

Present In-Person: Committee Members Maha, Clattenburg, Yunker, Dibble, also, Klotzbach, Stein, Torrey, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Landers, Asst. County Manager Ferringer, IT Deputy Director Melanie Inda, Co. Attny. Kevin Earl, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens Soil & Water Manager Brad Mudrzynski, Public Defender Jerry Ader, EO 203 members Bob Bausch & Julie Carasone, EMS & Fire committee member Eric Weiss, EMS Coordinator Tim Yaeger, Mike Pettinella-The Batavian

Present via ZOOM videoconference: Planning Director Felipe Oltramari, Sheriff William Sharon, Undersheriff Brad Mazur, Purchasing Director Eve Hens, EO 203 Committee member Rachael Gelabale, Brian Quinn-The Daily News

The Public Service Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Maha at 4:30 PM in the Old Courthouse and using Zoom Video Conference. Chair Maha lead the pledge to the flag.

Legislator Dibble made a motion to amend the agenda to add a discussion on the EMS/Fire Committee report & recommendations seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Minutes of the February 16, 2021 Public Service Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Planning Department Director Felipe Oltramari requested approval of a resolution directing a negative Declaration - Notice of Determination of Non-Significance be filed pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and its underlying regulations pertaining to Batavia wellfield expansion which involves drilling and permitting a third groundwater well (Well C). This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Mr. Oltramari presented a resolution setting a public hearing for April 28, 2021 on the inclusion of viable agricultural land into Ag Districts No. 1 & 3. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Public Defender Jerry Ader presented a resolution approving a contract amendment between the Genesee County Public Defender's Office and NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS). The grant amount of \$283,260 is included in the 2021 budget. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Ader presented a resolution authorizing a contract extension with the NYS Public Defenders Association for Public Defense Case Management System Maintenance and Software Support. Funds of \$6,500 are budgeted in the 2021 budget. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens requested approval of a special event at DeWitt Park on July 26, 2021 by Independent Living Center. This will be the first time food trucks will be on the grounds for a special event. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens explained that longtime facilities management supervisor Terry Ross is retiring from the 32hour position and he is requesting the hours are increased from 32 to 40. The increase was included in the budget in anticipation of Mr. Ross' retirement. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested reappointment of two members of the Parks, recreation and forestry advisory committee; George Squires of District #2 and Bruno DeFazio of District #5. Both are members in good standing who contribute and are involved board members. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested approval of a resolution 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 2020 County Budget and capital projects as established. This annual bid allows the Highway Superintendent to purchase materials in compliance with the General Municipal Law. He explained the cost of most asphalt related materials is expected to increase slightly through the construction season. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested approval of an award of bids for sign manufacturing equipment to be used in the County sign shop. Total amount budgeted was \$75,000 however the low bids came in at \$56,939. Towns and villages use the County run sign shop. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Soil & Water Conservation District Manager Brad Mudrzynski reviewed highlights of the annual department report. They implemented and completed 13 grant-funded projects. One part-time District employee was furloughed due to the Pandemic shutdown at the end of 2020. There are three main components to services provided: implementation of grant-funded projects, providing financial and technical assistance to municipalities, and providing assistance and programs for county residents. A conservative approach to the 2021 budget was employed and they project income and expenses to be reduced by 3.4% this year. The annual Envirothon is cancelled again this year due to the pandemic however they plan to offer it in 2022.

Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe presented a resolution to approve a proposed Fourth Amended Agreement for Consulting Services with Pericle Communications Company for the planning and coverage assessment of the radio system upgrades for a cost not to exceed \$81,154.75. The cost of this project will be offset by FY20 New York Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant revenues allocated to the Public Safety Communications Tower Capital

project. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Sheriff William Sheron requested approval of an agreement renewal for jail inmate communication services with Securus Technologies for the period of May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 with the same terms and conditions as the original agreement. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Undersheriff Brad Mazur explained the Genesee County Sheriff's Office has taken ownership of a 2006 Toyota Avalon pursuant to a court order as the result of tax law forfeiture, requiring the vehicle to be used for law enforcement purposes. It has been determined the vehicle requires an engine replacement and the department wishes to declare it surplus and any proceeds be allocated to the Forfeiture of Crime Proceeds account. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Undersheriff Mazur requested approval of a contract renewal with Orleans County for the provision of jail space in the Orleans County Jail at a rate of \$90 per day per prisoner for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. This rate is par with most other agreements for jail housing services. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Undersheriff Mazur explained the Genesee County Sheriff's Office has taken ownership of a 2008 Jeep Grand Cherokee which is in need of much repair. It has been determined the vehicle has high mileage and is not fiscally sound to repair therefore the department wishes to declare it surplus.

Undersheriff Mazur stated the Genesee Justice Program received notification of a \$41,876 grant award of from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the continuation of the Community Service Sentencing Program and the Pre-Trial Services Program for a one-year contract term starting July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Police Reform and Reinvention Committee moderator Bob Bausch presented the plan report as written by the Genesee County Police Reform and Reinvention Committee. The report is comprehensive and inclusive of all required components. The draft plan report was posted for citizen review and feedback in early February. Edits and revisions were completed and reviewed by the Committee in early March. Upon review and approval by the full legislature the plan report will be submitted to New York State Division of Budget on or before the April 1, 2021 deadline.

County Manger Matt Landers presented a resolution to adopt the Genesee County Police Reform and Reinvention Plan Report and authorize the Legislature Chair to execute Appendix B – New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan Certification Form. This was

approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Emergency Management Taskforce members Eric Weiss & Tim Yaeger shared an update from the taskforce after meeting regularly for 7 months. They reviewed their mission statement and came to agreement that change to the framework is needed. They further determined the taskforce, by itself, does not possess adequate resources to completely assess and design an implementation plan. The committee agreed on parameters for what steps and tasks were required and sought proposals from consultants. Proposals were received and reviewed, interviews were held and the taskforce is recommending an agreement with MRI who offer a data-driven approach. They are the most comprehensive and thorough and also the most expensive at \$94,625.

The next meeting of the Public Service Committee is April 19, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

Chair Maha presented a reappointment resolution for Ag & Farmland Protection Board for Steven Boldt for a term through December 31, 2023. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Chair Maha presented a resolution to reappoint Bruno DeFazio to Genesee County Water Resources Agency for a term ending December 31, 2023. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Chair Maha expressed the request for a resolution supporting changes to civil service that will result in easing the “rule of three” for appointments, easing or suspending restrictions on hiring former police officers, reforming civil service rules to ensure a previous test disqualification should prevent an individual from retaking a test for a period of time, and grant counties the authority to enact continuous recruitment options for correction officers. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Chair Maha expressed congratulations to Highway Superintendent Tim Hens as the 2020 recipient of the Public Works Leader of the Year award. The Public Works Leader of the Year award was established to inspire excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of individual public works professionals. Other local awardees include Steven Carroll, Village of LeRoy –Charles Nichols Award, Steven Mountain, town of Batavia –Ellicott Trail, Tom Lichtenthal-Professional Manager. Mr. Hens will be presented with his award and a video will be included in the formal ceremony next week.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Gary Maha approved 4-19-21

Gary Maha, Chair
Public Service Committee

Submitted 3/18/2021 phl