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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MINUTES – JANUARY 25, 2022 BRIAN F. MAY, CHAIRMAN

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Mr. Ryan, Mr. Burtis, Ms. Abbott, Mr. Olson, **Mr. Kinne, Mrs. Ervin
ALSO ATTENDING: Chairman Rowley, Ms. Kuhn, Dr. Chase, Mr. Bush; also see attached

Chairman May called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m. *A motion was made by Mr. Burtis, seconded by Mrs. Ervin to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous committee meeting. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED. A motion was made by Mr. Burtis, seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve the minutes of the previous committee meeting. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.*

CONSENT AGENDA

1. PARKS AND RECREATION:

- a. Authorizing the Acceptance of 16.97 ± Acres of Land from the Friends of Beaver Lake, Inc. to Increase the County Land Area of Beaver Lake Nature Center (*Sponsored by Ms. Cody*)
- b. Amending the 2022 County Budget to Accept Grant Funds from New York State's State and Municipal Facilities Program for Renovations and Upgrades to the Oneida Shores Boat Launch (\$250,000) (*Sponsored by Ms. Cody*)

2. VISIT SYRACUSE:

- a. Amending the 2022 County Budget to Make Surplus Room Occupancy Funding Available for use in Support of Visit Syracuse (\$250,000) (*Sponsored by Mr. Burtis*)

3. SYRACUSE/ONONDAGA COUNTY PLANNING AGENCY:

- a. Authorizing the County Executive to Enter into Agreements with the State of New York and the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board Relative to the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (*Sponsored by Mr. Burtis*)

4. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT:

- a. **BOND:** A Resolution Authorizing Ash Tree Management in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$525,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$525,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$525,000) (*Sponsored by Ms. Abbott*)

A motion was made by Mr. Kinne, seconded by Mr. Burtis, to approve the consent agenda. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. APPOINTMENTS:

- a. **Confirming Reappointments to the Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District Board (Julie Abbott, Ken Bush, Jr.)** *(Sponsored by Mr. Rowley)*
- b. **Appointing Two Directors to the Onondaga County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (Tim Burtis, Brian May)** *(Sponsored by Mr. Rowley)*
- c. **Confirming Appointment to the Onondaga County Jury Board (James Rowley)** *(Sponsored by Mr. Rowley)*
- d. **Confirming Appointments to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Onondaga County Board of Directors (Debra Cody, Charles Garland)** *(Sponsored by Mr. Rowley)*

Chairman Rowley:

- Legislators Abbott and Bush for Soil and Water; Tobacco Asset is typically committee chair of WMS and appointed Legislator Burtis – standard reviewing financial info relative to corporation
- Jury board appointment for himself; CCE standard appointments – Legislators Cody and Garland

A motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. Ervin, to approve item 1a. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Kinne, to approve item 1b. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinne, seconded by Mr. Olson, to approve item 1c. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Kinne, to approve item 1d. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

2. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: Archie Wixson, Commissioner

- a. **BOND: A Resolution Authorizing Improvements to the Community Plaza and Walks in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$300,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$300,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$300,000)** *(Sponsored by Ms. Cody)*

- Supplement a continuing capital account; dedicated to walking surface restorations for community plaza and downtown properties; sidewalk and pavement deterioration; use every year to rehab areas; expended monies previously approved

A motion was made by Mr. Burtis, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve this item. Ayes: 6 Abstentions: 1 (Kinne); MOTION CARRIED.

- b. **BOND: A Resolution Authorizing Capital Improvements at Various Facilities in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$11,565,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,095,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Part of the Costs Thereof (\$5,095,000)** *(Sponsored by Ms. Cody)*

