

Present: Committee Members Hilchey, Clattenburg, Dibble, Maha, also present Legislators Stein, Young, Deleo, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Assistant County Manager Matt Landers, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Sheriff William Sheron, EMS Coordinator Tim Yaeger, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, HR Director Anita Cleveland, Public Defender Jerry Ader, Soil & Water District Manager Brad Mudrzynski, Howard Owens-The Batavian, Brian Quinn-The Daily News

Public Service Chair John Hilchey called the meeting to order at 4:47 PM in the Legislative Chambers at the Old Courthouse.

Chair Hilchey temporarily appointed Legislator Maha to the Public Service Committee in place of Legislator Yunker who was absent.

Legislator Clattenburg made a motion to amend the agenda to add “Leave Policy” pertaining to the Covid-19 pandemic seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Human Resources Director Anita Cleveland explained that the County is working closely with Labor Attorney, Mary Lou Conrow, on writing a Leave Policy as it pertains to the Covid-19 Pandemic. New guidance regarding non-essential employees in response to Covid-19 emergency was received late morning from Governor Cuomo and includes reducing county workforce by 50% until March 31, 2020. The policy is a work in progress.

Sheriff William Sheron requested a budget amendment in the amount of \$5,407 to cover the County’s portion of the delivery and set-up costs of the MRAP MaxxPro vehicle. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Sheron explained the Jail is in need of an agreement renewal for inmate communication services with Securus Technologies. He stated there is an option to renew for three one-year periods and both parties are interested in renewing under the same terms and conditions. He further stated Securus is providing 2 free 15 minute calls per prisoner in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Sheron explained the challenges the Jail has faced with securing and retaining a physician to provide medical services. Dr. Alan Barcomb has agreed to an amended agreement through December 31, 2020. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Emergency Management Services Coordinator Tim Yaeger explained that the Emergency Services Taskforce was established in March of 2000. He is requesting the size and representation of the Task Force be modified to meet current needs and challenges facing the volunteer fire service and further recommending the task force be comprised of one legislator, 4

members of the fire advisory board and 2 municipal representatives. Public Service Chair Hilchey commented that this task force was established 20 years ago and we continue to have needs pertaining to recruitment, retention and utilization of resources. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

County Manager Jay Gsell explained that a National Children's Alliance grant award of \$21,121 was received by Justice For Children Advocacy Center and it requires a budget amendment. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Assistant County Manager Matt Landers presented a budget amendment for assigned counsel and explained that Genesee County received an Indigent Legal Services Grant to cover expenses related to continuing legal trainings, mileage and travel, investigators/experts/interpreters/Social Workers, transcription services and legal resource materials. The grant amount is \$66,335. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens explained his request to establish several capital projects that were included in the 2020 Capital Plan. Total capital expenses are \$554,797. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens recommends authorizing additional energy performance work with Johnson Controls as part of the Fire Training Center HVAC capital project. He explained the Energy Performance Contract with Johnson Controls would be amended to include the additional work. The amended total contract amount will be \$4,307,953. The additional work would be funded from the Fire Training Center HVAC capital project which will be established with \$221,636 from 1% Sales Tax. The change order amount will also be offset by \$104,278 in rebate incentives to be obtained by Johnson Controls and applied to the cost of the change order. Legislator Clattenburg stated her concern with the work not going out to bid. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Maha, carried, Legislator Clattenburg, no.

Mr. Hens requested approval of a consultant agreement for the additional T-Hangars at the airport. A proposal was received from C & S Engineers for the design of the facility and preparation of bid specs. Total cost of design and bidding services is not to exceed \$24,950. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested acceptance of a donation from ACORNS to the County Parks Interpretive Center. The donation is a shed valued at \$3,511.29. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens explained that he advertised specifications for the various construction materials used by Genesee County for highway and bridge maintenance and construction. He further stated this is an annual bid that allows the Highway Superintendent to purchase materials in compliance with the General Municipal Law. The cost of most asphalt related materials are expected to remain fairly flat through the construction season. The purchase of materials is limited by budgeted amounts within the County Road Fund and the various capital projects in place for the repair and replacement of highways and bridges. He uses low bid, as adjusted by the contract hauling formula and reserves the right to award bids in the best value for the County based on availability of product, equipment failures and long wait times. Public Service Chair Hilchey indicated he will abstain from the vote due to his employment with a company that provides materials through this bid process. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried, Legislator Hilchey-abstain.

Mr. Hens explained that bid specifications were advertised on engineering services, furnishing and installation of sheet piling on the Dry Bridge Road bridge in Alexander. He is recommending a contract with L.C. Whitford in an amount not to exceed \$144,887. This contract will be funded from the Large Span culverts capital project that has an available balance of \$430,143. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested approval of a special event for Postpartum Support International to utilize DeWitt Park for a fundraiser and walk on September 27, 2020. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Soil and Water Conservation District Manager Brad Mudrzynski reviewed highlights of their department report. Staff increased from 4.5 to 5.5 full-time employees and did so without increasing the County appropriation. They secured thousands of external grant funding with is used on various projects throughout the County. Their overall budget went up from \$446,000 in 2019 to \$456,500 in 2020 due to an increase in revenue from sales and state aid. They will again organize the annual shrub and tree sale.

Public Defender Jerry Ader reviewed highlights of the Public Defender review which included his continued work with applying for grant funds from NYS Indigent Legal Services Office. His department covers off-hours arraignments through the use of ILS funds. They added a paralegal and part-time family court attorney and continue to explore renovating a part of the Old Engine House for PD staff and attorneys. His department reports no issues with the new discovery rules.

County Manager Jay Gsell reported that all out-of-county travel is cancelled due to COVID-19 virus.

The next meeting of the Public Service Committee is April 13, 2020.

Public Service Chair Hilchey stated an opening exists on the Planning Board and Legislator Maha put forth an application for Robert Houseknecht of Bogue Ave, Batavia. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

*John Hilchey approved on 4/13/2020*

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John Hilchey, Chair  
Public Service Committee  
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