

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
GENESEE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024**

The Genesee County Legislature met in Organizational Session on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at the Old Courthouse, 7 Main Street, Batavia, New York at 5:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 151 of County Law, the Organization meeting was called to order by Lisa K. Casey, Clerk of the Legislature.

Lisa K. Casey, Clerk of the Legislature called out the following Districts:

District No. 1, Towns of Alabama and Oakfield	Chad Klotzbach
District No. 2, Towns of Elba, Byron and Bergen	Christian Yunker
District No. 3, Towns of Pembroke and Darien	Gordon L. Dibble
District No. 4, Towns of Batavia and Stafford	Brooks Hawley
District No. 5, Town of LeRoy	Rochelle M. Stein
District No. 6, Towns of Alexander, Bethany & Pavilion	Gregg H. Torrey
District No. 7, Wards 1 & 6 City of Batavia	John Deleo
District No. 8, Wards 2 & 3 City of Batavia	Marianne Clattenburg
District No. 9, Wards 4 & 5 City of Batavia	Gary T. Maha

Legislator Dibble offered to assist with the Audit today. The prayer is offered by Legislator Stein, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

The Clerk asked for nominations for a Temporary Chairperson. A motion was made by Legislator Clattenburg to nominate Legislator John Deleo as Temporary Chair, and seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.

Temporary Chair Deleo took the chair and asked for nominations for a Permanent Chair. Legislator Clattenburg made a motion to nominate Rochelle Stein as Permanent Chair, seconded by Legislator Hawley, carried unanimously. Temporary Chair Deleo declared Rochelle Stein the Permanent Chair for the Term 2024/2025.

Temporary Chair Deleo asked for nominations for a 1st Vice Chair. Legislator Stein made a motion to nominate Marianne Clattenburg as Permanent 1st Vice Chair, seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously. Temporary Chair Deleo declared Marianne Clattenburg the 1st Vice Chair for the Term 2024/2025.

Temporary Chair Deleo asked for nominations for a 2nd Vice Chair. Legislator Maha made a motion to nominate Gregg Torrey as 2nd Vice Chair, seconded by Legislator Dibble, carried unanimously. Temporary Chair Deleo declared Gregg Torrey as 2nd Vice Chair for the Term 2024/2025.

Temporary Chairperson Deleo asked for nominations to fill the position of Clerk to the Legislature. Legislator Hawley made a motion to nominate Lisa K. Casey as Clerk to the Legislature, seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF

Legislator Clattenburg offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Legislator Dibble, did review the following claims:

2023 General Fund	\$ 1,293,674.57
2024 General Fund	555,647.77
2023 Highway	56,398.85
2024 Highway	1,270.00
2023 Self Insurance	2,625.00
2023 Water Fund	3,948.84

Capital Projects

Sheriff/Jail – Jail Construction	128,415.23
County Park – DeWitt Improvement Phase IV	1,880.00
Facilities Management – Engine house Renovations	20,500.00
GCC – Turf Field Replacement	30,881.32
Highway – Large Span Culverts	17,282.48
Highway – S. Lyons Street Bridge over Tonawanda Creek	5,369.43
OFA Property Improvements	627.78

Payroll – General

December 15, 2023	1,919,114.75
December 29, 2023	1,380,400.21

Medicaid

December 19, 2023	184,875.00
December 26, 2023	184,875.00
January 2, 2024	<u>199,971.00</u>

Total Audit	\$ 5,987,757.23
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Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Genesee County Legislature has audited and does approve the claims as listed above, and Be it further

RESOLVED, that the Genesee County Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and directed to make payments as listed above.

Legislator Dibble seconded the resolution, which was adopt by 158 (Klotzbach – 16 and Yunker – 26 absent) votes.

A motion for a rule 19 by Legislator Clattenburg, who asked to suspend the rules of the Genesee County Legislature to add one timely resolution: grant acceptance – countywide water program/IMG Grant seconded by Legislator Maha. Roll Call was taken which was approved to move forward with the rule 19 by 158 out of 200 votes. (Klotzbach – 16 and Yunker – 26 absent)

RESOLUTION NO. 6

GRANT ACCEPTANCE – COUNTYWIDE WATER PROGRAM/IMG GRANT - APPROVAL OF

Legislator Clattenburg offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Genesee County submitted and was successful in applying for an Intermunicipal Grant (IMG) through the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), and

WHEREAS, the IMG can be used for the development of water infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the County intends to initiate Phase 3 of the Countywide Water Supply Project through multiple improvements including but not limited to construction/upgrades to transmission mains, pump stations, water storage tanks, and water quality controls, and

WHEREAS, the estimated costs of these Phase 3 improvements are currently projected to

exceed \$150 million, and

WHEREAS, the County intends to use the IMG award of \$30 million to assist in the completion of Phase 3. Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the County Legislature hereby identifies Rochelle Stein, Legislative Chair, as the authorized representative for the project able to execute the IMG acceptance; and upon award of funding, execute all IMG grant documents that bind the County relative to and as required for this application and award. Be it further

RESOLVED, the County Legislature does hereby authorize and obligate local matching funds of the minimum 60% of the total grant funding awarded in the form of in-kind services or cash contribution.

Budget Impact: The total award under the IMG program is \$30 million. The estimated cost to complete Phase 3 of the Water Project is approximately \$153 million.

Legislator Maha seconded the resolution, which was adopted by 158 (Klotzbach – 16 and Yunker – 26 absent) votes.

A brief recess convened for the administration of Oaths of Office by County Clerk Michael Cianfrini for County Attorney Mark Boylan, Public Defender Jerry Ader, Legislator Stein, Clattenburg and Torrey.

Chair Stein spoke of the opportunity to move onto a new term. She extended appreciation to the former County Attorney, James Wujcik who is pursuing other opportunities and wished him well. In addition, Chair Stein expressed thankfulness for steadfast leadership to Jerry Ader as Public Defender and Lisa Casey as the Clerk to the Legislature. She formally introduced Mark Boylan as the Genesee County's Attorney; she stated he comes with many years of knowledge of municipal law within Genesee County. Chair Stein expressed unfinished goals to bring to the fullness in 2024, mentioning: broadband contract award, jail completion on-time and under budget. We will continue to work on supporting emergency responders, continued search for funding with the critical water project, phase III, judicial use of Opioid Settlement Funds - to bring measurable life improvements in our community. Chair Stein announced the legislators look forward to working closely with local governments to bring value in our collective activities. Expressing "2024 here we come".

ADJOURNMENT: Motioned to close the meeting by: Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Deleo at 5:53 p.m.