

Present In-Person: Committee Members Maha, Clattenburg, Yunker, Dibble, also, Klotzbach, Stein, Torrey, Hawley, Deleo, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Landers, Asst. County Manager Ferringer, Co. Attny. Kevin Earl, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens Public Defender Jerry Ader, EMS Coordinator Tim Yaeger, Planning Director Felipe Oltramari, JAC Coordinator Theresa Roth, Mike Pettinella-The Batavian

Present via ZOOM videoconference: Sheriff William Sheron, Undersheriff Brad Mazur, DA Larry Friedman, Sheriff's Office Personnel Steve Sharpe, Bill Zipfel, Brian Frieday, Frank Riccobono

The Public Service Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Maha at 4:30 PM in the Old Courthouse and using Zoom Video Conference. Chair Maha lead the pledge to the flag.

Legislator Clattenburg made a motion to amend the agenda to add setting a public hearing and local law for 12-13 year old hunters seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Minutes of the March 16, 2021 Public Service Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

EMS Coordinator Tim Yaeger requested approval of a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant acceptance in the amount of \$5,172. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

District Attorney Larry Friedman requested approval to apply for and accept the Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant award in the amount of \$228,720 from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to support local law enforcement agencies with expenses related to the implementation of discovery and bail reforms that took effect January 1, 2020. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Planning Director Felipe Oltramari explained that NYS Agricultural and Markets Law requires the County Legislature to designate an annual thirty-day time period which a land owner may submit a request for inclusion of land which is predominantly viable agricultural land within a certified agricultural district, prior to the County established review period. One parcel in the Town of Alexander (Tax Map Parcel No. 4.-1-53.2) was requested to be included into Agricultural District No. 1 and one parcel in the Town of LeRoy (Tax Map Parcel No. 26.-1-60) was requested to be included into Agricultural District No. 3. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Mr. Oltramari explained the request for approval of the adoption of the proposal for the continuation and modifications of Agricultural District No. 4 in the Towns of Byron, Bergen, Elba, Stafford and LeRoy as recommended by the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board for a period of eight years. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Public Defender Jerry Ader presented a resolution to extend a contract with West Publishing Corporation for the use of online “Clear Proflex” platform at a cost of \$1,989. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Justice for Children Advocacy Center coordinator Theresa Roth explained the difficulty they are facing with securing qualified licensed counselors and requested an agreement amendment with a current contracted provider, Brenda McQuillan, PhD. The amended contract raises the hourly rate from \$38 to \$53. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens presented the following:

Grant extension for the Animal Shelter Improvements. The amendment extends the end date to July 1, 2021 allowing for the completion of the expenditure of funds. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested a bobcat loader and dynapac roller be deemed surplus property with any revenue generated going into the Road Machinery Fund. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Award of bids for the painting of pavement markings on county roads to Seneca Pavement Markings and Accent Stripe. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Gift acceptance of equipment worth \$6,000 to be used at Dewitt Recreation Area. The Batavia Rotary Club made a gift to the City of Batavia who would like to pass on to Genesee County. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Appointment of Catherine Seward of District #1 to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Change orders for Phase 2 Water project in the amount of \$357,825 with Villager Construction for the installation of approximately 1,700 LF of 8” DIP and appurtenances along Bissell Rd in the Town of Bergen and C.P.Ward, Inc. to adjust the substantial completion date of the project by 250 days with no associated cost increase due to COVID-19 related delays and increase the value of the contract by \$61,322.47 for changes to the pressure reducing vault in Mumford, piping modifications within both the Mumford and Churchville pump stations, MWBE contract related issues and a decrease in HVAC costs due to the elimination of ductwork. This was

referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Amend and close capital project McClernon Road Bridge and a budget amendment due to the completion of the repairs. The project was locally funded by 1% sales tax. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Capital projects amendment to five highway projects using CHIPS funds in the amount of \$2,976,403. Projects include chipseal, overlay, surface treatment, recycling and road machinery. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Establish capital projects and budget amendment including Facilities - Holland Land Office Museum Exterior Paint \$15,000 1% Sales Tax, County Park - Interpretive Center Moisture Protection & Siding \$80,000 1% Sales Tax, County Park - DeWitt Recreation Area Pavilion #2 Parking Lot \$65,000 1% Sales Tax, County Park - Park and Forest Water System Upgrade \$65,000 1% Sales Tax. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Establish the North Road Capital Project by increasing A1000 9999, Appropriated Fund Balance, in the amount of \$385,00 offset by Transfer to Capital, A9950.9, Transfer to Capital in a like amount. Increase H5197 5031, Interfund Transfer in the amount of \$385,000, offset by an increase to H5197 2080, Capital Project Expense in a like amount. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

