

Present: Legislators Clattenburg, Davis, Bausch, Stein Also Present: Legislators Cianfrini, Young, Legislature Clerk Pamela LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Public Defender Jerry Ader, DA Larry Friedman, Communications Coordinator Steve Sharpe, Sheriff's Road Patrol Gordy Dibble, Planning Director Felipe Oltramari, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Justice For Children Supervisor Theresa Asmus-Roth, Wendel Consultants Adam Tabelski, Keith Krug, Howard Owens, Kevin Earl.

Chair Clattenburg called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference room in the Old Courthouse. The minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Davis, carried unanimously.

Chair Clattenburg invited Wendel consultants Adam Tabelski, Keith Krug and Sam Smith to the table to provide additional information on the solar array feasibility study proposal that was developed based on meetings in the summer with county officials. The proposal focuses on solar renewable energy and would be done to evaluate the physical, financial and regulatory feasibility of a solar technology installation at specific locations in the county. Mr. Hens stated that the county looked closely at pursuing solar array several years ago and began to pursue with Solar City however the contract language was not favorable for the county so it was dropped. Now, we are looking for a starting point which is why Wendel was asked to present a study proposal. If the county chose not to pursue upon receiving the study report, payment to Wendel would be made. If the county chose to pursue a development, the agreement is structured to apply cost toward the first phase. Legislator Bausch asked if the county could review the anticipated study results done for GCC. That study has been completed and the report will be presented to GCC officials the week of November 28. Legislator Stein asked about the scope of the analysis; is it limited to solar. Mr. Krug explained that the proposal is limited to solar but Wendel can modify the proposal to expand on the scope if that is the desire of the County. Legislator Davis asked for the timeframe of the GCC study; when was the study begun and when will the report be shared with GCC officials. Mr. Tabelski stated the study was started 12 weeks ago and the report will be shared soon. Legislator Bausch asked if the Ag & Farmland Plan that Wendel is completing for the County is done. Legislator Stein stated they are still behind schedule but the timeline has tightened up. Wendel worked with the county several years ago on an energy efficiency study that resulted in a \$425,000 NYSERDA grant for upgrades. This proposal focuses on solar energy but can be modified if the county is interested in additional renewable energy.

Highway Superintendent Tim Hens explained the request for a consultant agreement and budget amendment with Clark Patterson for work regarding the feasibility and viability of addressing water supply needs for the next ten to fifteen years. A price of \$90,000 was negotiated and the funds are available from the water fund. Chair Clattenburg asked if the Water Resources Agency had provided a recommendation. Mr. Hens explained that he thought of bringing it to them however they won't meet soon and the Public Service

Committee would not have the opportunity to hear the matter until January or February. Mrs. Stein and Mr. Bausch, both sit on the Water Resources Agency stated that they thought the Agency would be supportive. Mr. Bausch made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations seconded by Legislator Davis, carried. Legislator Stein made a motion seconded by Legislator Davis. Prior to the vote Legislator Bausch stated he had reservations and would vote no, Legislator Stein, yes, Legislators Clattenburg, Bausch, Davis, no. Mr. Hens stated they would revisit the issue and bring back to the table.

Mr. Hens described the next resolution that includes a donation acceptance and budget amendment from ACORNS to cover the cost of an AmeriCorps member who would assist with programming and activities at the County Park. Total donation is \$2,400 all of which will be used to cover the cost of the 900-hour AmeriCorps member. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Davis seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

The third agenda item from the Highway Superintendent is to formally dedicate School Road in the Town of Stafford. Although the County has considered this road their own for the past 85 years, the NYS DOT is requiring formal action. Continued maintenance of the road is beneficial to the County therefore Mr. Hens is recommending rededicating the roadway to ensure inclusion on the Local Highway Inventory. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Davis carried unanimously.

Public Defender Jerry Ader presented a request for a contract extension of six months on a grant between the Public Defender's Office and NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Davis seconded by Legislator Bausch carried unanimously.

