

Present: Legislators Clattenburg, Bausch, Stein, Torrey, Also Present: Legislators Deleo, Hilchey, Dibble, Maha, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Gsell, Assistant County Manager Matt Landers, Health Director Paul Pettit, GCEDC VP Mark Masse, Deputy Treasurer Kevin Andrews, Treasurer Scott German, Deputy Highway Superintendent Dave Wozniak, County Attorney Kevin Earl, Veterans Director Bill Joyce, Garrett McDonald-Three + One, Howard Owens-The Batavian, Brian Quinn-The Daily News

Ways & Means Chair Clattenburg called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference room before temporarily appointing Legislator Torrey to sit in for Legislator Young who was absent due to illness. The minutes of the December 6, 2017 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Purchasing Director Eve Hens presented a resolution with a list of County property no longer used or needed by various departments. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Public Health Director Paul Pettit explained the State has made available a septic system replacement fund and portions of Genesee County qualify for participation. Legislator Stein commented that Soil & Water Conservation is supportive of the program and Genesee County's participation. The first round of state funding is for \$75 million and Genesee County qualifies. Residents in the identified areas are eligible for up to \$10,000 or 50% of the cost of replacement or repairs. The County must sign on by January 31, 2018. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Real Property Director Kevin Andrews and Veterans Services Director Bill Joyce explained how there is a change at the state level allowing local governments to permanently eliminate the 10-year time frame for the Cold War Veterans exemption or not renew the exemption thereby eliminating it. The exemption is capped at \$6,000 or 10%. In Genesee County we have until 2019 to take action. Mr. Andrews explained there are 200 property owners who are eligible for the Cold War Veteran exemption with a total of 1.5 million in assessed value therefore the impact to taxpayers is .005. Legislator Bausch recommended a local law be drafted that keeps the exemption with the current cap (10% or \$6,000). Ways & Means Chair Clattenburg agreed and further stated that future legislatures can amend or change the cap, either raising or lowering.

Treasurer Scott German introduced Garrett McDonald of Three + One to provide an update on the contract agreement with the County. It has been one year since the County contracted with Three + One to make appropriate investments with county funds with the goal of increasing interest earnings. The contract cost the County \$15,000 and produced interest earnings of \$180,000. All cash, whether available for one day or several months, is used to maximize earnings. Mr. McDonald explained the contract is on-going with a 30-day opt out clause. If the County is no longer satisfied with the level of earnings or

Three + One does not think they can produce adequate interest earnings, either party can opt out with the 30-day notice.

Mr. German next explained his request for approval of an updated investment policy. He explained that there are new regulations and rules on what is allowable for investments and that the market and products have changed over the years. There are new investments available to governments and the last time the policy was updated was 1994. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

The next resolution presented by Mr. German authorizes the Treasurer to make necessary administrative tax corrections to ensure property owners are charged accurately. The Treasurer will provide a report to the Legislature of the tax corrections and refunds and the reason for the correction or refund. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Mr. German next explained a resolution authorizing a 2017 and 2018 budget amendment, closing of the Nursing Home Fund and an increase in the building and equipment reserve. The proposed resolution amends the 2017 General Fund Budget by increasing the Nursing Home account by \$3,000,000 and increasing the Nursing Home revenue in the same amount. It also increases the building and equipment fund (roads & bridges) by \$10,033,000 utilizing Nursing Home sale proceeds and increases the Building & Equipment Reserve (Infrastructure) by \$7,000,000 utilizing IGT proceeds. The 2018 budget is amended by increasing the Nursing Home account by \$200,000 and utilizing like amount in the Building and Equipment reserve. Lastly, the resolution authorizes the Treasurer to close the Nursing Home Fund as of December 31, 2017. Chair Clattenburg commented that the Legislature is doing what they said they would do; allocating funds from the sale of the Nursing Home for roads and infrastructure. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Mr. German explained the next resolution for a \$4,000,000 bond that will cover the extension of the water supply system to STAMP in Alabama. The GCEDC will make 12 annual payments which will cover the principal and interest. The Water Supply Agreement "County of Genesee and Genesee County Economic Development Center" dated March 30, 2017 signed by Raymond Cianfrini (Legislature Chairman) and Mark Masse (Sr. VP of Operations-GCEDC) identifies specifics of what each party has agreed to. The 12 annual payments commencing in January 2020 and ending after final payment in January 2031 by the GCEDC to the County will cover the \$4,000,000 required for the specified water improvements. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Assistant County Manager Matt Landers explained that as the recipient of OCR/CDBG grant funds the County is required to hold an annual public meeting on fair housing to

