

Present: Legislators Stein, Torrey, Maha, Hilchey, Also Present: Legislators Dibble, Deleo, Clattenburg, Young, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Asst. Co. Mgr. Matt Landers, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Emergency Management Coordinator Tim Yaeger, Deputy EMS Coordinator Bill Schutt, Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe, Sheriff William Sheron, Undersheriff Brad Mazur, Planning Director Felipe Oltramari, Solid Waste Coordinator Peggy Grayson, GFLRPC Director David Zorn, Howard Owens-The Batavian, Brian Quinn – The Daily News

Public Service Chair Stein called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislative Conference Room at the Old Courthouse.

Minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

EMS Coordinator Tim Yaeger requested approval to accept grant funds in the amount of \$196,000 from US Homeland Security and administered by NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. These grant funds are to be used for the sustainment of WMD trailers assigned to the Counties within the grant partnership; personal protection equipment; detection, mitigation and deacon equipment; the maintenance, repair and calibration of hazmat equipment in addition to the training of response personnel from the regional partnership. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Yaeger explained the request to enter into an MOU with Rochester Genesee Regional Transit Authority to provide emergency transportation services at the request of Genesee County. Reimbursement would be sought from the State and Federal government if services were needed and the County was charged. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Yaeger stated the Genesee County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared and developed under the direction of FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Grant Program. The plan has since been reviewed by State Office of Emergency Management and FEMA. Mr. Yaeger commented on the assistance provided by county departments, in particular, planning department in the development of the plan. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Yaeger requested authorization to accept grant funding the amount of \$26,939 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be administered by New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) on behalf of FEMA. The purpose of the Emergency Management Performance (EMP) Grant is to provide funds in support of efforts to build and sustain a comprehensive, all-hazard emergency preparedness system. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe requested authorization to enter into a site lease agreement with Lloyd Lane, Inc., 3258 Merchant Road, Warsaw, NY 14569, for the lease of space on the Genesee County telecommunications tower located at 153 Cedar Street, Batavia, NY for a period beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2023. 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.

Mr. Sharpe requested approval to accept grant funds in the amount of \$195,740 from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications (NYS DHSES/OIEC). These funds will be used to offset a portion of the 2020 communications budget. 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. Sharpe requested the establishment of a capital project for a communications tower to cover gaps in the south central portion of the county that will be remediated by an additional public safety tower. The budgetary cost for the tower, shelter, public safety radio equipment, engineering, consultant fees, and associated civil work is \$1,625,999.00 through 2021. There are at least \$83,000.00 unallocated capital project funds remaining in the 800 MHz Capital Project account and there are at least \$84,327.17 remaining from the NY Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG) Round 4 currently allocated to the existing project. He further explained Genesee County was awarded SICG Round 7 funding in the amount of \$664,778.00 in 2018 we have applied for SICG Round 8 funding that is expected to be awarded before the end of the year and will need to apply for SICG Round 9 funding in 2020. The establishment of this capital project is supported by the E911 Operations Board, Sheriff and Director of Emergency Communications. 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.

Mr. Sharpe explained the request to purchase property in the Town of Attica where the self-supporting emergency services communications tower with a fenced in equipment compound will be located. Two lots will be needed for the project; 180 ft by 200 feet and 30 feet by 1200 feet. Cost of the lots is \$4,000 and will be covered using funds from the newly established communications tower capital project. 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.

The above communications tower project is considered an action subject to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations"). Mr. Sharpe explained that Planning Director Felipe Oltramari and planning staff took the lead and issued a Negative Declaration with respect to the project. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Sheriff William Sheron and Undersheriff Brad Mazur requested a confiscated vehicle, a 2005 Dodge Stratus be declared surplus with revenue from the auction/sale going to the appropriate forfeiture of crimes account. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Sheron requested a budget amendment since receiving funding in the amount of \$1,881 from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. 12.5% of these funds will be paid to Justice Benefits and the remainder will be used to help cover inmate medical expenses. 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.

Sheriff Sheron explained that NYS Education Department has new guidelines that pertain to the use of School Resource Officers. This requires an addendum to the existing memorandums of understanding. The Sheriff clarified that SRO's will continue to serve in law enforcement capacity while assisting schools with discipline and investigations. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Sheron requested approval of a contract renewal with NYS Unified Court System for the provision of security services. The contract period is April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 with a cost of \$702,721. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Undersheriff Brad Mazur requested the County accept grant funds in the amount of \$4,394 to be used for department personnel participation in emergency preparedness exercises. The funds must be spent first then we receive reimbursement. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Public Service Chair Stein extended her appreciation of our Road Patrol deputies and the work they do to keep our citizens safe.

