

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
February 12, 2018
AMENDED

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

Others Present: L. Ballengee, G. Barnes, B. Budinger, J. Budinger, W. Dibble, V. Grant, K. Graves, L. Gridley, S. Grusendorf, B. Harris, K. Hollis, R. Hollis, K. Hooker, C. Knapp, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, T. Ross, M. Washer, R. Whitney

Media Present: C. Potter – *Wellsville Daily Reporter*, K. Kellogg – *Olean Times Herald*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Ways & Means Committee Chairman Philip Stockin.

Approval of Minutes

The January 17, 2018, Ways & Means Committee minutes were approved on a motion made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

The January 22, 2018, Ways & Means Committee minutes were approved on a motion made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Tax Bill Correction

Real Property Tax Director Joseph Budinger requested a resolution approving the following tax bill correction for a charge back:

TOWN OF WELLSVILLE

Owner of Record: Educational Foundation of Alfred

Tax Map Number: 252.-1-21

Charge Back: \$20,573.09

(2018 Wellsville Town & County)

(A resolution is required for corrections over \$2,500 or those resulting in the complete removal of a parcel.) Mr. Budinger stated this amount was a capital charge that should not have been put on the tax bill. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Approval of Audit

Committee members reviewed the February 12, 2018, audit of claims in the amount of \$5,435,456.49 (including prepaid bills). Legislator Decker asked if any Legislators share his sentiment that they should see a more detailed breakdown of the amounts included on the audit summary. Legislator Havey stated more information is always good so long as it doesn't become cumbersome. Chairman Crandall stated it would be smart to see a detailed breakdown of the summary, but seeing it at the committee level is not the appropriate place as the information provided does become too cumbersome. County Treasurer Terri Ross stated there is a detailed report that County Administrator Timothy Boyde reviews and signs off on before the summary is generated, adding that any Legislator is welcome to view that report; however, due to confidential information on the report, it is not something that can be viewed publicly. Legislator Graves stated he had the privilege of seeing this report and agrees there is confidential information that should not be made public. Legislator Graves continued that he does feel it is a good report that the Board should see, and then have a follow up discussion about where our money is going and how it's being spent, adding if they saw what he saw, they would be interested in knowing more. A decision was made to continue this discussion with the County Treasurer when the Legislators make their scheduled visit to her department in March. A motion was made by Legislator

Decker, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to forward the audit to the full Board for approval of payment.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Human Services Department

Unallocated WIC Program Funds

Public Health Director Lori Ballengee requested a resolution to accept and appropriate an additional \$10,826 in unallocated funds released by the NYS Department of Health for the WIC Program. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

<u>Appropriation:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A4190.409 (WIC Program – Fees)	\$ 1,200
A4190.424 (WIC Program – Legal/Advertising)	\$ 7,200
A4010.101 (WIC Program – Regular Pay)	\$ 2,426
Total:	\$10,826
 <u>Revenue:</u>	 <u>Amount:</u>
A4190.4452.00 (Federal Aid – WIC)	\$10,826

This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Senior Typist Position

Social Services Commissioner Vicki Grant requested permission to fill one full-time Senior Typist (AFSCME, Grade 7, Step: Base – Step 7) due to a promotion. This position is responsible for answering all calls coming into the agency as well as clerical work to support all programs. The annual salary of this position is estimated between \$29,847 and \$34,943 with benefits estimated at 48 percent. This position is funded 38 percent with County funds, 10 percent with State funds, and 52 percent with Federal funds. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Public Safety Committee

Juvenile Justice Grant

Probation Director Robert Starks requested a resolution to accept and appropriate funds in the amount of \$48,000 for the Juvenile Justice Grant as part of the Rural Community of Practice Initiative. This grant is provided through the appropriation of Federal Year 2015 Juvenile Justice Title II formula funds, with an expected funding lapse of September 30, 2019. These grant funds have to be shared with Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties as the grant is intended for use by multi-jurisdictional entities in rural counties. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

<u>Appropriation:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A3146.447 (Public Safety Contract)	\$48,000
 <u>Revenue:</u>	 <u>Amount:</u>
A3146.4389.00 (Federal Aid Probation Juvenile Justice DCJS Grant)	\$48,000

This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

2017 New York State Division of Criminal Justice Narcotics Grant

The Sheriff's Office requested a resolution re-appropriating unspent funds from the 2017 New York State Division of Criminal Justice Narcotics Grant in the amount of \$34,636. The funds should be re-appropriated as follows:

