

Present: Legislators Clattenburg, Bausch, Davis, Torrey, Also Present: Legislators Cianfrini, Stein, Deleo, DeJaneiro, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Asst. County Manager Matt Landers, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Undersheriff Greg Walker, Treasurer Scott German, John Hilchey, Rose Mary Christian, Carl Hyde, Jimmy Adams (Enterprise), Jim Krencik, Howard Owens

Public Service Chair Clattenburg called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes of the August 1, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Davis seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

County Manager Jay Gsell explained the Public Defender was seeking permission to apply for an Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant. The office has a three year grant that has just ended therefore, they wish to seek this grant funding again. The previous grant helped to fund an additional case manager position. This current competitive grant will be for one additional attorney to help reduce caseloads of current public defender attorneys. The Public Defender will be available to come to Ways & Means tomorrow if there are additional questions. Motion to approve made by Legislator Davis seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

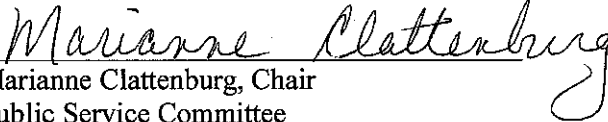
Mr. Gsell began the discussion on the privatization of the County motor pool. The County currently has 47 vehicles including pick-up trucks. The proposal from Enterprise shows a savings of about \$80,000 per year for years 2 through 5 and \$47,000 the first year. Also, the issue presented by the state comptroller regarding the internal motor pool fund and the negative balance would be resolved this year if privatization of the motor pool is pursued. Legislator Davis clarified that fleet maintenance costs are rolled in and will not be an additional cost. Legislator Cianfrini asked if the estimated value of our motor fleet is guaranteed. Enterprise representative Jimmy Adams stated it is not however, they have proceeded with a conservative estimate. County Attorney Kevin Earl stated his questions and comments on the contract were provided to the committee and he is satisfied with the edits made by Enterprise. Further clarification was provided with regard to Soil & Water Conservation District vehicles. They are included in the motor pool number of 47. The question arose on what is and is not covered. Mr. Adams clarified that what is normally covered by insurance such as windshield replacement and other damage is not covered in the agreement lease. Several other New York State Counties have agreements with Enterprise and have privatized their motor fleet. It was stated that vehicles will be selected based on their intended use. Currently, there are many compact cars in the county fleet. Some departments and functions require a mini-van or SUV. The agreement with Enterprise will allow the county to better match vehicles and departments. Legislator Bausch asked Mr. Gsell if the requested letter from the Auditor (Freed Maxick) stating this action will resolve the fiscal book-keeping issue had been received. Mr. Gsell stated it had not been received although he requested it on August 2, 2017. He indicated he will contact the auditor again. This was referred to

Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Davis, carried unanimously.

County Attorney Kevin Earl explained that staff is working on a Water Agreement template to be used with towns and villages. Comments and suggested edits were received from Mark Boylan, attorney for the Water Resources Agency. Mr. Earl stated the next step is to meet with towns and villages and obtain their feedback. Mr. Gsell explained there are some long-standing differences and nuances with some towns and villages that will need to be included in the discussion therefore this is not an entirely generic template. The goal is for water to pay for water which is where the inclusion of the surcharge is necessary for future improvements and the continuation of phase II. Legislator Davis stated his concern that towns will have issues with some of the language of the template. He further expressed concern with the 40 year length of the agreement. Legislator Bausch stated comments from the towns and villages are critical and needed sooner rather than later. Treasurer Scott German expressed that a 40 year agreement is preferable if the borrowing schedule is 40 years. Otherwise, the County will be stuck paying when the agreement expires. The County needs to move forward with a starting point of the template and will get feedback and comments from the towns. It was clarified that this is a discussion and all agreements will come to the Legislature for approval.

The Clerk reported the next scheduled meeting of the Public Service Committee is Monday, September 18, 2017 at 4:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM upon motion of Legislator Davis seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.


Marianne Clattenburg, Chair
Public Service Committee
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