GLOW Solid Waste Coordinator Peggy Grayson reviewed highlights of her department review which included plans for next year for three shredding events and electronics collection. These recycling events will be held in Livingston County.

David Zorn from Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council shared information including the Genesee County representatives; Bob Bausch, Shelley Stein (alternate), Gregg Torrey, Steve Hyde and Felipe Oltramari. The Council continues to administer their revolving loan funds, they have been heavily involved with the US Census, reviewing address lists and comparing to Census addresses and challenging where appropriate. PS Chair Stein is the Chair of our local Complete Census Count Committee. They will be hosting their annual local government workshop in Batavia next month. Local town, planning and zoning board members as well as county level officials are encouraged to attend.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens recommended closing a capital project, Stroh Road Bridge, and transferring remaining funds to Large Span Culverts and Road Machinery Equipment fund. 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.

Mr. Hens requested a contract with Waste Management of NY for the removal of garbage and refuse per bid specifications. Cost is \$18,910 for all county facilities. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested approval of a contract renewal with Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp. for the maintenance and repair of elevators in various county facilities. Cost for the 12-month period of 1/1/2020-12/31/2020 is \$19,680. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens next requested approval of a consultant agreement with CPL team for the design and preparation of bid documents for the Animal Shelter Improvements at a cost not to exceed \$19,000. A NYS Ag & Markets Companion Animal Grant was awarded to the County and a capital project was established. CPL has knowledge of the building since they completed HVAC design work. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested an award of bid for a backhoe loader from Monroe Tractor in an amount not to exceed \$89,546.50. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested approval of an award of bid for a construction contract for the Chestnut Ridge Road Water Transmission Main to Villager Construction. Total cost of the contract is \$3,796,700. The contract will be funded from the capital project established for phase 2 Water until such time the County can be reimbursed from the MCWA bonding. 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 establish a capital project Hundredmark Road Bridge Over Drainage Ditch. The County is eligible for funding under Title 23 which calls for 80% federal funds and 20% local match. Total cost of the project is \$261,000 with \$13,050 coming from 1% sales tax, \$39,150 from State Aid and \$208,800 Federal Aid. 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 requested approval of a highway dedication of the roadway into Gateway II Business Park. The roadway will be dedicated as County Road 53 and known as Call Parkway. Costs for maintaining the .31 miles of road and right-of-way is \$7,000 per mile based on plowing and mowing. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested approval of a highway dedication of the roadway in Alabama into the STAMP Park. The Roadway will be dedicated as County Road 57 and known as STAMP Drive. Costs for maintaining the .70 miles of road are \$6,500 per mile for plowing and \$465 per mile for mowing. There was discussion regarding this being a seasonal road. Mr. Hens will check with GCEDC to determine if they will need year-round access to the site. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens explained he expect to open bids for the pump station and will request to by-pass Public Service Committee and bring to Ways & Means on November 6, 2019. Both Committee Chairs indicated this was acceptable to them.

Planning Director Felipe Oltramari reviewed department accomplishments and described how he appreciates the cross collaboration and work with other departments on special projects. He has projects planned for 2020 and will continue to provide technical assistance to towns and villages. The senior planner resigned this month to take a higher paying position with a consulting firm and he is considering the elimination of that position and creating a deputy director position. Additionally he would eliminate the GIS specialist and create a GIS Tech position. This would result in a \$13,000 savings. Mr. Oltramari stated Genesee County Planning department employees are paid about 24% less than similar counties. He is meeting with the HR director but does have the current GIS specialist in mind for the deputy director position.

County Manager Jay Gsell stated that there have been recent conversations regarding normalizing water rates (outside the city of Batavia) and that MCWA has been asked to review the request which is expected to take six months or more.

Assistant County Manager / Jail Committee Co-chair Matt Landers stated the consultants for the new jail are at 90% of the schematic design and have some pricing. The new jail will include 184 beds that will be contained in four pods. He explained that the Legislature agreed to pause the project since the Special Legislation for a 40-year sales tax agreement has not been signed. The bill was delivered to the Governor on October 11, 2019. He has 10 days to sign or veto.

The next scheduled meeting of the Public Service Committee is Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 4:30 pm.

Chair Clattenburg stated the Water Resources Agency met on October 15, 2019 and discussed the request from Darien to assume authority to authorize water hook up within the town. Water Resources Agency is seeking additional historical information before they make any recommendation to the Legislature.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.



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Rochelle M. Stein, Chair  
Public Service Committee  
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