

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
February 9, 2022

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

Others Present: G. Barnes, T. Boyde, B. Budinger, A. Carrow, G. Hanchett, K. Hooker, E. Kayes, C. Knapp, T. Linn, 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 Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried to approve the January 12, 2022, Ways and Means Committee meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Legislator Ricci, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried to approve the January 19, 2022, Ways and Means Committee meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Legislator Ricci, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried to approve the January 26, 2022, Ways and Means Committee meeting minutes.

Approval of Audit

Committee members reviewed the February 9, 2022, audit of claims in the amount of \$2,913,910.69 (including prepaid bills). A motion was made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried to forward the audit to the full Board for approval of payment.

Distressed Hospitals Diversion of Local Sales Tax

A resolution was requested urging Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature to revise the SFY 2023 Executive State Budget Proposal to suspend any further State Diversion of Local Sales Tax for Distressed Hospital Facilities. Legislator Root asked if Committee Chairman Harris had plans to take this to Inter-County to get other counties to follow along. Committee Chairman Harris stated that it is his intention. Chairman Philip Stockin stated that he is surprised that after two years there has been no record of any money being given to the hospitals. County Treasurer Terri Ross stated that it was recently in the news that they are requesting \$2 million to be shifted to the General Fund. Committee Chairman Harris thought that it was actually \$200 million. Ms. Ross stated that she would confirm the correct dollar amount. Chairman Stockin stated that the funds are being shifted to the General Fund and not to the hospitals. Committee Chairman Harris stated that according to NYSAC, no funding has been provided to the hospitals at this time. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Appropriation of Insurance Recovery

Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle requested a resolution accepting a check in the amount of \$7,747.29 from NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) representing the settlement less a \$5,000 deductible on a September 15, 2021, lightning strike that damaged equipment at the County Office Building.

Mrs. Riehle also requested a resolution accepting a check in the amount of \$270 from NYMIR representing the cost to replace a windshield on our 2017 Dodge Caravan (VIN # 2C4RDGBG7HR783947) (Lease #AC0004) assigned to the Office for the Aging. Both checks were included on our accounts receivable for 2021, and no budget adjustment is necessary at this time. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried.

Prepare Resolution

Appropriation of Insurance Recovery

Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle requested a resolution accepting a check in the amount of \$620 from the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) less a \$200 deductible representing the cost to repair our 2020 Chevy Tahoe (VIN #1GNSKDEC4LR250801) (Lease #AC0049) assigned to the Sheriff's Office. This vehicle was involved in a motor vehicle/deer accident on January 12, 2022, at 7:20 p.m. The funds should be appropriated to CS1931.429 (Risk Retention – Uninsured Property Loss) with a like sum placed in revenue account CS1930.2680.00 (Insurance Recovery). The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Ricci, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Request for Contract with JRC Technologies LLC

Director of Information Technology Keith Hooker requested a resolution to enter into a contract with JRC Technologies LLC and also approving the Allegany County Information Technology Department to spend \$4,500, for the assistance of JRC Technologies LLC in upgrading our Exchange server and all County emails to reflect the .gov domain mandated change. This is a one-time purchase and was not budgeted for, so money will need to be transferred from the following accounts in the 2022 IT Budget:

From A-1680.201 Office Equipment \$4,500
To A-1680.404 Maint Cont Other \$4,500

It is further requested that the Director of Information Technology be authorized to execute and receive any and all equipment and services from JRC Technologies LLC. Committee Chairman Harris asked Mr. Hooker to give a brief explanation. Mr. Hooker explained that this is a contract to change the .com email to .gov. Committee Chairman Harris asked for the purpose of this change. Mr. Hooker stated that the New York State Board of Elections handed down a mandate that will require all Board of Elections workers to have a .gov email address. Committee Chairman Harris asked if this contract would provide that service. Mr. Hooker stated, "yes." Committee Chairman Harris asked if there would be any disruption to email traffic during this transition. Mr. Hooker stated that if everything goes well there should be no disruptions. Committee Chairman Harris asked for a timeline to completion. Mr. Hooker stated that they are planning to begin on March 2 and end on March 4. Committee Chairman Harris asked if email would be redirected to the .gov address if anyone attempted to send an email to the .com address. Mr. Hooker stated, yes, that the .com addresses will remain active until the word has gotten out with the new .gov addresses. Committee Chairman Harris asked if this was in the IT Budget. County Treasurer Terri Ross stated that the request to transfer funds is included in this MOE. Legislator Burdick asked if they should begin sending notification of the new address, update business cards, and to hold off on printing the new directory. Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle stated that they had plans to print the directory this week, and felt with the number of daily calls requesting the directory, they should continue to print them with the .com addresses and update them later. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Root, seconded by Legislator Demick, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES

Public Works**Town of Ward Local Bridge #25-03**

Public Works Superintendent Justin Henry requested a Capital Project be established for the Watson Road, Town of Ward, B.I.N. 2215040, Local Bridge #25-03 as follows:

