

Present: Legislators Stein, Torrey, Maha, Hilchey, Also Present: Legislators Dibble, Bausch, Deleo Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Deputy Highway Superintendent Dave Wozniak, Sheriff William Sheron, Genesee Justice Coordinator Cathy Uhly, DA Larry Friedman, Public Defender Jerry Ader, Planning Director Felipe Oltramari, Chief Deputy-Road Patrol Brian Frieday, Chief Deputy-Investigations Joe Graff, JCAC Coordinator Theresa Asmus-Roth, Jail Superintendent Bill Zipfel, Brian Quinn-The Daily News, Howard Owens-The Batavian

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

Minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

District Attorney Larry Friedman stated he has a need for an office chair for a new Assistant Dam Kaitlynn Walker, who started recently. The original request was for an office chair and coat tree however, they no longer need to purchase a coat tree. The total amount requested in the budget amendment is \$267.00. 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.

Planning Director Felipe Oltramari presented a resolution to set a Public Hearing as part of the eight-year review for Agricultural district No. 3. He explained that Ag and Markets Law require an 8-year review when an Ag District is created. The purpose is to hear of any recommended modifications as a result of the review. The public hearing is set for May 8, 2019 at 5:30 PM. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Next, Mr. Oltramari presented the resolution that authorizes the Legislature Chair to sign required documents upon conclusion of the Public Hearing regarding the Ag District Review. This resolution will be on the May 8, 2019 legislature meeting agenda. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Dave Wozniak explained that the River Street Bridge Capital Project can be closed as the construction is complete. He further explained a budget amendment was needed prior to close out. All Federal and State aid has been received and allocated to the project. 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.

Mr. Wozniak explained that additional capital projects have been completed which include the purchase of equipment, jail elevator modernization, fire alarm upgrade at the Court facility, and overhead door at the highway building. All remaining balances will be transferred to equipment reserve, Park-Area D Shelter Improvements or FM-Jail Fire Alarm upgrade. 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. Wozniak stated there are several capital projects established for the repair and replacement of highways, bridges and culverts that have been completed with prior year's funding and they are recommending amending existing projects for work planned for this construction season. Funding sources include CHIPS, PAVE-NY and 1% sales tax. 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.

Mr. Wozniak stated that the grant application previously submitted to Ag & Markets for a Companion Animal Grant was approved. Mr. Hens completed and submitted the application which included a request for the maximum amount of \$200,000. The Animal Shelter is approaching 20 years old and requires improvements and upkeep. Mr. Wozniak stated he would inquire of Mr. Hens who is doing the draws and scope of work. The local match required by the grant is covered by the improvements and energy upgrades recently completed by the Johnson Controls contract. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Wozniak stated the Pratt Road Bridge project is eligible for federal funding at a ratio of 80% federal and 20% non-federal. The resolution calls for the capital project to be increased by \$1,842,050 with \$389,400 funded by the state. 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. Wozniak stated the replacement of Judge Road Bridge over Whitney Creek in the Town of Alabama is eligible for federal funding at a ratio of 80% federal, 15% state and 5% local match and the Highway Superintendent is recommending a capital project be established and the local match of \$59,150 be covered by 1% sales tax. 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.

Mr. Wozniak explained that a consultant will be required for the Judge Road Bridge over Whitney Creek and the Highway Superintendent reviewed engineering proposals under a qualification based selection and recommends a contract with Lu Engineers. The amount for this consultant agreement is not to exceed \$162,064. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Mr. Wozniak explained that the County Highway Department shares equipment, materials and services with municipalities within the county. This has been the arrangement for many, many years however, on a bi-annual basis, they ask municipalities to sign a shared services agreement. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Wozniak explained that the Highway Superintendent has a comprehensive list of bridge and culvert inventory and assessments that identify a significant number of bridges and culverts that

need replacement. He requested approval of an award of bid to Lakeland Concrete Products for fabrication of the box culvert components at a cost not to exceed \$158,756. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Wozniak next requested approval of a budget amendment due to a depletion of the budgeted amount for purchase of road salt. He is requesting an Intrafund transfer of \$40,000 from Oil & Stone to Snow & Ice. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Mr. Wozniak presented a resolution authorizing an intermunicipal agreement between the county and town of Alexander relating to Phase 2 water improvements. Chair Stein commented that the agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Water Resources Agency. The agreement provides an annual reimbursement to the town of Alexander under terms acceptable to the County. 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.

