerts and useful emergency-related information. He explained that the app publisher is requiring the County provide required permissions and access privileges to its Apple developer, App Store Connect and Google Play console accounts so Quickseries can act as the administrator of the app and be responsible for deploying and maintaining the app. The agreement was reviewed by the county attorney and there is no budget impact since Apple will waive the \$99 fee and Google will credit back their \$25 fee. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Assistant County Manager Matt Landers presented a resolution to establish a capital project for the year 2019 for Jail Construction in the amount of \$2,500,000 with the funding source of Building and Equipment Reserve Infrastructure. The NYS Commission on Corrections has notified the County that our current jail is no longer a viable long term option. The first step in building a jail is to obtain a consultant to design and engineer the building. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Landers stated that the Jail Committee, comprised of 11 employees and legislators, issued an RFP for design and engineering services. Four responses were received and two rose to the top. The top 2 were interviewed and follow up questions were presented to both. The committee ensured both finalists were provided an opportunity to present the best and final price for included services. Upon completion of a comparison, the committee voted 7-3 in favor of SMRT with one member abstaining. Chair Stein commented that a list of activities, meeting dates and timeline for building the new jail are included on the website. The cost of the new jail should be known in approximately six months. The committee is recommending SMRT of Latham, NY for basic architectural and engineering planning, design and construction administration services for an amount not to exceed \$2,360,000 and an amount not to exceed \$140,000 for additional Architectural and Engineering Planning, Design and Construction Administration Services for the Genesee County Jail Construction Project. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting of the Public Service Committee is Monday, March 18, 2019.

Chair Stein stated that one member of the Water Resources Agency whose term expired December 31, 2018 submitted an application for reappointment. Diane Fowler is seeking reappointment to a term of 1/1/2019 through 12/31/2020. She has been an active participant on the board. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

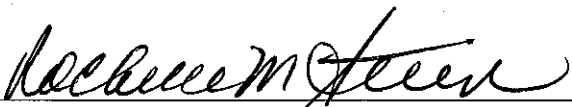
The Cannabis legalization in NYS and law enforcements position was discussed by Sheriff Sheron, Batavia Police Chief Shawn Heubusch and Probation Director Tim Michalak. The State Association of Sheriffs and the State Association of Police Chiefs are opposed to the legalization

of marijuana in NYS. A recent study in Colorado reveals an increase in crime including a significant increase in driving under the influence since that state legalized adult recreational marijuana use. There has been a 150% increase in traffic related deaths since legalization. Locally, the board of health has come out as opposed to legalization due to public health issues relating to marijuana use. Law enforcement officials discussed how there is no roadside test unlike with alcohol that has the breathalyzer. Drug Recognition Experts (DRE's) require extensive training however there are some Deputies who are DRE's. County Manager Gsell explained that the current proposal allows for counties to opt-out of having a dispensary however, it will be legal in all counties to use. The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) is comprised of a broad group of providers including law enforcement and addictions treatment providers among others. They have had much dialogue on the matter and will continue to discuss at future meetings.

Justice for Children Advocacy Center Coordinator Theresa Asmus-Roth explained that the clinical therapist providing supervisory and mentoring duties at the JCAC is unable to work due to personal matters and the program is in need of a replacement for those duties. A therapist familiar to the program is willing to step up and enter into an agreement at a cost of \$60 per hour through September 30, 2019. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Ms. Asmus-Roth presented a budget amendment for \$17,890 which would allow the JCAC to use unspent grant funds from the last quarter of 2018. The grant budget cycle differs from the County calendar year. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.



Rochelle M. Stein, Chair
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