

Present: Legislators Clattenburg, Stein, Bausch, Young, Also Present: Legislators Torrey, Hilchey, Dibble, Deleo, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Undersheriff Greg Walker, Genesee Justice Coordinator Cathy Uhly, Asst. Co. Manager Matt Landers, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Amy Vanderhoof, Howard Owens-The Batavian

Ways & Means Committee Chair Clattenburg called the meeting to order at 5:26 PM in the Legislature Conference Room at the Old Courthouse. Minutes of the June 20, 2018 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Chair Clattenburg invited Ms. Amy Spadaro Vanderhoof to the table to share information about her interest in serving on the GCEDC Board. She stated that she and her husband own a business and she is active in the LeRoy and Genesee County community. The GCEDC Board has a term ending June 30, 2018 with the retirement of John Rizzo. Committee members stated they had spoken to Ms. Vanderhoof upon receipt of her application and were supportive of her appointment to the GCEDC Board. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Genesee Justice Coordinator Cathy Uhly requested a budget transfer based on Office of Victims Services requested budget modification and an analysis of their actual expenditures. The total transfer amount is \$3,708. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Undersheriff Greg Walker requested the committee accept a \$26,667 grant award from the Division of Criminal Justice Services to be used to purchase emergency vehicle equipment and clothing and equipment for arson investigators. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Undersheriff Walker explained the County received a NY Statewide Interoperable Communications grant and there is a balance of \$92,472. He stated that the Sheriff's office will be adding personnel and vehicles to support the new School Resource Officer positions therefore additional portable and mobile communication devices will need to be purchased. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Assistant County Manager Matt Landers requested approval of a resolution granting permission to apply for up to \$500,000 in grant funding under the 2018 Environmental Protection Fund Historic Preservation Grant program. The funds would be used to cover construction/repair costs on the masonry work at the County Jail. The County has put this job out to bid twice and both times the bids were well above the budgeted amount. The grant requires a 25% cash or in-kind contribution. This was approved for placement on

the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Mr. Landers presented a resolution accepting lighting equipment from Lighting Design Innovations, a Batavia-based company who previously donated lighting design work and equipment to illuminate the cupola of the old courthouse. The new equipment is valued at approximately \$1,500 and will be used to illuminate the Upton Monument. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Mr. Landers described how the County contracts with Labella Associates for grant writing services. The County budgeted \$5,000 for general grant writing services and \$4,500 has been allocated already. The County would like to apply for EFC Water Infrastructure grants and an ESDC Strategic Planning Study grant. Cost of consultant services to apply for these grants is \$12,500. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Mr. Landers explained the County Manager's office received notification of grant funding from the NYS Occupational Safety and Health Hazard Abatement Board last year for a \$14,853 award for safety training and education. The grant period ends July 31, 2018 and a balance of \$4,950 remains therefore he is requesting a budget amendment allowing for the funds to be used later this year. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

The following referrals were from the Human Services Committee upon motion of Chair Young:

1. 2018 Salary Schedule Amendment-Community Mental Health Services/ Temporary Administrative Officer Position seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.
2. Affiliation Agreement-Health Department/University of Rochester seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
3. Grant Acceptance-Health Department/Drinking Water Enhancement Program seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is scheduled for August 1, 2018.

County Manager Jay Gsell explained there have been discussions regarding a necessary increase in the water surcharge to municipalities to pay for Phase 2 of the water master plan. He stated that Highway Superintendent Tim Hens recommended an increase of 75 cents per thousand. County Attorney Kevin Earl stated his opinion that a range could be used, for example "between .60-.75 cent increase per thousand gallons of water consumed". Legislator Bausch indicated he was not comfortable with a range but was supportive of a .60 cent increase. Ways & Means Chair Clattenburg stated that if a shortfall results we will have more leverage when applying for financial assistance and grant money. The increase in the water surcharge from .60 to \$1.20 per thousand gallons

of water will be effective January 1, 2019. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

The next agenda item was a resolution supporting enforcement of sales tax laws for internet based purchases originating in New York. Chair Clattenburg stated that the Legislature passed a supporting resolution in February 2018. Now in light of the recent US Supreme Court ruling that overturned a longstanding precedent that required a physical presence in the state to collect the tax another supporting resolution was requested. Mr. Gsell explained that Genesee County would benefit in the range of \$1.35 - 2.4 million in annual sales tax local share growth. Chair Clattenburg further suggested that rural counties are affected more. The resolution calls on the Governor and State Legislature to vote on the measure during a special session since the 2018 Legislative Session has adjourned. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

The Water Resources Agency has an open seat due to the untimely death of long-time member Bill Kappus. Mr. Kappus' unexpired term is through 12/31/18. An application was received from Ms. Chris Thornley of Corfu who has extensive experience as a water treatment plant operator. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Ways & Means Chair Clattenburg explained that the topic of increasing length of legislator terms and staggering terms has been addressed previously. The most recent review in 2010 was conducted by an Ad Hoc Committee that was comprised of residents appointed from each legislative district. The committee obtained information such as election costs and number of counties with 4-year terms for Legislators among other factors. The Ad Hoc Committee recommended staggered 4-year terms and the legislature passed the resolution however the public referendum was defeated. Legislator Stein stated that local village and town council seats are 4-year terms and she is often met with questions from constituents when campaigning regarding why she is campaigning so soon. A Public Hearing is required and Chair Clattenburg stated she will be listening very closely to public comment on the matter. The resolution sets the Public Hearing for August 8, 2018. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

The next resolution was the local law that would increase term length and stagger terms. Local Law Introductory No. 4 has length of term for legislators in even numbered districts running for office in 2019 for a four year term and odd numbered districts would run for a four year term in 2021. If the resolution is passed after the public hearing it must then be approved by the electors of Genesee County at the November 6, 2018 election. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Marianne Clattenburg

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