- Bonding for various capital improvements within facilities; request \$5.095 mil in bonds, cash, and federal aid
- Remodel several areas in Civic Center, primarily Human Services areas
- \$1.8 mil - Social Services has program changes, additional staff, and modifications doing for distancing
- Some agencies like JobsPlus are expanding; will fund changes in Civic Center (CC)
- Flooring replacements, ceiling and lighting replacements, HVAC renovations, furniture and equipment
- \$1.175 – Children & Family Services expanding programs and will occupy portion of 8th floor in CC; will need to

renovate for occupancy; do it in same manner as 6th and 7th floor

- Cash funded - BDC clinic renovations for staffing; not for clinic or exam areas; intended for administrative area; ADA upgrades and compliance, as well as betterment of office environment and work stations
- \$1.1 mil – match \$1 mil in federal aid to do upgrades to Army Reserves Center on Electronics Parkway Liverpool
- Emergency Management to do operations of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in that building
- Funds will primarily be used for technology upgrades (data infrastructure, communications and presentation), fixtures, furniture, and equipment; minor cosmetics

Mr. Olson asked if the EOC portion will go through Public Safety committee. Chairman May:

- Propose to bifurcate this bond resolution; pull the \$1.1 mil out, and refer project to Public Safety committee
- Project should have gone to Public Safety along with Facilities; really good idea, and the process and project will benefit with support through both committees; no doubt it will be supported and passed

Mr. Olson asked Mr. Wixson if they consider NYSRDA, efficiencies, and things like LED lighting when doing renovations. Mr. Wixson:

- Yes, always do; i.e. have applications in and received recent approvals in the NBT project – already received \$18,000 back, will get more back from investments made at the stadium
- Every project that can meet criteria for National Grid incentives or NYSRDA credits will be done

Mrs. Ervin thanked Chairman May for pulling it out and sending it back through committees.

Mr. Burtis said it is a good breakout of cash, grants, and bonds, but there still is a policy at the end of the year for cleanup and not necessarily bonding everything authorized. There is an opportunity to pay cash. Chairman May commented that is a good point, and the county has a history for bonding for what it needs. Mr. Burtis responded to Mr. Ryan that his preference is to pay cash. Authorizing a bond does not mean that it will be a bond.

Mr. Yaus stated that if the committee makes a notation on the record changing the \$5.095 mil to \$3.995 mil that would be in accordance with the rules, and he will have bond counsel prepare an updated bond resolution for February session.

Chairman May stated that they will take a vote on 2b minus the EOC \$1.1 million expenditure, and bond counsel will create a separate bond resolution that will go to March Public Safety.

A motion was made by Mr. Burtis, seconded by Mrs. Ervin, to approve item 2b as amended. Ayes: 6 Abstentions: 1 (Kinne); MOTION CARRIED.

3. **ONONDAGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY:** Christian Zabriskie, Executive Director

a. **BOND: A Resolution Authorizing the Construction of an Addition and Improvements to the Petit Branch Library in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$1,544,229 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$950,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$950,000) (Sponsored by Ms. Cody)**

- Petit Library - in Westcott, very highly used; circulation tracks on par with all other branches combined
- Community room will be used for story time in the morning, senior education in afternoon, afterschool for kids in later afternoon, and lecture or class in evening; flexible programming space
- Will have access outside of the library to be able to be used when library is not open

A motion was made by Mrs. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Olson, to approve this item. Ayes: 6 Abstentions: 1 (Kinne); MOTION CARRIED.

4. PARKS AND RECREATION: Brian Kelly, Commissioner**a. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing Replacement of Roofs and Mechanical Systems at the Zoo in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$2,000,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,000,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$2,000,000)**
(Sponsored by Ms. Cody)

- Roofs and mechanical systems original when county took zoo in mid-80's from city; preventative maintenance
- Keeps animals and public safe; replace roofs listed, and do engineering study on mechanical systems; when study done, will come back next year to talk about what needs to be replaced in that regard
- Multiple roofs being done, but not all; main roof of building over new banquet room to garage bays (covers offices and staff) is original, and has leaked over time; other roofs are original as well and are housing animals
- After this resolution, there are 5 -10 more roofs to look at; i.e. tiger and penguin looked at in late 90's; will evaluate them and do same with engineering study
- Little over \$1 mil for roofs, and the rest for the mechanical systems engineering study

A motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Burtis, to approve this item. Ayes: 6 Abstentions: 1 (Kinne); MOTION CARRIED.

b. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing Improvements to Various Parks in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$4,785,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,785,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$4,785,000)
(Sponsored by Ms. Cody)

- Preventative maintenance for year; most items are safety related; items in disrepair or facility enhancements to better offer services to public; infrastructure provides direct service; will avoid big price tag; open ongoing project account
- Cemetery lawn crypts: in process of engineering study to put crypts in Veteran's cemetery; maximize space for burials
- 700 additional burials per acre; keep things nice, neat and uniform; no staff digging, as they are preset in concrete
- Mr. Stanczyk and himself took cemetery trip to Bath National Cemetery; able to see crypts and watch burial with a crypt; more efficient, better look to cemetery

Mr. Burtis commented that the parks are a great asset, a value to the community and the constituents, and it takes money to keep them maintained.

