

**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
MAY 26, 2015**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

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

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Ballengee, D. Decker, K. Francisco, L. Gridley, B. Kelley, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora, N. Ungermann

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 Audit

Committee members reviewed the May 26, 2015, audit of claims in the amount of \$2,822,685.50 (including prepaid bills). A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to forward the audit to the full Board for approval of payment.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Public Safety/Public Defender

Request to Fill Position of Secretary to the Public Defender

Public Defender Barbara Kelley has requested permission to fill the second position of Secretary to the Public Defender (Grade 2, Step 2). The proposed salary is \$32,958. Approval of this request is contingent on creation of the position at this afternoon's Board meeting. Legislator Fanton wanted to ensure that if the grant monies "dry up," the position will no longer exist. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Curran, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Resource Management/Youth Bureau

Accept and Appropriate the 2015 Youth Development Program Allocations from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards requested a resolution to accept and appropriate the 2015 Youth Development Program Allocations from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$50,679. Ms. Edwards added that the Houghton College STEP Program is not doing the program this year, (which was just over \$3,700), so she allocated that money into the town and village rec program. The funds should be appropriated as summarized on the attached sheet.

Pass thru Programs from OCFS to agencies	\$20,444
Allegany County Sponsored Programs	\$17,656
Pass thru Programs from OCFS to Towns/Villages	<u>\$12,579</u>
Total for Program is	\$50,679

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

Personnel Committee/Office of Veterans' Affairs

Request to Fill Assistant Director of Veterans' Affairs Position

Office of Veterans' Affairs Director Mike Hennessy requested approval to fill the Assistant Director (AFSCME, Council 66 bargaining unit/ grade 11, step base to step 7) position in his office which will become vacant due to a retirement. The position is budgeted for 2015. This is a full-time position funded 92 percent by the County and eight percent by the NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs. Mr. Hennessy's Memorandum of Explanation stated that the position is critical to the operation of the office. Mr. Hennessy said that without filling this position, there would only be one person to assist the 4,100 veterans and 500 widows in the County. Additionally, there would be a longer wait time for veterans to see the Veteran Service Officer to submit claims to the Veterans' Administration. The funding from the NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs is contingent upon the submission of monthly and quarterly reports to New York State, a portion of the Assistant Director's duties. He added that from the Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures for FY 2013, (the latest year for which figures are available) the veterans in Allegany County received \$30,927,000 for compensation, pensions, education, and medical care. Mr. Hennessy said that the new hire would need to be a veteran which would increase the scope of duties that person could perform. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Human Services/Office for the Aging

Due to time constraints, the following referrals are being considered by Ways & Means prior to the Committee of Jurisdiction.

Request to Fill Bolivar Luncheon Center Manager Position

Office for the Aging Director Madeleine Gasdik requested permission to fill the Bolivar Luncheon Center Manager (non-union) position in order to continue to run the center three days per week from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Funding for this position is 36 percent County dollars, 39 percent Older American Act Federal Funds, and 25 percent participant contributions. (Contingent on approval by the Human Services Committee) The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Healy and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Request Authorization to Apply for the LTCOP Grant

Ms. Gasdik also requested approval to apply for a grant of \$113,000 to oversee and administer the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) for Region 14 (Allegany & Steuben counties). LTCOP serves as an advocate and resource for persons who live in nursing homes, adult homes, and other licensed residential care facilities. Ombudsman volunteers help residents and their families understand and exercise their rights to quality of care and quality of life. There is no County share required. This grant has been awarded to ACOFA for over 10 years. NYSOFA recently decided to regionalize the statewide program and open the application process as an Open Competitive Grant. (Contingent on approval by the Human Services Committee) The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

New Business

Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle requested a resolution accepting a check in the amount of \$3,090.59 from NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) representing the cost less a \$500 deductible to repair a 2013 Dodge Ram Van that was damaged when a Meals-on-Wheels driver backed into a tree on or around April 28, 2015. The funds should be appropriated to CS1931.429 (Risk Retention-Uninsured Property Loss) with a like sum placed in

revenue account CS1930.2680.00 (Insurance Recovery). The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Good of the Order

Legislator Hopkins reminded the Committee 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 1:08 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried.

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