

## **WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**

**March 11, 2019**

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

**Others Present:** L. Ballengee, G. Barnes, H. Bedow, T. Boyde, J. Budinger, W. Dibble, J. DiPasquale, K. Francisco, V. Grant, K. Graves, P. Graves, L. Gridley, B. Harris, K. Hooker, L. Kaminski, C. Knapp, K. Monroe, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, T. Ross, T. Shaw, J. Stager, M. Washer, R. Whitney

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Ways & Means Committee Chairman Philip Stockin.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2019, Ways and Means Committee meeting.

### **Approval of Audit**

Committee members reviewed the March 11, 2019, audit of claims in the amount of \$3,875,208.79 (including prepaid bills). A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to forward the audit to the full Board for approval of payment.

### **Online Sales Tax Resolution**

A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried to prepare a resolution urging the Governor and State Legislature to enact legislation that ensures a fair and level playing field for all retailers by updating the State Sales Tax Code in recognition of the recent Supreme Court decision that ruled states have the right to collect sales tax on purchases made over the internet.

### **Prepare Resolution**

### **Opposition of Firearms Raffle Assembly Bill A1413**

Committee members reviewed Assembly Bill A1413 and a resolution from Orleans County opposing Assembly Bill A1413, An Act to Amend the General Municipal Law, In Relation to Prohibiting Firearms as Prizes in any Game of Chance. County Attorney Carissa Knapp mentioned a few legalities regarding this legislation, noting that she believes the County can make a home rule argument as we have the statutory power to regulate this issue. Ways & Means Committee Chairman Stockin stated he believes there is a consensus among the committee members to have County Attorney Carissa Knapp rewrite our resolution making a home rule argument to be pre-filed for the March 25 Board meeting. A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried requesting the County Attorney to prepare a resolution opposing Assembly Bill A1413. **Prepare Resolution**

### **Acceptance of Insurance Check**

Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle requested a resolution accepting a check in the amount of \$225 from the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) representing the cost to replace a windshield on our 2008 Chevy Tahoe Suburban (VIN #1GNFK13078J136869) assigned to the Sheriff's Office. The broken windshield was discovered at approximately 8:00 a.m. on February 19, 2019. The windshield had a couple of chips, and it appears that the cold temperatures may have caused them to spread and crack. The funds should be appropriated to CS1931.429 (Risk Retention – Uninsured Property Loss) with a like sum placed in revenue account CS1930.2680.00 (Insurance Recovery). This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

### **Prepare Resolution**

### **Land Bank Allocation Payment Request**

County Administrator Timothy Boyde stated that in 2018, the Allegany County Land Bank requested an allocation of \$100,000 be included in the 2019 Budget due to an unexpected shortfall of administration funds, adding that this financial support from the County also allows them to be more favorable in receiving grant funds from the State. The Land Bank will be able to tap into a \$500,000 New York State grant in 2020 that includes a small amount for administrative costs; however, for 2019, there are almost no administrative funds left for them to utilize. The Allegany County Land Bank has taken measures to significantly reduce the annual costs that are anticipated for administration by over one-third; however, they are not going to have funds available to operate much longer. The Allegany County Land Bank is requesting that \$30,000 of the \$100,000 2019 Budget Allocation be released to allow them to continue operations. Committee Chairman Stockin asked if they have to release the full \$100,000. Mr. Boyde indicated that is a Board decision; right now they are just asking for \$30,000. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

### **ACCORD CDBG Housing Activities Grant**

Mr. Boyde requested a resolution to apply for a CDBG Housing Activities Grant and convene a Public Hearing to discuss the goals outlined in the funding application in partnership with Allegany County Community Opportunities & Rural Development Corporation (ACCORD). If funded, ACCORD will complete thirty-one (31) or more well water/septic system replacements in Allegany County. Eligible recipients will include the elderly, the disabled, and veterans. The CDBG application funding request totals \$400,000 and includes \$5,200 in County administrative costs. The Public Hearing shall be held on April 8, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the County Legislative Chambers, Room 221, County Office Building, 7 Court Street, Belmont, New York. For public information, the CDBG grant application can be reviewed in the County Administrator's Office, 7 Court Street, Room #207, Belmont, NY. Mr. Boyde noted that this grant was denied last year due to a technicality at the state level. Committee Chairman Stockin asked what the cost is to the County, and Mr. Boyde stated there is no cost. Legislator Decker asked what happens if a septic system is replaced and the homeowner then turns around and sells the house with an increased value. ACCORD Director of Business & Community Development Services Jeff Stager stated that the homeowner receives a lien once the replacement is complete. If they don't stay in the house for the length of the lien, they have to repay the funds. Legislator Harris asked if this grant has the same eligibility requirements as past grants they have seen. Mr. Stager stated this grant is for low income families, and they have to own and be occupying the home. Legislator Harris asked what the administrative costs are. Mr. Stager indicated they are 12 percent of the total grant which is the standard percentage. Legislator Hopkins asked how long the lien is. ACCORD Assistant Housing Director Patty Graves stated that CDBG has a straight 5-year lien regardless of the amount the homeowner receives. Chairman Crandall stated this is similar to what has been done on the town level for a number of years. Doing this on the County level is an opportunity to take an influx of funds that are outside the County and help low income families and take care of these septic systems that need replacing. Mr. Boyde noted that between the two grants they are looking at serving approximately 51 homes. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Curran, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

