

Present: Committee Members Clattenburg, Stein, Maha, Torrey, also present, Deleo, Yunker, Dibble, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Landers, Assistant County Manager Tammi Ferringer, County Attorney Kevin Earl, County Clerk Mike Cianfrini, MH Financial Officer Lynn Schriber, IT Director Mike Burns, Health Director Paul Pettit, Real Property Director Kevin Andrews, Treasurer Scott German, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Chamber President Eric Fix, Tourism Director Kelly Rapone, Zoom: Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe

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.

The agenda was amended to add a resolution to reject bids by Mental Health Department upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Minutes of the June 2, 2021 Ways & Means Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce President Eric Fix and Tourism Director Kelly Rapone began the discussion of their request to amend the Hotel Occupancy tax local law to include Airbnb and other on-line lodging services. Local hoteliers are supportive of the change in legislation. There has been a 47% increase in Airbnb bookings in 2018. At present there are 17 Airbnb listings in Genesee County. Airbnb is just one of several companies. Counties throughout the state have agreements with on-line booking companies. The current rate of occupancy tax in Genesee County is 3%. County Attorney Kevin Earl explained the local law authorizing the 3% bed tax will expire later this year and will need to be renewed.

County Clerk Mike Cianfrini explained the Clerk's office uses an Integrated County Clerk's Records Management System which includes the necessary hardware and software for the functions of Cashiering, Indexing, Imaging, Public Search, Courts, UCC, Judgments, Web Serving, Pistol Permits, Electronic Endorsement Page, Work Flow Management, Electronic Filing, Electronic Recording, and Revenue Reporting and Accounting provided by InfoQuick Solutions, Inc. and the contract expired on May 31st. He is requesting payments continue while an RFP is issued and bids are received for these services. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

IT Director Mike Burns requested approval of a contract agreement with Linstar for software and hardware support services for the security system. Cost of the 12 month contract period is \$63,964.80. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Burns explained the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law, and included direct aid to counties to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including its public health and economic impacts. County Manager Landers and IT Director Burns recommend using a portion of the ARPA funds for improvements and modernization to infrastructure that directly supports cybersecurity, public health and emergency management services. Cost for the project

is \$157,927 and will be funded by the ARPA grant. This was approved for placement on the Legislature agenda following the public hearing upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit requested the extension of 2 temporary full-time clerk typist positions, 3 temporary full-time COVID response specialists and 1 full-time epidemiologist until March 2023. Salary and fringes are funded by the expanded COVID grant funds in the amount of \$342,558. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe requested approval of a lease amendment with American Tower Asset Sub, LLC to upgrade the public safety radio system equipment. There is no budget impact. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mental Health Director Lynda Battaglia explained an error occurred with a response to a question pertaining to the recent Medical Billing Services RFP. Due to the misinformation, she is requesting all of the bids be rejected at this time. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

County Attorney Kevin Earl reviewed updates made to the Financial Disclosure Statement. A check-box has been added to allow the user to mark off “not applicable” to reduce the number of statements that are considered incomplete. The financial disclosure statement will be presented with local law introductory no.2 year 2021 to Repeal and Replace the County of Genesee Ethics and Disclosure law.

The following referrals were from the Public Service Committee upon motion of Chair Maha:

1. 2021 Budget Amendment Capital Project/County Park/Comprehensive Recreation Plan seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.
2. 2021 Budget Transfer – Sheriff/Animal Control Overtime seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
3. Consultant Agreement-DeWitt Recreation Shoreline Improvements-Design seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.
4. Intermunicipal Agreement-Town of Alexander/Darien-Concurrence of seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
5. Consultant Agreement-Highway/Genesee Justice Restoration seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.
6. 2021 Budget Amendment/Salary Schedule Amendment-Highway-Assistant County Engineer. Legislator Stein made a motion to amend to add “water” to the title, seconded by Legislator Maha, carried. The amended resolution was seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
7. Acceptance of Contract Funds-Public Defender/NYS Unified Court System seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

8. Contract Acceptance-Public Defender/NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services and Public Defender/Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc. seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

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

Ways & Means Chair Clattenburg explained that GCC Trustee Phillip DeMartino's term is ending 6/30/21 and he is interested in reappointment. The new term is July 1, 2021 through June 31, 2028. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Marianne Clattenburg approved 7-21-21

Marianne Clattenburg, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

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