

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
January 19, 2022

Committee Members Present: B. Harris, J. Burdick, P. Curran, K. Demick, S. Havey, J. Ricci, P. Stockin
(Absent: D. Fanton)

Others Present: G. Barnes, C. Clark, A. Cyr, M. Denhoff, K. Dirlam, D. Healy, K. Hooker, C. Jones, C. Knapp, T. Linn, T. Miner, J. Ricketts-Swales, B. Riehle, T. Ross, R. Sobeck-Lynch

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Ways & Means Committee Chairman Brooke Harris.

Opioid Lawsuit Settlement Agreement

County Administrator Carissa Knapp stated that Allegany County engaged in an opioid litigation settlement with several pharmaceutical companies a few years ago, and the County had been approving settlement agreements since last year. Ms. Knapp stated that she had been notified of a settlement agreement with Allergen for a one-time payment of approximately \$98,545.63 due the County. Ms. Knapp stated that they have not received all of the documentation yet, but the settlement agreement requires approval no later than January 31, 2022, and the resolution should be prepared as soon as all of the information is received in order to go to the Board meeting next week. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Curran, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Approval of Blind Association Agreement

Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle requested a resolution for the approval of an agreement with the Blind Association. Ms. Riehle stated that this agreement is for their annual appropriation in the amount of \$10,000. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Financial Advisory Services Agreement

County Treasurer Terri Ross requested a resolution to approve a Financial Advisory Services Agreement with Fiscal Advisors & Marketing Inc., 250 S Clinton Street, Suite 502, Syracuse, NY 13202. This resolution also requests permission to allow the County Treasurer's signature on an engagement letter to provide such services. This agreement allows Fiscal Advisors to act as financial advisors to the County relating to the issuance of Serial Bonds, Bond Anticipation Notes, Revenue Anticipation Notes, Tax Anticipation Notes, Budget Notes, etc., along with the filing of our Continuing Disclosure Notices for our current bond issues. Fees are charged on an as needed basis and are calculated on actual work performed. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

New Business

Legislator John Ricci reminded the Legislators to remain for the Special Personnel Committee meeting scheduled to begin following the Ways and Means Committee.

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County Administrator Carissa Knapp stated that there is news from NYSAC regarding the Seneca Nation Agreement with New York State, and that this is something that will affect Allegany County. Ms. Knapp stated that she had not yet seen an official agreement, but tentatively, the Seneca's would be paying the State, and the County would be receiving a portion of that money, which could total over \$1 million for Allegany County. Ms. Knapp stated that the last money we received under that agreement before payments stopped was in the first quarter of 2016 for approximately \$64,000. Ms. Knapp stated that if we continue to use that amount and multiply it by all of the missed quarters, it would total approximately \$1.3 million. Ms. Knapp pointed out that amount was based on a percentage of the

Seneca's revenue at that time, which we have a per capita share based on population, which could vary. Legislator Healy asked for clarification with the agreement, and Ms. Knapp explained that she believes this agreement includes everything west of State Route 14, which includes a number of counties. Ms. Knapp stated that under this agreement, the Seneca's were able to build three casinos, and counties with the casinos had host agreements, and counties that did not have any casinos, such as Allegany County, would receive a smaller percentage. Ms. Knapp stated that it is a complicated formula. Legislator Healy stated that it is probably not as lucrative as having a casino. Ms. Knapp agreed and explained that the casino in Cuba is a Class 3 casino that is not included in the revenue sharing. Legislator Healy asked if off track betting (OTB) was included in the agreement, and Ms. Knapp replied that she does not believe so.

Attorney-Client Session

County Administrator Carissa Knapp requested an Attorney-Client Session at 3:07 p.m., and the request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried.

A motion was made by Legislator Ricci, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried to come out of Attorney-Client session, and return to the regular committee meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Linn, Confidential Secretary
Allegany County Board of Legislators