

**SPECIAL MEETING
GENESEE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
Batavia, New York
Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

The Genesee Legislature met in SPECIAL Session on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 following the Ways & Means Committee meeting at the Old Courthouse 7 Main Street, Batavia, New York with two legislators participating by Zoom video conferencing. The meeting was held in the Legislature Chambers to allow for recommended social distancing due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Legislators John Deleo and Christian Yunker participated from a remote location using Zoom video conferencing.

Legislature Chair Stein opened the meeting at 5:26 pm. Human Resources Director Anita Cleveland provided an update on the status of a new Leave policy. She explained that presently the County will follow the newly enacted State Law and when the Federal Law is enacted, we will merge the two. If portions of the State law are better, we will include those. She has been in regular contact with our Labor Attorney Mary Lou Conrow who is providing legal guidance.

The Clerk proceeded with the resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 138 CONTRACT – HEALTH DEPARTMENT/MARY YOUNGE –
APPROVAL OF**

Legislator Clattenburg offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Public Health Director did present an agreement with Mary Youngue to provide nursing services for the Genesee County Health Department, and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Ways and Means did review this agreement and does recommend approval at this time, Now therefore, Be it

RESOLVED, That the Chair of the Genesee County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Mary Youngue at 116 Winstead Rd Rochester, NY 14069, to provide nursing services for the period March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Budget Implications: Expenses will be offset with the \$7,700 in Emergency Preparedness Supplemental Funding approved for use by the GCHD. All costs that exceed \$7,700 will be offset with state aid funds.

Legislator Hilchey seconded the resolution which was adopted by 326 votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 139 2020 SALARY SCHEDULE AMENDMENT – HEALTH
DEPARTMENT/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS –
APPROVAL OF**

Legislator Young offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Public Health Director has requested the creation of one temporary full time management position of PH Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, and

WHEREAS, The Committees on Human Services and Ways and Means did review the request and do recommend approval at this time, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Genesee County Treasurer and the Human Resource Director are hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2020 Genesee County Management Salary Schedule by creating one temporary full time position of PH Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Management Grade 112 effective 03/18/2020 – 05/15/2020.

Budget Impact: The creation of one temporary full time Position of Emergency Preparedness Coordinator will take effect from 03/18/2020 till 5/15/2020. The Coordinators salary (\$7,856) and fringe (\$4334) will be offset by COVID-19 funding.

Legislator Maha seconded the resolution which was adopted by 326 votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 140

**IN SUPPORT OF SWIFT PASSAGE OF A
PROPOSED FEDERAL FUNDING BILL**

Legislator Clattenburg offered the following Resolution

WHEREAS, the County of Genesee, New York, today is calling on the US Senate to pass a Coronavirus federal funding bill that would provide more than \$6 billion in aid to New York State and its counties for the continued mobilization of public health efforts to protect our residents from this pandemic since the bill passed overwhelmingly in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, this funding comes as New York state leaders begin final budget negotiations, and counties across the state are declaring states of emergencies, and schools are announcing temporary closures; and

WHEREAS, our New York State counties are working with all levels of government to continue addressing this COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the County of Genesee recognizes and appreciates the work done by Senator Charles Schumer and the full New York congressional delegation for advancing a federal funding bill that helps the state and our counties that are on the forefront of fighting this novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, this federal aid will help New York continue to address the COVID-19 pandemic and close a state budget gap without raising local taxes; and

WHEREAS, New York State will receive billions of dollars in new federal Medicaid funding from this proposal and counties will receive hundreds of millions of dollars, and these funds will bolster the state and counties during this critical time; and

WHEREAS, the federal aid package increases federal Medicaid funds, called eFMAP (enhanced federal Medicaid assistance percentage), and has been a standard response by the federal government to quickly infuse funding to states and localities during recent major emergencies including the 9/11 attacks and the Great Recession; now therefore, Be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Genesee supports these federal efforts and pledges to continue working with the state and federal governments as we try to limit the spread of COVID-19; and Be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Genesee hereby requests swift passage of this bill by the United States Senate.

Legislator Torrey seconded the resolution which was adopted by 326 votes.

At 5:47 PM the meeting adjourned upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.