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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE AGENDA
October 14, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Approval of Minutes**
   - September 23, 2026
5. **Approval of Audit**
6. **County Administrator**
   - Budget Modification – Broadband Equipment Removal
7. **Information Technology**
   - Budget Modification – Security Policy
8. **Referrals from Committees**
9. **Unfinished Business**
10. **New Business**
11. **Good of the Order**
12. **Adjournment**

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MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Budget Modification from Contingency

COMMITTEE: Ways & Means **DATE: October 14, 2026**

Requesting a resolution to appropriate funds from the Contingency account to the E911 repairs account to cover the cost of removal of broadband equipment that is no longer in use.

Over the past several months, issues have arose concerning abandoned broadband equipment located at various 911 tower sites. To prevent further damage to the equipment and tower sites, we are requesting that the equipment be removed.

The quoted cost from Patriot Towers for the removal of equipment is $59,409. We are requesting the transfer from contingency below to cover this expense.

Budget Modification:

A1990.429	Contingency	($59,500)
A3112.411	Repairs: Personal Prop.	$59,500

FISCAL IMPACT: $59,500 from Contingency to E911 Repairs: Personal Prop

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Carissa M. Knapp, County Administrator/Budget Officer
Scott Cicirello, Sheriff

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MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION

Budget Modification from Contingency

COMMITTEE: Ways & Means **DATE: October 14, 2026**

Requesting a resolution to accept the Security Policy Writing proposal from M.A. Polce and authorize the following budget adjustment to the 2026 budget. The requested modification will transfer funds from Contingency to the Central Service Computer account to cover the cost of updating the County's IT Security Policies. Please see the attached proposal for additional details.

Budget Modification:

A1990.429	Contingency	($7,520)
A1680.409	Fees	$7,520

FISCAL IMPACT: $7,520 from Contingency to Central Service Computer

For further information regarding this matter, contact:

Carissa M. Knapp, County Administrator/Budget Officer
Keith Hooker, IT Director

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Referrals from Other Committees

PUBLIC WORKS

Permission to Apply for a NYSDEC Grant for Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling-Recycling Coordination (MWRR) Grant

Mr. Windus has requested a resolution authorizing him to apply for a Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling-Recycling Coordination Grant from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The grant amount is approximately $80,000. The purpose of applying for this grant is for reimbursement of up to 50 percent of the salary and benefits of the Allegany County Recycling Coordinator, and up to 50 percent of the costs for recycling education, promotion and outreach.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Authorization to Apply for Solicitation of Interest (SOI) 2026-1 Criminal Wage Theft Investigations Grant Program

Acting District Attorney Degnan has requested a resolution authorizing him to apply for the Solicitation of Interest (SOI) 2026-1 Criminal Wage Theft Investigations Grant Program. The New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) announced a $5 million grant program designed to support District Attorneys in undertaking new criminal wage theft investigations. The program particularly encourages offices that have not previously pursued criminal wage theft cases to apply, aiming to help build their capacity from the ground up to ensure all New Yorkers are protected from wage theft. Eligible activities for this grant funding can cover operational costs, including staff time, overtime, new investigator or Assistant District Attorney positions, training, and equipment. The total maximum award is $500,000.

Contract Combining the Distribution and 4th Upstate Quality Grants through ILS-Public Defender

Public Defender Carter has requested a resolution approving, accepting, and appropriating the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS) combined Distribution and Fourth Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grants (Distribution 27-29), and ratifying the prior or subsequent signature of the County Administrator or W. Brooke Harris, Chairperson of the Board of Legislators, on the grant contract, upon the review and approval of its terms and conditions by the County Attorney, as follows:

Contract No.: CD27002 Contract Term: January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2029

A1170

Grant Year	Term	Amount
Year 1	January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027	$255,867.00

Grant Year	Term	Amount
Year 2	January 1, 2028 – December 31, 2028	$255,867.00
Year 3	January 1, 2029 – December 31, 2029	$255,867.00
Total Contract Amount		**$767,601.00**

Hurrell - Harring Extension-Public Defender and Conflict Defender

Public Defender Carter and Conflict Defender Michael Regan have requested a resolution approving, accepting, and appropriating the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS) extension of the Second Statewide Expansion of the Hurrell-Harring Grant, and ratifying the prior or subsequent signature of the County Administrator or W. Brooke Harris, Chairperson of the Board of Legislators, on the grant contract, upon the review and approval of its terms and conditions by the County Attorney, as follows:

Contract No.: CSTWIDE202 Extension Year Term: April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027

A1174

Office	Amount
Public Defender	$621,578.00
Conflict Defender	$499,672.90
Total Year 3 Contract Amount	**$1,121,250.90**

