

Present: Legislators Clattenburg, Stein, Young, Deleo, Also Present: Legislators Maha, Hilchey, Torrey, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Asst. County Manager Matt Landers, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Treasurer Scott German, Emergency Communications Director Steve Sharpe, IT Director Steve Zimmer, Election Commissioner Lorie Longhany & Deputy Melissa Gaebler, Deputy Treasurer Kevin Andrews, County Clerk Mike Cianfrini, Deputy Clerk-DMV Leslie Krajewski, VP of Operations GCEDC Mark Masse, Howard Owens-The Batavian, Brian Quinn-The Daily News

The Ways & Means Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Clattenburg at 4:30 pm in the Legislature Conference Room at the Old Courthouse.

Chair Clattenburg appointed Legislator John Deleo to serve on the Committee temporarily in the absence of member Robert Bausch.

Minutes of the October 2, 2019 Ways & Means Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously. Legislator Stein commented that the October 2, 2019 meeting minutes indicate the County Attorney Department was asked to provide a summary of staff hours needed for insurance claims and defenses. County Attorney Kevin Earl stated he needed to contact Lawley Genesee. Chair Clattenburg stated the matter would be on the next Ways & Means agenda.

Election Commissioner Lorie Longhany and Deputy Commissioner Melissa Gaebler presented the chargeback costs to towns and the City of Batavia for the primary and general election for election inspectors and coordinators for the year 2018. Total amount is \$69,049.56. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Ms. Longhany and Ms. Gaebler explained the next resolution which establishes consistency with the County Policy of charging towns and the city for costs incurred for elections inspectors and coordinators for Early Voting. 2019 is the first year for the NYS mandated Early Voting requirement. The costs will be calculated upon conclusion of the 2019 elections and amounts will be presented to the Legislature next year. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Ms. Longhany and Ms. Gaebler explained that the Board of Elections is required to purchase electronic poll books and on-demand printers since early voting legislation was passed by the state legislature this year. Grant funds in the amount of \$89,585 are available to help cover costs of the new equipment. They are requesting approval of purchasing 57 electronic poll books and 3 on-demand printers from Knowink Innovative Election Solutions. Total cost of all items is \$89,237. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Information Technology Director Steve Zimmer requested approval of an agreement with Empire Access for a 36-month lease for a single-mode strand of fiber from County Building #2 to 587 East Main Street (Job Development). Monthly cost is \$300 and is included in the 2020

proposed IT budget, a one-time installation cost of \$1,000 will be charged to consulting services in the calendar year it occurs. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Mr. Zimmer explained that the County contract with Windstream Communications for telephone services will be expiring and he is recommending a 36-month extension. He explained that the addendum to the current contract freezes the monthly expense for basic office phones at \$2801.01 and provides the County with a credit of \$11,497.95. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

STOP-DWI Coordinator Matt Landers explained that the program was approved for grant funding from the Governor's Traffic Safety Council for High Visibility Road Check/Saturation Patrols in the amount of \$19,700. The grant award is more than anticipated and he is requesting a budget amendment to increase patrols in 2019. The requested amendment includes \$3,768 for Sheriff's patrols, \$2,734 for Batavia City Police and \$813 for LeRoy Village Police. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Real Property Director/Deputy Treasurer Kevin Andrews explained that on the property tax bill the County breaks out the cost to taxpayers to cover New York State's Medicaid mandate. As of 2019, this mandate amounted to \$9,564,800 which was approximately 32% of the total property tax levy. The state legislature approved this in 2004 as a way to inform taxpayers of some of the impact to their property taxes due to mandates put on the County by New York State. This does not account for many of the other unfunded / underfunded mandates imposed on the County by New York State. He explained that the proposed amendment to the original 2004 local law is intended to present taxpayers with a more representative picture of mandates imposed on the County by New York State and what impact they have on their property taxes. To keep the tax bills readable and concise he is proposing that the aggregate net cost to the County's budget and tax levy for the identified mandates be included in a single line that reads "NYS Unfunded Mandates." There would then be a second line that accounts for the remainder of the levy similar to how the tax bills are handled currently with the Medicaid mandate. Discussion followed regarding what is considered a mandate and how broad they want to go with the term and how we can best demonstrate to taxpayers how much of the tax levy is used for mandated programs. It was agreed that the proposal will be given more consideration and input therefore no action taken today with setting a public hearing or the local law. A motion to table made by Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Treasurer Scott German shared an update on the Aid to Municipalities (AIM) payment. An e-mail was forwarded to legislators that included the amount that will be withheld from the December sales tax payment to be paid to the Towns and the amount withheld from the May payment to go to the Villages. Total amount to be withheld from the County is \$301,116. The State is taking from the County and giving to the towns and villages and this is not a one-time occurrence but will be the process in the future. Mr. German stated that the NYS Comptroller will be providing guidance to Treasurers regarding whether this funding should be included in the County Budget as a revenue and expense. The reason given for this shift in AIM payments is

that sales tax is now collected on internet purchases. Mr. German will provide an estimate of the amount Genesee County is collecting.

