

Present in-person: Committee Members Clattenburg, Stein, Maha, Torrey, also present, Deleo, Yunker, Dibble, Klotzbach, Hawley, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Landers, Asst. County Manager Ferringer, County Attorney Kevin Earl, IT Director Steve Zimmer, IT Deputy Director Melanie Inda, Jobe Development Director Teresa Van Son, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, MH Administrative Officer Lynnelle Schriber, Purchasing Director Eve Hens, County Clerk Mike Cianfrini, DMV Deputy Deb Igoe

Zoom: Peace Garden Director Barb Toal, Brian Quinn-The Daily News, Mike Pettinella-The Batavian

The Ways & Means Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Clattenburg at 4:30 PM in the Legislative Chambers at the Old Courthouse and using Zoom Video Conference.

Minutes of the March 17, 2021 Ways & Means Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Purchasing Director Eve Hens presented changes to the purchasing policy and procedure manual. The manual is reviewed annually and all edits and revisions are adopted by the legislature. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens explained the request for a third well, Well "C" in the city of Batavia. Specifications for drilling, installing and testing were advertised and one company, Frey Well Drilling out of Alden, NY submitted a bid. Cost is \$147,090 which is 30% higher than the engineer's estimate. Mr. Hens explained the need for the well and his support and recommendation of awarding the bid. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens explained that Genesee County has been offered an Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant by the Federal Aviation Administration under the authority of the Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program and the funds can be used to assist with any expense related to the operation of the County Airport to deal with the impacts of the COVID pandemic. Federal funds of \$13,000 will cover a portion of the terminal and main hangar at the Airport. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Information Technology Director Steve Zimmer presented the department review for 2020. He identified that IT focuses on providing secure, stable and reliable infrastructure that supports all county departments and external clients. The response to the pandemic was to move many employees to remote which required deploying laptops and tablets. The department restructured and two positions were eliminated. This is the last department review Mr. Zimmer will provide as the Director due to his pending retirement. Mr. Zimmer was commended for his attention to emergency communications by Legislator Stein. Legislator Maha commented on his work with bringing the sheriff's office on line with improved technology and resources several years ago. County Manger Matt Landers stated how Mr. Zimmer has been steadfast in his approach as a no-nonsense department head and quickly earned respect.

Mr. Zimmer presented a resolution to declare several pages of equipment and tech items surplus as they are no longer suitable for county purposes. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Job Development Director Teresa Van Son explained a vacancy exists on the GLOW Workforce Development Board and Rae Frank, Director of the Independent Living of the Genesee Region has stated an interest in serving. She would serve in on-going term at the discretion of the GLOW CEO. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

County Attorney Kevin Earl presented a resolution authorizing a home rule request for Senate Bill S.4717B and Assembly Bill A.06223A which address the manner in which voluntary distribution payments to towns that have villages located wholly within them can utilize these payments. Specifically, the bills allow voluntary revenue distribution payments to be used and allocated by the six towns that have villages wholly located within the boundaries of the town in the same manner as if these funds were received pursuant to a sales tax revenue sharing agreement. The Assembly bill memo has an effective date of 1/1/2022 however the bill itself has the correct date effective date of 1/1/2020. The county attorney indicated he will follow up with the Assembly office. 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 approval of a budget amendment to allow for the continuation of a security guard at the DMV office. The guard was brought on to assist with the re-opening of the office and has provided a valuable service to employees and the public. The cost of \$28,000 is expected to be covered by Federal aid. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Mr. Landers presented an agreement with the Friends of Batavia Peace Garden Foundation for the lease of 682 sq. ft. of space at the Engine House at a cost of \$100 per year for the period of May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022. The office is used for administrative purposes. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Mr. Landers explained that the Batavia Peace Garden occupies approximately 11,000 sq. ft. of County property located on West Main Street and a MOU is being recommended to define the relationship between the County and the Friends of the Batavia Peace Garden. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

The following referrals were from the Human Services Committee upon motion of Chair Torrey:

1. Appointment-Genesee County Youth Board seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

2. Re-Appointment – Genesee County Youth Board seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
3. 2021 Salary Schedule Amendment-Health Department seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.
4. 2021 Salary Schedule Amendment –Mental Health seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is April 21, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

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

Marianne Clattenburg approved 4-21-21

Marianne Clattenburg, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

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