Mr. Kelly responded to Mr. Kinne that only the beach at Jamesville Beach was closed due to a lack of lifeguards and COVID. This year they have full funding for the beach, they have had one training session for lifeguards, they will be lining up another training session over winter break, and they have an excellent aquatics instructor.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Burtis, to approve this item. Ayes: 6 Abstentions: 1 (Kinne); MOTION CARRIED.

5. WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION: Shannon Harty, Commissioner**a. Reducing Authorized Costs for Certain Improvements Made for the Midland Avenue CSO Abatement Project in and for the County of Onondaga, New York Pursuant to Section 41 of the Local Finance Law, and Amending Resolution Nos. 50-2008 and 51-2008 (\$6,000,000)**
(Sponsored by Ms. Abbott)**b. A Resolution Approving Improvements for the Onondaga County Sanitary District in and for the County of Onondaga, New York (\$6,000,000)** (Sponsored by Ms. Abbott)**c. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$6,000,000 Bonds of the County of Onondaga, New York, to Pay the Cost of Improvements in and for the Onondaga County Sanitary District, Intended to Enable the County to Comply with Requirements Set Forth in the Amended Consent Judgment and Related Municipal Compliance Plan for the Clinton Street Conveyances and Regional Treatment Facility Project, in and for Said County (\$6,000,000)** (Sponsored by Ms. Abbott)

- With ACJ terminating, transitioning to long term control plan and 5 year consent order with DEC

- 2 projects set up by sewer sheds; Midland project account has \$16 mil remaining with \$8 – \$9 mil spending plan for remainder; Clinton project has \$8.3 mil with \$12 mil spending
- Authorizing to reduce Midland project account by \$6 mil, and increase Clinton by \$6 mil

A motion was made by Mr. Burtis, seconded by Mr. Olson, to approve item 5a. Ayes: 6 Abstentions: 1 (Ervin); MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Burtis, to approve item 5b. Ayes: 6 Abstentions: 1 (Ervin); MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Burtis, to approve item 5c. Ayes: 5 Abstentions: 2 (Kinne, Ervin); MOTION CARRIED.

d. A Resolution Approving the Increased Cost of Certain Improvements for the Onondaga County Sanitary District (\$7,694,000) (Sponsored by Ms. Abbott)

e. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of an Additional \$7,694,000 Bonds of the County of Onondaga, New York, to Pay the Increased Cost of Certain Improvements for the Onondaga County Sanitary District Consisting of the Metro Biosolids Drying Project (\$7,694,000) (Sponsored by Ms. Abbott)

- Related to previously authorized project budget for Metro biosolids dryer - currently digest and dewater sludge to about 25-30% solid; hauling tremendous amounts of water to Seneca landfill
- Since starting in 2017, sludge hauling increased; hauling \$80/dry ton, and now almost \$120/dry ton; 50% increase
- Reduces operating expenses: was ~\$3.3 mil in sludge hauling, now ~\$4.5 mil, and will reduce to ~\$1.5 mil in hauling
- Significantly reducing volume of sludge hauling; 30% to 90% solids; eventually creating Class A biosolids they would not have to take to landfill, but maybe land apply or put to some other beneficial reuse
- Looking at \$15.1 mil project cost; in time costs escalated especially in supply chain when bidding late 2021
- Identified need to upsize dryers originally designed; would be pushing capacity, and not able to make Class A biosolids
- Swapped out for larger dryers and slighter bigger building; bundled another capital project in - replacing conveyers
- Seeking additional \$7.694 mil: ~\$4 mil related to construction costs (supply chain and construction labor), \$3.5 mil tied to project scope increase, and \$1 mil for additional contingency, because of volatility in bidding; total of \$22.8 mil
- Anticipate 9 year payback; capital investment to reduce operating expenses, even with increasing budget
- Energy costs – projecting to spend \$4.7 mil on sludge hauling; after project, that will go down to \$1.7 mil, so saving \$3 mil on sludge hauling; energy cost increases projected to be \$490,000; still to the good by \$2.3 mil per year

