

Present in-person: Committee Members Clattenburg, Stein, Maha, Torrey, also present, Deleo, Yunker, Dibble, Klotzbach, Hawley, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Landers, Asst. County Manager Ferringer, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia, Administrative Officer Lynnell Schriber, HR Director Anita Cleveland, IT Director Steve Zimmer

Zoom: Treasurer Scott German, Real Property Services Director Kevin Andrews, Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe, Sheriff William Sheron, Lawley Genesee Representatives Bill Fritts & Suzie Ott, Brian Quinn – The Daily News, Mike Pettinella-The Batavian

The Ways & Means Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Clattenburg at 4:30 PM in the Legislative Chambers at the Old Courthouse and using Zoom Video Conference.

Minutes of the February 17, 2021 Ways & Means Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe requested approval of a budget transfer from the 800 MHz Radio System Upgrade Capital Project into the Public Safety Communications Tower Capital Project in the amount of \$283,650.77 and further requested the 800 MHz Radio System Upgrade Capital Project be closed. The Public Safety Communications Tower Capital project budget will be amended to \$1,659,533.67; the cost of the new tower / public safety radio upgrades are covered using existing capital funds and grant revenues. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Mr. Sharpe explained that the County entered into a lease agreement with Paxson Communications for space on its tower located in Pavilion. Paxson later sold the tower to American Tower Asset Sub, LLC. He is requesting an amendment to the lease agreement to include the new tower owner. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

County Attorney Kevin Earl started the discussion pertaining to entering into an agreement with Airbnb for the collection of occupancy/bed tax. He stated there are approximately 25 hosts in Genesee County that currently use the Airbnb booking services. The following parameters were discussed among himself, county manager, treasurer and real property director; The Airbnb agreement would only apply to occupancy tax and not sales tax, current language in the bed tax local law for renting less than 6 units would be eliminated to remove that exemption since Airbnb has agreements with individual hosts and the occupancy tax would apply to rentals greater than 10 days per year. Mr. Landers explained that the Chamber of Commerce expressed interest in the County seeking an agreement with Airbnb who would make direct payments to the county treasurer. Occupancy/Bed tax collections fund the Tourism program. Questions and comments may be directed to Mr. Earl & Mr. Landers.

Mr. Earl requested approval of a one year contract with Lawley Genesee for broker/risk management services in the amount of \$22,000 for the period of February 28, 2021-Feb 28, 2022. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Mr. Earl requested authorization to renew insurance with NYMIR for the premium of \$287,392.71. The net premium increased by \$11,222.06. The Insurance Renewal application with NYMIR was prepared and submitted by Lawley Genesee. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers explained the County issued an RFP for public relations and social media services and a committee reviewed the 3 respondent's proposals and recommends E3 Communications at a cost not to exceed \$48,000 for the period of March 1, 2021-February 28, 2022. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Landers requested approval of a budget transfer in the amount of \$695 to cover expenses associated with a NaCo High performance Training for management employees. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Mr. Landers explained the County accepted NYS Board of Elections Cybersecurity grant funds in 2020 and these funds were not expended. He requested a budget amendment in the amount of \$76,700 to allow for the expenditure of funds in 2021. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

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

1. 2021 Salary Schedule Amendment-Office for the Aging seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
2. 2021 Budget Amendment-Community Mental Health Services seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.
3. Reappointment – Board of Health seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
4. Grant Acceptance and Agreement-Health Department/Immunization Action Plan seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.
5. Contracts-Health Department/Preschool Supportive Health Services Program seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
6. 2021 Budget Amendment-Health Department Immunization Supplemental Funding seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is March 17, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

At 5:16 PM Legislator Stein made a motion to enter into executive session for a discussion pertaining to Union negotiations seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

At 5:42 pm the Ways & Means Committee meeting reconvened upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Marianne Clattenburg approved 3-17-21

Marianne Clattenburg, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

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