

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

July 17, 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, J. Burdick, W. Dibble, K. Graves, B. Harris, C. Knapp, D. McDonnell, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Scholes, M. Washer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Ways & Means Committee Chairman Philip Stockin.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019, Ways and Means Committee meeting.

Approval of Audit

Committee members reviewed the July 18, 2019, audit of claims in the amount of \$3,007,316.09 (including prepaid bills). A motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried to forward the audit to the full Board for approval of payment.

Request to Amend Resolution No. 249-18

On May 14, 2018, the Board adopted Resolution No. 89-18 which created the positions of Assistant Director of Economic Development & Planning and Office Aide within the Section IV Salary Plan.

When Resolution No. 249-18 (*A Resolution in Relation to the Compensation of County Officers and Employees*) was adopted on December 10, 2018, to set the salaries for employees within the Section IV Salary Plan for 2019, the position of Office Aide was not included as it should have been.

Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle requested a resolution amending Resolution No. 249-18 to include the title of Office Aide at a salary of \$11.10 to \$15.00 per hour. Legislator Decker asked that the hourly rate be \$12.00 rather than \$15.00, stating that this is a newly created position and the salary is already increasing by a third. Mrs. Riehle stated this is not an hourly rate raise for a specific individual; it is the salary range that is listed in the Section IV Salary Plan. Mrs. Riehle noted there is not currently an individual holding this position; they are just amending the Section IV Salary Plan to include the title. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

2019 Leftover Tax Sale Bid

County Treasurer Terri Ross requested a resolution approving the following 2019 leftover tax sale bid:

1. Sale number – 17-10
Town of Alfred
Property assessed to: Barber, Larry L
1474 Terbury Rd
1.7 acre
TMP # 151.-1-18
Class Code – 210 – 1 Family
Assessment \$64,600

2019 Tax \$3,815.26
Bid Amount \$ 928.37
Bidder – David Eddy

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

Resolution Urging Passage of Senate Bill S00465A and Assembly Bill A00445

On June 25, 2018, the Board adopted Resolution No. 119-18 entitled, Urging Passage of Senate Bill S0465A and Assembly Bill A0445 that Would Amend the Education Law, in Relation to Prohibiting School Districts from Disallowing Home-Schooled Students from Participating in District Interscholastic Sports.

Legislator Harris indicated that the bills have been reintroduced as S5472A and A706A and requested that the Ways & Means Committee consider sponsoring a resolution again this year. Legislator Decker stated he fully supports this request as these homeschooled children have been deprived of something very important in education. While they may choose to learn at home and not in the classroom, they shouldn't be denied the exercise, teamwork, and camaraderie that comes with playing sports, adding that homeschooled kids should have the same advantages and experiences. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Planning & Economic Development Committee

Request to Fill Office Aid Position

Planning Director Kier Dirlam requested permission to fill one temporary Office Aide (Non-Union, \$11.10 – \$15.00 per hour). This position is necessary to augment their workforce and will perform and assist staff with current projects, allowing full-time employees to perform other duties. The annual salary of this position is \$5,040 and is not eligible for benefits. This position is funded 100 percent with County funds. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

New Business

County Administrator Debbie McDonnell stated that she recently sent out a memo to all legislators with an update on her perceptions during her first 30 days as County Administrator. Ms. McDonnell indicated that it is her expectation to provide these updates on a regular basis so the Board is aware of what is going on, and asks that the Board provide her with feedback and contact her with any questions. Legislators Fanton, Graves, and Havey commented that it was very well done and greatly appreciated. Legislator Graves suggested that more updates be given on the current projects happening throughout the County.

Good of the Order

Committee Chairman Stockin asked how many legislators would like to receive a hard copy of the department head salary requests for the 2020 Budget, and it was decided that Clerk of the Board Riehle will print a hard copy for each member.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried at 3:17 p.m. to enter into executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual. Immediately following discussion at 3:27 p.m., a motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried to end the executive session and return to the regular meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 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