

**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE  
MAY 20, 2015**

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

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

**Others Present:** M. Alger, L. Ballengee, H. Budinger, J. Budinger, S. Burt, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, G. Hanchett, M. Hennessy, R. Hollis, C. Ivers, T. Miner, K. Monroe, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora, R. Whitney

**Media Present:** B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:25 p.m. by Ways & Means Committee Vice Chairman Dwight Fanton.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried to approve the Ways & Means Committee minutes of May 11, 2015.

**Land Banks**

Legislator LaForge gave a brief overview of the status of Allegany County's pursuit of land banks, saying that there had been a meeting with Steuben County on May 8. As a result of that meeting, it seems as if filing a joint application for land bank status is worth trying for. However, much must be done before that can happen. Each County needs to pass a resolution, and then there must be a joint resolution as well. Both counties plan to meet again in August to discuss and finalize the necessary arrangements that should be made.

**Belmont Legion Parking Lot**

Belmont Legion Incoming Commander Jim Bliven and Chaplain John Plumber addressed the Committee, asking for help in sealing the Legion parking lot where some of the County employee overflow parking occurs. They said they have a \$1,200 estimate for the job. The Committee agreed to pay \$600 toward sealing the driveway, with the formal understanding that the Legion will continue to allow County overflow parking, on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

**Approval of Legislators' Expense Vouchers**

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

**Establishing and Funding a Capital Project for the Jail**

County Administrator Mitch Alger wanted to discuss his recommendations for this project and the two below as well. He indicated he had prioritized the top six expensive projects facing the County over the coming years. To this end, he distributed a document stating the the following projects require funding either via the Fund Balance or Contingency:

- Landfill Closure
- Space Needs Renovation
- Jail Capital Software Project
- Tronetti House/Court Street Parking Lot

- Add Septic Back-up/Sewer Line to Jail
- Security Upgrades to County Office Building

His recommendations, based on the above list, are as follows:

- Landfill Closure—earmark another \$1-2M in 2016 Budget Process
- Space Needs Renovation—appropriate \$330,000 of Fund Balance in 2015 and look at appropriating additional funds in 2016 Budget Process to address priority space needs
- Appropriate \$300,000 of Contingency to fund Jail Capital Software Project
- Budget in 2016 for Tronetti House/Court Street Parking Lot
- Because connecting to the Village's sewer is cost-prohibitive, explore the cost of adding septic back-up option instead
- Look to budget the cost of the security upgrades in the 2016 Budget

Subsequent to this discussion, Mr. Alger requested a transfer of \$300,000 from the Contingency Account to establish a Jail Capital Project Account. The account will be used to purchase new computer hardware, servers, and upgrades to the intercom, security and records management systems. To that end, a new Capital Account H3199 Jail Technology System Upgrade must be established. Then, the transfer of the \$300,000 should be as follows:

From	To
A1990.429 (Contingency)	H3199.200 (Jail Technology System Upgrade)

This request was approved on a motion by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

### **Funding the Cost of Renovations for the Third Floor of the County Office Building**

Subsequently, Mr. Alger requested a transfer of \$330,000 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance account to fund renovations for the third floor of the County Office Building. The County will also be utilizing the \$250,000 grant it received from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) making for a total project cost of \$580,000. This capital account will be used to renovate the third floor of the County Office Building into useable office space. (Capital Project already exists.) The \$330,000 should be transferred as follows:

From	To
A15.599.00 (Approp Fund Bal)	H5633.200 (Cty Bldg Jail Floor Renovations)

This request was approved on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

**Executive Session**

The Committee entered executive session to discuss the proposed sale of property at 3:50 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. The Committee exited executive session at 4:05 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried.

Following executive session, County Treasurer Terri Ross was authorized to take the left-over parcels from the tax sale and put them on a sealed bid list on a motion by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried.

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