

Present: Committee Legislators: Maha, Clattenburg, Yunker and Klotzbach. Additional Legislators present: Torrey, Deleo, Hawley, Dibble, Stein, County Manager Matt Lander, County Attorney Jim Wujcik, County Attorney Confidential Secretary Paula Beck, Assistant County Engineer Laura Wadhams, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Undersheriff Brad Mazur, Genesee Justice Program Coordinator Diana Prinzi, Emergency Management Services Deputy Coordinator Gary Patnode, District Field Manager for Soil and Water Jared Elliott. Also present: Daily News Brian Quinn and The Batavian Joanne Beck.

Minutes of the February 13, 2023 Public Service Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Yunker.

Karl York of The Pike Company reviewed the Jail Update. There will be a tour of new jail which is scheduled for April 17, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. prior to the Public Service Committee Meeting at 4:30 p.m. which will be held at County Bldg #2. Discussed: As of today, all of the cells and plenum caps in Pods A and C, as well 8 more cell units and several precast wall panels in Pod D have been installed. A second crane was onsite this week to continue to set precast floor plank for the mechanical space between the pods and will beginning to set bar joists in Pods A and C this week. The masons are continuing interior masonry, as well as building up the second floor into the mechanical space between the pods. The masonry block is almost complete in the mechanical/maintenance spaces and the masons inside are working along the main corridor in front of the kitchen. The painting contractor was onsite this week beginning the block filler in the mechanical space. Spray fireproofing will be beginning the final section of the front part of the building, near intake and the vehicle sallyport. GC, EC, PC, and MechC continuing to install ceiling hangars that need to be completed before fireproofing, and installing pipe and conduit in interior masonry walls. Drywall contractor installing metal studs in GJ and Jail Admin suites, drywall will be beginning today.

County Manager Matt Landers requested the following equipment be declared surplus property. The 100 Ft tower on New Jail property is now declared as surplus property. The tower will be donated in an as-is condition to the Town of Alabama for their use. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers and Assistant County Engineer Laura Wadhams discussed an RFP 2023-105 that was issued for commissioning services related to the Genesee County Jail Construction Project. The Pike Companies, Genesee County, and SMRT has reviewed the proposals and is recommending that Genesee County award the contract for Commissioning Services to CJ Brown Energy & Engineering, P.C. It has been approved to award the contract and execute all documents related to the contract to CJ Brown Energy & Engineering, P.C, at a unit price not to exceed \$69,102.00. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers requested an underground gas service for the new County Jail at 3839 West Main St Rd. National Fuel has requested a utility easement from Genesee County in order to provide the underground service and a transformer. The easement agreement with National Fuel for the purpose of providing gas service to the County Jail has been accepted at this time. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens advertised specifications for the various construction materials used by Genesee County for highway and bridge maintenance and construction. It has been authorized and directed to award bids to the various vendors on the annual construction materials bid as allowed for under the specifications for each item and as budgeted for within the 2023 County Budget and Capital Projects as established. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens recommended establishing a capital project to reconstruct Bridge 11M on Attica Rd in the Town of Alexander. The established capital project for the Bridge 11M Attica Road is a total of \$1,058,663.06 with a revenue source of B/E Reserve – Roads and Bridges A878. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens spoke of a capital project for the installation of Destratification fans within the fleet maintenance garage. Mr. Hens researched cooperative bid specifications via BuyBoard contract #631-20 for the purchase and installation of such fans. An award a bid to Delta T LLC, dba Big Ass Fans, in an amount not to exceed \$29,395.63 has been granted. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens reported Genesee County has continued work on the restoration of the Genesee Justice Facility located at 14 West Main Street in the City of Batavia. Genesee County desires to make further improvements to the Genesee Justice Facility to address deficiencies in the gutters, cap stones and storm window panels. Genesee County is eligible to receive a credit for the bullet proof glass, replacement of one lawn light fixture, and four (4) storm window panels not required. Change Order #4 in the amount of \$4,636.00 for Montante Construction, 2760 Kenmore Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14150 to replace broken cap stones, provide additional framing at the east gutters, heating of concrete for the cold weather pour, and cover the upcharge of the sixteen (16) colored storm window panels. Genesee County will be credited for the bullet proof glass, replacement of one lawn light fixture, and four (4) storm window panels not required has been accepted. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Undersheriff Brad Mazur reported the Division of Criminal Justice Services has approved funding to Genesee County in the amount of \$90,000 for the purchase of body worn camera equipment. A one-time payment will be made directly to Genesee County, with no requirement for an executed DCJS local grant contract. The DCJS funding in the amount of \$90,000 has been accepted. Also approved to amend the 2023 budget as follows: This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Genesee Justice Program Coordinator Diana Prinzi requested approval to apply for and accept the NYS DCJS Article 13-A Classification/Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Grant for the continuation of the Community Service Sentencing Program and the Pre-Trial Services Program award. Diana Prinzi also requested that the County accept this funding which stipulates that this revenue will be used to support the Genesee Justice ATI Program. Granted the necessary form for

the application and acceptance of funds for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$41,876. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Emergency Management Services Deputy Coordinator Gary Patnode and Real Property Assessor Kevin Andrews spoke of a Firefighter and Ambulance Tax exemption that is available by creating a Local Law. The exemption is available by Local Law and all municipalities can opt in. Uniform exemption Statewide. If you opt in to move forward with a local law the exemption is up to 10% for volunteer firefighters. A spreadsheet provided two scenarios estimated the impact for the county as well as the municipalities within the County. In order to get the exemption you would have to have minimum of two to five years of service. Also, currently there is an income tax credit of \$200 when filing for taxes. You cannot get both. What is active vs inactive firefighter's? The criteria is set forth through NYS State and they do not decipher, they allow anyone that volunteers five times vs 30 times you are considered the same but training is required. Deputy Coordinator Gary Patnode has tools to estimate for budget purposes by going into "Red Alert" and other resources to find out who has volunteer status. Criteria as a volunteer firefighter has to be met through State of New York for volunteers. Annual training (best practices) 79 hours exterior fireman and additional 50 hours for interior fireman. The State of New York pays for training for any volunteer or career. It would have been easier if State of New York would have increased that \$200.00. If both spouses are volunteers you both get the tax credit. Kevin mentioned it is not required to be notified of who qualifies, will of course ask if they can notify. Ultimately the assessor sets up the exemptions. This will not happen until 2024 realistically. It would have to be adopted by the end of this year to receive exemption for 2023. This is only for volunteers. Paid firefighters will not receive the up to 10% credit, they are not eligible but can receive the \$200 credit towards their taxes. .

District Field Manager for the Soil and Water Conservation Jared Elliott presented his annual report providing Organization Chart, Agency Staffing Plan, Performance Measures, Revenue and Expense Change and Summary.

County Manager Matt Landers proposed a contract for 2023 between the County of Genesee and the Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation District and does recommend approval at this time. A renewal of contract with the Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation District for a period beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 has been requested. The sum of \$151,891 in regular funding and \$21,960 in additional funding to support an additional staff position for a total of \$173,851, requested to be paid in regular installments, pursuant to the Agreement. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

County Attorney Confidential Secretary Paula Beck announced the next Public Service Committee Meeting will be on Monday, April 17th at 4:30 p.m.

A motion to adjourn Public Service meeting at 5:21 p.m. by Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried.

Gary Maha
Public Service Committee Chair