Three-Year Contract for 4th Upstate Quality Grant-Public Defender

Public Defender Carter has requested a resolution approving, accepting, and appropriating the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS) Fourth Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant, and ratifying the prior or subsequent signature of the County Administrator or W. Brooke Harris, Chairperson of the Board of Legislators, on the grant contract, upon the review and approval of its terms and conditions by the County Attorney, as follows:

Contract No.: C4TH602 Contract Term: July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2026

A1170

Grant Year	Term	Amount
Year 1	July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	$50,000.00
Year 2	July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025	$100,000.00

Grant Year	Term	Amount
Year 3	July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	$100,000.00
Partial Year 4	July 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026	$50,000.00
Total Contract Amount		**$300,000.00**

Authorization to Apply for a Grant from the Allegany Area Foundation

The Office of Emergency Management has requested authorization to apply for a grant from the Allegany Area Foundation in the amount of $5,015.76 to fund the purchase of twelve (12) handheld GPS units, twelve (12) SD map/data card inserts, and seventy-two (72) NiMH or Li-Ion batteries. The intent of the purchase is to provide this equipment to the Allegany County Search and Rescue Team, which is overseen by the Department of Conservation Forest Rangers, and responds county-wide to instances of missing persons, typically in remote and wooded environments. The team requires the GPS units to effectively perform their duties, which include wayfinding, grid and linear search operations, and maintaining personal navigational awareness and safety. The Search and Rescue Team does not have the capacity to apply for the funding independently.

Reappropriation of Unspent Funds from the 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) Grant

The Allegany County Sheriff's Office has requested a resolution to reappropriate unspent funds from the 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) Grant. Resolution No. 379-23 was previously approved and budgeted for this grant. The Sheriff's Office amount of the grant is $29,875. The relevant contract is #T190241, and the DHSES reference number is WM23190241. No money was spent in 2024-2025, leaving the whole grant amount of $29,875 to be reappropriated in the 2026 Budget as follows:

Reappropriations: A 3674S ACSO HS SHSP FY 23 T#190241

Expenses

A3674S.208	Police/Sheriff Equipment (for specialized response)	$29,875

Revenue

A3674S 4306.FY23	Fed Aid-Homeland Security SHSP 23	$29,875

Reappropriation of Unspent Funds from the 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) Grant

The Allegany County Sheriff's Office has requested a resolution to reappropriate unspent funds from the 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) Grant. Resolution No. 149-23 was previously approved and budgeted for this grant. The Sheriff's Office amount of the grant is $26,887. The relevant contract is #T190104, and the DHSES reference number is WM22190104. The grant should be reappropriated as follows:

Reappropriations: A 3672S ACSO HS SHSP FY 22 T#190104

Expenses

A3672S.208	Police/Sheriff Equipment (for specialized response)	$14,030

Revenue

A3672S 4306.FY22S	Fed Aid-Homeland Security SHSP 22	$14,030

The total grant is $26,887, less Police/Sheriff Equipment of $12,857 spent in 2022-2025, equals the remaining balance to be reappropriated $14,030.

Reappropriation of Unspent Funds from the 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) Grant

The Allegany County Sheriff's Office has requested a resolution to reappropriate unspent funds from the 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) Grant. Resolution No. 479-24 was previously approved and budgeted for this grant. The Sheriff's Office amount of the grant is $29,875. The relevant contract is #T190382, and the DHSES reference number is WM24190382. The grant should be reappropriated as follows:

Reappropriations: A 3675S ACSO HS SHSP FY 24 T#190382

Expenses

A36725.208	Police/Sheriff Equipment (for specialized response)	$28,475

Revenue

A3675S 4306.FY24S	Fed Aid-Homeland Security SHSP 24	$28,475

The total grant is $29,875, less Police/Sheriff Equipment of $1,400 spent in 2025, equals the remaining balance to be reappropriated $28,475.

Acceptance and Appropriation of Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant Funds

The Allegany County Sheriff's Office is requesting a Resolution accepting the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant and appropriating funds for the program. Allegany County was awarded $172,413 under the FY2023 Domestic Terrorism Prevention (DTP) Grant Program. Funding for this state grant award is directed to be utilized to support the county's capability to prevent targeted violence and domestic terrorism through the utilization of Threat Assessment and Management (TAM) teams and the development of comprehensive Domestic Terrorism Plans. The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) will manage and administer these program funds and the performance period for this grant will be from September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2026.
The grant should be reappropriated as follows:

Appropriations ($172,413):

H 3036.200	Capital Project	$ 172,413

Revenue ($172,413):

H 3036.4089.DTPHS	Fed Aid – Domestic Terrorism	$ 172,413