

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
January 17, 2018

ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Committee Members Present: P. Stockin, P. Curran, D. Decker, S. Havey, D. Healy, J. Hopkins, D. Root, C. Crandall (Absent: D. Fanton)

Others Present: L. Ballengee, G. Barnes, T. Boyde, B. Budinger, J. Burdick, R. Christman, W. Dibble, K. Graves, B. Harris, K. Hollis, R., Hollis, K. Hooker, C. Knapp, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, T. Ross, M. Washer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. by Ways & Means Committee Chairman Philip Stockin.

Approval of Minutes

The January 8, 2018, Ways & Means Committee minutes were approved on a motion made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

Sub-Recipient Agreement

A request was made to approve the sub-recipient agreement between Allegany County and Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc. for the administration of Community Development Block Grant funds on behalf of Allegany County. County Administrator Timothy Boyde stated that he reached out to Director of New Housing and Rehabilitation John Dennis who confirmed that they receive referrals from Office for the Aging for individuals who have met specific requirements, adding that those who receive a new home are chosen by "lottery." Mr. Boyde noted that there are no County dollars required, and last year they were able to serve approximately nine individuals. Legislator Hopkins stated she recently learned that in order to qualify for this program, you must own your current home and cannot be renting it. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried.

Prepare Resolution

Shared Services Agreement

County Administrator Timothy Boyde requested approval to enter into an agreement with CGR located at 1 South Washington Street, Suite 400, in Rochester, NY, at a cost not to exceed \$84,782. This agreement will allow CGR to create a County-wide shared services tax savings plan for Allegany County in collaboration with towns and villages. The tax savings plan will meet the requirements prescribed by the New York State County-Wide Shared Services Initiative (Enacted by Part BBB of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2017) and will yield viable cost-saving projects that can be implemented during 2018 and 2019. Three proposals were received, and CGR's proposal was selected based on the firm's location, experience, cost, and scope of services. Mr. Boyde stated the interest during previous attempts to create a shared services tax savings plan faded; however, they are expected to submit a proposal in 2018 and are hoping through this contract, they can pull the group back together and move forward. Mr. Boyde continued that the cost is a little higher than anticipated but is confident it will be money well spent. Legislator Decker expressed concern regarding the company's ability to provide us what we need in such a quick turnaround time. Mr. Boyde stated this company specifically works with towns and villages for funding mechanisms and grant opportunities. They have been in operation for approximately 100 years working with government municipalities and recently created a proposal for Chemung County. Mr. Boyde continued that they have the experience we need and have done work for us in the past so they are familiar with the County. Legislator Graves asked if we have spoken with Chemung County, and was their plan accepted by the Governor. Mr. Boyde stated, yes, their plan was accepted and Chemung County was very satisfied. Legislator Graves commented that he is concerned with how we are going to pay for this and asked if we have a contract in place. County Treasurer Terri Ross stated it currently is

not in the budget. County Attorney First Assistant Carissa Knapp stated the contract is still in draft form but will be finalized by the end of the week. Legislator Decker asked if CGR will have enough time to conduct interviews and put together what we need. Mr. Boyde stated CGR is a well experienced group who will take into consideration every component that is outlined in the Governor's mandate and have already established how they will accomplish this. Mr. Boyde continued that we had the largest tax decrease in the State of New York without even looking at a shared services tax savings plan, and he hopes that is incentive enough to move forward and continue that trend. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Prepare Resolution (to come off the floor at the January 22 Board meeting)**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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