Mr. Olson asked what transportation factor was used, because there will be less to haul, which is less manpower, and less carbon footprint. Ms. Harty responded that they did not go that far into it, but there is even more savings. This is assuming they will still pay tipping fees to the landfill. Mr. Olson asked what other sources or ideas for solid waste are. Ms. Harty:

- Herkimer Sewer Authority sends to turf farms east of here, which is a potential
- Can be agricultural land application; little bit of management of the heavy metal content has to be done, so typically not for human food products, but anything tied to animal feed or turf farms
- Potentially landfill cover or closure; Class A solid is stable and inert; right now do not meet those disinfection limits
- Need to get dryer up and running and demonstrate that they meet regulation standards; then they can begin process with DEC to get beneficial use determination; once proven they meet those standards, can market it and see who wants it

Ms. Harty responded to Mr. Burtis that Metro serves the city, Salina, Geddes, and Camillus.

Mr. Ryan asked if there is any federal or grant money tied to this based on energy savings and carbon footprint. Ms. Harty:

- Sidebar to another project - \$30 mil construction project finalizing on digesters at Metro with biosolids; did get substantial grant, because improving digesters and increasing gas production; building 2 gas holding bubbles
- Did not have ability to store and use gas, so it flares, which is money being burned; finalize in spring, then will have 2

- golf ball structures to store the gas; reduce natural gas usage
- Using gas to run cogens to product electricity, or burning to heat dryers or digesters
- Improving digesters to increase resources, improving assets to capitalize on it; flames go away, energy bills go down
- Will get back to Mr. Ryan regarding what the grant is

Chairman May asked Ms. Harty to talk about the district and the status of sludge hauling demands. Ms. Harty:

- Own 6 WWTPs, Metro is the largest, where they process majority of biosolids; next largest is Oak Orchard (10 mgd facility) at upper reaches of sanitary district
- 2018 - hauled 11 mil gallons of sludge from Oak Orchard to Metro - 8 tanker trucks every day on 481; 100,000 miles/yr
- Wetzel Road WWTP on 57 (behind Avicoli's) - hauls 6 mil gallons of sludge to Metro; about 4 trips/day
- Meadowbrook Limestone – 2.5 mil gallons of sludge/day; 2 trucks
- Brewerton on 81 is 1.5 mil gallons of sludge; 2 trucks every other day
- Almost 21 mil gallons of sludge to process
- Baldwinsville Seneca Knolls has its own digester complex, which is under construction; \$30 mil investment to improve digester; has filter press for dewatering; will bring wet sludge to Metro and dry, further reduce hauling

A motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Burtis, to approve item 5d. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mr. Burtis, seconded by Mr. Olson, to approve item 5e. Ayes: 6 Abstentions: 1 (Kinne); MOTION CARRIED.

f. A Resolution Approving Improvements for the Onondaga County Sanitary District in and for the County of Onondaga, New York (\$49,405,000) (Sponsored by Ms. Abbott)

g. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$49,405,000 Bonds of the County of Onondaga, New York, to Pay Costs of Certain Improvements for the Onondaga County Sanitary District in and for Said County (\$49,405,000) (Sponsored by Ms. Abbott)

