

Committee members Legislator's Clattenburg, Torrey, Maha, Also present: Legislators, Yunker, Dibble, Deleo, Hawley, Legislature Clerk Lisa Casey, County Manager Matt Landers, Assistant County Manager Tammi Ferringer, County Attorney James Wujcik, Treasurer Scott German, Deputy Treasurer Kevin Andrews, GCEDC CEO Steven Hyde, Senior VP Mark Masse, The Batavian Mike Pettinella (zoom), Brian Quinn from The Batavia Daily.

Committee Chair Clattenburg opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers at the Old Court House on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

Committee Chair Clattenburg appointed Legislator Dibble to sit in for Committee Member/Legislator Stein who was absent.

Committee Chair Clattenburg amended the agenda adding GCEDC resolution. Also adding resolutions under the Chair report "Keep Local Tax Local" and 2022 Salary Schedule Amendment/Budget Transfer-County Attorney/Temporary Confidential Secretary. Also added an executive session regarding employment matters. Motion by Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Ways and Means Committee minutes on March 2, 2022. Legislator Maha motioned, seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

GCEDC CEO Steven Hyde, Senior VP Mark Masse discussed the amendment/restatement to the Certificate of Incorporation – The Genesee County Funding Corporation authorizing the County Manager to execute and deliver documents necessary. The corporation desires to expand its mission and public objective to include lessening the burdens of government and promoting economic development initiatives in other counties within New York State to the extent a for-profit or nonprofit business enterprise in Genesee County has operations directly or through affiliated entities in other counties in New York State, as of the date bonds are or are expected to be issued by the Corporation for the benefit of such company, the Corporation is authorized to issue bonds for the benefit of such for-profit or nonprofit business enterprise and/or its affiliates in any county in New York as if such bonds are issued on behalf of Genesee County, in addition to Genesee County, New York. Steve Hyde requested the approval of the restated certificate of incorporation. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

County Treasurer Scott German reviewed his department report. Deputy Treasurer Kevin Andrews was also contributed to the presentation. Department Highlights:

1. The county will begin selling nine county owned tax foreclosure properties in an online auction with Bontrager Auctions on March 22 concluding on April 14, 2022.
2. The 2020 fiscal year independent audit was completed last year. The County received an unqualified opinion and was notified that the County's financial operations are run well. The 2021 fiscal year independent audit is beginning later this month.

3. The County Treasurer continued working with Three + One to try to maximize the County's interest earnings. Last year was a difficult year for interest earnings with interest rates remaining very low, but we still took opportunities to earn as much interest as possible. Largely due to the low interest rate environment, in the General Fund interest earnings declined by \$405,684 from 2020 interest earnings.
4. A portion of the County's debt was refunded to take advantage of the low interest rate environment. The refunding will result in net savings of approximately \$390,000 over the life of the bonds.
5. At the request of the Town of Stafford, the Treasurer's Office collected the Town of Stafford's taxes in 2021. The Town of Stafford resumed collection of their tax bills in 2022.

County Manager Matt Landers brought forward a travel out-of-state request for Deputy County Attorney, Paula Campbell. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously

County Manager Matt Landers requested amendment to resolution 104 Year 2022 regarding a salary schedule amendment authorizing a management salary schedule for two Mental Health positions. Mental Health Specialist (Outpatient Clinic) salary to \$68,407 and by increasing the Mental Health Financial Program Specialist to \$29.09/hr., effective January 1, 2022. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers identified the Capital Project, New County Jail Study has been completed and recommend that said Capital Project be closed at this time. Directed to make the following transfer: \$76,410 from Capital Project, Sheriff's Office – New County Jail Study To Capital Project, Facilities Management –Genesee Justice Stonework . This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Referral from Public Service Committee motioned by Legislator Maha,

1. Approval of Contract–Public Defender/NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS) seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.
2. Appointments/Reappointments–Parks Recreation and Forestry Advisory Committee, seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.
3. Accept Donation–County Parks Interpretive Center/ACORNS, seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.
4. Award of Contract– Facilities/Countywide HVAC Controls Upgrade, seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.
5. Term Agreement–Airport/Engineering Services, seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.
6. Master Agreement/Establish Capital Project/Budget Amendment – Highway/ South St Culvert Over Drainage Ditch, seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.
7. Consultant Agreement – Highway/Bridge NY Culvert - South St Culvert, seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.
8. Grant Acceptance/Establish Capital Project/Budget Amendment–Airport/ Aviation Capital Grant Program, seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

9. Amend Resolution No. 41-2022 Intermunicipal Agreement with Town of Alexander Water District #6 – Highway/Countywide Water Phase 3, seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Committee Chair Clattenburg discussed under Chair Report the importance of the resolution “Keep Local Taxes Local/Ending Diversion of Local Sales Tax to Fund State Responsibilities. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Committee Chair Clattenburg called an executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss employment matters. Legislator Maha motioned to go into executive session it was seconded by Legislator Dibble. Discussion is of employment matters, medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotions demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Executive session closed at 6:04 p.m. Motioned by Legislator Maha and Seconded by Legislator Dibble.

Committee Chair Clattenburg discussed request for the creation of a temporary Confidential Secretary for the County Attorney. It was requested to direct to amend the 2022 Genesee County Management Salary Scheduled by creating one temporary Confidential Secretary – County Attorney, Grade 110, effective March 28, 2022 – April 22, 2022. Budget Impact: \$4,870 from Contingency will be used to cover the temporary position salary and benefits. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously

Next meeting of the Ways and Means Committee is Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 4:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Marianne Clattenburg, Chair
Ways & Means Committee
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