

Present: Legislators Stein, Torrey, Maha, Hilchey, Also Present: Legislators Dibble, Bausch, Deleo, Young, Clattenburg, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Sheriff William Sheron, Genesee Justice Coordinator Cathy Uhly, Deputy Treasurer Kevin Andrews, Soil & Water District Manager Brad Mudrzynski, Brian Quinn-The Daily News, Howard Owens-The Batavian, Public Defender Jerry Ader, Chief Jerry Brewster, DA Larry Friedman, County Clerk Mike Cianfrini, Mike Barrett

Public Service Chair Stein called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm in the Legislative Conference Room at the Old Courthouse.

The agenda was rearranged to allow Soil & Water Conservation District to present prior to the Highway Superintendent.

Minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Public Defender Jerry Ader explained that a grant for caseload reduction was awarded to the County by the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services. The grant period is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 for \$300,000. The Public Defender's 2019 budget includes \$100,000 for indigent legal services. The department will contract with The Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo to provide appellate services. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Sheron explained that Officer Chris Erion and K-9 Frankie will be participating in a K-9 training program at a cost of \$5,000. He further explained additional funds were required for supplies and veterinary services, food and boarding costing approximately \$1,000. The program has had overwhelming community support with donations totaling \$38,000 to date. He requested a budget amendment to increase the K-9 line by \$6,000. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Genesee Justice Coordinator Cathy Uhly explained that the program received notification from NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services that their grant for community service sentencing and pre-trial services program received another year of funding. The grant period is from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$41,876. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Soil & Water Conservation District Manager Brad Mudrzynski reviewed highlights of his department review. He is new to the position of district manager replacing Molly Cassatt who moved to a Tech position after one of the techs resigned. The District has 4 full-time and one part-time staff and an active and engaged board. They have been successful with grant applications most of which are used on private property of landowners and farmers. Nine new grants were brought into the County this past year. They are located in the USDA building and are a quasi-governmental unit. County funding covers salaries and grant funds they secure are

used to improve soil conditions and reduce erosion. The mission of the district is to keep soil healthy, dry and reduce erosion and run off of good soil into creeks and waterways. Ag & Markets Part B funding was used to purchase seed that will be applied with the hydro-seeder they and the County bought last year. Applying seed in specific areas will eliminate erosion.

Sheriff Sheron filled in for Theresa Asmus-Roth, Justice For Children Advocacy Center Coordinator and requested permission to apply for a grant from NYS Office of Victims Services. It is a three year award term that would begin on October 1, 2019 and will fund direct victim services at the Justice for Children Advocacy Center. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens recommended an award of bid for pavement markings with Seneca Pavement Markings, Inc. for the period of June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$165,000 which is the budgeted amount. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens explained that highway and construction materials used by the department are purchased via the bid process with best value as a factor. He explained this is an annual bid that allows the Highway Superintendent to purchase materials in compliance with the General Municipal Law. Prior to voting Legislator Hilchey stated he will abstain due to his employment with a company the County has purchased materials from. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens explained the County Jail is in need of a replacement Fire Alarm Panel and recommends an agreement with Johnson Controls for an amount not to exceed \$27,571. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens stated there are three members of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Advisory Committee whose terms expired and all wish to continue to serve for another term. Thomas Clark, District 9 rep, C. Joseph Mahler, District 8 rep and Mary Miller, District 6 rep. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens recommended a capital project be established for the countywide water system-phase 2 in the amount of \$5 Million with funding coming from the County Infrastructure Reserve and further requested a budget amendment to move the \$5 Million to the appropriate account. Clarification was provided in terms of what Plan B will consist of if funding and revenue for Phase 2 become an issue. Plan B is the revenue distribution plan with towns and villages. The County Infrastructure Reserve will be used to establish a capital project in the amount of \$5 Million. It is necessary that future Monroe County Water Authority bonding for Phase 2 will refund or replace the Infrastructure Reserve Funds. This was referred to Ways & Méans with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens described the need for the County to obtain land and interest in land on behalf of Monroe County Water Authority. He stated that permanent easements are being obtained for the construction and transmission of mains and pump stations necessary for the advancement of Phase 2. The expected cost of the acquisition of easements is approximately \$49,600 and will be paid by the Capital Project established (above). This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens explained the County is the recipient of a State Aviation grant and he is recommending capital project be established for Airport Ground Service Equipment in the amount of \$475,000. The Aviation grant is for \$356,250 and requires a local match in the amount of \$118,750. The local match would be paid out of the County's 1% sales tax. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens shared a review of his most recent out-of-state travel February 27 thru March 6, 2019 where he attended the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference. All costs were covered by the National Association of County Engineers. He is a member of the Executive Committee of NACE. They met with EPA and Army Corps of Engineer reps, had a quarterly NACE meeting and had legislative visits with members of Congress. He also attended a Capitol Hill briefing regarding the reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Bill.

