

**Ways & Means Committee Minutes**  
**June 15, 2016**

**Not Approved**

**Members Present:** C. Jessup, P. Curran, D. Fanton, K. Graves, M. Healy, K. LaForge, T. O'Grady, D. Pullen, D. Root, C. Crandall

**Others Present:** H. Budinger, S. Grusendorf, D. Decker, C. Healy, L. Hennessy, K. Hooker, J. Hopkins, Tom Miner, R. Lynch, R. Hollis, D. Scholes, J. Norris, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Whitwood

**Call to Order:** Legislator Charles Jessup called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

**2016 Tax Sale Results**

Treasurer Terri Ross provided the Committee with the Tax Sale results. The report indicated there were 101 parcels, 83 received bids at auction or received a sealed bid afterward. Total of 101 parcels were taken to auction after removing 13 parcels that qualified for the Owner Occupied Re-Acquisition Program. There are 17 parcels that are leftover. A motion was made by Legislator Graves to sell the 83 parcels, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

**Demolition of County Owned Properties in Wellsville**

Committee members reviewed bids to demolish three parcels in Wellsville. The recommendation was to consider the bids independently, not as a whole. Estimated demolition costs are \$48,060, not including the air quality, for the demolition of property. A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried to accept the bids to demolish the structures as follows:

Parcel located at 135 Howard Street, Wellsville – MJR Partners for \$12,200

Parcel located as 213 E. State Street, Wellsville – Regional Env. Demo for \$21,930

Parcel located at 249 E. State Street, Wellsville – Regional Env. Demo for \$21,930

**Prepare Resolution**

**Public Transportation**

Executive Director Carrie Whitwood from Ardent Solutions requested a resolution accepting \$528,199 in NYS DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant funding for Mobility Management Services. The grant will allow us to continue receiving Mobility

Management Services from Ardent Solutions, Inc. for public transit services. The grant fiscal year runs from July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2016, and the funds have already been included in our 2016 Budget. This is a renewal of an existing grant. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Interim County Administrator John Margeson requested a resolution accepting \$375,000 in NYS DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant funding for the purchase of six buses for public transit services. This is a renewal of an existing grant, and the grant fiscal year runs from July 1, 2015, through December 31, 2016. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

A5630.210 (Bus Transportation – Equipment)	\$375,000
Revenue A5630.3589.BUS (State Aid – Bus Transportation)	\$ 75,000
Revenue A5630.4589.BUS (Federal Aid – Bus Transportation)	\$300,000

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

Ms. Whitwood submitted our operating report from the DOT and the County contribution is zero dollars. The 2017 calendar year will probably be a little different in revenue and expenses.

## **REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES:**

### **Human Services Committee**

Public Health Director Lori Ballengee requested approval to fill a Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutritionist (AFSCME, Grade 15, Base-Step 7) position. This position is required by the NYS Department of Health, and the WIC Program cannot exist without this position. All of the salary and fringe benefit costs associated with this position are covered by grants and/or Article 6 funding. The WIC Program distributes over \$1 million that is used at local grocery and drug stores, and an additional \$15,000 is given out annually to support local farmers at the Farmers' Market. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator LaForge, seconded by Legislator Root and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Office for the Aging Director Madeleine Gasdik requested approval to fill a Nutrition Services Coordinator (PEF, Grade 6, Base-Step 5) position. This position is responsible for the planning and direction of the nutrition program for the elderly (Meals-on-Wheels) and enables our seniors to continue to receive a healthy, nutritious meal delivered to their home five days a week or at a Luncheon Center. The NYS OFA regulations require that nutrition counseling and administration of the program be done by a nutrition professional defined as a Registered Dietician (RD), a Registered

Dietician-Eligible (RDE), NYS Certified Dietitian-Nutritionist (DCN), or a Dietetic Technician-Registered (DTR). It was noted that Ms. Gasdik had previously obtained permission to fill this position; however, she is requesting approval to fill the position at the pay range Base to Step 5, rather than just at the base level. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Social Services Commissioner Vicki Grant requested approval to fill a Caseworker position (AFSCME, Grade 16). This position is in the Services Unit and works with the Adult Protective population. The position is funded 42.54 percent with federal funding, 21.89 percent with state funding, and 36.69 percent with local County funding. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator LaForge, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