<u>Appropriation:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A3111.208 (Sheriff Drug Program – Equipment/Police)	\$34,636
 <u>Revenue:</u>	 <u>Amount:</u>
A3111.3324.DCJS (Sheriff Narcotics Grant)	\$34,636

Legislator Healy asked if this was due to a difference between financial fiscal years. Sheriff Whitney stated, no, this is due to the equipment being ordered but not delivered until 2018; therefore, they need to re-appropriate the funds to 2018 to pay the invoice. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Deputy Sheriff Positions

The Sheriff's Office requested permission to fill two full-time Deputy Sheriff positions (Local 3989 Council 82 Bargaining Unit) and all subsequent vacancies created by the promotion of two Corrections Officers. These positions are needed to replace a Deputy Sheriff who retired, and a Deputy Sheriff who resigned. The total annual salary of these positions is \$85,822.88 (\$42,911.44 x2) with benefits estimated at \$38,362.84 (\$19,181.42 x2). These positions are funded 100 percent with County dollars. Sheriff Whitney stated they are promoting two full-time Corrections Officers to Deputy Sheriffs and will then need to hire two part-time Corrections Officers to fill the full-time vacancies created from those promotions. Legislator Graves asked if the Corrections Officers have been to the Police Academy, and whether or not they have money in their training budget to send them if needed. Sheriff Whitney stated it depends on who applies; however, they could have two that need to go, but only anticipate sending one. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Correction Corporal Positions

The Sheriff's Office requested permission to fill two full-time Correction Corporal (Local 3989 Council 82 Bargaining Unit) positions. These positions are needed to fulfill the New York State Commission of Correction Minimum Staffing requirement. The total annual salary of these positions is \$88,179.12 (\$44,089.56 x2) with benefits estimated at \$39,416.08 (\$19,708.04 x2). These positions are funded 100 percent with County dollars. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Public Works Committee

Public Works Superintendent Guy James requested permission to accept the bid from SimplexGrinnell in the amount of \$25,000 to supply four lockdown buttons to secure four sets of doors (two sets in the County Office Building, and two sets in the Courthouse facility). The new lockdown system will utilize three sets of existing doors, with the fourth set to be built by a General Contractor. SimplexGrinnell will also include installation and commissioning labor, all necessary equipment, programming, testing, certification, and training. County Treasurer Terri Ross suggested tabling this request as we may have additional funds leftover from the Third Floor Renovation Project that could be used to cover the doors in the County Office Building, but they will not know the exact amount until the

renovation is complete. Ms. Ross continued that the Courthouse facility doors should be postponed until all renovations to the office complex are complete, or wait and budget for them in 2019. Legislator Decker stated they talked about this in the Public Safety Sub-Committee meeting and thanked Public Works Deputy Superintendent Dean Scholes for his work in getting this quote, and agreed that they should wait if they can possibly use leftover funds from the Third Floor Project. Legislator Graves expressed concern over the exigency of this stating if there was a reason this was brought forward and there is a safety issue involved, then it needs to be taken care of now; if not, he believes we should wait per Ms. Ross' recommendation. Legislator Decker stated there is no imminent threat; however, he hates to see something happen and feels we need to control the possibility of someone wanting to come in with a weapon and impose harm. Legislator Hopkins stated having served on the Public Safety Sub-Committee, this upgrade was always part of the master plan to provide safety and security for the building and our employees, and agrees if there is money leftover to use, it should be postponed. A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried to table the request to accept the bid from SimplexGrinnell in the amount of \$25,000 to supply four lockdown buttons to secure four sets of doors.

Attorney/Client Session

A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to enter into Attorney/Client session at 1:25 p.m. Immediately following discussion at 1:31 p.m., a motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried to exit Attorney/Client Session and return to the regular meeting.

Elections Commissioner Resignation

Majority Leader Dwight "Mike" Healy announced the retirement of Republican Elections Commissioner Richard G. Hollis effective February 28, 2018. Legislator Healy stated this comes as a complete surprise, and he will pass this along for further action. Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle stated once the Republican party chooses a replacement, a formal recommendation to fill the vacancy will be made to Ways and Means. Legislator Healy stated the next Republican meeting will be held on Monday, March 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Off Duty Club in Belmont, NY. Committee Chairman Stockin stated not having had any previous notice or knowledge of Mr. Hollis' resignation, he would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his service. Legislator Healy also thanked Mr. Hollis for his service.

Good of the Order

Majority Leader Dwight "Mike" Healy announced a caucus in Room 220 at 1:40 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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