

Present: Committee Members Young, Clattenburg, Dibble, Yunker, also present Legislators Stein, Maha, Torrey, Dibble, Klotzbach, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Assistant County Manager Matt Landers, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Sheriff William Sheron, Under Sheriff Brad Mazur, Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe, Public Defender Jerry Ader, Probation Director Tim Michalak, Assigned Counsel Kristie DeFreeze

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 suspending the Open Meeting Law, the Genesee County Public Committee meeting was held electronically using ZOOM video conference instead of a public meeting open for the public to attend in person.

The Public Service Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Young at 4:30 PM.

Minutes of the May 18, 2020 Public Service Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Sheriff William Sheron and Under Sheriff Brad Mazur requested the County accept funding in the amount of \$11,956 from the Office of Justice Bulletproof Vest Program, for the purchase of body armor for Sheriff's Deputies and Correction Officers. They also requested a budget amendment to use funds from a restricted account (Uniform Vests) to use toward the total purchase price of \$16,572. 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.

Public Defender Jerry Ader requested approval of a one year agreement extension for the Public Defense Case Management System Maintenance and Software Agreement between Genesee County and New York State Defenders Association and to increase the number of licenses from 8 to 15. 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.

Mr. Ader explained the request for a budget amendment in the amount of \$3,500 to cover the cost of the increase in number of licenses with the Public Defense Case Management System. Funds are being transferred from the Indigent Legal Services Grant. 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.

Mr. Ader requested approval of an amendment to extend a grant contract for one year due to a delay in the start of the grant. The Second Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant will be extended for one year from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens requested approval of a bid award for fire alarm replacements with Johnson Controls. The Highway Fire Alarm Capital Project was established in April using 1% sales tax. Total cost is \$97,083.39. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested approval of a bid award for bridge decking materials for McClernon Road Bridge in Bethany. A capital project has been established for the bridge with a local share of \$50,600. Bid award amount is \$47,766.25 for the contract with Chemung Supply Corporation. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens explained that Phase 2 of the Countywide Water System has begun and the projects have encountered changes in requirements and unexpected conditions. This has resulted in an increase in cost and change orders. \$1 Mil in contingency funds was included in Phase 2 bonding to handle change orders. Total amount of the two change orders is \$334,076. 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.

Mr. Hens explained the Rotary Club of Batavia is donating \$5,265.21 to the County. Mr. Hens is recommending the funds be used for capital project improvements at Dewitt Park. The funds would be used to purchase 2 extra-large surface mount message boards and 8- 6ft benches and hardware for the Ellicott Trail. This also requires a budget amendment. 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.

County Attorney Kevin Earl explained the County purchased property in Attica for the purpose of building a communications tower. It is in the best interest of Genesee County citizens to seek tax exempt status from Wyoming County, Attica Central School and the Town of Attica. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Mr. Earl & Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe presented a request for an easement approval for the benefit of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation for the Attica property where the tower will be erected. Legislator Clattenburg made a motion to amend the resolution to change the address from 368 to 268 Molasses Hill Road seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

GLOW Solid Waste Coordinator Peggy Grayson requested approval of a contract renewal with Environmental Enterprises, Inc. for the 2020 Household Hazardous Waste Collection program. Funds have been included in the 2020 budget and are in line with past expenditures. A motion was made by Legislator Clattenburg to add the address of Environmental Enterprises to the resolution seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Probation Director Tim Michalak presented his department review and highlighted the following: Probation officer caseloads were averaging 90 but since the pandemic they have dropped to 85, the department is fully staffed, there is one secretary and one officer furloughed, he expects some savings due to less mileage, training costs and supplies however he is unsure of cuts to reimbursements/revenue. PO's were able to assist Health Department operations by conducting quarantine checks on COVID-19 positive cases. The department was able to obtain software at no cost that includes a time & date stamp, picture and GPS capabilities.

Kristie DeFreze of Bonadio Law Office reviewed the Assigned Counsel program report. There are 13 attorneys participating on the criminal panel, 13 on family court panel and 5 on the appeal panel. Referrals in 2019 were 117 for Family matters, 120 for criminal and 10 for appeals. She reported there has been no interruption in in service with the assigned counsel program due to the pandemic. Assignments are handled electronically. They anticipate a lot of assignments when the courts reopen.

County Manager Jay Gsell commented on another executive order signed by Governor Cuomo pertaining to Police reform which requires law enforcement to review policy, provide a forum for public comment and adopt appropriate reforms and local laws by April 1, 2021.

The next meeting of the Public Service Committee is July 13, 2020 following Human Services Committee meeting.

At 5:30 pm Legislator Clattenburg made a motion to enter into executive session for a privileged and confidential discussion with the county attorney seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

At 5:55 pm Legislator Clattenburg made a motion to reconvene the Public Service meeting seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

*Andrew Young Approved 7/13/2020*

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Andrew Young, Chair  
Public Service Committee  
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