

Present: Legislators Clattenburg, Stein, Bausch, Young, Also Present: Legislators Dibble, Hilchey, Torrey, Deleo, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Asst. Co. Manager Matt Landers, Human Resources Director Anita Cleveland, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Treasurer Scott German, Real Property Director Kevin Andrews, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Job Development Director Teresa Van Son, Brian Quinn-The Daily News, Howard Owens-The Batavian, Tom Dix-Town of Pembroke Councilman

Ways & Means Chair Clattenburg called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm in the Legislative Conference Room at the Old Courthouse.

Minutes of the December 5, 2018 Ways & Means Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Job Development Director Teresa Van Son requested approval of an appointment to the GLOW Workforce Development Board for Tom Thomas who represents Labor Union IEU-CWA Local 81495 for Lapp Insulators. He would serve as the workforce rep for Labor Organizations. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Treasurer Scott German requested approval to execute the final renewal clause with ICMA-RC for 457 Plan Services for County employees. The contract period goes through December 31, 2019. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Mr. German explained that the Treasurer's office annually conducts corrective action to assist property owners in obtaining tax refunds caused by clerical or other errors. The draft resolution omitted reference to section 554 of the Real Property Tax Law and \$2,500 is the maximum refund authorized, not \$500. Legislator Stein made a motion to amend the resolution to add Section 554 and the amount \$2,500 seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried. Mr. German stated that both Section 554 and 556 of the Real Property Tax Law gives the authority to process refunds. His office provides a report including name of the recipient, location of the property and the amount refunded to the Legislature. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Real Property Director Kevin Andrews explained that the County provides additional services to the City of Batavia including real property tax project management services. These services are above and beyond Real Property Services provided to the other municipalities. The agreement period is January 1 through December 31, 2019 at the rate of \$10,000 which is the same as last year. Mr. Andrews confirmed that if other municipalities are interested in these additional services they could enter into a similar agreement with the County. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Assistant County Manager Matt Landers requested the County terminate sub-recipient agreements with the Chamber of Commerce. He explained the County is the recipient of Small Cities Community Development Block Grant monies in the amount of \$200,000 and

subsequently entered into an agreement with the Chamber who currently has a loan portfolio and program income. The County is subject to certain rules and regulations and has been notified that unspent program income is no longer available for the Chamber and County to use therefore the Chamber will liquidate and terminate the agreement with the County. The Chamber and County have assessed the value of the outstanding loans and would like to sell to a third party, the Genesee Gateway Local Development Corporation who will find eligible projects where loans may be used. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

County Manager Jay Gsell requested approval of a lease agreement with Genesee Community College for space at County Building #2 for the Veterinary Technology Program. The lease agreement period is August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019 at a cost of \$2,183. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou presented a resolution that includes a list of positions that are considered policy-making. The Local Law passed in 1992 which created the Ethics and Disclosure Law lists many positions however new boards and jobs have been created and are not listed in the local law. The resolution lists these additional boards and positions who are obligated to complete and file an annual statement of financial disclosure. The Legislature could pass a local law that amends the local law of 1992 and include the new boards and positions or continue to pass a resolution annually. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Legislature Clerk LaGrou explained that both the Republican and Democratic Parties submitted a letter recommending the Batavia Daily News be designated as the official Newspaper for the year 2019. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is January 16, 2019.

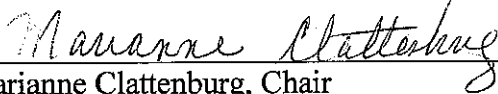
At 4:48 pm the committee adjourned to executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person and/or matter leading to the appointment of a particular person upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

At 5:22 pm the Ways & Means Committee Meeting resumed upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Chair Clattenburg explained that upon review of Water Resources Agency minutes and comments from Genesee Association of Municipalities (GAM) regarding the need for a 40 year sales tax allocation agreement she was proceeding with a discussion regarding water funding. A chart with funding options and scenarios was provided. Mr. Hens commented that a 40 year sales tax agreement is necessary to do Phase 2 and 3 of the Countywide water project. He further stated that the County can't do anything until the sales tax agreement is established allowing the County to establish bonding future water projects. Discussion ensued regarding the water surcharge. Asst. County Manager Matt Landers was directed to meet face-to-face with town

officials since his successful meeting with Pavilion Supervisor Rob LaPoint. Mr. LaPoint expressed that upon meeting with Mr. Landers to discuss their concern with a 40-year agreement he understood the reason and was no longer opposed. Legislator Bausch suggested a Committee of the Whole on January 9, 2019 prior to the Legislature Meeting. Mr. Landers stated his willingness to meet individually with Town representatives and include the legislator who represents that town and clarify the reason a 40 year sales tax agreement is needed. He further stated he will forward talking points that outline the reasons for a 40 year agreement and what is at stake.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.



Marianne Clattenburg, Chair
Ways & Means Committee
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