

Present: Legislators Clattenburg, Stein, Torrey, Maha, Also Present: Legislators Deleo, Yunker, Dibble, Klotzbach, Legislature Clerk Lisa Casey, County Manager Matt Landers, Asst. County Manager Tammi Ferringer, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Real Property Director Kevin Andrews, IT Director Michael Burns, Purchasing Director Chet Kaleta

The Ways & Means Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Clattenburg at 4:30 pm in the Old Court House, 7 Main Street, Batavia, NY with Zoom video conferencing available.

Minutes of the November 17, 2021 Ways & Means Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Real Property Director Kevin Andrews presented the following resolutions:

Bontrager Real Estate and Auction Services, Inc., on behalf of Genesee County, conducted an online sale of seven county-owned properties. County-owned property was sold to the highest bidder. Total sale of foreclosed properties exceeds outstanding taxes owed by approximately \$76,407.64. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

A memorandum of understanding with Orleans County for the tax map maintenance of Orleans County real property parcels at a cost to Orleans County of \$7,500 annually from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

The 2021-2022 Equalization Tables for the towns and city in Genesee County. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

The 2021-2022 Taxable Assessed Valuation Tables for the towns and city in Genesee County. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

The 2021-2022 delinquent water and sewer accounts, this resolution authorizes the real property director to add sums for delinquent water/sewer accounts to those town tax levies. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

The 2021-2022 table of returned school taxes, this resolution states that by November 15, 2021, all rural Genesee County School Districts return their respective unpaid 2021-2022 school taxes to the County Treasurer for inclusion in the 2022 County and Town tax levy. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

The 2021-2022 table of returned village taxes, this resolution states that the Legislature entered into an agreement with the various villages that the unpaid village taxes will be relieved as part of the 2022 town and county levy. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

The authorization for the 2022 tax warrants for all towns within Genesee County. This was

approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Authorization for the 2022 City of Batavia tax levy in the amount of \$6,165,322.98. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Levying of taxes and assessments required for purposes of annual budgets of the towns of Genesee County, amounts included in the resolution are retained by the towns therefore there is no impact to the county. Special districts include fire, water, sewer and lighting. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

IT Director Michael Burns presented a resolution to execute a one-year extension of the Telephone System Maintenance contract with MeridianIT, with an amount not to exceed \$24,943. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Legislature Clerk, Lisa Casey presented the second distribution payment of mortgage tax to the towns, city and villages in the total amount of \$546,430.58 was presented for approval. This amount is higher than the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of 2020, \$418,882.58. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Assistant County Manager Tammi Ferringer presented the following resolutions:

A two year agreement between the County of Genesee and One Group, for the provision of Cost Allocation Services for the period of March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$4,250 per year, with a provision of three additional one-year periods of renewal under the same terms and conditions upon mutual agreement. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

The County issued RFP 2021-111 for the provision of Safety Consultant Services, and to execute a two year agreement with Occupational Safety and Environmental Assoc., Inc. (OSEA), for the provision of Safety Consultant Services at a rate of \$125 per hour for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023, with a provision of three additional one-year periods of renewal under the same terms and conditions upon mutual agreement. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

To execute documentation related to the plan of Shared Services Panel which will be submitted to the New York State Department of State. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

County Manager Matt Landers presented the following resolutions:

Genesee County government and its departments desire to utilize social media sites to increase opportunities for communicating with residents and other interested parties regarding accessing government services and operations. Requested to adopt the Genesee County Social Media Policy as presented, effective immediately. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

The authorization to close Capital Project, GCC Backup Power Improvements. This will close one GCC project and transfer the cash balance of \$3,113.42 to the Building and Equipment. . This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

The authorization to execute said Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Genesee and Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Genesee County for the year 2022 in the amount of \$385,484. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

The authorization to execute a contract with the Genesee County Economic Development Center (GCEDC) for a period beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. That the sum of \$233,513 shall be paid in regular installments, pursuant to the Agreement. An additional \$25,000 for workforce training program. This was approved 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 retain Naoli Shkolnik PLLC (hereinafter "Napoli") currently representing numerous Counties in the State concerning litigation against several manufacturers of generic pharmaceuticals alleging that self-insured Counties that pay for the costs of medical care and pharmaceuticals for their employees and dependents have been overpaying as a result of illegal price fixing and other anti-trust violations. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

County Attorney Kevin Earl, presented a resolution Bontrager's Auction Services held an online auction for 1104 Main Street, in the Hamlet of Mumford, in the Town of Wheatland, NY with the highest bid of \$75,000, plus a buyer's premium of \$7,500 for a total purchase price of \$82,500. Requested authorization to sign a warranty deed, which at the request of the Buyer shall name Steven A. Barraco, as the Grantee; together with such other documents, including a Shared Driveway Easement, as shall be necessary to effectuate the transfer of the Premises. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Purchasing Director Chet Kaleta requested authorization to enter into an sixteen (16) month fixed price contract with Direct Energy Business, LLC, to provide Genesee County with a fixed price contract for natural gas service to take the County through the remainder of the MEGA contract, from the period of January 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023. The MEGA contract contains the option for an additional three (3) one-year renewal periods upon written agreement of both parties. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

The following referrals were from the Human Services Committee upon motion of Chair Torrey:

1. Grant Acceptance – Community Mental Health Services 2021 seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.
2. Reappointments – Community Services Board (Subject to CSB Approval 12/2) seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
3. Appointments – Community Services Board (Subject to CSB Approval 12/2) seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.
4. Contract with Coastal Staffing seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
5. Grant Acceptance/NYS Public Health Corps Fellowship Program Funding seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.
6. Permission to Apply /Wastewater Surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
7. Grant Acceptance-NACCHO Wastewater Surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.
8. OFA Advisory Council Appointment seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
9. Burial Rates and Coroner Requested Removal Rates for 2022-2024 seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

The following referrals were from the Public Services Committee upon motion of Chair Maha:

1. 2021 Budget Item Transfer – Justice for Children Advocacy seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.
2. Appointment to Parks, Recreation and Forest Advisory Committee seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Chair Report – Joint Regional Communications with Finger Lakes Region– Legislator Clattenburg asked Matt Landers County Manager to give update. This would be an agreement with a firm that will provide a regional message campaign to our area. The cost is 15K to have firm push out encouragement of vaccination to rural communities within our County. Mr. Landers is requesting a Home Rule 19 for the Legislature meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Agreement is not ready as of yet but will be by the 8<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

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Marianne Clattenburg, Chair  
Ways & Means Committee  
Submitted 12/2/2021 lkc