

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
January 26, 2022

Committee Members Present: B. Harris, D. Fanton, J. Burdick, P. Curran, K. Demick, S. Havey (arr. 1:02 p.m.), J. Ricci, D. Root, P. Stockin

Others Present: G. Barnes, A. Carrow, A.Cyr, G. Hanchett, D. Healy, K. Hooker, C. Knapp, T. Linn, T. Miner, S. Pullen, J. Ricketts-Swales, B. Riehle, T. Ross, J. Rumfelt

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Ways & Means Committee Chairman Brooke Harris.

Approval of Audit

Committee members reviewed the January 26, 2022, audit of claims in the amount of \$3,687,672.53 (including prepaid bills). A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried to forward the audit to the full Board for approval of payment.

Medicaid Local Share

A resolution was requested urging Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature to alleviate taxpayers of the unfair financial burden placed upon them by the local share of Medicaid costs. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Ricci, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Issuance of Bonds for Houghton College Projects

A resolution was requested approving the issuance of certain bonds by Allegany County Capital Resource Corporation to finance a certain project for Houghton College. Legislator Ricci stated that \$25 million is a lot of money, and wondered if other corporations or schools would be able to apply for these funds. Legislator Harris stated that this bond is through the Industrial Development Agency to aid in the refinancing of the bond, and asked Legislator Root to clarify. Legislator Root stated that it is her understanding that this is running through the IDA because the school requires an organization to apply for the bond, but that there is no exchange of funds. County Treasurer Terri Ross stated that the purpose of this type of resolution is for the school to apply through a corporation for the IDA in order to qualify for certain tax exempt portions of the bond. County Administrator Carissa Knapp stated that she has information regarding the details of how the bond works if anyone is interested. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Curran, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Appointment of Environmental Certifying Officer for CDBG Project

County Administrator Carissa Knapp requested a resolution designating Carissa M. Knapp, County Administrator, as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Environmental Certifying Officer. Allegany County was awarded a CDBG Manufactured Home Replacement Grant, project #20MH315-21, in collaboration with Cattaraugus Community Action Agency to replace four dilapidated homes for income eligible residents of Allegany County. Allegany County was awarded the Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the New York State Office of Community Renewal, as administered by the State of New York. As the grant recipient, Allegany County is required to designate an Environmental Certifying Officer for the purpose of signing grant correspondences, documents, and forms as necessary. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Request to Fill Senior Account Clerk Typist

Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle requested permission to fill one full-time Senior Account Clerk Typist (AFSCME Bargaining Unit, Grade: 10, Step: Base to 7) and any resulting backfills, in the office of the Clerk of the Board due to a resignation. The Senior Account Clerk Typist is responsible for purchasing office supplies for the entire County, prepares County Directory and Village Supplement, maintains spreadsheets on drivers and vehicles, maintains records on all vehicles except DPW, processes Legislators' expense vouchers, maintains files on contracts, maintains appointment files, responsible for toner rebate programs, prepares and sends District Meeting Notices, substitutes for all positions in the office, various bookkeeping work, etc. This is a key position in this office, and we cannot function without this position. The annual salary is estimated to be between \$34,980 and \$42,079, with benefits estimated to be between \$13,667 and \$16,440. This position is funded 100 percent with County funds and is included in the Clerk of the Board's 2022 Budget. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Good of the Order

Majority Leader Steven Havey announced that a caucus would begin at 1:15 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Linn, Confidential Secretary
Allegany County Board of Legislators