

Present: Legislators Young, Clattenburg, Hilchey, Dibble, Also Present: Legislator Stein, Torrey, Bausch, Maha, Deleo (joined the meeting at 4:41 PM), Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Health Department Director Paul Pettit, Environmental Director Sarah Baldauf, OFA Finance Clerk Barb Hendershott, DSS Commissioner Dave Rumsey, Asst. County Attorney Durin Rogers, YMCA CEO Rob Walker, UMMC President Dan Ireland, HOLM Director Ryan Duffy, HOLM Board President Don Burkel, Library staff; Tom Bindeman, Lisa Ericson, Bob Conrad, Kim Gibson, Susan Schauf, Betsy Halvorsen, Stacey Anderson, The Batavian reporter Howard Owens, The Daily News reporter Brian Quinn.

Chair Young called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference Room at the Old Courthouse. Legislator John Hilchey was temporarily appointed to the Human Services Committee in the absence of Legislator Deleo. The minutes of the July 2, 2018 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Office for the Aging Financial Clerk Barb Hendershott explained that the Lifespan of Rochester has leased office space from the County and they would like to renew the lease agreement for one additional year. The Lifespan program staff work in the Muriel H. Marshall Fund for the Aging funded Financial Management Program providing financial services to Genesee County seniors. Annual rental cost is \$1,146.40 and is included in the 2018 budget. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

DSS Commissioner Dave Rumsey requested a salary schedule amendment to allow for the creation of one full-time Support Investigator effective August 9, 2018. He explained that previously there were 3 investigators but in 2012 one position remained vacant after the individual left the job. At present there are seasoned investigators who are eligible to retire. They will take years of experience with them therefore he requests a position now. The reimbursement rate is between 65-100% depending on the level of Federal reimbursement. When reimbursement was limited to State the rate was 65% however with other incentive money available the reimbursement can be as high as 100%. Mr. Rumsey will provide the cost for a full-year. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Rumsey explained that DSS and Mental Health Services utilize security services at 5130 East Main Street at the entrance and within their departments. The full-time presence of a security officer enhances safety of the employees and public. Cost of the service is billed to DSS and Mental Health. DSS receives a higher rate of reimbursement from the State. The hourly rate will increase slightly to \$24.30 to accommodate the prevailing wage which changed on July 1st. This renewal would be the 3rd one-year renewal. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Legislator Deleo replaced Legislator Hilchey and joined the committee at 4:39 pm. Health Director Paul Pettit stated the department would like to enter into a contract with a new service provider for the preschool supportive health services program. He explained that County is required to provide services and reimbursement rates are 59.5% minus Medicaid payments. Mr. Pettit related that they are always in need of service providers for the preschool supportive health services program. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble carried unanimously.

Holland Land Office Director Ryan Duffy and Board President Don Burkel highlighted program outcomes, recent acquisitions and exhibits. This year there were 40 participants in the History Heroes Camp. He noted that nearly half of the visitors are out-of-county residents. They completed their card catalogue of museum collections and have a new exhibit scheduled to open August 1, 2018 which features the 150th anniversary of the State School for the Blind. Volunteers, including 18 GCC students, completed over 1,000 hours of community service. The board and staff completed their strategic plan which will be used for future planning. Mr. Duffy related that the document will be used for future planning and decision making. Legislator Clattenburg, the legislative liaison to the HLOM noted an increased enthusiasm and related how she recently heard complementary comments from out-of-town guests.

Chairman Young addressed the Septic/Port-a-potty spreading discussion and invited Health Director Paul Pettit and Environmental Health Director Sarah Baldauf to share information. It was noted that Ms. Beth Carr who brought the concern to the Legislature was not present. It was related that NYS DEC regulates the spreading of septic fluids on land. Port-a-potty fluids cannot be spread on land. The landowner must obtain a permit from DEC and the land must be tilled immediately upon application. This practice is common throughout the state and country. No consumable crops are grown on the land where septic waste is spread however cover crops are grown. Legislator Bausch commented there was a violation in his district years ago with appropriate follow up and mitigation. Assistant County Attorney Durin Rogers related his recent research of violations included significant fines and penalties to violators. He also related if a local law were enacted that is more restrictive than DEC regulations, the County would be required to regulate. Health Department staff indicated they work with DEC and other agencies to ensure resident concerns are addressed. Chairman Young thanked Mr. Pettit and Ms. Baldauf for their research and attention to the matter.

Librarians from Genesee County Libraries and NIOGA introduced themselves and highlighted some successes and challenges. Tom Bindeman from NIOGA thanked the Legislature for past support. Bullet Aid was described to be State funding received by Libraries that cannot be used for operations. The funding is commonly used for technology needs including replacement of computers and security measures. It was stated the formula used to divide county funding among Libraries was established by the Legislature many years ago. The Libraries are requesting \$48,000 from the County for 2019. This is an increase over the 2018 allocation. Legislator Clattenburg stated her

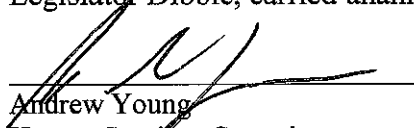
support of libraries and further stated the reality of the tax cap and that County reimbursements from the State are tied to remaining under the cap.

GLOW YMCA CEO Rob Walker and UMMC President Dan Ireland shared an update on the Healthy Living Campus Project. They have a schematic design of their proposed 85,000 sq. ft. facility. A committee of stakeholders has been meeting and they were recently awarded DRI funding. Mr. Walker identified a demographic shift with an increase in senior YMCA members. They are looking for feedback and support from the County regarding the inclusion of OFA on the campus of the new building. If agreeable, the OFA building will be taken down and that land would be used for part of the new facility. The OFA would then be housed in the new building. It was stated they do not want to duplicate services nor compete with existing services or agencies. They also want to ensure nothing is left out or missed. The YMCA building would be built first with the hospital portion following a few years later. The UMMC portion will house 24 exam rooms. Mr. Walker explained that parking will be improved. At present the parking for YMCA and OFA is limited and requires visitors and members to cross the street which can be difficult during busy times. The plan is to have parking on two sides of the new facility with spill over where current parking exists. The GCEDC has been helpful with estimating the financial impact, tax exemptions and benefits to the region in terms of labor, sales tax revenue and income tax revenue.

County Manager Jay Gsell provided a brief history of the County's use of 5130 East Main and the cost of leasing the property. The initial ten-year term had a rate per square foot got from \$10.00 to \$10.75 by year ten. The next five-year term was \$10.75. The landlord made improvements and provides for plowing and interior improvements. He explained the landlord has proposed a new lease extension beginning in May 2020 that has the rate at \$11.52 with a 1.5% annual increase beginning in May 2022-2027 at which time the rate would be \$12.60. Their reason is to make needed improvements to the roof and the 24 rooftop HVAC units will need replacement within the next two years. Both department heads are satisfied with the building operation and the positive relationship with the landlord. Moreover, a portion of the lease and related expenses is reimbursable. Legislator Clattenburg clarified that County Facilities Management does not work in this building. Chair Young stated the requested rate increase is not out of line but did not see the value of the landlord's rationale. The landlord was invited to attend the meeting but was not present.

The next meeting of the Human Services Committee is Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21PM upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.


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