

Present: Legislators Stein, Hilchey, Maha, Torrey, Also Present: Legislators Bausch, Clattenburg, Deleo, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Planning Director Felipe Oltramari, Asst. County Attorney Durin Rogers, Deputy Highway Superintendent Dave Wozniak, Sheriff Bill Sheron, Asst. County Manager Matt Landers, Genesee Justice Coordinator Cathy Uhly, EMS Coordinator Tim Yaeger, Deputy Coordinator Bill Schutt, Steve Sharpe, Howard Owens-The Batavian, Brian Quinn-The Daily News

Public Service Committee Chair Stein called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Emergency Management Services Building on State Street Road, Batavia.

The minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Planning Director Felipe Oltramari explained that the Genesee County Legislature, serving as Lead Agency, evaluated Phase 2 Water Project with respect to the previously issued Final Environmental Impact Statement. The potentially significant adverse effects posed by proposed modifications were addressed in the previously issue EIS. He further explained that a Negative Declaration should be filed pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law. Chair Stein noted that several interested parties such as other municipalities responded with comments and questioned if there were any others they were expecting to hear from but did not. Mr. Oltramari indicated that everyone they anticipated a response from did participate. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Deputy Highway Superintendent Dave Wozniak presented a resolution that would deem several highway equipment items surplus. A high mileage 2012 ford pick-up truck, 2009 ford pick-up truck, 2008 ford pick-up truck, 2001 ford excursion truck, 2005 john deer mower and three other mowers. All attachments and extras will be auctioned off separately. 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.

Chair Stein congratulated Sheriff Sheron on completion of the first Teen Academy hosted by the Sheriff's Department. Academy Director Deputy Matt Butler and instructors Chad Cummings and Deborah Snyder provided coursework and were given credit for the successful program. 14 Genesee County students graduated on July 27, 2018.

Sheriff Sheron explained his request for approval of a revised memorandum of agreement with Mutualink, a program run by NYS for the purpose of providing first responders access to interoperable communications capabilities. The revised MOA allows for the

County to use NYS equipment, software and 10 licenses as well as NYS will maintain the equipment. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Sheron and Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe requested a contract be awarded to Costich Engineering for communication tower engineering services. This is a one year contract with the option of two one-year renewals. 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.

Genesee Justice Coordinator Cathy Uhly requested the County accept grant funding in the amount of \$92,205 from the NYS Office of Victim Services. This is approximately \$5,000 more than OVS funds received last year. The additional funding will provide additional victim services. 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 requested permission to apply for a State & Municipal Facilities Capital Program Grant through Assemblyman Steve Hawley. If awarded the funding would be used toward a fire training house. They have identified the possibility of partnering with BOCES to have them build the structure. The building would be set up to resemble an actual home with furniture. There is no live fire however smoke would be piped in along with speakers that would be used to project fire-related sounds. Motion for permission to apply was made by Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Yaeger reviewed his department review and shared the challenges of getting the Towns to buy into completing their hazard mitigation plan. This is an on-going important plan that his team will continue to work on. Emergency Communications upgrades continue with phase II which includes testing of pagers for fire service. Fire Extinguishers and AED's are checked on a semi-annual basis in all County Buildings. Bringing this service in-house is more comprehensive and cost effective. Their fire investigation team of 12 members continues to maintain professional certifications and their equipment meets current standards. The Ready Genesee App continues to be marketed and used. The arson control plan is under revision due to more stringent NYS certification requirements for fire investigators. Mr. Yaeger explained that staff is getting closer to retirement age and he is concerned about finding qualified candidates. One of the biggest challenges continues to be recruitment and retaining emergency and fire personnel. He is looking at how other states are delivering emergency services and considering how a pay per call or stipend model may or may not work. He has scheduled a Chiefs meeting in September to provide factual information and dispel rumors that have surfaced recently. Mr. Yaeger stated he is hopeful there is funding available to create a

task force to thoroughly research and review. Chair Stein stated a tour of the facility will follow.

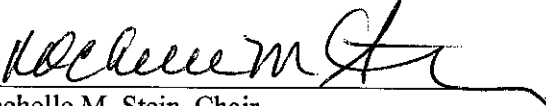
County Manager Jay Gsell stated that Genesee County has been a member of the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance since 1998. MEGA has requested the County's assistance with issuing an invitation to bid from energy supply companies by serving in the role of the Procuring Municipality. Mr. Gsell indicated that Purchasing Director Eve Hens had questions answered and is satisfied with the request. The resolution authorizes the County Manager and/or Chairman of the Legislature to award the contract to one or more bidders and execute agreements with the successful bidder. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

The Clerk reported the next scheduled meeting of the Public Service Committee is September 18, 2018.

Public Service Chair Stein stated that an application for the Planning Board had been received by Richard Richmond II from District #8. A vacancy exists as Mr. Cipollone did not seek reappointment. His three year term ended June 30, 2018. 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.

Chair Stein reported there was a presentation by Commission on Corrections staff regarding the Jail Study. The County is collecting information and will be making decisions regarding future direction. The new assistant engineer position has a request for exempt status and we are awaiting that determination. A Johnson Controls update was provided by Highway Superintendent Tim Hens and future updates are expected. Mr. Hens also e-mailed legislators a water project update. Chair Stein thanked committee members for their work with the many projects and decisions coming through this Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.



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