### **Cattaraugus Community Action Agency CDBG Housing Activities Grant**

Mr. Boyde requested a resolution to apply for a CDBG Housing Activities Grant and convene a Public Hearing to discuss the goals outlined in the funding application in partnership with Cattaraugus Community Action Agency. If funded, Cattaraugus Community Action Agency will complete twenty (20) or more owner occupied home improvement projects in Allegany County. Eligible recipients will include the elderly, the disabled, and veterans. The CDBG application funding request totals \$600,000 and includes \$8,000 in County administrative costs. The Public Hearing shall be held on April 8, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the County Legislative Chambers, Room 221, County Office Building, 7 Court Street, Belmont,

New York. For public information, the CDBG grant application can be reviewed in the County Administrator's Office, 7 Court Street, Room #207, Belmont, NY. Legislator Decker asked if this grant is handled in the same manner as the ACCORD grant. Mr. Stager stated, yes, although this grant is run through Cattaraugus Community Action. Legislator Ricci asked how the winners are picked. Mr. Boyde indicated it is done through Community Homes Renewal. Legislator Ricci asked how contractors are picked and if there is oversight once the project begins. Mr. Stager stated the contractors are sent out to bid, adding they also have staff that is onsite throughout the project, and the contractors have to guarantee their work for one year. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

## REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

### Human Services Committee

#### **Community Bank, NA Donation**

Public Health Director Lori Ballengee requested permission to accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of \$100 from Community Bank, NA for the purpose of purchasing Healthy Lifestyle items for a WIC (Women's Infants and Children) participant drawing during the month of March 2019 which is National Nutrition month. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

<u>Appropriation:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A4190.408 (WIC – General Supplies)	\$100
 <u>Revenue:</u>	 <u>Amount:</u>
A4190.2705.00 (WIC – Gifts & Donations)	\$100

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

#### **Senior Caseworker Positions**

Social Services Commissioner Vicki Grant requested permission to fill (2) full-time Senior Caseworker positions (AFSCME, Grade 17, Step: Base – Step 7) and all subsequent positions including hiring from the outside. These positions are responsible for ensuring the safety, health, and welfare of children and families. The annual salary per position is estimated between \$40,612 and \$50,990 with benefits estimated at 48 percent. These positions are funded 35.57 percent with County funds, 21.89 percent with State funds, and 42.54 percent with Federal funds. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

#### **Social Welfare Examiner Position**

Ms. Grant requested permission to fill one full-time Social Welfare Examiner position (AFSCME, Grade 11, Step: Base – Step 7) and all subsequent positions including hiring from the outside. This position is responsible for interviewing clients and determining eligibility for benefits. The annual salary of this position is estimated between \$33,858 and \$41,152 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

### Re-Appropriation of Unspent Grant Funds

The Sheriff's Office requested a resolution to re-appropriate unspent funds in the amount of \$325 for the 2017 LETPP Homeland Security Grant. The original resolution for this grant is Resolution No. 233-17. The funds should be re-appropriated as follows:

<u>Appropriation:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A3660.210 (Homeland Security FY2017 LETPP #T969172)	\$325

<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A3660.3306.SH17 (HS– State Aid 2017 LETPP #T969172)	\$325

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

Legislator Healy confirmed that the following three positions being requested by the Sheriff's Office have been reviewed and approved by the County Administrator and Human Resources.

### Accountant Position

The Sheriff's Office requested permission to fill one full-time Accountant (PEF, Grade 7, Step: Base – Step 7) due to an anticipated retirement. This position performs all accounting functions for the Sheriff's Office and is needed to shadow and train with the current Accountant for three months. The annual salary of this position is estimated between \$43,596.80 and \$53,643.20 with benefits estimated between \$18,637.63 and \$22,932.47. This position is funded 100 percent with County funds. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

### Corrections Sergeant Position

The Sheriff's Office requested permission to fill one full-time Corrections Sergeant (Council 82 Local 39889 Bargaining Unit) and all subsequent positions including hiring from the outside. This position is responsible for implementing and documenting all departmental training, commissary, and other administrative functions. In anticipation of an upcoming retirement, this position is also needed to shadow and train for three months. The annual salary of this position is \$46,210.32 with benefits estimated at \$21,936.04. This position is funded 100 percent with County funds. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

### Corrections Officer Position

The Sheriff's Office requested permission to fill one full-time Corrections Officer (Council 82 Local 39889 Bargaining Unit) due to a resignation. This position is responsible for public safety and security at the Jail. The annual salary of this position is \$41,838.16 with benefits estimated at \$17,885.82. This position is funded 100 percent with County funds. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

### 2019 Tax Sale

County Treasurer Terri Ross distributed the 2019 Allegany County Delinquent Real Property Tax Auction book. The 2019 Tax Sale will be held Saturday, May 4, 2019, at the Genesee Valley Central School High School Gymnasium. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the auction beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Ross stated the seminar will be held on Tuesday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers and encouraged attendance. Legislator Harris stated that he recalls the Land Bank previously asking for 30 properties from the 2019 Tax Sale and asked if this is still to be anticipated. Ms. Ross stated they did mention 30 properties; however, the list she received has 8 parcels included.

### **Good of the Order**

Majority Leader Dwight “Mike” Healy announced a caucus in Room 220 immediately following adjournment.

### **Attorney/Client Session**

A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to enter into an attorney/client session at 1:22 p.m. Immediately following discussion at 1:37 p.m., a motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to end the attorney/client session and return to the regular meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 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