

**ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

November 9, 2015

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman C. Crandall, P. Curran, D. Decker, D. Fanton, K. Graves, D. Healy, T. Hopkins, C. Jessup, K. LaForge, D. Pullen, N. Ungermann Absent: Burt, McGraw, O'Grady, Root

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Alger, L. Ballengee, S. Decker, K Dirlam, L. Hunsberger, G. James, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Scholes

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Curtis Crandall called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

ATTORNEY/CLIENT SESSION:

A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried to enter into attorney/client session at 10:39 a.m. Immediately following discussion, at 11:08 a.m., a motion was made by Legislator Decker, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried to end the attorney/client session and return to the regular meeting.

BUDGET REVIEW:

Chairman Crandall indicated that there are a couple of items regarding the 2016 Tentative Budget that needed to be addressed before adopting the Budget. Changes to the Tentative Budget would come before the Board as pre-filed resolutions before the adoption of the Budget.

Public Health Director Lori Ballengee spoke with the committee about adding a new rate for the Coroners under the Section IV Salary Plan. The addition of an autopsy transport rate of \$450 for Olean General Hospital autopsies, rather than paying \$600 for all autopsy transports, could save an estimated \$7,500 per year. The County has been using Olean General Hospital for most autopsies. Currently coroners are receiving the same rate to drive to Olean as they receive for driving to Rochester. Ms. Ballengee stated that the coroners are aware of this and have not objected to the change. Chairman Crandall noted that a change to Coroners' salaries would usually require a local law, but because it's an election year the change can be made by resolution. Legislator Pullen asked for clarification between the different rates paid to coroners for transport. Ms. Ballengee indicated that a local transport is simply the delivery of a body to a funeral home. The \$600 for autopsy transport that is currently being paid for all autopsy transports would be paid for transports to Monroe County Medical Examiner for forensic autopsies. With the addition of the third rate, \$450 would be paid for transportation to Olean General Hospital for autopsy. Legislator Pullen asked if there was any reimbursement for this expense. Ms. Ballengee stated that there is no reimbursement. It is paid for by the County. Legislator Decker asked what the difference was between the autopsies performed at Olean General Hospital versus Monroe County Medical Examiners. Ms. Ballengee indicated that if there is a crime involved or a potential lawsuit, those autopsies would be performed by Monroe County. A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator LaForge, and carried, to add a rate of \$450 for autopsy transport to Olean General Hospital. **Prepare Resolution** (Please include on Resolution setting Section IV Salaries for 2016.)

County Treasurer Terri Ross noted a change she recommended be made to the Emergency Services Budget. The change was to properly account for a grant that was received by Emergency Services.

Emergency Services – Homeland Security

	Currently	Should be	Change
Appropriations			
A3645.101	\$11,736.00	\$18,270.00	\$ 6,534.00
A3645.207	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
A3645.414	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Revenues			
A3645.3306.EMPG5	\$ 0.00	\$12,534.00	\$12,534.00

A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried to change the Emergency Services budget line items. **Prepare Resolution** (Please include on Resolution amending 2016 Tentative Budget.)

Chairman Crandall asked the committee to look at the Contingency fund (A1990.4) and consider whether or not the current figure of \$750,000 will be adequate. Because there are some unknowns "lurking," he questioned if more monies should be shifted from the fund balance to contingency. Budget Officer Mitch Alger noted that some things, such as the roof of the DPW shop in Friendship, would quickly diminish that fund. A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried, to change the Contingency (A1990.4) amount from \$750,000 to \$950,000; the money will come from the fund balance (A15.599.00). **Prepare Resolution** (Please include on Resolution amending 2016 Tentative Budget.)

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah M. Decker, Deputy Clerk of the Board