

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

March 20, 2019

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, J. Budinger, J. Burdick, W. Dibble, K. Dirlam, K. Graves, B. Harris, K. Hooker, C. Knapp, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, T. Ross, T. Shaw, M. Washer,

Media Present: C. Potter – *The Spectator*, C. Dutton – *Cuba Patriot*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:22 p.m. by Ways & Means Committee Chairman Philip Stockin.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2019, Ways and Means Committee meeting.

Request to Change Board Meeting Date

Board Rule 110.A and 110.F indicate that our Legislative Board meetings are held in the Board Chambers on the second and fourth Monday of each calendar month unless the Board designates a different day and/or location by resolution.

For the 11th year in a row, the Board would like to conduct a Board meeting at the County Fair. This not only creates an historical event, but it provides an opportunity for our youth and citizens to observe and participate in local government.

Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle requested a resolution changing the second Board meeting in July from Monday, July 22, 2019, to Thursday, July 18, 2019, and the location from the Board Chambers to the Allegany County Fairgrounds in Angelica so that our Legislative Board meeting can be held in conjunction with the Allegany County Fair. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Acceptance of Insurance Check

Mrs. Riehle requested a resolution accepting a check in the amount of \$220 from the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) representing the cost to replace a windshield on our 2014 Jeep Patriot (VIN #1C4NJRBB1ED924808) assigned to the Office for the Aging. The broken windshield was discovered on March 8 with no known cause other than the cold temperatures. 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 Hopkins, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Funding and Contract with Newcastle Communions

IT Director Keith Hooker requested a resolution approving funding as well as the contract for the purchase of a NEC UM8700 voicemail system in the amount of \$18,000. Currently, the County's on premise exchange server is performing the role necessary; however, since we are going to be upgrading our email system, we must make this change. The software will allow for a smoother transition into the cloud environment as well as giving us a better overall experience. This software allows us the ability to choose what mailbox we want to move to the cloud and when we move them during the transition to the cloud. Along with added features of the UM8700, the upgrade process of the phone system will be easier and result in less downtime. Our current maintenance fee is \$18,732, and this upgrade will increase the

annual maintenance of the phone system by \$4,120 for year two. This expense will be included in the 2020 Budget. Mr. Hooker also requested that he be authorized to execute and receive any and all software, equipment, and services from Newcastle Communications. Mr. Hooker additionally requested to transfer funds in the amount of \$18,000 from A1990.429 (Contingency) to A1610.201 (Central Service Telephone). Legislator Graves asked if the County Administrator has reviewed and approved this request, and County Administrator Boyde stated, yes. Legislator Decker asked why this wasn't included in the original switchover of the phone system. Mr. Hooker stated he initially did include it; however, due to the price he removed it because they were able to continue functioning with the exchange server currently in place. Due to the upgrade to the cloud and getting rid of the exchange server, this purchase is now necessary. Legislator Curran asked how many additional steps there are in this process. Mr. Hooker stated there is one more which is going to the cloud. Legislator Hopkins asked what the estimated cost is for that. Mr. Hooker anticipated \$30,000 to \$40,000 for the first year or two. Legislator Hopkins asked if those figures will be included in IT's budget, and Mr. Hooker indicated they would be included in the County's budget. Legislator Root asked if going to the cloud is typical with what's going on in the world today with software. Mr. Hooker stated, yes, this is very common; however, Microsoft has made it impossible for a small business such as the County to have an onsite server which pushes us the point we're at now having to make the upgrade. Legislator Decker asked why we can't keep going with the current exchange server. Mr. Hooker stated the County is currently on Exchange 2010, and support for it expires at the end of the year. If a problem were to occur after that point in time, we have no form of support, and every communication within the County will be down, and Mr. Hooker noted how heavily we rely on email communications. These requests were approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Prepare Resolution (to come off the floor at the March 25 Board meeting)**

Attorney/Client Session

A motion was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried to enter into an attorney/client session at 3:33 p.m. Immediately following discussion at 3:50 p.m., a motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried to end the attorney/client session and return to the regular meeting.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Planning & Economic Development Committee

Broadband Request

On July 27, 2015, the Allegany County Board of Legislators adopted Resolution No. 165-15 – ***Adoption of Local Law Intro. No. 3-2015 (Local Law #3-2015), Print No. 1, A Local Law Authorizing the Establishment of a Local Development Corporation to Manage the Allegany County Wireless Broadband Internet Service***, and this local law authorizes the expenditure of up to \$400,000 for services provided and necessary and appropriate expenses incurred over a period of four years.

Resolution 4-2016 dated January 11, 2016, provided \$100,000 in start-up funding to the Allegany County Telecommunications Development Corporation (ACTDC).

Resolution 65-2017 dated April 10, 2017, provided an additional \$100,000.

The ACTDC requested a resolution transferring \$50,000 from A1990.429 (Contingency) to A8676.492 (Home and Community Service – Contractual) for the purpose of financing the cost of monthly operating expenses and to erect and service Micro Cells which will allow further expansion of the wireless broadband system. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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