WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
September 23, 2026

Call to Order: Ways & Means Committee Chairman Philip G. Stockin called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Committee Chairman Philip G. Stockin led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call: P. Stockin, J. Burdick, K. Demick, G. Hanchett, S. Havey, D. Healy, B. Harris (Absent: C. Bessette)

Other Attendees: G. Barnes, A. Carrow, P. Curran, S. Decker. K. Dirlam, J. Kelley, C. Knapp, K. LaForge, T. Linn, W. Meunier, J. Ricci, J. Ricketts-Swales, R. Whitney

Approval of Agenda

The Ways and Means Committee meeting agenda of September 23, 2026, was approved on a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried.

Approval of Minutes

The Ways and Means Committee meeting minutes of September 9, 2026, were approved on a motion made by Legislator Demick, seconded by Legislator Hanchett, and carried.

The Ways and Means Committee meeting minutes of September 16, 2026, were approved on a motion made by Legislator Hanchett, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried.

Approval of Audit

Committee members reviewed the September 23, 2026, audit of claims totaling $5,251,156.07 (including prepaid bills). A motion to forward the audit to the full Board for approval of payment was made by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried.

COUNTY TREASURER

Acceptance of Bids and Transfer of Properties from 2026 Tax Auction to Second Bidders

County Treasurer Jenna Kelley requested a resolution to accept the bids and transfer of 3 properties to the second bidders who have fulfilled their agreement from the 2026 Tax Sale Auction as follows:

2	288.-1-25.22	Alma	483 County Rd 18	Jason Frank / Jason Ronald J	Cook, Joshua A	$ 730.00
29	105.9-1-49	Belfast	93 Sherman St	Truax Ernest E / Witt Tammy	Wilson, John & Lori	$ 3,050.00
59	182.15-1-16.1	Friendship	16 W Pennsylvania Ave	Lehman Frances E	MOUSAS LLC	$ 14,200.00
					Total Bids	$ 17,980.00

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

Treasurer Kelley explained that the first bidders for these properties did not fulfill the requirements, so the properties were offered to the second bidders. She noted that six properties remain and will be added to next year's tax sale auction. Legislator Ricci asked whether this situation is common. Treasurer Kelley said that a few properties typically remain after each sale, but three of the six remaining properties did not sell at this year's auction.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Authorization to Apply for the Countywide Resilience Implementation Strategy Program

Director of Planning Kier Dirlam requested a resolution and authorization for the Allegany County Office of Planning to apply for the Countywide Resilience Implementation Strategy Program administered through the New York State Department of State, Office of Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure. The program provides up to $250,000 in State funding to counties to develop an action-oriented countywide resilience strategy that builds upon existing plans, studies, technical analyses, geospatial data, and stakeholder input and advances priority projects toward implementation. Applications are due October 26, 2026. Mr. Dirlam is also requesting that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to execute documents needed for the submission of the grant, subject to review and approval of the terms and conditions provided by the County Attorney. The total grant application budget amount is $277,778. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Hanchett, seconded by Legislator Healy, and carried. ***Prepare Resolution***

Authorization to Accept and Appropriate Donation of Allegany County Area Foundation Funds for "Skill Up Allegany" Tuition Assistance Program

Employment and Training Director Reita Sobeck-Lynch requested a resolution to accept and appropriate a donation of funds awarded by the Allegany County Area Foundation for its Skill Up Allegany Tuition Assistance Program. Funds should be appropriated as follows:

Appropriations: $5,000

CD1 6400.475	Econ Opp & Dev Contract (County)	$5,000

Revenue: $5,000

CD1 6400.2705.00	Gifts and Donations (County)	$5,000

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

Authorization to Apply for Tourism Promotion Funds from I LOVE NY State Aid Program

Director of Economic Development Ashley Smith requested a resolution to apply for tourism promotion funds from the New York State I LOVE NY state aid program in the amount of $172,500 (Regional Formula amount of funding request for Allegany County) in anticipation of the 2027 request for proposals. Allegany County anticipates receiving a state aid funding award of approximately $55,000. Ms. Smith is also requesting that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to execute the grant application and any other documents necessary to submit the grant, subject to the review and approval of the terms and conditions by the County Attorney. With this funding, Allegany County will incorporate marketing strategies to promote tourism regionally and locally. Regional collaboration partners include the Chautauqua-Allegheny Region, which includes Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties, as well as the WNY Wilds Counties, which include Wyoming, Orleans, Genesee, Livingston, & Cattaraugus Counties. Allegany County must match the state aid amount, which will be included in the 2027 Budget. The actual grant award amount will be determined later but is estimated at $55,000. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Hanchett, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried. ***Prepare Resolution***