identify concerns or issues with fair housing practices in the County. A public hearing will be set for February 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the old Courthouse. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Landers explained that the County needs to update the Fair Housing Policy and wants to designate April as Fair Housing Month. Chair Clattenburg questioned the language in the resolution that indicated the County will consult with the Bar Association regarding the appropriate procedure for securing affordable legal services when a complainant decides to take their case to court. Alternative language was proposed by Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously. Amended language has the County referring the complainant to the Lawyer Referral and Information Service hotline. The amended resolution was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Mr. Landers described how Genesee County had been awarded a \$47,500 CDBG grant to conduct a Housing Needs Assessment Market Study. Grant acceptance requires the County hold a second public hearing prior to the completion of any CDBG grant project to provide residents with information about the GDBG program and to discuss community development and priorities. Chair Clattenburg commented that the proposed date for the public hearing is before (January 31, 2018) the Housing Study results are being presented to the Legislature and interested citizens on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Landers explained the study report is a draft and comments and recommendations have come in and are being reviewed and included. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

The following referrals were from the Public Service Committee upon motion of Chair Stein:

1. Genesee County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board/Branton-Reappointment seconded by Legislator Torrey
2. Genesee County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board/Hirsch-Appointment seconded by Legislator Torrey
3. 2018 Budget Amendment - Emergency Management Services AED Training Funds Carryover seconded by Legislator Bausch
4. Establish Capital Project/Budget Amendment Airport – Reconstruct Runway 10-28(AIP 39-16)/Taxiway “C” Reconstruction Design (AIP 40-17) seconded by Legislator Bausch
5. Amend Capital Project/Award Of Bid– Genesee Justice/County Jail Stonework Restoration. Legislator Bausch asked County Manager Gsell if other options are available given the high price tag for this repair work. Mr. Gsell stated there are grant monies available-DFA funding since the building is deemed historical and is on the registry. Motion to table made by Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
6. 2018 Budget Amendment- Asset Acquisition seconded by Legislator Bausch

7. Soil & Water Conservation District Director/Reappointment-Phelps seconded by Legislator Bausch
8. Establish 2018 Capital Projects/Budget Amendment-Highway/Facility Maintenance/County Park Seconded by Legislator Bausch

County Manager Jay Gsell presented a resolution that would authorize a change in retirement tier status for Deputy County Clerk Steven Grice. The NYS Comptroller has ruled favorably on Mr. Grice's petition to be granted tier III retroactive status. The resolution states that the Treasurer and County Attorney have been consulted and agree that a one-time payment of \$5,660 will satisfy his status as a current tier III contributor for immediate past service. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

Mr. Gsell presented several out-of-state travel requests:

1. Felipe Oltramari & Derik Kane/Planning Department to travel to Savannah, GA for Congress for the New Urbanism Conference May 15-19, 2018 cost \$2,844. Legislator Stein questioned if both employees needed to travel and attend. Mr. Gsell stated both attend multiple workshops and apply knowledge obtained at this conference throughout the county and among municipalities. Motion by Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried, Stein-No.
2. Bill Schutt/Emergency Management Services travel to Emmitsburg, MD for National Fire Academy training April 13-15, 2018 cost \$285.50. Motion made by Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
3. Tim Hens/Highway Department to travel to Washington DC for NACo Transportation Steering Committee & NACE Executive Committee mtg 2/28-3/3/18 cost \$69.00. Motion made by Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.
4. Al Cheverie/Health Department to travel to Atlanta, GA for Preparedness Summit 4/17-4/20/18 cost \$2,037. It was noted that the Health Department applied for scholarship money to cover a portion of the cost however it is presently unknown if we were awarded these funds. Motion made by Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

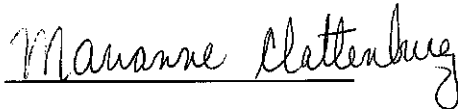
Legislature Clerk LaGrou presented a resolution that designates boards and additional policy making positions required to complete and file an annual statement of financial disclosure. Local Law No. 1 of 1992 created the Genesee County Ethics and Disclosure law which require the Legislature to determine annually additional County Officers and Employees holding policy-making positions. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

At 5:43 PM the committee adjourned to executive session to have a Privileged and confidential discussion concerning a contract relating to water agreements upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

The Ways & Means Committee meeting reconvened at 6:25 PM upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Assistant County Manager Matt Landers requested approval to apply for a 2018-2019 New York State Hazard Abatement Grant. A motion was made authorizing permission to apply by Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Torrey, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.



Marianne Clattenburg, Chair  
Ways & Means Committee  
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