

Present: Committee Members Young, Dibble, Yunker, Clattenburg, also present Legislators Deleo, Maha, Stein, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Matt Landers, Assistant County Manager Tammi Ferringer, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Sheriff William Sheron, Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe, Genesee Justice Coordinator Cathy Uhly, Public Defender Jerry Ader, Deputy Highway Superintendent Paul Osborn, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Mike Pettinella -The Batavian, Brian Quinn-The Daily News

Public Service Chair Andrew Young called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislative Chambers at the Old Courthouse.

Minutes of the August 17, 2020 Public Service Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Sheriff William Sheron explained that there has been a shift in School Resource Officers and the new officers assigned to Byron-Bergen and GVEP have a different hourly rate and fringe benefits. Costs for each School District's School Resource Officer are offset by revenue in the same amount which comes from the respective schools. Clarification was provided regarding language in the contract pertaining to SRO's not participating in school disciplinary procedures. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Sheron requested approval of a renewal agreement with Justice Benefits for the provision of professional assistance with revenue enhancement services. The current agreement expired June 30, 2020 and he is recommending a one year renewal to commence July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe recommended an extension of the maintenance agreement with L3 Harris Corporation for public safety radio system maintenance services. There is no budget impact. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Genesee Justice Coordinator Cathy Uhly requested a budget transfer to move funds from personnel and fringes to cover costs associated with PPE for victims and cards for victims (as requested by the District Attorney) and sneeze guards for the office. This referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Ms. Uhly presented a resolution accepting grant funds from the NY State Office of Victim Services for the continuation of the Victim Assistance Program in the amount of \$130,104.49 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Public Defender Jerry Ader requested a budget transfer in the amount of \$100 to cover the cost of dental buyback for one employee. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Mr. Ader requested an amendment to the 2020 budget to include expenses incurred for expert services, emergency transportation and a feasibility study for the Engine House. These expenses are offset by revenue from Indigent Legal Services grant. This referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Dibble seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens explained there is road machinery equipment the Department no longer needs and he is requesting it be declared surplus. Revenue generated from the sale at auction, public bid or through inter-municipal purchase will go into the road machinery fund. This referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested approval of a bid award, budget amendment and capital project amendment for the animal shelter. An Ag & Markets Companion Animal Program grant was secured to make needed upgrades and updates to the Animal Shelter. The bids for renovations came in higher than the grant award and Mr. Hens is requesting the use of 1% sales tax to cover the additional \$29,900. He is also requesting the bid be awarded to Testa Construction of Industrial Park, Rochester in an amount not to exceed \$209,900. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens provided a review of his department report. There are 61 employees and 7 areas of operation. His 2021 proposed budget is \$5,799,749. Increases to retirement and medical costs are considerable. Prices for materials were 10-15% lower this year with salt prices remaining stable. CHIPS funding is not guaranteed and he is planning on a 20% cut. There were some equipment purchases this year however the track excavator and air compressor were deferred. Bridge maintenance continues to be a concern with fewer bridges being replaced. The average bridge condition rating is stable at 5.69, previously it was 5.53. He related his concern with deferring maintenance due to budget constraints and how continued budget cuts will result in a reduction in critical services such as ditching and bridge maintenance. He has been an advocate and voice for federal funding.

The next meeting of the Public Service Committee is October 19, 2020.

At 5:33 pm Legislator Clattenburg made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for a confidential and privileged discussion with the county attorney seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

At 5:58 pm Legislator Clattenburg made a motion to reconvene the Public Service Committee meeting seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously.

Andrew Young approved 10-19-20

Andrew Young, Chair
Public Service Committee
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