

March 21, 2018

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
March 12, 2018
AMENDED

ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

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

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

Media Present: C. Potter – *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Ways & Means Committee Chairman Philip Stockin.

Approval of Minutes

The February 21, 2018, Ways & Means Committee minutes were approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

The February 26, 2018, Ways & Means Committee minutes were approved on a motion made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried.

480b Forest Exemption Proposal

Real Property Tax Direct Joseph Budinger attended the meeting to request a resolution opposing Governor Cuomo's proposal contained in the 2018 Budget review bill to amend laws regarding the current 480 and 480-A Forest Exemption, and to add a new 480-B taxation of forest land under a Forest Practice Program or Forest Certification Program known as the Empire Forests for the Future Initiative. This proposal grants a 70 percent reduction of the assessed value on eligible land under the Forest Certification Program, and a 40 percent reduction of the assessed value on eligible land under the Forest Management Practice Plan. This proposal has the potential to dramatically reduce the taxable value of local taxing jurisdictions. Legislator Graves stated it will be devastating to our County to have this happen. A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried to prepare a resolution opposing the 480b Forest Exemption proposal. **Prepare Resolution**

Acceptance of Insurance Check

Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle requested a resolution accepting a check in the amount of \$55,082.98 from New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) representing the cost, less a \$500 deductible, to replace equipment that was damaged as a result of a power surge at the Jail and Public Safety Facility on January 14, 2018. 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). Legislator Healy asked for an explanation of what happened. Lt. Shawn Grusendorf stated a tree fell on a main line on County Route 48 causing the line to fall into the river which resulted in a power surge. Lt. Grusendorf continued that the replacement of equipment adds up, and these funds will take care of an uninterrupted power supply unit. Legislator Healy asked if these funds will cover everything. Lt. Grusendorf indicated, it will not exceed this amount, and they received quotes prior to any purchases. Legislator Graves asked what goods and services were affected. Lt. Grusendorf stated 911, radio, power modules, and EMS radio. The downtime was minimal and there were no outages with the inmates, and all staff remained safe. Mrs. Riehle stated that the Sheriff's Office did submit an itemized list to her office. Legislator Decker thanked Mrs. Riehle's office for handling this in such a timely fashion. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Raise the Age Memorandum of Understanding Draft Agreement

County Administrator Timothy Boyde stated there are approximately ten counties looking at a way to combine efforts and reduce the costs that will be associated with the Raise the Age legislation. The counties are looking at residential facilities to house the approximate 15 to 20 juveniles affected by this new legislation, and while Allegany County's numbers may not be that high, we need to look at what it will cost us to send ours to another county for housing, or spend money on a yearly contract to only utilize 4 days. Mr. Boyde continued this facility could also be used to rent out beds to help offset our costs. Mr. Boyde indicated the final version has not yet been submitted as there may be some slight changes. Acting County Attorney Carissa Knapp stated any changes will be insignificant and not affect the terms or conditions. Legislator Decker asked when the money issues will be discussed. Mr. Boyde stated all plans are due April 1, 2018, and allegedly the Governor has allocated funds making this 100 percent reimbursable. Mr. Boyde indicated at this point in time they are not asking for money. A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried to move this draft agreement to resolution for the March 26 Board meeting. **Prepare Resolution**

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Human Services Committee

Septic System Replacement Program

Public Health Director Lori Ballengee requested a resolution allowing Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) to execute a grant agreement whereby Allegany County can receive up to \$75,000 for eligible septic system repairs and/or replacement within designated geographic areas. This grant is provided from the historic \$2.5 billion Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017. The agreement establishes the terms and conditions under which the County may seek a disbursement from the Fund to reimburse property owners up to 50 percent of the eligible costs of eligible septic system projects, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per project). The County Treasurer has established revenue account A8120.3489.DEC (State Aid – DEC Grant Sewage Collections Systems. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Cost of Living Adjustment

Public Health Director Lori Ballengee requested a resolution to accept and appropriate Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) money for the Family Planning Program for the 2018 budget year. The funding from the COLA money will be utilized to purchase HIV controls and Hepatitis C Virus test kits. Additionally, outreach items, which will be branded with the family planning program contact information, will be purchased and distributed to target populations at local and regional venues throughout the County. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

<u>Appropriation:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A4035.408 (Public Health – General Supplies)	\$3,376
<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A4035.3450.00 (State Aid – Public Health)	\$3,376