HUMAN SERVICES

Donation from Rockin for a Reason Fundraiser

Director of Office for the Aging Anita Mattison requested a resolution to accept and appropriate a donation in the amount of $500 from the Rockin for a Reason fundraiser held in Wellsville on August 1, 2026. The Office for the Aging was one of many agencies receiving a donation from this event. The funds will be used to support home-delivered meal deliveries to homebound seniors. The funds should be appropriated into the 2026 Budget as follows:

Appropriation		
A6772.402	Nutrition – Mileage	$500
Revenue		
A6772.2705.00	Nutrition – Gifts and Donations	$500

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

Request to Transfer Funds

Public Health Director Tyler Shaw requested a resolution to transfer funds within the Health and WIC Program budgets to support essential operational needs as follows:

From:			Amount:
A4010.101	Regular Pay		$27,774
A4190.414	Rentals-Real Pro		$ 5,226
		Total	$33,000
To:			
A4190.201	Office Equipment		$18,000
A4190.407	Office Supplies		$ 2,500
A4190.408	General Supplies		$ 2,500
A4190.409	Fees		$10,000
		Total	$33,000

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

Accept and Appropriate Increased Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) State Aid Funding

Director of Community Mental Health Services Lindy White requested a resolution to accept and appropriate funds totaling $146,730 as a result of increased funding by the State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) for the 2026 fiscal year. The 2026 Budget Modification is requested as follows:

Appropriations:		
A4220.457	Narcotic Addiction Alcohol – Health Contracts	$166,072
A4220.461	Narcotic Addiction SBT – Health Contracts	$ 89
		$166,161
Revenue:		
A 4220.3486.00	ST AID - SUBSTANCE ABUSE	$166,161

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

Accept and Appropriate Increased Office of Mental Health (OMH) State Aid Funding

Director of Community Mental Health Services Lindy White requested a resolution to accept and appropriate additional funds totaling $48,268. These funds are being received as a result of increased funding by the State Office of Mental Health for the 2026 fiscal year. These funds will be used to provide support to ARA/Clarity, Arbor Development, ARC, and ASPIRE. The 2026 Budget Modification is requested as follows:

Appropriations:		
A4313.456	Mental Health – Health Contracts	$ 2,256
A4313.457	Mental Health – Health Contracts	$34,853
A4313.460	Mental Health – Health Contracts CCSI	$ 142
A4313.461	Mental Health – Health Contracts Int. Sup. Employ	$ 5,427
A4313.464A	Mental Health – Health Contracts IIS	$ 7
A4314.456	Mental Health – Health Contracts CSS	$ 2,664
A4314.458	Mental Health – Health Contracts CDT CSS	$ 151
A4315.456	Mental Health Reinvestment – Health Contracts Advocacy	$ 1,429
A4315.457	Mental Health – Health Contracts Advocacy	$ 1,339
	Total	$48,268

Revenues:		
A4313.3490.046L	ST AID - MH COMM SUPPORT PROG	$ 142
A4313.3490.046L	ST AID - MH COMM SUPPORT PROG	$34,853
A4313.3490.1014	ST AID - MH - C.S.S.	$ 2,664
A4313.3490.1037	ST AID - MH - I.S. EMPLOY	$ 5,427
A4313.3490.1078	ST AID - MH - SUPPORT HSING	$ 2,256
A4313.3490.175A	ST AID - MH ADULT INPATIENT CARE	$ 7
A4314.3490.1014	ST AID - MH - C.S.S.	$ 151
A4315.3490.1200	ST AID - MH - COMM.REINV.	$ 1,429
A4315.3490.1200	ST AID - MH - COMM.REINV.	$ 1,339
	Total	$48,268

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

Good of the Order

Majority Leader Steven A. Havey announced that a legislator-only caucus would begin at 1:15 p.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Healy, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Linn, Journal Clerk
Allegany County Board of Legislators