

Present: Legislators Stein, Hilchey, Maha, Torrey, Also Present: Legislators Bausch, Young, Dibble, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Asst. County Manager Matt Landers, Undersheriff Greg Walker, District Attorney Larry Friedman, Chief Jerry Brewster, County Clerk Mike Cianfrini, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Public Defender Jerry Ader, County Attorney Kevin Earl, JCAC Financial Clerk Tammy Schmidt, Pastor Bruce Baulf, Glen Adams SCOPE representative, Kathryn Seweryniak, 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 Legislature Conference Room of the Old Courthouse.

The minutes of the October 15, 2018 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

District Attorney Larry Friedman requested a budget amendment for \$193.00 which would allow for the utilization of a portion of unexpended forfeiture funds. The DA's office is in need of tables and totes. 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.

Undersheriff Greg Walker presented a resolution to accept \$664,778 in grant funds from the Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program. The grant period is January 1, 2019-December 31, 2020. The funds will be used for capital projects and/or short-term projects. 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.

Undersheriff Walker requested authorization to accept grant funds from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of \$3,548. The funds will be used to participate in emergency preparedness exercises this year 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 Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Walker explained that a new K-9 dog has been identified and the department wishes to purchase and ship the dog from Holland. Cost for the dog includes Customs fees and shipping. A physical and additional supplies and equipment were originally thought to cost a total of \$8,500. A motion to increase the total amount to \$9,500 was made by Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously. The K-9 program has had strong community support over the years with donations coming from groups and individuals. It was related that this financial support has sustained the program thereby not requiring direct county support. 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.

Mr. Walker requested a reappointment to the Traffic Safety Board for Ms. Donna Hackett. She has served on the board as an active member for several years. The reappointment term is for three years effective December 1, 2018 through November 20, 2021. 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.

County Attorney Kevin Earl presented a resolution to set a public hearing on Local Law Introductory No. Six Year 2018 for December 12, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the Old Courthouse. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Earl was joined by DA Larry Friedman, Undersheriff Walker, Co. Clerk Mike Cianfrini and Chief Brewster to present local law Introductory No. six year 2018-A Local Law Regulating the Transfer of Secondhand Articles. Mr. Friedman explained that in our county we have a problem with burglaries and stolen items end up in Pawn Shops. His office is focused on prosecuting those who have committed these crimes while working to make it right for victims. A similar local law was proposed in 2013 which included scrap dealers however that was not passed due to input from the scrap dealers who did not support the law. Chief Brewster explained that language is included in section 12 C4 that provides law enforcement with recourse if proper records are not maintained by the Pawn Shop. County Clerk Cianfrini stated he has a concept idea of the role the Clerk's office would take if the local law is passed. The workload would not be overly burdensome and it makes sense to have his office involved with licensing. Undersheriff Walker explained how individuals steal merchandise from stores then, without the receipt return it for a gift card which they take to the Pawn shop and receive 50% of the face value. It was further explained that surrounding counties have a local law that requires on-site inspections and completion of forms and paperwork. The Pawn shop in Genesee County is the only one of the chain of stores that is not required to abide by inspections and completion of forms. Legislator Young indicated he spoke with the local pawn shop and they confirmed they upload a list of all items brought in on a daily basis. The Sheriff's office has the required software and access to the daily list which they indicated is not updated daily as reported by the Pawn Shop employee to Legislator Young when he spoke with them earlier. Legislator Maha questioned the need for Section 13E which states "No Secondhand dealers shall permit his or her place of business to remain open for the transaction of business any time except between the hours of 8:00 am and 11:00 pm." Mr. Friedman replied that business conducted during overnight hours often is not legitimate. Legislator Maha suggested that the hours of business will be included on the license application and listing section 13E is more restrictive and not necessary and made a motion to amend the draft local law by eliminating that section seconded by Legislator

Torrey, carried unanimously. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Public Defender Jerry Ader requested the committee approve a contract amendment to extend their original contract term with NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services. The extension period is January 1, 2019 thru December 31, 2019. There is no budget impact. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