Appropriate to:H5975.200 \$350,000

Ward Town Bridge #25-03 Watson Road

Funding will come from		
H5120.200	Maintenance of Bridges	\$350,000
Record Town Share from above Project:		
From:	H5120.2300.00	\$ 52,500
	Revenues – Intergovernmental Charges	
To:	H5975.2300.00 Local Town Share	\$ 52,500
Record County Share from above Project:		
From:	H5120.5031.00	\$297,500
	Revenues – Interfund from General A	
To:	H5975.5031.00 County Share	\$297,500

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

Town of Hume Local Bridge #20-17

Mr. Henry requested a Capital Project be established for the Higgins Creek Rd, Town of Hume, B.I.N. 2214820, Local Bridge #20-17 as follows:

Appropriate to:H5976.200		\$350,000
Hume Town Bridge #20-17 Higgins Creek		
Funding will come from		
H5120.200	Maintenance of Bridges	\$350,000
Record Town Share from above Project:		
From:	H5120.2300.00	\$ 52,500
	Revenues – Intergovernmental Charges	
To:	H5976.2300.00 Local Town Share	\$ 52,500
Record County Share from above Project:		
From:	H5120.5031.00	\$297,500
	Revenues – Interfund from General A	
To:	H5976.5031.00 County Share	\$297,500

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

Town of Birdsall Local Bridge #09-09

Mr. Henry requested a Capital Project be established for replacement of Local Bridge 09-09, B.I.N. 3330050, on County Road 16, in the Town of Birdsall as follows:

Appropriate to:H5978.200		\$300,000
Birdsall Co #LB 09-09 CR 16		
Funding will come from		
H5120.200	Maintenance of Bridges	\$300,000

Record County Share from above Project:

From:	H5120.5031.00	\$300,000
	Revenues – Interfund from General A	
To:	H5978.5031.00 County Share	\$300,000

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

Town of Belfast Local Culvert #26-05

Mr. Henry requested a Capital Project be established for Local Culvert 26-05 Replacement in the Town of Belfast as follows:

Appropriate to:	H5979.200	\$400,000
	Belfast Co #LC 26-05 CR 26	
Funding will come from		
	H5120.200 Maintenance of Bridges	\$400,000
	Record County Share from above Project:	
From:	H5120.5031.00	\$400,000
	Revenues – Interfund from General A	
To:	H5979.5031.00 County Share	\$400,000

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

Town of Angelica Local Culvert #16-26

Mr. Henry requested a Capital Project be established for Local Culvert 16-26 Replacement in the Town of Angelica as follows:

Appropriate to:	H5977.200	\$400,000
	Angelica Co #LC 16-26 CR 16	
Funding will come from		
	H5120.200 Maintenance of Bridges	\$400,000
	Record County Share from above Project:	
From:	H5120.5031.00	\$400,000
	Revenues – Interfund from General A	
To:	H5977.5031.00 County Share	\$400,000

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

Request to Repeal Resolution No. 30-22

The Department of Public Works requested approval to repeal Resolution No. 30-22 as the wrong project number was inadvertently used. The new resolution should reflect the correct information as shown below, approving Supplemental Agreement #2 with NYSDOT for the replacement of Bridge BIN 2255160, Madison Street over WNY & PA Railroad, Village of Wellsville. These funds cover the cost of

Construction/Inspection phase funding. The following adjustment shall be made to the 2022 Budget to appropriate the Federal, State, and Town Aid. The County share has been previously appropriated but will be reduced by \$18,432 for this project for a total County share of \$92,990. Transfer to be moved to the Equipment Capital.

Budget Adjustment as follows:

Appropriation:

H 5965.200	Wellsville, Madison Street Bridge	\$1,661,315	
H 5197.200	Highway Equipment & Capital Outlays	\$ 18,432	\$ 1,679,747

Revenue:

H 5965.2300.00	Wlsv, Madison St. Bridge-Town Revenue	\$ 13,157	
H 5965.3097.00	Wlsv, Madison St. Bridge-State Revenue	\$ 263,146	
H 5965.4097.00	Wlsv, Madison St. Bridge-Federal Revenue	\$1,403,444	\$ 1,679,747

Journal required to move dollars/cash to reduce county share and deposit to equipment capital:

H 5965.200	Wellsville, Madison Street Bridge	\$ (18,432)	
H 5197.200	Highway Equipment & Capital Outlays	\$ 18,432	

Reference resolution 141-18 for original appropriation of design phase funding and resolutions 183-18nd 299-20 for additional County funding.

