

Present: Legislators Stein, Torrey, Maha, Hilchey, Also Present: Legislators Dibble, Bausch, Clattenburg, Deleo, Young, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Asst. Co. Mgr. Matt Landers, Deputy County Attorney Durin Rogers, Confidential Secretary to County Attny Cindy Palmer, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe, Sheriff Bill Sheron, EMS Coordinator Tim Yaeger, Deputy EMS Coordinator Bill Schutt, Public Defender Jerry Ader, Genesee Justice Coordinator Cathy Uhly, Howard Owens-The Batavian, Brian Quinn – The Daily News

Public Service Chair Stein called the meeting to order at 5:21pm in the Legislative Conference Room at the Old Courthouse.

Minutes of the July 15, 2019 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens requested approval of a bid award for sodium chloride from American Rock Salt at a cost of \$51.29 per ton for the period of October 1, 2019 thru September 30, 2020. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested approval of a bid award for a live-bottom trailer from Trail King Industries at a cost not to exceed \$100,622. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens explained the request to amend capital projects to accept Extreme Winter Recovery Funding from NYS and make budget amendments and transfers to other projects to better utilize CHIPS funds. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens stated the County Parks has a mower they need to declare surplus which will be disposed of at auction or public bid. Revenue generated from the sale will go to the General Fund. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens explained that the County has been offered a State Aviation Grant from the New York State Department of Transportation for the design and construction of a multi-bay T-Hangar at the Genesee County Airport. Total project cost is \$875,000 with \$656,250 coming from State aid. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens shared a Johnson Controls update: We are 100% complete and now into the Warranty Phase. There is some retro commissioning required which has not been completed yet. This will be done by a third party contractor. Mr. Hens also updated the Committee on water volume/usage: He stated that the two main water sources are maxed out and usage is following

their projections. Vallance Road bids have been opened and bids were advertised for Chestnut Ridge. Mr. Hens expects the majority of work to be completed by June 2020.

Chair Stein thanked Mr. Hens for his out-of-state report on the trip to Las Vegas, Nevada for the NaCo annual conference.

Mr. Yaeger commented on his report for recent out-of-state travel where preparedness at the local level was the focus as well as drone technology and autonomous vehicles. He attended the National Homeland Security Conference in Phoenix Arizona in June 2019.

Sheriff Sheron stated he is requesting the County accept grant funds from the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$25,056 and to participate in the statewide Police Traffic Services Program. The funds were not budgeted for 2019 therefore a budget amendment is necessary. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Sheron next explained the need for a budget transfer due to the volume of inmates being housed in jails outside of the County. He is requesting \$100,000 be transferred from personal services to male housing. 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.

Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe presented a resolution for a lease renewal with Spok, Inc. formerly USA Mobility for their lease of space on the County tower located at Cedar Street. Cost per month is \$1,283.96 in addition to a flat rate of \$900 per year for the generator fee. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Genesee Justice Coordinator Cathy Uhly requested acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$112,481 from the NYS Office of Victims Services. Funds will be used to continue the Victim Assistance Program for 2019-2020. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Ms. Uhly requested a salary schedule amendment that will eliminate one part-time community service/victim assistant position and increase another from part-time to full-time. She indicated that it has been difficult to keep people in the part-time positions. The position is funded by grants from NYS office of Victim Services and Department of Criminal Justice Services. 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.

Ms. Uhly attended the National Association of Community and Restorative Justice Annual Conference in Denver, CO June 13-16, 2019. Chair Stein thanked her for providing an out-of-state report.

Public Defender Jerry Ader requested acceptance of the contract between Genesee County and the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services. Total contract revenue for 2019 is \$167,100 and has been budgeted. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Ader requested a salary schedule amendment to increase the hours of the investigator position from 60 to 75 biweekly effective August 28, 2019. Funds have been included in the 2019 budget and no transfer or amendment is required. 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.

Assistant County Manager / Jail Committee Co-chair Matt Landers shared an update on the new Jail by explaining that committee members have toured two facilities; Ontario County Jail and the Federal detention center in Batavia. Two more facility tours are planned for Sullivan and St. Lawrence County jails. SMRT has been on-site for planning meetings & discussion. The Construction Manager is preliminary costs.

Sheriff Sheron requested the County accept a grant for the Child Advocacy Center from NYS Office of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$163,408. The grant period is October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Sheron requested the County accept another grant for the CAC from NYS Office of Victim Services. The annual amount for 2019-2020 is \$197,212. The three-year grant total is \$395,387. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

EMS Coordinator Tim Yaeger and Deputy Coordinator Bill Schutt reviewed highlights of the department review with a focus on recruitment and retention of volunteer fire service personnel. A committee of representatives from various associations is working to identify issues and possible solutions. Mr. Yaeger outlined staff changes, the multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, EMS Communication upgrades and other accomplishments including provided training and staff response to emergency calls.

Mr. Yaeger explained the department has been actively seeking funding to cover the cost of constructing a multi-jurisdictional public safety house with all the necessary settings for safe and effective training. Funding in the amount of \$60,000 has been secured from the NYS State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM). This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Yaeger submitted an out-of-state travel report on behalf of four staff that traveled to Baltimore, Maryland for the 2019 International Hazardous Materials Conference.

Assistant County Manager Matt Landers and Sheriff Bill Sheron, co-chairs of the new Jail Committee shared an update on recent activity. Members of the committee have been touring facilities including the Federal ICE Detention Center, Ontario County Jail, and St. Lawrence

County Jail. A second tour of Ontario County Jail was arranged for those who were unable to attend the first tour. Several members of the committee are scheduled to tour Sullivan County Jail after the NYSAC conference on 9/18/19. Mr. Landers stated the architects plan to be on site next week and a resolution for a purchase option of adjacent property is on the next agenda for Ways & Means.

The next scheduled meeting of the Public Service Committee is Thursday, September 19, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.



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Public Service Committee
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