JCAC Financial Clerk Tammy Schmidt explained the request for a contract renewal with Mental Health Clinical Therapist Julie Walsh for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 at a rate of \$40.00 per hour. Ms. Walsh has provided mental health therapy for several years and is an experienced and reliable therapist. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens requested a budget amendment and to close capital projects. He explained that the projects have been completed and cost less than what was budgeted therefore the local share amount of \$3,332 will be returned to the Building Equipment and Reserve. The capital projects he is requesting to close due to completion are T-Hangar Taxiway Construction Phase III and Terminal. This was referred to Ways & Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested a budget amendment and to close another capital project. The Comprehensive Bridge Culverts project is completed and \$182.38, the local share amount can be returned to the Building Equipment and Reserve 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 Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens requested approval of a contract renewal for the maintenance and repair of elevators in county facilities. The renewal is with Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation for the period of January 1, 2019-December 31, 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$19,680. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens explained that NYS is releasing Multi-Modal funds and Genesee County is eligible to receive \$50,000. This funding can be used for additional culvert work. He is requesting the county accept the funds and execute an agreement with NYS DOT. The resolution also calls for a budget amendment to increase the budget by \$50,000 and increase the capital project for the Large Span Culverts. This was referred to Ways &

Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens explained that the Youth Bureau has grant funds in the amount of \$500 from the Office of Children and Family Services to be used to administer an environmental summer program for Genesee County youth. This requires an amendment to the County Park budget with no impact on the 2018 budget. 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 due winter conditions extending into April 2018 the Highway department needs a budget transfer to cover the cost of salt purchase for the coming winter season. He is requesting to transfer funds from the Oil and Stone account to the Salt account in the amount of \$40,000. 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. Hens explained that the County has been awarded a BRIDGE-NY grant and will replace the Pratt Road Bridge over Tonawanda Creek. Bid specs were advertised for the construction of the project and Union Concrete and Construction Company of West Seneca NY is recommended for a cost of \$1,589,876. The bridge is currently "load posted" and in need of complete replacement. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens explained that the Master Plan and Engineering report identifies water supply projects needed under Phase 2 of the Countywide Water Program to add up to 2.4 million gallons per day. It is recommended by the Water Resources Agency that the County request the Monroe County Water Authority issue debt on behalf of Genesee County so the projects can move forward. Mr. Hens further stated that base on a \$20,000,000 borrowing for 30 years at 4% the annual debt service would be \$1,156,602. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hens next requested approval for two consultant agreements with Clark Patterson Lee for Master Planning and Preliminary Engineering and SEQR for Phase 3 of the Countywide water project for a total of \$550,000. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

County Manager Jay Gsell requested a budget transfer of \$5,500 from the contingency fund to the DA's Court Reporter account to cover expenses associated with the increase in grand jury cases. 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.

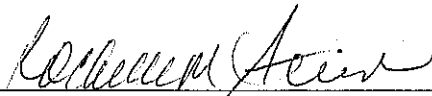
The Clerk reported the next scheduled meeting of the Public Service Committee is Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

Jail Committee Chair Matt Landers stated committee members interviewed two architect firms for the Jail project and will meet on November 29, 2018 to further discuss the proposals and request any additional information or questions of committee members.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens provided a Water update and explained that the County is negotiating agreements with the City, purchasing property and getting necessary easements and may be bidding projects as soon as February 2019.

Chair Stein explained that a supporting resolution was being presented to the Committee that follows a resolution passed by other county legislatures that reaffirms support of the Second Amendment. Bethany resident Pastor Bruce Baulf commented that he appreciated the Committee addressing the issue and the importance of supporting the right to bear arms. Legislator Maha made a motion to amend the resolution to add that the resolution be sent to Assemblyman Hawley seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Hilchey, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM upon motion of Legislator Hilchey seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.



Rochelle M. Stein, Chair
Public Service Committee
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