

Present: Legislators Clattenburg, Stein, Hilchey, Torrey, Also Present: Legislators Deleo, Dibble, Maha, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, County Attorney Kevin Earl, IT Director Steve Zimmer, Youth Bureau Director Jocelyn Sikorski, Treasurer Scott German, Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia, Job Development Director Teresa Van Son, Batavia City Manager Martin Moore, GO-ART! Director Gregory Hallock, Howard Owens-The Batavian

The Ways & Means Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Clattenburg at 4:30 pm in the Legislature Conference Room at the Old Courthouse. Legislator Torrey was temporarily appointed to the Committee to serve in place of Legislator Young.

A motion was made by Legislator Stein to amend the agenda to add two out-of-state travel requests seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Minutes of the February 5, 2020 Ways & Means Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Youth Bureau Director Jocelyn Sikorski requested approval of her request for an insurance certificate for the 7th & 8th grade Youth Conference held annually at Genesee Community College. This year the event is March 10, 2020. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Job Development Director Teresa Van Son explained that the Voc. Rehab. Representative on the Workforce Development Board has not been able to attend meetings and they are recommending appointment of Bethanne Guest-Bergum. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Ms. Van Son explained that NYS will be submitting a new plan to US DOL and the regional workforce development needs to submit a revised regional plan to NY DOL. She is seeking authorization for the Legislature Chair to sign the revised plan. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

IT Director Steve Zimmer requested a 36-month lease agreement with Empire Access for an internet circuit at 165 Park Road at a cost of \$360/month. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Zimmer requested permission to apply for a SHSP Cybersecurity grant. This is the second time the grant is being offered and we can apply up to \$50,000 for equipment purchases. These grant funds are not to be used for personnel. Permission to apply for the Cybersecurity grant was made upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Treasurer Scott German explained that annually in February he brings a list of required budget item transfers from the previous year to the legislature for review and approval. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. German requested approval of the 2019 year end budget amendment. He explained the following required amendments: Increasing Appropriation EW.8320.4660.0534 Contractual in the amount of \$100,000 and Increase EW.1000.9999 Balancing in a like amount. And, Increasing Appropriation MS.9060.8030.0000 Medical Claims in the amount of \$1,262,323 and Increasing MS.1000.9999 Balancing in a like amount. The Medical Reserve Fund now has \$743,193. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. German explained bills in the Senate and Assembly supports the enactment of legislation that grants municipal debt officers practicing within Genesee County the additional option to sell municipal bonds via an electronic open auction. A home rule message is required and will be sent to the Governor, Assemblyman Hawley and Senator Ranzenhofer. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey carried unanimously.

Mr. German commented on the timeline for bonding for the new jail; he indicated the completed SEQR must be sent to Bond Counsel. From then it will be approximately six months until money is available to the County.

Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia requested approval of four budget amendments for the year 2019. All are the result of COLA money from New York State that the County passes through:

The first is a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,560 to ARC of Genesee Orleans. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Hilchey carried unanimously.

A budget amendment in the amount of \$3,941 to GCASA. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey carried unanimously.

A budget amendment in the amount of \$3,660 for the Restoration Society. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Stein carried unanimously.

A budget amendment in the amount of \$1,373 for the Mental Health Association. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey carried unanimously.

County Attorney Kevin Earl presented a resolution that requests the introduction of legislation by state representatives to extend the additional one-quarter of one percent local tax on mortgages. The current legislation expires October 31, 2020. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Stein carried unanimously.

Mr. Earl presented a resolution that requests the introduction of legislation by state representatives to extend the additional one percent local sales tax. The current legislation authorizes the additional one percent sales tax through November 30, 2020. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Stein carried unanimously.

Purchasing Director Eve Hens requested items from Job Development Bureau be deemed surplus and disposed of through public auction or junked as appropriate. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Hilchey carried unanimously.

The following referrals were from the Public Service upon motion of Committee Chair Hilchey:

1. 2020 Budget Amendment –District Attorney seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
2. Budget Amendment-Sheriff/K-9 Program seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.
3. Budget Amendment-Sheriff/2019 SLETPP Award Acceptance seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
4. Reappointments-Sheriff/Traffic Safety Board seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.
5. Contract-Justice for Children Advocacy Center/International Institute of Buffalo seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
6. Establish Capital Projects/Budget Amendment-Airport seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.
7. Establish Capital Project and Approval of Federal Aid Master Agreement/Budget Amendment-McClernon Rd. over Black Creek PIN 4GN0.03 seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.
8. Establish Capital Project And Approval Of Federal Aid Master Agreement/ Budget Amendment – South Lyons Street Over Tonawanda Creek – PIN 4GN0.04 seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
9. Budget Amendment/Close Capital Projects-Airport AIP Capital Projects seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.
10. Appointment/Reappointment –Genesee County Water Resources Agency seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Mr. Gsell presented a resolution opposing elimination of video lottery terminal (VLT) revenue. The Governor's budget does not include VLT payments to municipalities and Genesee County will lose \$200,392 if the Governor's budget as proposed is adopted. Legislator Stein made a motion to add the majority and minority leaders in the senate and assembly to also receive the resolution seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Stein carried unanimously.

Mr. Gsell presented a resolution calling on the governor and state legislative leaders to provide counties with permanent local authority over existing sales tax. Legislator Stein made a motion to add minority leaders Barclay and Flanagan and the NYS Comptroller to receive the resolution seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Gsell presented an Out-of-State Travel Request for dispatcher Robert Tripp/Sheriff's Office to Orlando, FL for Tyler Connects Conference April 26-29, 2020 cost to the County \$2,791. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Stein carried unanimously.

GO-ART! Executive Director Greg Hallock stated they are looking for support to submit a grant application to the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation for a Cultural Garden Concept. If the grant is approved they will seek to purchase property from the County that is adjacent to GO-ART! Both UMMC hospital and the YMCA are supportive of the garden concept and the grant application. This would be an expansion of the Music Garden. Ways & Means Committee members indicated support of the grant application.

County Manager Jay Gsell shared a recap of Lobby Day in Albany where the focus was on the Medicaid Hard Cap. Currently, there are over 13,000 people on Medicaid in Genesee County. Data has been supplied to NYSAC to assist with advocacy efforts.

Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou presented a resolution that establishes the standard work day for appointed coroner Adam Palumbo. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey carried unanimously.

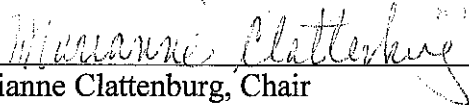
Ms. LaGrou presented a resolution adopting Legislature Rules for 2020-2021. Motion to eliminate a legislative liaison to Juvenile Justice Planning committee was made by Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

Chair Clattenburg presented two out-of-state travel requests for Highway Superintendent Tim Hens: travel to Washington DC for the NACE Executive Committee meeting and legislative conference February 26-29 at no additional cost to the County. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Hilchey carried unanimously.

Out-of-State travel for Highway Superintendent Tim Hens travel to Las Vegas, NV for CONEXPO March 3/10-3/14 at no additional cost to the County. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.



Marianne Clattenburg, Chair
Ways & Means Committee
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