### **Planning and Development Committee**

Employment & Training Director Reita Sobeck-Lynch requested a resolution accepting and appropriating \$2,892 in additional TANF Summer Youth funding. The Employment and Training Center budgeted \$143,989 in 2016 and \$146,881 was actually received. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

CD1 6794.101 TANF Staff Regular Pay	\$ 350
CD1 6794.402 TANF Staff Mileage	\$ 250
CD1 6794.408 TANF General Supplies	\$ 42
CD1 6794.806 TANF Hosp/Med Insurance	\$1,500
CD1 6795.101 TANF Part.Regular Pay	\$ 500
CD1 6795.803 TANF Part.FICA	\$ 250

Revenue Account CD1 6794.4701.12 (TANF Federal Aid) \$2,892

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

Interim County Administrator John Margeson requested a resolution to renew the contract between Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties and the Cattaraugus-Allegany Workforce Investment Board. The contract sets forth the administrative guidelines which describes how the three parties interact with each other for the purpose of securing federal funds, disbursing those funds, and delivering employment and training services to the unemployed and under-employed people in the two county region. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Decker, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Planner Kier Dirlam requested approval to fill the position of Planning & Development Specialist (AFSCME, Grade 13) due to a resignation. This position is responsible for administrative and project support duties for the Planning and Development operations.

The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

### **Public Safety Committee**

Sheriff Whitney requested a resolution to accept and appropriate \$17,500 from the 2016 LETPP Grant (LE16-1004-D00) which will be used to purchase equipment for the tactical/ALERT Team. The funds should be appropriated to A3657.210 (Homeland Security-Equipment) with a like sum placed in revenue account A3657.3306.SH16 (Homeland Security State Aid-2016 HS LETPP #T969162).

Legislator Karl Graves made the following prepared statement:

“Contrary to what is apparently rumored, I have no personal animosity or axe to grind against the Sheriff or the Sheriff’s Office. I have many friends there, and a son that works there too. There are many fine people that work for the Sheriff’s Office. I’m also pleased that our Sheriff’s Office is working with Sergeant Kelly, the person in charge of training for the NYS Police, on an Active Shooter policy for this complex.

‘I’m opposed to this resolution because I believe this service is already provided by the New York State Police.

‘Their SORT Team is available in a timely manner. Members are as close as Olean, New York.

‘We have no full time road patrol. The State Police are our First Responders; they are well equipped, highly trained and are our first line of defense in any violent confrontation – outside of the Allegany County Courthouse or if something were to happen at the Public Safety Facility itself. Villages and Towns in Allegany County that have police departments follow their own protocol. I’ve been told a majority of them will request that the State Police respond – not our Sheriff’s Office. Why?

‘Because the State Police have vehicles equipped with rifles and their deployment policy is that they will wait for no one or anything. They will engage the shooter immediately.

‘A “SWAT Team” gets summoned to a crime scene. They don’t just magically appear. It’s made up of a special team of highly trained individuals with assigned tasks. Each one of them must work in concert with the others. They work as a team, and they respond as a team. They are full time and are not dependent on when they can get relieved from a post in the jail or from Dispatch. They are all duly sworn law enforcement personnel.

‘The sponsors of this grant believe that the equipment is going to be used for its intended purpose. Interoperability is not an option. It cannot be used for anything other than the Swat Team.

'This is an overtime generator. I've been unable to get actual numbers, but working with the approximations that the Sheriff has provided, I think, if you added everything up, OT, Legacy Costs, Uniforms, Vehicles, Fuel, etc., we are spending upwards of \$80,000 to \$100,000 or more on this program. None of it is grant funded. All of it is a direct charge on the taxpayers of Allegany County. Approximately 48,000 people footing this bill. Just up the road a stone's throw are 35 or 40 troopers furnished to us by the State of New York and its 22 million taxpayers.

'All I ask for, all I've ever asked for, is that we give the State Police the courtesy of addressing us. I'm not inviting a debate between our personnel and theirs. All I ask is that they be allowed to appear before us and let them explain how they can protect us during these troubled times. I'd like to know what assets they can bring to bear here and in what manner they would or could be deployed.

'I now move that this resolution be tabled until such time as it can be so.'" Legislator Graves' motion did not receive a second.