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

Request to Fill Senior Caseworker Position

Social Services Commissioner Vicki Grant requested permission to fill one full-time Senior Caseworker and all subsequent positions including hiring from the outside (AFSCME, Grade 17, Step:

Base – Step 7) as a result of a resignation. This position is responsible for ensuring the safety, health, and welfare of children. The annual salary for this position is estimated between \$39,621 and \$49,746 with benefits estimated at 48 percent. This position is 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 Root, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Public Safety Committee

Re-Appropriation of Unspent Grant Funds

Emergency Management and Fire Director Jeff Luckey requested a resolution re-appropriating unspent funds in the amount of \$38,732 from the 2017 Homeland Security Grant Project #: SH15-1001-D00SHSP, Contract #: C969150. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

<u>Appropriation:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A3656.207 (Homeland Security – Emergency Service Equip.)	\$37,500
A3656.402 (Mileage – Transportation to approved trainings)	\$ 500
A3656.405 (Conference Expenses)	\$ 448
A3656.416 (Homeland Security – Emergency Service Telephone)	\$ 284
Total:	\$38,732

<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
A3656.3306EM15 (Homeland Security – State Aid)	\$38,732

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

2018 NYS Public Safety Answering Points Grant

The Sheriff's Office requested a resolution to accept and appropriate funds in the amount of \$174,590 received for the 2018 NYS Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) Grant. The Sheriff's Office also requests Capital Account H3030 be established for the appropriation of funds as follows:

<u>Appropriation:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
H3030.200 (2018 NYS PSAP Grant)	\$174,590

<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
H3030.3097.00 (State Aid)	\$174,590

These funds will be used to update much needed electronic equipment in the 911 center including a portion (\$140,000) of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system that was previously approved for purchase by Resolution No. 180-17 as well as continuing education equipment for the center. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried.

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2017-2018 Statewide Interoperable Communication Grant

The Sheriff's Office requested a resolution to accept and appropriate funds in the amount of \$958,841 received for the 2017-2018 Statewide Interoperable Communication (SICG) Grant. The Sheriff's Office also requests Capital Account H3027 be established for the appropriation of funds as follows:

<u>Appropriation:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
H3027.200 (2017- 2018 SICG Grant)	\$958,841

<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
H3027.3097.00 (State Aid - Capital)	\$958,841

These funds will be used to continue enhancing the 911 Public Safety Radio Communications. The Sheriff's Office anticipates spending these funds on radio equipment for towers, system engineering, and to license additional 911 frequencies. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Public Works Committee

Request to Fill Deputy Superintendent II Position

Public Works Superintendent Guy James requested permission to fill the Deputy Superintendent II (Non-Union, Grade 10) position. Filling this position will enable the department to have a smooth management transition with the upcoming anticipated retirement of the Public Works Superintendent in 2019. This person will be part of the management team leading the department in the future. The annual salary of this position is estimated between \$51,670 and \$71,514 with benefits estimated between \$23,096.49 and \$31,966.76. This position is funded 100 percent with County dollars and has been included in the 2018 Budget. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Request to Fill Seasonal Laborer Positions

Public Works Superintendent Guy James requested permission to fill their Seasonal Laborer positions. These positions are necessary to augment the workforce during the summer months and will perform menial tasks that will allow full-time employees to perform other duties. These employees are County residents that are either college bound or already college students. The 2018 budgeted summer help is as follows:

	<u># Employed</u>	<u>Budget</u>
A1620 – Buildings and Grounds	3	\$ 17,472
A3152 – Jail Buildings and Grounds	1	\$ 5,824
D5110 – County Road	10	\$ 58,240
DM5130 – Road Machinery	1	\$ 5,824
A8160 – Solid Waste	2	\$ 11,648
D5020 – Engineering	2	\$ 11,648
Total:	19	\$110,656

This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Curran, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Approval of Audit

Committee members reviewed the March 12, 2018, audit of claims in the amount of \$4,165,994.79 (including prepaid bills). A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried to forward the audit to the full Board for approval of payment.

Approval of Legislative Expenses

Committee members reviewed the Legislative expense vouchers for the month of February 2018. A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried to approve the vouchers for payment.

Good of the Order

Majority Leader Dwight “Mike” Healy announced a caucus in Room 220 immediately following the special Personnel Committee meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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