

Present: Legislators Clattenburg, Bausch, Davis, Torrey, Also Present: Legislators Stein, Deleo, Legislature Clerk LaGrou, County Manager Jay Gsell, Assistant County Manager Matthew Landers, County Attorney Charles Zambito, Highway Superintendent Tim Hens, Weights & Measures Director Don Luxon, Soil & Water staff Jodi Chamberlain & Greg Tessmann, Public Defender Jerry Ader, Jerome Gentry, Billie Owens.

Chair Clattenburg called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the Legislature Conference Room. The minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting were approved upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Bausch.

Weights & Measures Director Don Luxon reported that his budget is in good shape and department as a whole is in good shape. He is considering retiring and suggesting that more time training his replacement will benefit the department and county. His position is a management position however he had to take the civil service test.

Soil & Water Conservation District staff Jodi Chamberlain and Greg Tessmann presented highlights from the annual report. They are not requesting an increase in funding, they acknowledge they receive a healthy appropriation and want the legislature to be familiar with how they use their funds. They are seeking grant opportunities and will utilize those funds to support agriculture by implementing "BMP" Best Management Practices. They do not anticipate staff changes; there is one vacant position however they plan to hold off on filling and see how they do with their current team. The question was posed about past cash flow issues and if that problem persists. Ms. Chamberlain explained that was before her time at Soil & Water but she was familiar with it. She described how the current board is active and assured legislators that there is no cash flow problem presently.

Newsletters, brochures and tree & shrub order forms were passed out to those present. Legislators Stein & Torrey commented on the staff and programs; they are aggressive, committed, passionate, and bring a level of enthusiasm to the department.

Public Defender Jerry Ader described his department's request for a contract with the County and the State Office of Indigent Legal Services. The grant started last year, it is a three year grant. This grant calls for 75% funding and a separate grant covers the other 25%. 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 Torrey.

Mr. Hens explained that Oakfield-Alabama Central School is interested in donating a portable ice rink and accessories such as some skates, all "as is" to the County. There is not a cooling unit therefore ice will be dependent on weather and cold temperatures. The area in DeWitt Park has been identified in their master plan as a place to have an ice rink. A handful of volunteers have been identified as wanting to help maintain the ice or help in other ways. There is no plan to increase staffing. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Bausch seconded by Legislator Davis.

Next, Mr. Hens discussed the need to fill two vacancies on the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Advisory Committee. Thomas Clark currently serves on the committee as is interested in re-appointment to another term and Jerome Gentry is a new appointment. 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 Torrey.

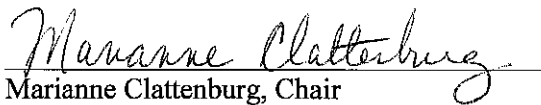
Mr. Hens next described the need for a transit van at a cost not to exceed \$25,003.08. This is a state bid and he recommends this purchase which is a replacement van for Central Services courier. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Torrey seconded by Legislator Davis.

Mr. Hens went on to explain the last resolution which is Award of Bids – Highway-Construction Materials. He described how there are additional costs when a bid is awarded for material we need to travel to pick up or when materials need to be delivered. The cost for travel is then factored in which may result in another bid actually being lower. Additional language has been added to the resolution that specifies that the award of products is based on the best value for the County. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Davis seconded by Legislator Bausch.

Mr. Hens provided an update on the water leak at County Building 2. It has been fully remediated; there is not mold or mildew. Some carpets have been steam cleaned and some were removed. Areas under the IT floor were vacuumed out. They received the 44 page report from the adjuster today on the damage. There was a \$10,000 deductible. There should not be any concern with correct and complete action being taken with regard to remediation. The Airport Terminal will be completed in March, 2016. Chair Clattenburg would like a Public Service committee meeting there in the spring however, the April meeting will be scheduled at the Sheriff's office on Park Road for Monday, April 18 at 4:30pm.

A resolution calling on the state to increase indigent legal defense system funding was reviewed and discussed. NYSAC and several individual counties have passed a resolution calling on the State to increase funding to the indigent legal defense system and for the state to ensure counties will not be forced to pay for the additional requirements resulting from the Hurrell-Harring settlement. Public Service Chair Clattenburg requested the county send a letter to Assemblyman Hawley and Senator Ranzenhofer urging their support and requesting they sign on as a co-sponsor or multi-sponsor. Additionally, Inter County Association will be sent the resolution once certified. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Davis seconded by Legislator Torrey.

A motion was made by Legislator Davis and seconded by Legislator Bausch to adjourn at 5:27 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marianne Clattenburg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Marianne Clattenburg, Chair

Public Service Committee

Submitted 3-15-16 phl