County Clerk Michael Cianfrini shared highlights from his department review. The recording office had two clerks leave in the same week, both were seasoned employees. He also has a newer employee leaving and one clerk out on medical leave. He shared his concern that Genesee County pays about \$2/hr less than comparable counties and employees are able to seek other employment with higher pay. They are entering their final year of the contract with the document scanner provider. His goal is to have all documents scanned and backed-up. He explained that e-recording is a more simplified process. This is the first year for e-filing where the process is more complicated. Pistol permit applications and amendments to permits are steadily increasing. FOIL requests remain steady with some coming from the same people repeatedly. Deputy Clerk Leslie Krajewski was present also and confirmed Mr. Cianfrini's report of high volume of customers seeking various licenses and permits. The Real ID and Enhanced Licenses take 5 or 6 times longer to process due to lengthy explanations and review of required documents. The Enhanced License will be required for domestic flights (in 2020). Dealer work continues to be booming. The part-time temporary clerk was able to get them caught up with dealer work. One clerk is leaving for a higher paying job. He reported record high income this year from the vehicle use tax. The Green Light Law takes effect in December 2019. Niagara and Monroe County have filed lawsuits regarding the new law.

The following referrals were from the Public Service Committee upon motion of Chair Stein:

1. Surplus Equipment-Sheriff's Office/2005 Vehicle seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.
2. Budget Amendment-Sheriff-Jail/State Criminal Alien Assistance Program seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.
3. Acceptance of Grant Funds/ Budget Amendment-Sheriff/NYS seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.
4. Lease Agreement-Sheriff's Office/Lloyd Lane, Inc. (WCJW-AM) seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.
5. Acceptance of Grant Funds/Sheriff-Communications-Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.
6. Establishment of Capital Project-Sheriff/ Tower-Public Safety Radio System Upgrades. Treasurer Scott German commented that the title should include Budget Amendment-motion to amend made by Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried. The amended resolution was seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.
7. Property Purchase Agreements-Sheriff/ New Emergency Services Communications Tower seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.
8. Highway Capital Projects-Budget Transfer/Close seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.
9. Master Agreement/Establish Capital Project/Budget Amendment-Highway/Hundredmark Road Over Drainage Ditch-BIN 3315150. Treasurer Scott German noted necessary amendments to the resolution which included the following: **RESOLVED**, that the Genesee County Legislature does hereby direct and authorize the Genesee County Treasurer to establish a capital project Hundredmark Rd Bridge in the amount of \$261,000 with federal aid of \$208,800, state Marchiselli aid of \$39,150 and a local match

from 1% sales in the amount of \$13,050 and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Genesee County Legislature does hereby authorize and direct the County Treasurer to make the following amendments to the 2019 Budget:

Increase A.1000.1110.1	1% Sales Tax	\$ 13,050
Increase A.9950.9000	Transfers to Capital	\$ 13,050
Increase H.5197.5031	Interfund Revenue	\$ 13,050
Increase H.5197.3597	State Aid Marchiselli	\$ 39,150
Increase H.5197.4592	Federal Aid	\$208,800
Increase H.5197.2080.0000	Hundredmark Rd over Drainage	\$261,000

Public Service Chair Stein made a motion to amend as stated seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously. Motion to approve the amended resolution was made by Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

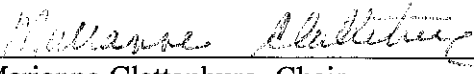
Genesee County Economic Development Center VP Mark Masse reviewed a powerpoint presentation pertaining to Buffalo East Technology Park and the Waste Water Treatment Facility. The facility is at capacity resulting in Yancey’s Fancy curbing production. The GCEDC, Town of Pembroke and Village of Corfu are working to fund part of the expansion and applied for CFA funding which has been secured (\$2M). The project went out to bid in 2019 with a project cost estimate of \$3.2M. The \$2M CFA was reduced to \$1.4M due to clawback requirements if the deliverables are not met-which include job creation. Yancey’s is struggling to fill current vacancies. Cost based on bids received is \$5M and only 3 bids were received. The request is for an extended PILOT (by ten years) with language in the agreement to cancel the PILOT early if the project gets paid off early.

County Manager Jay Gsell presented a resolution that authorizes the GCEDC to retain all amounts payable under the PILOT for purposes of paying the costs expended on the Town of Pembroke and Village of Corfu Sewer Infrastructure Project. And the County waives its right to receive any amounts due and payable under the PILOT. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 4:30pm.

Chair Clattenburg explained there is a vacancy on the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority and two names must be submitted to the Governor for his consideration in making an appointment. Kathy Saville and Cynthia Anderson have submitted applications and wish to be considered. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

At 6:08 PM the meeting adjourned upon motion of Legislator Deleo seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.



Marianne Clattenburg, Chair
Ways & Means Committee
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