

**ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**June 10, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 11:11 a.m. by Chairman Curtis W. Crandall

**LEGISLATORS PRESENT:** C. Crandall, G. Barnes, J. Burdick, D. Decker, W. Dibble, D. Fanton, K. Graves, B. Harris, S. Havey, D. Healy, J. Hopkins, J. Ricci, P. Stockin (Absent: P. Curran, D. Root)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** T. Boyd, S. Decker, K. Francisco, G. James, C. Knapp, D. McDonnell, B. Riehle, T. Ross

**Wellsville Municipal Airport**

Chairman Crandall stated that this meeting was a follow up to previous meetings regarding funding for the Wellsville Municipal Airport. In order for the County to provide funding, a local law would have to be adopted. Once the local law is in place, the Board would have to adopt a resolution approving the transfer of funds to the Airport.

Legislator Decker asked if money had been put aside in the Budget for the Airport. County Administrator Boyde stated that while there isn't a separate line item for the Airport in the Budget, there are funds available for this purpose in Contingency. Legislator Barnes questioned the wording "operated by and for the Town of Wellsville" in section 1 of the Local Law. County Attorney Knapp said that the wording is similar to what is found in other local laws. It's for a municipal purpose. Ms. Knapp went on to say that the reason for this is that the airport belongs to the Town of Wellsville. The County is not going to be part of the airport district. Legislator Harris expressed his concern about using money out of Contingency saying that the County has done some significant spending on things such as a staffing study, I Love NY Match, a new voicemail system, broadband, and administrator position. Mr. Boyde added the Episcopal Church property to that list. Legislator Harris suggested that other than adopting the local law, maybe the County should plan to hold off on the funding portion of this until 2020. County Treasurer Ross talked about where the County stands with Contingency and the Fund Balance. She feels the funds are there if the Board decides to proceed with this. Legislator Burdick asked about Section 3 of the local law. She wondered if rather than it saying "annual basis" they could set up a schedule of payments for the next several years. Some concerns were voiced about entering into a perpetual agreement. County Attorney Knapp recommended that the term of an agreement with the Town of Wellsville not be longer than the term of the current Board. Legislator Stockin stated that he feels the Airport does benefit more than just the Town of Wellsville. The question is if we should invest and how much to invest. He said he has no problem with the local law. Legislator Healy expressed his concern that the County would have to pass a local law for every town that wants something. Ms. Knapp explained that things such as road maintenance assistance can be done without a local law. We have to do a local law for this because the County is not in the airport district. The group then discussed some requirements they would like to see in place, including annual financial statements as well as having a sunset clause added to the local law.

A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to amend the draft local law by adding a sunset clause that would expire December 31, 2023.

**Refer to County Attorney**

Legislator Harris requested a roll call vote on moving forward with setting a date for a public hearing on the local law.

A motion was made by Legislator Dibble, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried by a roll call vote of 11 ayes, 2 noes (Harris, Ricci), and 2 absent, to move forward with the local law by preparing a resolution setting a date for a public hearing. **Prepare Resolution**

Chairman Crandall stated that if the local law passes, they will then have discussion regarding an appropriation.

**Livingston Correctional Facility**

Chairman Crandall received notification that the State of New York plans to close Livingston Correctional Facility. He stated that 327 jobs are at stake, including jobs for some Allegany County residents. Chairman Crandall read a resolution adopted by Livingston County opposing the closure of this facility.

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Dibble, and carried to put together a resolution opposing the closure of Livingston Correctional Facility. **Prepare Resolution to come off the floor 6/10/19**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah M. Decker, Journal Clerk/Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators