

**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE  
JUNE 22, 2015**

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

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

**Others Present:** M. Alger, H. Budinger, J. Budinger, D. Decker, L. Edwards, L. Gridley, R. Hollis, 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 June 22, 2015, audit of claims in the amount of \$2,444,269.29 (including prepaid bills). A motion was made by Legislator Hopkins, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried to forward the audit to the full Board for approval of payment.

**Tax Bill Correction**

Real Property Tax Director Joseph Budinger requested a resolution approving the following tax bill correction providing for a refund:

Town of Wellsville Tax Map ID #238.11-1-5

Owner WLSV Seneca Housing Co., LP

Refund: \$21,977

Mr. Budinger explained that the Village Assessor did not show the entity as village exempt so it needs to be charged back. The request for resolution was approved on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

**REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

**Resource Management Committee**

**Acceptance of Funds for Snowmobile Federation**

Allegany County acts as a pass through for the Allegany County Federation of Snowmobilers for snowmobile trail development and maintenance assistance grants funded by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. The 2014-15 application was approved for \$95,865 (based on mileage and high snow). Sufficient funding was appropriated in the 2015 Budget to A7185.3089. No budget needed for 2015 as there is no required County share. This Grant is a renewal of an existing grant-funded program. The major benefits of accepting this grant are the development, grooming, and maintenance of the snowmobile trails in Allegany County. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

Revenue (\$95,865)

A7185.3089.00 (AC Snowmobile Association-St Aid)	\$95,865
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Appropriation (\$95,865)

A7185.4.83 (NYS OPRHP Funding Award)	\$95,865
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The request for a resolution was approved on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Hopkins, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

**Soil & Water Conservation**

**Soil & Water Three-Year Contract Request**

Executive Director-Scott Torrey requested a three-year contract extension between the County and the Soil and Water Conservation District. The current contract is set to expire on December 31, 2015. This year is the ninth year under this format.

According to the request, "Maintaining a long-term financial obligation with the County is very important to the long-term success of the Conservation District and its relationship, not only with the County, but also with the residents, municipalities, and farms of the County. Many of our grant commitments are multiple years in length. The Agricultural Nonpoint Sources funds that the District receives from the State of New York are under a three-year contract that can go to five years. The FL-LOWPA grant funding operates on a two-year contract basis."

Mr. Torrey's calculations noted that for each County dollar invested in the SWCD returns, on average, \$4.60.

Along with grants and commitments, the SWCD also provides technical service to the residents and municipalities of the County. Without the financial support of the County SWCD will not be able to provide these services. Having a three-year contract in place with the County to provide financial support to the District is invaluable when trying to manage all of its different commitments. It helps maintain quality staff which results in more projects being completed.

The following amounts are requested for each year of a new contract with the County:

2016-17: level funding (\$136,000)

2017-18: 1.5 percent increase (\$138,000)

2018: 1.4 percent increase (\$140,000)

The contract renewal was approved on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

### **Youth Bureau**

#### **Approval of the 2015 Resource Allocation Plan Agreement with the Office of Children and Family Services**

Youth Bureau Director-Linda Edwards requested a resolution approving the 2015 Resource Allocation Plan agreement with the Office of Children and Family Services in relation to the State's allocation of funds to the County for providing youth services under its Comprehensive Youth Services Plan. We request that the chairman of the Board be authorized to execute such Plan Agreement. A portion of the funds to be received under such Plan agreement shall be appropriated from time to time to cover the costs under sub-contractor services provider agreements as may be approved by this Board. Fiscal Impact: 100% State Aid. The request for a resolution authorizing Chairman Crandall to sign the agreement, was approved on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried.

#### **Prepare Resolution**

### **Good of the Order**

Legislator Hopkins told 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 1:05 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