An award of bid for a construction contract with Thomann Asphalt Paving and a contract agreement with C & S Companies for the reconstruction of the apron area where the aging T-Hangars were removed at the Airport. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Grant Acceptance, budget amendment and establish capital project for DeWitt Recreation area. The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation awarded \$46,493 for design and engineering at DeWitt. The resolution also establishes a capital project for the DeWitt waterfront enhancement project. This is the first grant Genesee County project to receive Ralph Wilson Foundation funds. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Establish capital project, budget amendment and award of bid for a large format printer/copier used at the Highway Department. Purchase price is \$24,786 for the KIP 660 2-roll Color Print System from Toshiba and includes software, accessories, start-up toner, installation and training. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next

Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens lead a discussion regarding how a lobbyist and/or consultant would be beneficial with navigating and ultimately securing federal funding for the County as we pursue Phase 3 of the County-wide water project. Federal funds are currently available and an expert could guide us to appropriate pots of money and assist with project applications. Cost of a consultant or lobbyist would be borne by the Water Fund. There was consensus among Legislators to move ahead and have Highway Superintendent Hens research who will provide Genesee County with the best service.

Sheriff Sheron reviewed highlights of the Sheriff's Department review. Also present were Undersheriff Mazur, Chief Deputy Freiday, Jail Superintendent Zipfel, Communications Deputy Riccobono and Justice for Children Advocacy Center Coordinator Roth. See attached for department report.

County Manager Matt Landers presented a resolution authorizing an agreement with Municipal Resources at a cost not to exceed \$101,675 for a comprehensive fire service implementation plan. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Public Service Committee is Monday, May 17, 2021.

Chair Maha explained that Environmental Conservation Law gives counties the option to adopt a local law that allows 12 and 13 year old licensed hunters to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow during hunting season with the supervision of a licensed adult. A resolution was presented that includes this local law for Genesee County. Committee members and legislators commented on the benefits of such program. This was approved for placement on the May 12, 2021 Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

A resolution setting the public hearing for May 12, 2021 on the above local law was presented. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Gary Maha approved 5-17-21

Gary Maha, Chair
Public Service Committee

Submitted 4/21/2021 phl



GENESEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2021 DEPARTMENT REVIEW

Budgets:

Sheriff, Jail, Communications, Animal Control, Genesee Justice, and Child Advocacy Center.

At this time, budgets for Sheriff, Communications, Animal Control, Genesee Justice and the Child Advocacy Center are within projections.

Police Bureau

- Vacant positions: 6
 - 5 Road Patrol, 1 Youth Officer
 - The Office of Court Administration has reduced staffing in the courts facility to 3 officers (1 Sergeant and 2 Deputies); therefore, 3 Deputies have been re-assigned (2 to Road Patrol and 1 to the Civil Office).
- 1 Deputy is in field training; expected completion in July 2021.
- 1 Deputy is in the Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy, projected graduation is August 2021, with field training to follow. Possibly available for duty in January 2022.
- Current list is exhausted; new exam scheduled for September 2021.
- Both K-9s are active. One on the road and one continuing with regular training.
- School Resource Officers (6) continue to receive very positive feedback.
- Increase in identity theft cases (especially unemployment fraud).

	Total (As of 4/1/21)
Felony Investigations	60
Juvenile Investigations	7
Drug Task Force Investigation Cases	12
Other Investigations: Misdemeanors, Pistol Permit, Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	233
Items of Evidence Processed	310

	Total (As of 4/1/21)
Incidents	6,818
Cases	343
Motor Vehicle Accident Reports	245
Motor Vehicle Accidents	388

- Genesee County Police Reform and Reinvention Report was completed and submitted to New York State. We will be following up on the recommendations.
- All indications are that Darien Lake will be opening the theme park; awaiting confirmation on concerts.

- Batavia Downs has its concert schedule in place but we have not received confirmation whether they will need additional police services due to strict Covid guidelines and anticipated smaller crowds at each concert.
- We anticipate utilizing the new range for spring qualifications.