Mr. Ader explained the next request for a contract extension of six months for a grant from the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services –Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Davis carried unanimously.

District Attorney Larry Friedman explained the DA's Office no longer has a need for a \$50 petty cash fund and is requesting eliminating the fund. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Davis carried unanimously.

Mrs. Asmus-Roth described a request for a budget amendment resulting from an additional grant amount of \$25,000 received from NYS Office of Children and Family Services. The additional funds will be used for program expenses, a desk and technical audio visual equipment. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Davis, carried unanimously.

Next, Mrs. Asmus-Roth requested a modification to the 2016 Genesee Justice budget to obligate \$31,250 from already approved funding. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Davis seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Communications Director Steve Sharpe explained the request for a lease renewal with SPOK, Inc. who took over the lease the Sheriff's Office had with USA Mobility. The lease renewal with SPOK includes a 3% increase for each of the three years of the contract beginning on January 1, 2017. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Stein carried unanimously.

Mr. Sharpe described the next request for an agreement renewal with the Sheriff's Office and Activu for maintenance of the Network Interface Display Monitor. The cost of the renewal agreement is offset by wireless 911 surcharge revenue. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Davis seconded by Legislator Stein carried unanimously.

Mr. Sharpe explained the next agenda item a lease amendment with American Tower Asset Sub, LLC since they were interested in making other changes to the lease that were not satisfactory to the Sheriff's office.

Next, Mr. Sharpe explained that Purchasing issued a bid for fencing around the new LeRoy radio site and one bid was received from New York State Fence, Inc. The bid amount is \$8,288 and it is recommended the county accept the bid. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Davis carried unanimously.

Gordon Dibble presented a request for a budget amendment due to receipt of funds from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. The funding may only be used for correctional purposes therefore the department will cover costs of medical expenses at the County jail. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

Mr. Dibble also presented a request for a budget amendment due to the department being awarded funds from a Governor's Traffic Safety County grant for high visibility road checks. The funds awarded in 2015 were not included in the 2016 budget therefore he is making a request to add \$5,600 to the 2016 budget to be used for STOP-DWI Overtime. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Davis seconded by Legislator Bausch, carried unanimously.

County Manager Jay Gsell explained that he was requesting an amendment to the 2016 Management Salary Schedule in accordance with the New York State Commission on Legislative, Judicial and Executive Compensation recommendations which mandate an increase in the full time District Attorney salary pursuant to Judiciary Law 183-a. This will increase the DA's salary to \$183,350 however there is no funding from the State to offset the cost to the county. The entire increase must be absorbed by the County. In 2016 the cost to the County will be \$36,790. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Davis, carried unanimously.

Legislator Davis stated his issue with the commission (not the DA). He stated the Governor has not acted responsibly by accepting the commission's report which mandates the salary increase and passing the increase on to the county. It is another unfunded mandate. Mr. Davis stated that it is the obligation of elected officials to be fair with all aspects of governing, including setting salaries for employees. Legislator Bausch stated this is the height of hypocrisy and Chair Clattenburg agreed but stated it is time to take action and take the law seriously.

Mr. Gsell next explained the request for a budget amendment to cover the cost of Sheriff's Office overtime salaries. The contingency fund will be tapped for \$123,533 to cover overtime through 2016. This was referred to Ways and Means with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Davis, carried unanimously.

The Clerk reported the next meeting of the Public Service Committee is scheduled for Monday, January 17, 2017 in the conference room of the Old Court House.

Chair Clattenburg explained there is a vacancy on the Water Resources Agency with the resignation of Lucine Kaufman. One application has been received. Some districts are well represented and others have no member serving on this board. Ms. Clattenburg asked legislators to submit an application if they have a candidate who is interested and has skills or background that will be useful to the board.

A motion was made by Legislator Bausch and seconded by Legislator Stein to adjourn at 5:54 PM, carried unanimously.

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Public Service Committee

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