

Present: Legislators Stein, Torrey, Maha, Hilchey, Also Present: Legislators Young, Bausch, Deleo, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Planning Director Felipe Oltramari, Asst. Co. Mgr Matt Landers, Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe, Deputy Emergency Communications Director Frank Riccobono, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Sheriff William Sheron, Public Defender Jerry Ader, Asst. Engineer Laura Wadams, NACE Executive Director Kevan Stone, EMS Coordinator Tim Yaeger, 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 April 15, 2019 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Planning Director Felipe Oltramari explained that Genesee County was notified of a grant award from the NYS Department of State for the resiliency planning project in partnership with New York Green, Inc. The Planning Department will provide up to 10% of planning services which will be covered 100% by the grant. They are requiring an agreement which was drafted by the county attorney. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

EMS Coordinator Tim Yaeger reviewed the out of state travel report provided by his deputy Bill Schutt for attendance at the National Fire Academy.

Mr. Yaeger requested permission to apply for a HazMat grant in the amount of \$196,000. The funds are used by regional HazMat teams and offer assistance with maintaining equipment and training needs. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Yaeger requested permission to apply for a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HEMP) grant. Counties are eligible for \$5,172 to conduct hazardous materials planning and training. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Yaeger requested permission to apply for a State Homeland Security Program Grant. He explained that federal guidelines require that 25% of the total allocation be directed to law enforcement terrorism prevention activities. Total grant amount requested is \$114,967 with 25% (\$28,742) going to law enforcement. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Yaeger requested approval of an extension of a pre-disaster mitigation competitive grant through March 31, 2020 which would allow EMS to utilize grant funds for the purpose of updating the County's multijurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. His department has been working on the plan but it requires input from others which has been slow in coming. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Public Defender Jerry Ader reviewed his department report and explained the staffing updates and recent hires. He has one assistant public defender starting today and another in a few weeks. His office has applied for and been awarded multiple grants and he will need to bring on many attorneys for the counsel at first arraignment which requires an attorney be present for any and all arraignments. He has applied for a grant that will cover the cost of a space analysis and redesign of the Engine House where some assistant public defenders are currently housed. Office space will be at a premium for a while. The investigator is set to retire this summer and he will be looking to fill that position immediately.

Sheriff William Sheron explained that Darien Lake has requested a contract renewal for law enforcement services this summer. The current agreement expires May 31, 2019 and they are requesting it be extended for another 12 months. Increases in rates are factored in based on the current Labor agreements. All costs are billed back to Darien Lake. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Sheron stated that Western Region OTB has requested a contract renewal for law enforcement services at Batavia Downs for their 2019 Summer Concert Season. Terms of the current agreement remain the same with the exception of the increase in rates based on current labor agreements with DSA and SEA. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Sheron requested approval of a renewed agreement with the Village of Bergen for additional police services. He has received positive feedback from Village residents and is supportive of renewing the contract. This also requires a budget amendment in the amount of \$13,500 and will be offset by an increase in revenue in the same amount. 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. Sheron explained the need to hire 5 seasonal deputy sheriff's for the above seasonal work. The period covered is May 15, 2019-September 30, 2019. He further stated that all five positions will be filled by retired county sheriff's deputies or Batavia or LeRoy Police. Costs associated with the seasonal deputies will be offset by revenue from the above agreements. 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. Sheron requested approval of an intermunicipal agreement with Monroe County for public safety crime lab work. They have had an agreement with Monroe County previously and will continue with similar tests with the exception of DUI blood samples and alcohol testing. This resulted in a decrease in the agreement amount to \$117,626. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Director of Emergency Communications Steve Sharpe and Deputy Director Frank Riccobono requested support for a resolution that supports a House of Representatives bill HR 1629 which would direct the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reclassify public

safety telecommunicators as a "Protective Service Occupation" and also call upon U.S. Senators to support the companion legislation in the US Senate. There is a Senate companion bill S1015 and Sheriff Sheron reported that the Sheriff's Association is supportive. He further stated that dispatchers are unsung heroes and can be the difference between life and death. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Sharpe requested support for a resolution that calls on the Governor and Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Offices to release all funds authorized ensure eligibility for Federal FCC E911/Next Generation 911 resources and to ensure that future authorizations are released in full in the budget year they are appropriated. It was also explained that releasing these funding obligations on a regular schedule will provide certainty and build continuity as counties upgrade and maintain existing systems and prepare for NG911 development and implementation. Mr. Sharpe stated that the FCC sent a letter to the Governor expressing concern with the states diversion of 911 funds. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Next, Mr. Sharpe shared an update on the 800MHz Capital Project; total project funding is \$11,141,607 with a project balance of \$238,050. He explained that work has been completed on the new public safety tower in LeRoy and work and remaining funds are being used to upgrade the Cedar Street Tower, adding a tower in the south central portion of the county which will address coverage concerns since inception of the system in the 1990's. There is a possibility that consideration can be given to a shared services project/program where Wyoming County would benefit from the additional tower.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens explained that a water emergency plan has been drafted by a subcommittee of the Water Resources Agency. The subcommittee was headed up by Legislative Liaison Gary Maha and the WRA has reviewed the plan and recommend its adoption. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens explained that next two resolutions are bridge projects the County applied for through the BRIDGE NY program. Both call for the apportionment of costs at a ratio of 95% federal and 5% non-federal. Local match will be covered by 1% sales tax:

- Sharrick Road Bridge over Murder Creek with a local match cost of \$56,882. 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.
- Tower Hill Road Bridge over Spring Creek with a local match cost of \$47,720. 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.