- (1) Metro WWTP asset renewal for \$800,000 – construction dollars
- First part to replace spectra units (computers behind tertiary treatment system) built in early 2000's; beginning of lake improvement projects; computers 20 years old; antiquated and need replacement
- Second part – secondary effluent pumps, pump station that feeds tertiary system also installed in 2000's - \$500,000 to replace 2 pumps
- Davis Road Pump Station feeds Oak Orchard WWTP – finished design with DEC approval; \$10.2 mil for construction; bid first quarter 2022; improvements including bar screens, chemical feed, valves, meter pits; will have 2nd phase
- \$9.93 mil authorization: \$4.5 for miscellaneous improvements throughout WEP infrastructure - chemical feed systems, electrical equipment, computers, controls, spare parts, boiler controls, asset management, overhead doors, roofing, etc.
- Meadowbrook Limestone – replacing effluent screens; under consent order with DEC; advertising for bid this quarter; seeking \$1 mil in construction to pay and install screen (May 2023 for installation)
- Metro WW thickener project – bid ~1.5 years ago; construction costs inflated, so did not have enough budget to award; seeking \$1 mil increase; back to DEC for approval, as previous approval expired
- Bidding summer 2022 with construction in fall; line up with digester project being done; do not want to tear up biosolids; have done before starting second one
- Next is I81 project

Chairman May stated that the committee is talking about spending over \$100 million today, and some of the needs require more due diligence. Why take on \$11 million in spending, when the county is still waiting on a decision? The county has time to hold off on executing the borrowing.

Mr. Yaus:

- 2 separate resolutions; first resolution does not relate to bonding or financing; it is Article 11a – once approved, it can be part of the CSD; already authorized public hearing and completed the commissioner's report
- It says WEP, as CSD, once built can put this into the CSD infrastructure
- Item f says I81 can be a benefit to the district, residents will be charged based on existing sewer unit rates for these I81

improvements once constructed

- Item g authorizes either the use of cash or bonds to pay for the infrastructure; may be a financing issue, which is the bond (item g), versus the Article 11a (item f)
- Can change both resolutions to be less the \$11 mil; wanted to clarify item f is not committing any funding; the approval resolution has to be done either way, and they have already scheduled the hearing and have the commissioner's report

Chairman May's inclination is to sever the item from both f and g, and take it up when the project is approved. He would like to reduce f and g by the corresponding \$11 million.

Ms. Harty:

- Working with NYSDOT looking at I81 corridor and 690 interchange - convening point for WEP trunk sewers
- Several floatable control facilities – large screens, so when combined sewers overflow into creeks, the waste is screened before going out
- \$80 mil investment in county owned sewers that could happen as I81 project goes on; \$65 mil being picked up by state, which includes things directly impacted by their construction activities
- \$15 mil (\$11 mil in first phase of their construction) is ancillary or adjacent to their work; 2 floatable control facilities built in 2000's; used bags that are multiple stories in ground, have cranes to pull them out
- Decommission both facilities and replace with singular facility with mechanical screen that brings screening up to ground level, which is safer for employees
- \$11 mil for decommissioning 2 facilities and build newer higher tech facility; done with NYSDOT, they are designing it, and their contractors are building it
- Will come back to Legislature with an agreement authorizing WEP to move forward with NYSDOT; may be the time to bring this back up
- Burnet trunk sewer, Salina Street storm sewer – go into combined sewer overflow; NYS will be fixing Butternut trunk sewer, Hiawatha trunk sewer, Salina Street storm sewers
- Project pushing WEP to full capture within Clinton Street sewer shed – investment will help WEP meet CSO abatement goals; Butternut and Burnet facilities will be decommissioned; build singular at that time
- All north of CSO and Trolley Lot; closer to I81 and 690
- Eventually will have to do something with the 2 facilities, because they are nearing end of useful life and structural issues; makes good financial sense to do this in conjunction with DOT
- Put in now to have authorization in place, so they are ready to go when NYSDOT is awarding the construction contracts; do not have deadline of when they will want those agreements in place; suspect in June or July of this year

Chairman May stated items 5f and 5g will be amended to be \$38,405,000.

Mr. Olson asked if this is the normal useful life of a station, and will the new one last longer. Ms. Harty:

- Yes it is normal useful life; bigger challenge is technology used and footprint where facilities are located; one in VIP parking lot – tiny footprint; not a lot of land area; giant nets down in ground, dropped into sewers
- Accepted practice at the time, but has become safety issue and expensive issue; have to cut bags and send out if they cannot get them out; standard now is mechanical screen
- Cannot retro fit the facilities – do not have land area or alignment of trunk sewers; would be nice not to decommission
- Is it going to last longer than 22 years? Yes; new facility will typically last decades; bar screens last 20 – 30 years

Mr. Ryan does not want to take this out if they are going to need it anyway, and the \$11 million will not change. Ms. Harty agreed. Mr. Ryan asked when the state will say they have to have this done. Ms. Harty said they had a meeting with the state to understand their project schedule, and the state could not give a definitive timeline for agreements. Ms. Harty said they felt it was prudent to move forward, but as soon as she has the information, she will bring it back to the committee.