The request to repeal Resolution No. 30-22 was approved on a motion made by Legislator Demick, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

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

Request to Fill One Full-Time Janitor

Mr. Henry requested approval to fill one full-time Janitor (AFSCME Bargaining Unit, Grade: 9), and all subsequent positions that may become vacant as a result of filling from within the Department of Public Works. This position is responsible for the daily cleaning of the Courthouse Complex and minor maintenance of equipment. The annual salary is estimated to be between \$34,185.79 and \$40,331.75, with benefits estimated to be between \$13,356.39 and \$15,757.61. This position is funded with 100 percent County funds and is included in the 2022 Budget. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Demick, seconded by Legislator Havey, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Request to Fill One Full-Time Cleaner

Mr. Henry is requesting approval to fill one full-time Cleaner (AFSCME Bargaining Unit, Grade: 5), and all subsequent positions that may become vacant as a result of filling from within the Department of Public Works. This position is responsible for the daily cleaning of the out-buildings owned and operated by the County. The annual salary is estimated to be between \$31,041.19 and \$35,938.45, with benefits estimated to be between \$12,127.79 and \$14,041.15. This position is funded with 100 percent County funds and is included in the 2022 Budget. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Demick, seconded by Legislator Burdick, and carried. **Notify Human Resources**

Public Safety

2021 SICG-Formula Program Grant

Sheriff Rick Whitney requested permission to apply for the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services 2021 Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula-Based Grant Program (2021 SICG-Formula Program). This grant is awarded yearly in the amount of \$45 million dollars shared throughout the 57 Counties and the City of New York. These monies shall be used to continue enhancing our 911 Public Safety Radio Communications.

Important Note: for FY2021 SICG-Formula RFA: DHSES-OIEC is combining 2 years of New York State budget appropriations for this program, FY2020-21 and FY2021-22, for the 2021 SICG Formula RFA. Due to the pandemic and delays beyond our control, the agency is aggregating all available appropriated funding in to one RFA: FY2020-21 appropriation of \$45 million and FY2021-22 appropriation of \$45 million, totaling \$90 million. Combining two years of appropriations will allow us to bring this program up to date and provide much needed funding for counties to continue support of public safety communications. The exact amount of the total grant is unknown until the award is announced. Last year’s grant was awarded in the amount of \$723,865. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

2021 PSAP Operations Grant

Sheriff Whitney requested permission to apply for the New York State Department of Homeland Securities 2021 PSAP Operations Grant. This grant is awarded yearly in the amount of \$10 million dollars shared throughout the 57 Counties and the City of New York. These monies shall be used to update electronic equipment in the County’s 911 Center. The exact amount of the total grant is unknown until the award is announced. Last year’s grant was awarded in the amount of \$135,050. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Havey, seconded by Legislator Ricci, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Human Services

DSS NYS Rental Supplemental Program Allocation

Social Services Commissioner Edna Kayes requested a resolution to accept and appropriate the New York State Rental Supplemental Program Allocation that has been awarded to Allegany County, contingent on the submission of a program plan. The amount allocated is \$120,210 for FY 2021-2022, based on a memorandum received from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) dated December 13, 2021. The Rental Supplement Program will provide vital rental assistance to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or are facing an imminent loss of housing. This program will be available to individuals and families both with and without children. This grant will be administered in conjunction with ACCORD Corporation and serve approximately thirteen families in the Allegany County community for up to twelve months of rental assistance.

A budget adjustment is requested as follows:

Revenue: (new account number)			
A 6010.3689.RSP	State Aid – DSS NYS Rental Supplemental Program Allocation		
	FY21-22	\$120,210	
Expenses:			
A 6010.482	Contractual		
	Total grant:		\$ 120,210
Revenue # A 6010.3689.RSP	State Aid - DSS		

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

National Children’s Alliance DTVF (Domestic Trafficking Victim’s Fund) Grant

Ms. Kayes requested authorization to apply for the National Children’s Alliance DTVF (Domestic Trafficking Victim’s Fund) Grant. To complete the purchase of the Cellebrite system which supports the development, expansion, or enhancement of the full array of Child Advocacy Center (CAC) services to

Victims of Child Pornography and Human Trafficking. Will provide emergency support services for victims and develop CAC competencies in service provision to victims through a variety of specialized trainings. The funding will also be used to update and enhance the current Digital Forensic Laboratory and establish an additional Digital Forensic Laboratory. The total grant is \$25,000. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Root, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Homeless During Inclement Weather (Code Blue) Additional Funding

Ms. Kayes requested authorization to apply for the Homeless During Inclement Weather (Code Blue) additional funding. Allegany County has seen a significant increase in the number of beds necessary during Code Blue and would like to partner with ACCORD Corporation to provide folks with a cross between a warming station and a shelter for those in need of Code Blue services. The shelter will provide a warm place to stay, hygiene supplies, PPE, case management and support. We also anticipated providing this amenity to those whose home heating conditions are less than adequate and have a vulnerable individual in the household. Hotels and motels cannot provide the majority of these services.

Revenue: # A 6010.3610.00 State Aid Soc Serv Admin CPS \$ 310,578

The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Burdick, seconded by Legislator Havey. Committee Chairman Brooke Harris asked for a roll call vote. The motion was carried with 5 Yes, 2 (Voting No: B. Harris, J. Ricci), and 2 (Absent: P. Curran, D. Fanton). **Prepare Resolution**

Good of the Order

Majority Leader Steven Havey announced that a caucus would begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Legislative Chambers.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 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