The request to accept and appropriate the \$17,500 was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. (Voting No- K. Graves)

**Prepare Resolution**

**Public Works Committee**

Public Works Superintendent Guy James requested a resolution transferring \$36,961 from H5939.200 (Burns, BR 11-10, Narrows Road) to H5940.200 (Rushford, BR 23-08, Barber Road) to cover an overage on the Barber Road Bridge Capital Project. In addition, \$22,218 should be appropriated to H5940.2300.00 (Rushford, BR 23-08 Local Town Share) and H5940.200 (Rushford, BR 23-08, Barber Road) to account for the town share of the overage. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Graves and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Mr. James requested approval to fill a County Engineer position (PEF, Grade 11) that became vacant due to a resignation. This position requires the applicant to be registered as a New York State Licensed Professional Engineer. The employee will be responsible for bridge design; surveys and engineering layouts; design and drafting of highway maps and plans; supervising field survey crews; coordinating construction projects with state agencies, officials and inspectors, utility companies, etc.; providing technical assistance to town highway superintendents and local officials; as well as other related duties. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Mr. James also requested a resolution transferring \$3 million from A15.599.00 (A915.0000) (Assigned Unappropriated Fund Balance Solid Waste) to H8174.200 (Landfill Closure Phase 4 Final) to fund the final capping and permanent closure of the

landfill. This request was approved on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

### **Resource Management Committee**

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards requested a resolution to accept and appropriate the 2016 Youth Development Program allocations from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$52,077. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

Pass Thru Programs from OCFS to agencies	\$20,444
Allegany County Sponsored Programs	\$17,978
Pass Thru Programs from OCFS to Towns/Villages	<u>\$13,655</u>
Totals:	\$52,077

#### **PASS THRU PROGRAMS FROM OCFS:**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Award</u>
Week of Alternatives/ACA	A7312.488	A7312.3820.85	\$ 3,262
Youth Compeer/AC Mental Health	A7313.488	A7313.3821.07	\$ 3,399

#### **PASS THRU PROGRAMS FROM OCFS: (Continued)**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Award</u>
SYEP/AC E&T	A7318.486	A7318.3822.02	\$ 4,993
HSE Programs/Travel. Teacher	A7318.487	A7318.3822.03	\$ 2,909
Career Pathways/Literacy West	A7318.489	A7318.3820.50	\$ 1,483
Alleg. Co. Youth Court/ACASA	A7321.483	A7321.3825	<u>\$ 4,398</u>
Pass Thru Programs from OCFS Totals:			\$20,444

#### **ALLEGANY COUNTY SPONSORED PROGRAMS:**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Award</u>
Rushford Lake Project	A7180.100	A7180.3820.01	\$ 7,448
Office of Children and Family Serv.	A7310.000	A7310.3820.03	\$ 7,052
Gov. for Youth/BOCES	A7312.489	A7312.3820.10	<u>\$ 3,478</u>
Allegany County Sponsored Programs Totals:		<b><u>(Already Allocated)</u></b>	\$17,978

#### **PASS THRU PROGRAMS FROM OCFS 100%**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Award</u>
Alfred (Village)	A7310.485	A7310.3820YTVP	\$ 3,317
Angelica (Village)	A7310.485	A7310.3820YTVP	\$ 479
Belfast (Town)	A7310.485	A7310.3820YTVP	\$ 2,011
Bolivar (Village)	A7310.485	A7310.3820YTVP	\$ 793
Cuba (Village)	A7310.485	A7310.3820YTVP	\$ 1,078
Village/A Sound Beginning	A7310.485	A7310.3820YTVP	\$ 1,435
Hume (Town)	A7310.485	A7310.3820YTVP	\$ 881
Independence (Town)	A7310.485	A7310.3820YTVP	\$ 472

Wellsville (Town)	A7310.485	A7310.3820YTVP	\$ 1,511
Town/Dance Theater Program	A7310.485	A7310.3820YTVP	\$ 1,435
Wirt (Town)	A7310.485	A7310.3820YTVP	\$ 243
Pass Thru Programs from OCFS 100% Totals:			\$13,655

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

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Telephone System**

At the Facilities and Communications committee the topic of upgrading the telephone system was discussed. Information Technology Director Keith Hooker and County Treasurer Terri Ross will work together to identify some funding sources and bring back some additional information to the next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Norris, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board