Chairman May:

- I81 project has not been made official yet; many aspects of things; not sure when
- Routine process with Onondaga County to tag on to projects that happen in city, so when they are in the ground, WEP will go in for infrastructure; efficiencies and economies; minimize disruption
- I81 project is something on horizon; part of normal process of tagging on for efficiencies

- Something will do and pay for; makes sense to do in right chronology; right now, do not have compelling reason to do today; \$11 mil do not have to bond for

Chairman Rowley asked Mr. Morgan when they typically go to market to bond. Mr. Morgan:

- Varies year to year; this year try to do refunding in May (will bring here); hope financial statements will be done earlier this year; looking at June or July for new issuance
- Not planning on bonding this year for I81; most capital projects entertain and implement; use cash, borrow on backend
- Every year do analysis on where they are, then anticipate what will be spent for next year; make estimate and that is what is issued

Ms. Harty clarified for Mr. Kinne the reason for \$100,000 in design for the parking lot (#10):

- Henry Clay maintenance facility – sewer maintenance crews are out of there and lab too; also collocated with Sheriff
- Originally designed with main driveway running along south side of building; singular point of entrance in and out; all vehicles funnel out of southeast corner of building
- Site design not safe in terms of vehicle flow patterns; need to redesign parking to improve traffic and separate Sheriff activity from WEP activity; largest parking lot for WEP facility; 100 – 120 employees report there
- All pedestrians are coming in and out in the morning and crossing vehicle traffic; also has stormwater issues
- Seems like repaving, but it includes drainage, safety, and adding parking spaces in the front for separation of work groups; quite a bit of site work to get parking lot where needed to be

Ms. Harty replied to Mr. Burtis that she does not believe there is anything else driven by consent order.

Chairman May stated that item f is amended to \$38,405,000, excluding I81.

A motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Kinne, to approve item 5f as amended to \$38,405,000. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Burtis, to approve item 5g as amended to \$38,405,000. Ayes: 6 Abstentions: 1 (Kinne); MOTION CARRIED.

h. A Resolution Approving Improvements for the Onondaga County Sanitary District Consisting of the Engineering Design for an Upgrade and Treatment Expansion to the Oak Orchard Wastewater Treatment Plant in and for the County of Onondaga, New York (\$30,000,000)

(Sponsored by Ms. Abbott)

i. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$30,000,000 Bonds of the County of Onondaga, New York, to Pay Costs of Certain Improvements for the Onondaga County Sanitary District in and for Said County (\$30,000,000) *(Sponsored by Ms. Abbott)*

- Engineering for upgrade to Oak Orchard WWTP; service area largely developed in western and southwest corners, northeast corner empty of conveyance infrastructure; potential for development
- 2009, 2010, 2013, & 2014 – facility plans done looking at capacity of treatment facility; largely driven by high strength industrial wastewater; consuming a lot of biological capacity of treatment plant
- Did go through rerating to maintain capacity for permit compliance; potential for development in service area
- 2020 – 2021 retained engineer for new facility plan; worked with SOCPA and did 20 year look out on what service area growth would be from residential and commercial standpoint; also potential industrial
- Plant operating at 6 mgd of 10 mgd capacity (millions of gallons per day); do not have capacity to support residential and commercial projected growth; component of industrial wastewater that would need to expand treatment for
- Need to expand biological treatment, from biosolids perspective (trucks); building out biosolids mini-Metro with digester and dewatering complex to reduce number of trucks to Metro
- Opportunity for better waste receiving; revenue stream is receiving outside industrial waste, grease, etc.; at Metro do not have proper technology to handle it, or land area; opportunity with Oak Orchard for upgrade
- Seeking authorization for up to \$30 mil for engineering, design, construction phases; project of this magnitude will be significant upgrade to the facility
- Currently using 65-75% of plant's capacity; under permit, when plant gets to 85%, then DEC mandates plans for