Communications Division

- Genesee County Emergency Dispatch Center 2021 calls for service: 17,952 (consisting of 18,457 dispatch events for police, fire and EMS)
- L3 Harris core radio system upgrades: we continued implementation as part of the NY Statewide Interoperable Communications (SICG) targeted grant to allow better public safety radio roaming across multiple counties. We are scheduling Genesee – Orleans field acceptance tests for summer 2021.
- Molasses Hill Tower: We commenced construction on the new tower site which is funded by four different SICG grants. FCC licensing, tower, shelter, generator, utilities, and driveway completed and antennas installed. Radio and microwave equipment installation to be completed late April / early May. Coverage testing scheduled for summer 2021 with Final Acceptance projected to occur fall 2021.
- Cedar Street Tower at County Highway: the tower is significantly overloaded and will require replacement due to changing engineering standards. Ice loading requirements increased from .5" under previous standards to the latest standard which now requires 1" – 3". We are currently seeking budgetary quotes to submit a capital improvement project for 2024 (sooner if grant / alternative funding is identified).
- 2022 CAD Maintenance: Genesee County reached a long-term maintenance agreement with Tyler Communications to reduce annual maintenance costs. Part of that long-term deal allowed Genesee to pay pro-rated maintenance for three months in 2021 (\$12,500) with a full annual maintenance billing beginning January 1, 2022 (\$54,000).
- 2022 Public Safety Radio System Maintenance: Genesee County agreed to a six-month maintenance agreement with L3 Harris at no additional cost to the County through the end of 2021. We are still negotiating long-term maintenance costs that will include the new tower on Molasses Hill to commence January 1, 2022. Provided NYS SICG funding remains constant; the cost of the annual maintenance agreement should be covered. Currently, New York State is over a year behind awarding SICG funding.
- Dispatch Furniture: in 2022, we plan to replace dispatch furniture that was installed in 2007, which has been used 24/7/365 over the last 15 years equating to approximately 63 years of normal office hour usage. We are seeking budgetary quotes from a current NYS OGS contract vendor.
- 911 System: in 2023, we plan to upgrade our system that was installed in 2014. We are working with NYS DHSES to develop technical specifications.

Jail Bureau

- Vacancies:
 - 1 full-time Correction Officer
 - 1 part-time Correction Officer
 - 1 part-time Community Health Nurse. We are having difficulty filling this position because the hourly wage is not comparable to rates offered in the community for a Registered Nurse.
- State Commission of Corrections has reduced our maximum facility capacity by 10 beds and is now 77.
- Weekend inmate detail and intermittent sentencing has been halted as a result of the CoVid pandemic.

	First Quarter 2021
Overtime Budget	\$60,722
Constant Watch and Hospital Hours	468
Personnel Salaries	\$497,072
Food Costs/Meal Services	13,648 meals served \$16,310 total cost \$1.195 cost per meal
Average Daily Population – males	50.3
Inmates Boarded Out – females	6 inmates / \$21,590
Inmates Boarded Out – males	1 inmate / \$0
Parole and State Readies as a portion of the Average Daily Population	18

Civil Bureau

- One Deputy Sheriff vacancy due to officer retirement.

	First Quarter 2021
Civil process services	481
Pistol permit record checks	147
Criminal history record checks	92
Request for records/FOIL	103

