

GENESEE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 17, 2025

Present: Committee Legislators Maha, Yunker, Clattenburg and Klotzbach. Legislators Hawley, Dibble, Deleo and Stein attended. County Manager Matt Landers, Justice for Children Advocacy Center Program Coordinator Trisha Reynolds, Emergency Communications Director Frank Riccobono, Sheriff Joseph Graff, Soil & Water Conservation District Senior Field Manager Jared Elliott, County Attorney Mark Boylan, Clerk of the Legislature Lisa Casey, Public Defender Jerry Ader, Commissioners of Public Works Tim Hens and Laura Wadhams. JoAnne Beck, the Batavian and Brian Quinn, the Batavia Daily News also attended.

The meeting was opened on March 17, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting location was at 7 Main Street Batavia, New York in the Legislative Conference Room.

Committee Chair Maha amended the agenda to add a resolution under the Chair Report: A Resolution Opposing Governor Kathy Hochul's Executive Order Barring Correctional Officers from Future State and Local Government Employment and a letter discussion. Legislator Clattenburg motioned to approve the amended agenda seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Committee Chair Maha announced a quorum was established.

Minutes of the February 18, 2025 Public Service Committee meeting were approved by Committee Chair Maha.

Public Defender Jerry Ader recommended accepting the amended contract between Genesee County and the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS), Contract Number: C120018, Distribution # 12, providing for a one-year extension of the contract from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Sheriff Joseph Graff requested authorization for a budget transfer to move funds to the appropriate personal services line items as follows: \$164,413 from Program Expense Homeland Security, \$155,000 to Personal Services and \$9,413 to Over-Time Salaries. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Emergency Communications Director Frank Riccobono recommended the County Legislature empower the Genesee County Sheriff, to enter into Authorizations for Radio System Access with public safety and public service agencies to operate on the Genesee County 800 MHz radio system. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Justice for Children Advocacy Center Program Coordinator Trisha Reynolds requested an amendment to the 2025 Employee Salary Schedule that will eliminate one 30 hour per week, competitive CSEA Grade 20M Supervising Clinical Social Worker- JFCAC position and add a 37.5 hour per week, competitive CSEA Grade 20J Clinical Therapist- JFCAC position, effective March 27, 2025. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for

placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Commissioners of Public Works Tim Hens and Laura Wadhams reported the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has requested access to all County-owned properties in order to place bait and traps under the New York European Cherry Fruit Fly Program. They recommended the Legislature to grant authority to the USDA to access all County-owned properties through September 30, 2025 for the placement of bait and traps under the New York European Cherry Fruit Fly Program. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Commissioners of Public Works Tim Hens and Laura Wadhams report work programmed at certain County-owned buildings were left off this Energy Performance Contract due to planned facility disposals or remaining useful life of fixtures. They recommended that the Legislature execute Change Order #005 with Johnson Controls, Inc., increasing the contract by \$97,860 for a total Performance Contract amount of \$5,966,850. They also requested authorization to make an amendment to Capital Project Energy Performance Contract by increasing the project \$97,860 from the Infrastructure Reserve. They also requested to amend the 2025 Budget by increasing Balancing-Appropriated in the amount of \$97,860 utilizing the Assigned Unappropriated - Infrastructure reserve offset by increasing Transfer to Capital in a like amount and to also amend Interfund Transfer in the amount of \$97,860 offset by an increase to Capital Project Expense in a like amount. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Commissioners of Public Works Tim Hens and Laura Wadhams did advertise local specifications developed for furniture needed for the Engine House Renovations and recommended an award bids for the purchase of furniture for use in the Engine House Renovations to Eaton Office Supply Company, Inc., at a price not to exceed \$72,977.23. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Commissioners of Public Works Tim Hens and Laura Wadhams reported Genesee County desires to develop a strategic roadmap for the efficient future use and improvement of all of its facilities and recommended entering into a consultant agreement with SMRT, Inc., in the amount of \$167,056, for the development of a Facility Utilization and Capital Plan for Genesee County facilities. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Commissioners of Public Works Tim Hens and Laura Wadhams reported pump impellers at the Mumford Pump Station have experienced premature corrosion due to material incompatibility issues as a result of regulatory changes within the water industry. They recommended entering into a consultant agreement with Arcadis of New York, Inc., in the amount of \$17,419, for the evaluation and recommendation for the replacement of pumps at the Mumford Pump Station. This was referred to Ways & Means Committee with a recommendation for placement on the next

Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Clattenburg seconded by Legislator Yunker, carried unanimously.

Commissioners of Public Works Tim Hens and Laura Wadhams recommended entering into a renewal contract with Ascent Aviation Group, for line service products for the Genesee County Airport for the period of March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Klotzbach seconded by Legislator Clattenburg, carried unanimously.

Soil & Water Conservation District Senior Field Manager Jared Elliott presented an annual report that provided an update on staffing: they currently have five full-time staff and plan to hire one seasonal intern. The extra help provided by the internship position will allow us to complete recently funded grant projects and maintain other programs. He also discussed Soil and Water Conservation Committee Financial Assistance Programs: The Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution Abatement and Control Program provides financial assistance to support projects that improve water quality. The Climate Resilient Farming program, which has financial assistance available for farms to mitigate and adapt to climate change. The CAFO Enhanced Nutrient and Methane Management Program is a two-year offering (2024 and 2025) that has funds available to reduce methane emissions and improve nutrient management on CAFO dairy farms. He stated Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FLOWPA) also supports the District's water quality monitoring program. This annual program monitors streams within the county to evaluate and track the water quality of the streams. District staff have been aggressive in pursuing grants in the past few years and resulted in over \$3 million in awarded grant funds from various state sources in the past twelve months. Lastly, he reviewed the District's 2025 budget, which has a slight increase from 2024 but focuses more funds on retaining staff and less expenses on equipment. They also added Japanese knotweed treatment program and revenue sources have been steadily increasing recently.

County Manager Matt Landers recommended entering into a renewal contract with the Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation District for a period beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. He also requested that the sum of \$151,891 in regular funding and \$21,960 in additional funding to support an additional staff position for a total of \$173,851, shall be paid in regular installments, pursuant to the Agreement. This was approved for placement on the next Legislature Agenda upon motion of Legislator Yunker seconded by Legislator Klotzbach, carried unanimously.

Clerk of the Legislature Lisa Casey announced the next Public Service Committee Meeting will be on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

Chair Report:

A resolution was presented stating Governor Kathy Hochul's Executive Order has been met with significant opposition from local officials, including members of the Genesee County Legislature, who believe it unfairly penalizes officers and their families without proper consideration of individual cases. The Legislature opposes Governor Hochul's Executive Order 47.3, which prevents correctional officers involved in the strike from future state or local government employment and this resolution urges Governor Hochul to reconsider the impact of this order on local control and fairness in employment decisions. This was approved for placement on the next

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A discussion was led about drafting a letter of support that would also be submitted.

Committee Chair Maha adjourned the Public Service meeting at 5:04 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF THE CLERK

STATE OF NEW YORK, County of Genesee, ss:

I, Lisa K. Casey hereby certify that the foregoing is a true report of the Public Service Committee of the Genesee County Legislature on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 4:30 P.M., typographical errors excepted.

Lisa K. Casey