

Present: Legislators Clattenburg, Bausch, Young, Stein, Also Present: Legislators Hilchey, Dibble, Maha, Torrey, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Asst. Co. Manager Matt Landers, County Attorney Kevin Earl, IT Director Steve Zimmer, Deputy IT Director Melanie Inda, Treasurer Scott German, Compliance Officer Kim Mills, HR Director Anita Cleveland, Christian Yunker, Brian Quinn-The Daily News, Howard Owens-The Batavian

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

The agenda was amended to add Resolution opposing S2837 & A2750 upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Minutes of the March 20, 2019 Ways & Means Committee meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Job Development Director Teresa Van Son requested permission to apply for a WIOA Title IB Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Services Request for Proposal. The funding is used to cover salaries, fringe benefits, staff development and costs for the office/facility. When asked if we were not successful in our proposal Ms. Van Son stated the Department would reassess and adjust accordingly. This is funding Job Development used to be awarded annually however now there is an RFP and it's a competitive process. This was approved upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Ms. Van Son stated the GLOW WDB approved a performance-based raise for the GLOW WDB Manager. Funding for the rate increase is provided by GLOW WDB. The recommended increase of \$1,600 will be effective April 1, 2019 if approved by the Legislature. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Treasurer Scott German presented the results of the County sale of County-owned property. Nine properties were sold in various locations throughout the County. Mr. German commended that parcel #8 should list the purchaser as Exter 8124 NY LLC, motion to amend by Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

Genesee County Economic Development Center Sr. Vice President of Operations Mark Masse explained that the GCC Foundation intends to make improvements at the college housing. They are seeking assistance through GCEDC and their Funding Corporation for bond issuance. The Genesee County Legislature must approve by means of a resolution before the bonds may be issued. Legislature approval will have no impact on the County's bond rating. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

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

1. Performance Incentive Acceptance/Budget Amendment-Health Department seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.
2. Grant Acceptance/Budget Amendment-Health Department/Rabies Reimbursement Program seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.
3. Agreement-Health Department/Marlowe Thompson, Center for Disease Control Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Assistant County Manager Matt Landers, HR Director Anita Cleveland and Compliance Officer Kim Mills highlighted the revised workplace violence prevention program. Compliance Officer Mills notes some minor changes incorporated to ensure compliance with federal regulations. HR Director Anita Cleveland indicated that the workplace violence prevention training will begin later this year and all employees will be trained. The Workplace Violence Policy and Prevention Program was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

Information Technology Director Steve Zimmer and Deputy Director Melanie Inda reviewed highlights of their department review. Mr. Zimmer stated one area they are focused on is security. They are exploring outsourcing security and when Federal grant money is released they plan to come to Committee requesting permission to apply. Mr. Zimmer indicated his department employees are working with different county departments on multiple specialized projects including Board of Elections and DSS. They are working with all departments on the switch to Windows 10 and upgraded excel spreadsheets. He expects the number of virtual desktops will increase as they roll out the Windows 10 upgrade. Future projects and challenges include network improvements, developing a cloud computing strategy and exploring shared services with the City of Batavia who is looking closely at the Tyler New World Systems software (which is what the County uses).

County Manager Jay Gsell presented Purchasing Director Eve Hens agenda items in her absence. The request is for a renewal of contract with Eagle Systems, Inc. for copy equipment under the Cost-per-Copy program. The contract period is May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 at a cost of .006 per copy black and white and .035 color copies. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Mr. Gsell presented a resolution authorizing a bid rejection for beverages for the Genesee County Jail due to an inadequate number of vendors responding. The NYS Bid will continue to be used resulting in the same pricing. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Young seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

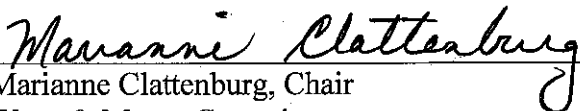
Mr. Gsell discussed the Mandate Monitor which is a tool provided by NYSAC to track the impact state mandated programs and services have on county taxpayers. It is also used to demonstrate that the local taxes are driven largely by decisions made by State Leaders in the Capitol. Mr. Gsell stated that in 2017 96.5% of the Genesee County tax levy went to support state mandated programs and in 2018 it went up to 97.8%.

The next scheduled meeting of the Ways & Means Committee is April 17, 2019.

Genesee Association of Municipalities passed a resolution regarding their position on additional costs associated with early voting legislation. Chair Clattenburg agreed to bring the matter to the Ways & Means Committee for consideration. The resolution presented states that the Genesee County Legislature opposes any and all changes in changes in election laws or practices that increases costs to the County, towns or villages without full funding from New York State to cover any and all costs associated with implementation of the changes in election laws and practices in the state of New York. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Ways & Means Committee member Stein explained that state legislation has been introduced S2837 and A2750, and if passed will be extremely detrimental to farms and Ag businesses. The proposed legislation would, among other things, provide collective bargaining rights of farm workers and require overtime pay and where, advocacy groups are asking for collective bargaining, not farmworkers. Mr. Christian Yunker, representing Farm Bureau, stated they are working to have an opposition resolution passed in all New York State Counties. He further stated that overtime pay is a huge issue since there is no margin for farmers to absorb costs. He explained that farming is already a highly regulated industry in NYS, placing a further marketplace competitive disadvantage from surrounding states and Canada on growing food for New Yorkers. And he described how animal agriculture requires a workforce to care for animals 24- hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year and crop, and vegetable and fruit farming requires seasonal, climate sensitive and time sensitive planting and harvesting where the effects of a labor strike on a farm could destroy an entire year's worth of crops, render perishable food not edible and adversely affect the health and care of animals. Legislator Stein state there is a press conference scheduled for 4/10 at 11:00 am at Stein Farms. She further stated that locally, we have an active interest in farming by second and third generation family farmers, passage of this legislation will eliminate the opportunity for those younger generations. The Senate sponsor, Senator Ramos is scheduled to come to Genesee County to meet with farm workers next week. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Young, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein, carried unanimously.

  
Marianne Clattenburg, Chair  
Ways & Means Committee  
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