Genesee Justice

- Office of Victim Services (OVS) Grant funding: increased \$17,864 for fiscal year 2020-2021 through September 30. This funding may be reduced to \$13,857 for 2021-2022 if Office of Victim Services releases only the amount of funding from the original award letter in 2019. No funds have been held due to COVID.
- Department of Criminal Justice Services' (DCJS) grant funding: remained the same since 2019, and is anticipated to be the same for 2022. We do not yet have a contract award but that is typically sent by mid-April for a July 1 grant year start. No funds have been held from this grant, but payments were nine months late.
- DWI funds: remained steady with an additional amount to cover any wage increases. Funding was received on time; and we anticipate, if the funds exist, we will receive an award. The county funds approximately 1/3 of this program.
- 2021 County Budget: we should be receiving more revenue than what was budgeted for OVS and DCJS (included a 20% reduction originally incorporated for COVID-19 influence). We anticipate the full amount from these grants as was received last year. We will have less county budget spending due to the Program Coordinator vacancy. We also have a county savings in medical buy back of \$2,600 for 2021. We will be well under our 2021 county budget amount.
- Performance Measures: we continue to meet outcomes and anticipate reimbursement for all grant funding this year. Although DCJS numbers from Release Under Supervision (RUS) were down significantly in 2020 due to bail reform, we were able to have that benchmark changed and lowered to monitor/supervise and 120 from 263, giving us the ability to reach the new number and utilize all funds. DWI and Community Service are also down drastically due to the pandemic, courts being closed, and cases being extremely delayed. Once the courts open and the backlog of cases start to be sentenced, we anticipate an overwhelming amount of cases all at once for both DWI and Community Service.
- Revenue/Expenses: OVS has given assurance of funding for the 2021-2022 year, completing their RFA from 2019. All allowable expenses charged to this grant and other grants will be reimbursed. Next spring we will have a new RFA process for OVS funding.
- Trend Indicators: Due to COVID-19, Bail Reform, and courts being closed, we have experienced a reduction of cases in our office across the board. This is not expected to last when things start to return to normal and courts open back up. We anticipate being extremely busy with numbers going back to normal or above once this pandemic is over.
- Programs Added/Deleted: Other than a state certification for our RUS program that is an extremely lengthy process, our office has not picked up or dropped any programs, and we do not anticipate any changes in the next few years. It is possible, once the new Program Coordinator is hired in September, he/she may search for new programs and revenue sources.
- Staff Changes: One retirement in February (anticipated replacement to begin September). One additional part-time, OVS grant-funded position in 2021. Part-time positions have had high turnover in the last few years, but with current staff, we do not anticipate any turnover or retirements within the next year or two.
- We continue to support our five-year plan, at this time, with no foreseen major changes.

Program	Ongoing Cases (as of 4/5/21)
Released Under Supervision/PTR	31
Bail Evaluations	12
DWI/CD	8
Ignition Interlock Supervision (not including DWI/CD IIDs)	2
Community Service	10
Victim Assistance	41

Victim Assistance increase is due to victims associated with funeral director case.
 DWI/Community Service are affected by courts being closed and cases not sentenced.

2021	Active DWI Caseload	CD w/IID	IID Only**	Total IID
January	121	49	51	100
February	117	46	50	96
March	100	45	48	93

Justice for Children Advocacy Center (JFCAC)

- Vacancy: 1 contractual Mental Health Therapist. Filling this vacancy has been very difficult due to the hourly rate associated with the position; therefore, we will be requesting permission from the Legislature to increase the hourly rate for *both* the contractual Mental Health Therapists, which will be 100% grant funded. Current staffing consists of one Program Coordinator, one Lead Family Advocate, two Family Advocates, one part-time Clerk Typist, contractual team members consisting of one Forensic Interviewer, one Supervising Forensic Interviewer, two Mental Health Therapists, and one Clinical Supervisor.
- The number of cases seen at the JFCAC decreased in large part due to the pandemic. Disruptions to in-person schooling, sports, and recreational and faith community activities reduces a child’s opportunity to disclose abuse to a trusted adult or mandated reporter.
- Cases involving children acting out on other children rose by 10%. The exact cause of this is unclear, but the isolation and changes in the level of supervision of children due to the pandemic may be a factor.
- The JFCAC received a grant award to enhance medical programming. This grant will fund contracts with medical providers that will fully compensate them for medical exams, consultations, and attendance at multidisciplinary case reviews. It will also fully fund medical rooms in the Orleans and Wyoming Counties’ satellite offices. This development will reflect positively on the JFCAC as we complete our reaccreditation by the National Children’s Alliance in 2022.
- The NYS Office of Victim Services grant award increased by \$15,533, and the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) grant award increased by \$84,905. The new medical enhancement grant accounts for \$60,000 of that increase. The NYS Office of Children and Family Services had been withholding 20% of payment for third and fourth quarter claims in the 2019-2020 grant year; but at the end of this grant period,

the final withholding only amounted to 5% of one portion of funding from OCFS, which represented a \$2,757 shortfall.

	First Quarter 2021
New Cases Opened	53
Children, Caregivers, and Family Members Served	122
Forensic Interviews Conducted	48
Mental Health Screenings Completed	3
Medical Exams Provided	6

The number of mental health screenings compared to cases open is drastically lower than usual due to a mental health therapist vacancy.

Animal Control

- Companion Animal Grant (\$200,000) update: construction has begun and is continuing.

Programs: Unfortunately, again this year, we will not be offering the Sheriff’s Teen Academy. We are hopeful to hold it Summer 2022.