Next, Mr. Wozniak requested approval of an intermunicipal agreement with the town of Elba relating to Phase 2 water improvements. The agreement will leverage federal USDA funding for our project that will increase water capacity to 2.4 M gallons per day. This agreement was also discussed and has Water Resources Agency approval. 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. Wozniak explained that the County has prepared bid specs and plans for projects relating to advancing Phase 2 of the Countywide Water project and is in need of construction management and support services. A contract price was negotiated with Clark Patterson Lee in an amount not to exceed \$900,000. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Public Defender Jerry Ader requested approval of a contract between Genesee County and the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the compensation of attorneys who will be on call twenty-four (24) hours per day for "off hours" arraignments, for the purchase of cellphones and service and compensation for the Public Defender and his confidential secretary/office manager for creating and supervising the program and ensuring that the attorneys and courts are performing as required. Total revenue for these services and cellphones is \$144,750. 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.

Mr. Ader explained that he is recommending acceptance of another grant which is a statewide expansion of Hurrell-Harring. It requires a contract between Genesee County and the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the provision of Caseload Relief and Quality Improvement which includes compensation and fringe benefits for two new Assistant Public

Defenders, two Legal Clerks and the Confidential Secretary/Office Manager for data management services required by the State. Also covered by the grant is quality improvement including reimbursement for specialists/experts, emergency client transportation and litigation support and some other office related items such as office furniture, computers, iPads, IT expenses, Westlaw licenses, legal reference books, attorney membership fees, attorney registration fees, continuing legal education trainings, mileage and travel, renovation feasibility study for the Engine House and off-hour arraignment stipends. Mr. Ader stated that if funding is not provided by the State at the end of this grant award they are not required to provide the services. He further indicated that they applied for a grant to renovate the old engine house. The department has some staff with offices in the court facility and some in the old engine house. The amount of \$329,768 is included in the 2019 budget. 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.

Sheriff William Sheron began his department review with introductions; Joe Graff was appointed Chief Deputy-Investigations, formerly he served as Chief Deputy Road Patrol and Brian Frieday was promoted to Chief Deputy Road Patrol. The new K-9 officer Frankie is out of town with handler Deputy Chris Erion for training. There are 5 enrolled in the Academy in Niagara and one deputy in field training with expected completion the end of the month. There are 2 road patrol vacancies and one investigator vacancy. He is receiving a lot of positive feedback from all schools with School Resource Officers. The communications division had a promotion of Frank Riccobono to a new position –Asst. Director of Emergency Communications. Steve Sharpe does a nice job of securing grant funds for our 911 system. There has been an increase in collaboration between IT and emergency communications which benefits everyone. There have been four corrections officers hired with six vacancies remaining. Although more meals have been served in the jail, cost per meal is down resulting in savings. The Civil bureau earned reaccreditation for the period of 2019-2024. Genesee Justice had a slight increase in grant funding from Office of Victims Services, DCJS funding remained level. The office recently returned to full staffing. Justice for Children Advocacy Center has Warsaw and Albion satellite offices up and running. In 2018 they opened 247 new cases and serviced 537 children and their families. Staffing includes 4 full-time, one part-time and 4 contractual. In 2018 the long-term lease was signed with the Presbyterian Church and some renovations have been completed to the building. Sheriff Sheron reported that the cat population at the Animal shelter continues to exceed the number of dogs and a Companion Animal Grant for \$200,000 from Ag & Markets will be used to make needed upgrades at the Shelter. They look forward to offering the Sheriff's Teen Academy at Byron-Bergan high school again this summer.

County Manager Jay Gsell reported that details of the recently adopted State Budget continue to roll out. He stated that Genesee County has made 8 separate revisions to our Raise the Age plan. Every time the plan has been submitted, the State has commented and requested revisions. However, it has not been approved.

Assistant County Manager Matt Landers stated the Jail Committee put out an RFP for Construction Management Services. Proposals are due tomorrow April 16, 2019. Public meetings/presentations on the new jail are planned for next month.

The next scheduled meeting of the Public Service Committee is Monday, May 13, 2019.

Chair Stein stated a letter from the Town of Alabama was received. The letter states the town board's position on the DOT proposed round a bout on Route 77 and Ledge Road. The town is opposed to the proposal. An acknowledgement letter will be sent to the town. She indicated she will invite Highway Superintendent Tim Hens to speak on the matter at the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.



Rochelle M. Stein, Chair
Public Service Committee
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