

**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 27, 2015**

**\*\* NOT APPROVED \*\***

**Committee Members Present:** C. Jessup, D. Fanton, K. Graves, D. Healy, T. Hopkins, LaForge, D. Pullen, D. Root, C. Crandall (Absent: P. Curran)

**Others Present:** M. Alger, L. Ballengee, H. Budinger, J. Budinger, S. Burt, D. Decker, L. Gridley, R. Hollis, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora, B. Thierman, N. Ungermann, S. Weirich

**Media Present:** No media present

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Ways & Means Committee Chairman Charles Jessup.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried to approve the Ways & Means Committee minutes of April 13, 2015.

**Amendment & Approval of Minutes**

Legislator Karl Graves points out that as regards the discussions on the two items below, discussed at the April 15, 2015, meeting, there was no action taken after the topics were open for discussion, negating the need for the "and carried" phrase which follows. He requests that the superfluous "and carried" phrases be struck from the record, as below:

Public Safety/Sheriff's Office  
Funding Transfer

The Sheriff's Office requested a transfer of \$300,000 from the Contingency Account to establish a Jail Capital Project Account....

Legislator Jessup began the discussion, following a motion by Legislator Curran, seconded by Legislator Fanton, ~~and carried,~~ by saying that it is still early in the Budget year to think about using \$300,000 from Contingency at this time. County Administrator Mitch Alger concurred, saying he and County Treasurer Terri Ross are continuing to review 2014 year-end figures which will help them make the decision....

Facilities & Communications

Simplex Grinnell (Security Cameras & Swipe Cards)

Jeff Rizzo and Ray Meyers, Simplex Grinnell Representatives presented the Committee with two proposals for the project they outlined at the February Facilities meeting. The bids, they said, were done two ways: the first would have Allegany County personnel install the cable infrastructure (\$91,820), while the second would have Simplex do the entire system (\$107,910)..

The topic was opened for discussion on a motion by Legislator Pullen and seconded by Legislator Graves, ~~and carried.~~ However, similar to the above issue, Mr. Alger and Ms. Ross would like more time to assess 2014 year-end figures before having the Committee act on this request....

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried to approve the Ways & Means Committee minutes of April 15, 2015, as amended.

**Approval of Audit**

Committee members reviewed the April 27, 2015, audit of claims in the amount of \$2,814,514.02 (including prepaid bills). A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to forward the audit to the full Board for approval of payment.

**Multi-Jurisdictional Chief Elected Officials' Agreement**

Chairman Curt Crandall and County Administrator Mitch Alger explained that the document, which requires signatures from both Mr. Crandall and Cattaraugus County Legislative Chair Norman Marsh, expresses our intent to continue the two-County WIB as it is. Mr. Alger noted that he and Mr. Crandall wanted both Committee and Board approval before moving ahead despite the fact that there are no substantive changes in the language. Chairman Crandall went on to say that this is a result of changes at the federal level and that he and Mr. Alger had met with Cattaraugus County and that there would be additional information forthcoming in the future that would be brought back to the Committee and to the full Board.. Support for Chairman Crandall to sign the agreement was given on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

**Lease of County-owned Property**

Mr. Alger indicated that the County had received only one bid for leasing the County-owned land between the Allegany County Jail and Public Safety Facility on State Route 19 (Tax Map No. 185-1-82.12 which is approximately 15 acres), for a term commencing May 1, 2015, and expiring December 31, 2020. The successful bidder was Valley View Dairy for the sum of \$20,000. Chairman Crandall is authorized to execute said lease. The resolution will come off the floor at this afternoon's Board meeting. The lease bid was approved on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

**NYS Benchmarking**

Legislator LaForge explained that Yates County Legislator Mark Morris briefly discussed the issue of benchmarking at the InterCounty meeting on April 17. He added that New York State is not in the habit of comparing itself to other states to see if it is going forward or backward in relation to the other states. Because there is no mechanism in place for counties to petition the State Comptroller's Office, we must pursue this issue with a more generalized process. The presenter had asked that InterCounty attendees bring this issue back to their respective Boards, present it, and bring that support back to InterCounty and then on to the State. "I think it's a pretty good idea," he concluded. Support of the benchmarking proposal was given on a motion by Legislator LaForge, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

**Approval of Legislators' Expense Vouchers**

The Committee reviewed the Legislative expense vouchers for the month of March 2015. A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried to approve the vouchers for payment.

**REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES****Planning & Economic Development/Employment & Training****Request to Fill Summer Youth Employment Counselor**

Employment & Training Director Reita Lynch requested permission to hire a Summer Youth Employment and Training Counselor. This is an existing, non-union, full-time, temporary position, funded entirely with federal dollars. The position is necessary for the counseling,

coordination of services, documentation, and monitoring of approximately 65 youth at approximately 35 worksites throughout the County. These duties require a great deal of time when carried out by the Senior E&T Counselor and Job Developer. The on-site oversight of the youth and the worksite and communication with the employers would not be as thorough as it can be with these duties being totally assigned to this Summer E&T Counselor. This position is 100 percent funded by the TANF allocation that is received for summer youth employment. If the TANF funding is not received, this position will not be filled. This temporary employment of an Allegany County resident will provide hands-on experience in the human service field. Regular onsite monitoring of the program ensures compliance with regulations and promotes open communication with the workers and employers. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

#### **Permission to Apply for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title 1 Youth Program Grant**

Ms. Lynch requested authorization to apply for a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title 1 Youth Program grant. Because of the changes in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), an RFP must be issued; this RFP will be released by the Workforce Investment Board on April 18, 2015, and is due by noon on May 20, 2015. The notice of award will be on June 5, 2015. Although Ms. Lynch is uncertain of the amount of the grant, she is hopeful it will be similar to last year's amount which was \$136,000. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

#### **Permission to Apply for a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and Dislocated Worker Program Grant**

Ms. Lynch also requested authorization to apply for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and Dislocated Worker Program grant. Because of the changes in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), an RFP must be issued; this RFP will be released by the Workforce Investment Board on April 18, 2015, and is due by noon on May 20, 2015. The notice of award will be on June 5, 2015. Although Ms. Lynch is uncertain of the amount of the grant, she is hopeful it will be similar to last year's amount which was \$340,000. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

#### **Good of the Order**

Legislator Hopkins indicated there would be a caucus at 1:30 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board  
Allegany County Board of Legislators