

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**January 16, 2019**

February 20, 2019

ALLEGANY COUNTY  
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

**Committee Members Present:** P. Curran, P. Stockin, J. Burdick, D. Fanton, B. Harris, J. Ricci

**Others Present:** L. Ballengee, G. Barnes, T. Boyde, D. Decker, W. Dibble, J. DiPasquale, K. Dirlam, K. Graves, G. Hanchett, D. Healy, J. Hopkins, C. Knapp, B. Riehle, D. Root, T. Ross, T. Shaw, M. Washer

**Media Present:** C. Potter – *The Spectator*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Budget Committee Chairman Phil Curran.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ricci, and carried to approve the Budget Committee minutes of December 19, 2018.

**Sales Tax Year-End Report**

County Treasurer Terri Ross distributed the 2018 year-end Allegany County Sales Tax Report reflecting receipts totaling \$21,357,352.26 through January 2, 2019. The year-to-date figures show an increase of \$1,602,751.14 or 8.113 percent more compared to last year at this time. Ms. Ross stated that we ended the year 8 percent higher than 2017 which was on target with their projections.

**Sales Tax Report**

Ms. Ross also distributed the 2019 Allegany County Sales Tax Report reflecting receipts totaling \$663,609.18 through January 16, 2019. The year-to-date figures show an increase of \$85,478.22 or 14.785 percent more compared to last year at this time. Ms. Ross stated that our first payment for 2019 was higher than we received at this time in 2018, adding we're off to a good start.

**Gas Prices**

Legislator Harris stated we keep hearing to expect gas prices to go down and asked what the best source of information is on future gas prices. Ms. Ross stated that she does not have that answer. NYSAC does provide some information; however, she is unsure how they predict it.

**Internet Sales Tax**

Legislator Harris asked if there is any advancement on the internet sales tax. Ms. Ross stated they have not heard anything from the state, but it is just a matter of enforcing it.

**Wellsville Kmart**

Legislator Dibble asked for Ms. Ross' expectations to our sales tax with the closing of Kmart. Ms. Ross stated that she foresees the impact hitting the quarter following the final closing of the Wellsville store. Legislator Harris indicated that it is his understanding Kmart has a revenue in the low eight figures in which case he expects it will be a mid-five figure loss in sales tax revenue for the County. Legislator Decker stated he heard the CEO of Sears received the bid at the bankruptcy sale. Legislator Fanton stated he talked to the Sears manager who indicated it is a done deal whether he got the bid or not, and the stores slated to close, will.

**Correctional Facility Staffing Study**

County Administrator Timothy Boyde introduced D.I. Jacob's Consultants Don Jacobs and Travis Miller who attended the meeting to give a brief overview of where they are at with the staffing study at the Correctional Facility. Mr. Miller stated the Sheriff's Office has been extremely cooperative with providing them with any and all information they request, adding they are going home with large piles of data which is great. Mr. Jacobs distributed a SWOT Assessment Survey to the Board and other meeting attendees to complete. This survey allows for the opinion of stakeholders who have an invested interest in the study. Mr. Jacobs indicated when they do these studies, it is critically important to reach out to as many stakeholders as they can to provide them with the knowledge of what other people are thinking in addition to the data they are looking at. Mr. Jacobs noted that they are sensitive to the fact that timing is critical for this study, and they plan to be back to make their final presentation within two to three weeks. Mr. Boyde added the level of cooperation from the Sheriff's Office has been outstanding.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Stockin, seconded by Legislator Ricci, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Washer, Confidential Secretary to the Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators