

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
May 13, 2019

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

Others Present: G. Barnes, T. Boyde, J. Budinger, J. Burdick, W. Dibble, V. Grant, K. Graves, L. Gridley, B. Harris, G. James, C. Knapp, K. Monroe, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, T. Ross, 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 Root, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019, Ways and Means Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2019, Ways and Means Committee meeting.

Approval of Audit

Committee members reviewed the May 13, 2019, audit of claims in the amount of \$3,383,137.20 (including prepaid bills). A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to forward the audit to the full Board for approval of payment.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Human Services Committee

Support Investigator Position

Social Services Commissioner Vicki Grant requested permission to fill one full-time Support Investigator (AFSCME, Grade 15, Step: Base – Step 7) contingent permanent due to a medical leave. This position is located in the Support Collection Unit and assists with paternity establishment, child support order establishment, enforcement, and collection. The annual salary of this position is estimated between \$38,360 and \$47,793 with benefits estimated at 42.75 percent. This position is funded 66 percent with Federal funds, and 34 percent with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Safety Net (SN) collections. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Opioid Epidemic Local Law

The Human Services Committee requested a Local Law declaring the opioid epidemic and its effects on Allegany County a public nuisance and further establishing a cost recovery procedure for the County's expenditures incurred in providing services related to the opioid epidemic. Legislator Curran questioned the cost recovery procedure and asked if there is something currently in place that they can apply to. County Attorney Carissa Knapp stated this Local Law is something that every County involved with the litigation has passed, adding it allows us to go after money for things that normally would be paid for with County taxpayer dollars. Legislator Curran then questioned the term "public nuisance" stating it seems like a weak description for what the Local Law is covering. Attorney Knapp stated it is not something that is just affecting the private sector; it affects us as a public service. Attorney Knapp noted that it is also the same description being used by other counties. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Public Safety Committee

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 to replace a Corrections Sergeant who retired on April 27. 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 Fanton, 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). This position is needed to fulfill the New York State Commission of Correction minimum staffing requirement as well as to replace a Corrections Officer who retired on April 27. 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 Havey, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Legislator Fanton asked for confirmation that two separate positions are retiring on April 27. Sheriff Whitney stated, yes, one is a Corrections Sergeant and one is a Corrections Officer.

Corrections Corporal Positions

The Sheriff's Office requested permission to fill two full-time Corrections Corporal (Council 82, Local 39889 Bargaining Unit) positions. These positions are needed to fulfill the New York State Commission of Correction minimum staffing requirement and will replace a current Corporal being promoted as well as a Corporal who returned to a Corrections Officer position. The annual salary of these positions is \$44,089.56 (\$88,179.12 for both) with benefits estimated at \$18,848.29 (\$37,696.58 for both). These positions are funded 100 percent with County funds. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Jail Physician-Medical Director Position

The Sheriff's Office requested permission to fill one part-time Jail Physician-Medical Director (Section IV Salary Plan). This position is needed as it was abolished when the current County Medical Director only contracted with the Health Department and is needed to meet State Commission of Correction regulations. The annual salary of this position is \$20,000 and is not eligible for benefits. This position is funded 100 percent with County funds. This request is contingent on the adoption of the resolution creating the position that is being considered at the May 13 Board meeting. Legislator Curran asked how the hours and salary for this position are being tracked. Sheriff Whitney stated it is a \$20,000 contract for the entire year. Legislator Curran asked for confirmation that if the individual works 80 hours in a month they will not be paid additional funds. County Treasurer Terri Ross stated, no, they will be paid the same amount every month regardless of the hours worked. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Good of the Order

Majority Leader Dwight "Mike" Healy announced a caucus in Room 220 at 1:15 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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