

Participating: Committee Members Clattenburg, Stein, Hilchey, Young, Also Participating: Legislators Deleo, Dibble, Maha, Torrey, Yunker, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Assistant County Manager Matt Landers, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Treasurer Scott German

Because of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic and the State and Federal bans on large meetings or gatherings and pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 issued March 12, 2020 suspending the Open Meeting Law, the Genesee County Ways & Means Committee meeting was held electronically using ZOOM video conference instead of a public meeting open for the public to attend in person. The meeting was also Live Streamed on YouTube.

The Ways & Means Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Clattenburg at 4:30 pm.

Minutes of the March 18, 2020 Ways & Means Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Assistant County Manager & STOP-DWI Coordinator Matt Landers presented a resolution authorizing a budget amendment for STOP-DWI. He explained the budget amendment was done in 2019 but the City Police Department did not send an invoice. The money is available and all parties agreed to the use of funds to purchase the MARIJUANA Driving Experience kit. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

County Manager Jay Gsell presented a resolution authorizing a lease agreement with Legal Aid of Rochester for the lease of space at County Building #2 for the period of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 at a rate of \$2,224.80. Legislator Young inquired why the County is in the business of leasing space to outside agencies. Mr. Gsell stated that this agency provides direct service to County clients and residents we see on a regular basis. He further the lease rate is low since the agency is a not-for-profit. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Hilchey, Legislator Young, no, carried.

Mr. Gsell shared updates pertaining to agreements with regard to the state budget. It is being reported that the cap on Medicaid costs to counties is not being removed however, other cost shifting measures and fiscal burdens to counties are reportedly included in the budget which has not yet been passed by the legislature. The COVID-19 pandemic and shut-down of businesses resulting in reductions in sales tax is causing a close look at the impact on the County 2020 budget. Mr. Gsell stated that outside agencies receive \$864,000 in net county funding. Treasurer Scott German confirmed the County has \$14.7 Mil in reserves which includes all reserve funds. Mr. Gsell also commented that questions arose pertaining to the pole barn capital project at the Airport which was approved and bids went out. Mr. Hens described that fuel equipment has been stored indoors in the past. To ensure fuel trucks and mowing equipment as well as other equipment and the grader could remain in a covered structure Mr. Hens is recommending a new pole barn be erected. The other option is to store this equipment in one of the new hangars being built this summer under a State grant. This would take up a hangar that would otherwise generate

rent. This option may have a building code issue since it would be a mixed use of the space. Additional costs may be required to cover costs of a firewall and/or sprinkler system. Mr. Hens' preference is to proceed with the project. He indicated nearly \$600,000 has been cut out of the 2020 Capital project list. Mr. Hens stated that 6 bids were received for the pole barn and the lowest was Thomson at \$109,000. This does not include electric or concrete which would be done by county crews. Ways & Means members stated they understood the need for this structure but would like to see more information in terms of using one of the hangar bays-loss of revenue from rental and additional costs if a firewall and sprinkler system need to be installed. Mr. Hens expects to have additional information for the next Public Service Committee meeting. Chair Clattenburg encouraged legislators and residents to contact state representatives to voice concern and opposition to the hospital fund proposal which is another state mandate that will cost the county a lot of money. Legislator Stein requested a review of all funding agreements to outside agencies and towns as well as a continued review of county departments and positions.

The following referral was from Human Services upon motion of Committee Chair Young:

1. Contract-Health Department/ACM Global Laboratory seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

*Marianne Clattenburg approved on 4/15/2020*

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Marianne Clattenburg, Chair  
Ways & Means Committee  
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