The following two are projects the Town applied for under the BRIDGE NY Program with a cost ratio of 95% federal and 5% non-federal. Local match will be covered by 1% sales tax:

- Meadville Road Bridge over Canal Creek with a local match cost of \$41,443. 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.

- Upton Road Bridge over Bowen Creek with a local match of \$56,965. 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. Hens requested a salary schedule amendment that will eliminate a building mechanic position and create a building maintenance worker position. He stated he has communicated with the union and there is agreement that this change is appropriate. A savings of \$6,200 annually is anticipated. 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. Hens explained that the County advertised plans and specifications for the construction of a new water transmission main along portions of Vallance Rd and North Rd in the Town of LeRoy in order to advance Phase 2 of the Countywide Water Project and he is recommending a construction contract bid be awarded to Randsco Pipeline at a cost not to exceed \$5,286,200. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens commissioned a comprehensive bridge and culvert inventory and assessment that identified a significant number of bridges and large culverts that need to be replaced. Construction documents and specifications were prepared, advertised for the installation of concrete culvert components for two large span culverts and one bridge location throughout the county and recommends the bid be awarded to Keeler Construction for approximately \$635,600. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens explained that he receive bids for the purchase of a new or lightly used Wheel Loader for use within the Road Machinery Fund and he is recommending the lease-purchase a 2018 Hyundai HL970XT Wheel Loader from George and Swede Sales & Service, Inc., 7155 Big Tree Rd, Pavilion, NY 14525 in five annual amounts not to exceed \$41,500. Committee members commented they were pleased to see a local business was being awarded 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 stated that Genesee County has been awarded a federal aid grant to replace the Upton Road Bridge over Bowen Creek in the Town of Batavia. He has reviewed and an evaluated engineering proposal submitted under a qualification-based selection and is recommending a contract with C & S Engineers for an amount not to exceed \$170,000. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested his list of equipment by declared surplus with any revenue from the sale going into the appropriate funds which include road machinery equipment, Airport and revenue from facility maintenance items is a general fund revenue. 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. Hens explained that he needed to rescind resolution no. 160 which was a renewal for shared services with municipalities in the County. He stated that an agreement for shared services was approved last year and is valid through June of 2020 therefore he needed to rescind the resolution passed last month. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested resolution No. 157 be amended to reflect the accurate apportionment of costs which are 80% federal funds and 20% non-federal funds for the Pratt Road Bridge over Tonawanda Creek. 1% sales tax will be used to cover the local share of \$8,500. 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. Hens explained that the County received a federal pass-through project to assist in the painting of three bridges. He is recommending a bid award for construction inspection and support to Niagara Coatings of Niagara Falls for an amount not to exceed \$91,700 and a construction contract as specified in the bid documents for preventative maintenance bridge painting in an amount not to exceed \$230,936. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens shared his thoughts on the proposed round a bout in the Town of Alabama. He stated that he understands the Town is opposed to a round a bout at the intersection of Ledge Road and Route 77. They are expensive to install, he recognizes this is a rural location and there are a lot of accidents, many with fatalities. However, they are proven to reduce accidents because of their design and the need to reduce speed. They are designed to handle farm equipment and the curbing can be adjusted for snow-plowing. He stated there is a technical solution to every issue raised by the Town. The NYS DOT is holding a public meeting on the matter on 5.29.19.

Mr. Hens introduced Kevan Stone, executive director of NACE. Mr. Hens was recently sworn in as President. As president, he will attend 4 executive committee meetings in the coming year and will be visiting 5 states. Mr. Stone stated he is available to Genesee County and looks forward to the upcoming year with Mr. Hens serving as association president.

County Manager Jay Gsell provided a capital project status report. A majority of the projects fall under Public Service. The report included project title, funding, balance and status.

Assistant County Manager Matt Landers presented a resolution authorizing an increase in the Capital Project-Jail Construction by \$1,228,533 from the Building & Equipment Reserve. He explained that there will be an accumulation of design, engineering, and consulting costs before the County is in the position to successfully issue long term bonds. When long-term borrowing is secured, the Treasurer will replenish all incurred expenses to the Building & Equipment Reserve. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next

Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Mr. Landers explained the County issued an RFP for Construction Management Services for the County Jail Project and upon review of proposals and interviewing vendors, they unanimously recommend the Pike Company for the amount of \$1,228,533. 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.

The next scheduled meeting of the Public Service Committee is Monday, June 17, 2019.

Chair Stein stated the Water Resources Agency has a vacancy and Danielle Cummins of Bergen has submitted an application and is interested in serving. The term runs through December 31, 2021. 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.

Two members of the Planning Board have terms set to expire the end of May and are requesting reappointment; Laraine Caton of Batavia and Robert Bennett of LeRoy. Both attend meetings regularly and Ms. Caton serves as Board Chair. New terms run through May 31, 2022. 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.

The representative on the Planning Board from District #6 is not seeking reappointment. Ms. Jill Gould of Pavilion is interested in serving and submitted her application for appointment. The term runs through May 31, 2022. 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.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.



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Public Service Committee
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