The next update was on the Energy Performance Contract with Johnson Controls. The project is 90% complete and they are measuring energy use now compared to their projected savings. The Two-week look ahead chart was referenced which lists the building to be worked on, the week and the work to be completed. Some locations are at the "punch list" phase where they are checking things off. Sheriff Sheron was asked if he was satisfied with work at the Sheriff's building. He indicated that there is still room for improvements. Mr. Hens stated he expects to see improvements.

Mr. Hens referenced the list of bridges the County maintains and the applicable section of Highway Law (section 231) provided to committee members. He completed a conservative estimate of \$70 Mil if all bridges needed replacement. He explained that the lifespan of a bridge is about 50 years. The chart of bridges includes the number of bridges built per decade. 16 Bridges were built in 1950, 14 in 1960 and 10 in 1970. The rate of replacement does not keep up and funding is limited. He indicated that maintenance is done and repairs are scheduled but when the structure gets to a point where there is not adequate material to patch then repairs are no longer an option. Committee members stated the information is valuable and thanked Mr. Hens for taking the time to put it together and present.

Mr. Hens provided an update on the Enterprise Vehicle Lease Program. The County has the deficit paid off and has even expanded the program. There are 44 vehicles on lease. Some departments would like different style vehicles but are satisfied. A major issue with the lease agreement was with Sprint who was providing GPS services in the vehicles. Billing issues were unable to be resolved and the County ended the agreement and returned to the previous provider.

County Attorney Kevin Earl stated that a working group consisting of Law Enforcement, DA, County Clerk and himself reviewed comments and questions regarding the proposed Secondhand Dealers Local Law and made changes that addressed issues raised. The new draft law is more narrowly focused and applies to two businesses in the County. One business is part of a chain store that operates in other counties who have a similar local law requiring registration of the business, reporting and holding items for a set number of days. The goal is to assist residents who have had property stolen. Legislator Deleo stated he is opposed to adding another local law/restriction. He thinks we have enough regulations and mandates imposed on us by various levels of government. Legislator Young stated the local law was more palatable in this form but questioned the need for a 10 page document that affects two businesses. Public Service Chair Stein thanked the working group for the attention given to the task of addressing concerns and issues and affording her the opportunity to work with them. Legislator Clattenburg stated she had comments directed at her regarding jurisdiction issues concerning law enforcement. It was explained that the Sheriff's department will be responsible for inspections at applicable businesses and will work closely with City Police. The County Clerk will take care of the administrative duty of processing license application and there will be no fee the license.

A resolution to set the required Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory number two Year 2019 for April 10, 2019 at 5:30 pm was presented. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Mr. Earl presented the resolution for Local Law Introductory No. two year 2019 –A local law regulating the transfer of secondhand articles. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

County Manager Jay Gsell provided an update on the status of the State Budget and the major issues and negotiations underway.

Assistant County Manager Matt Landers stated the Jail Committee is working on an RFP for Construction Management and hopes to have a recommendation for Public Service Committee in May. They are meeting with SMRT on March 26 & 27.

The next scheduled meeting of the Public Service Committee is Monday, April 15, 2019.

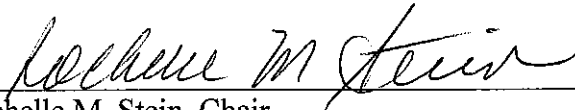
Chair Stein shared details of Criminal Justice Day activities including the scheduled breakfast on April 10 and the April 8th presentation at GCC where a speaker will address trauma on communities after events such as the drunk driver crash that claimed the lives of Pembroke Driver's Ed students and their instructor in 1987.

Fish & Wildlife Management Board Member Tim Woodward is interested in reappointment to the Board for the term of Jan 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Water Resources Agency has several vacancies. Two current members are interested in reappointment; Ms. Chris Thornley from Corfu and Mr. Dave Hagelberger, Darien Supervisor, who is the GAM representative. GAM recommended Mr. Hagelberger be reappointed however it was noted that he is not running for re-election therefore GAM will need to recommend another of their members to be appointed effective January 1, 2020. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Longtime Water Resources Agency member Terri Starowitz is not seeking reappointment. Mr. Bruno DeFazio of LeRoy completed an application and is interested in filling the vacant set. The term is from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.



Rochelle M. Stein, Chair
Public Service Committee
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