- upgrading the expansion; do not want to run plant at top capacity; in order to support what is needed, have to expand
- Any change in residential or commercial will facilitate upgrade, which is holistic approach to service area to support all that could happen; significant potential with land area for growth

Chairman May said he wants to support this, and he is trying to be sensible with the EOC and other borrowing. It is important to approve this given the competitive marketing for projects, and it demonstrates this is more shovel ready. Chairman May would like it on the record that the county will hold off executing on this until they have a deal. Mr. Morgan commented that certainly the scope and magnitude of expansion will be somewhat tied to what happens at that site. The upgrade will be sized based on that, and any borrowing to support it will be in line with this. Mr. Morgan clarified to Chairman May that if it is approved today and at session, they will not be going to market next month. They have the ability to start the process with resources on hand. It will be next year.

A motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Burtis, to approve item 5h. Ayes: 6 Abstentions: 1 (Ervin); MOTION CARRIED.

*Mr. Ryan left the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Burtis, to approve item 5i. Ayes: 4 Abstentions: 2 (Kinne, Ervin) Absent: 1 (Ryan); MOTION CARRIED.

**Mr. Kinne left the meeting.

6. SHERIFF'S: William Bleyle, Chief of Corrections Department

a. BOND: A Resolution Authorizing Replacement of Radios for the Sheriff's Department in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$4,665,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,665,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$4,665,000)

(Sponsored by Mr. Olson)

- Current radios 13 years old; purchased in 2009 as part of \$35 mil bonding for Onondaga Interoperable Communication System; useful service life on equipment is ~10 years
- Portables and mobiles reached end of service in October 2019; in February 2020 they were end of repair
- Increased failures, especially in portable radios; proposed doing in 2 phases
- 1st phase in 2022 - replaces 700 portable radios at estimated cost of \$3.5 mil, including programming, speaker mics, single unit chargers, and bank charges
- 2nd phase in 2023 – replaces 192 mobiles at \$1.55 mil; includes programming mobiles in cars, removing old radio and installing new radio
- At Public Safety committee, the discussion was doing as one whole project in 2022, because perhaps bulk purchase would reduce price of portables and mobiles; as well as supply chain issues; ensure get radios in timely manner

A motion was made by Mrs. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Burtis, to approve this item. Ayes: 5 Absent: 2 (Ryan, Kinne); MOTION CARRIED.

7. COUNTY CLERK: Lisa Dell, Clerk

a. A Resolution Authorizing a Records Digitization Project for the County Clerk's Office in and for the County of Onondaga, New York, at a Maximum Estimated Cost of \$360,000, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$360,000 Bonds of Said County to Pay Costs Thereof (\$360,000)

Chairman May said this is an ongoing project, and the money invested so far has allowed the county to earn up to on average \$55,000 more revenue a year to support operations at the County Clerk's office.

Mrs. Dell:

- Initial amount of \$600,000 for state of the art records management system for online sales; put out surveys to stake holders on which public documents they wanted online to generate revenue - deeds and mortgages
- Completed deed series; this funding will complete mortgage series from beginning of time, back to the 1800's; most

requested records are from stake holders, public, lawyers and title companies

*Mr. Ryan rejoined the meeting.

Chairman May stated anything that generates revenue to offset the cost of services is a good thing.

A motion was made by Mr. Burtis, seconded by Mrs. Ervin, to approve this item. Ayes: 6 Absent: 1 (Kinne); MOTION CARRIED.

8. FINANCE: Donald Weber, Real Property Tax Director
a. Approving and Directing the Correction of Certain Errors on Tax Bills

- 3 corrections: 1 in Manlius – house on wrong parcel; 2 in Van Buren – town sewer districts charged erroneously

A motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Burtis, to approve this item. Ayes: 6 Absent: 1 (Kinne); MOTION CARRIED.

b. Amending the 2022 County Budget to Make Surplus Room Occupancy Funding Available for use in Support of the Special Olympics (\$15,000)

Mr. Morgan:

- February 25th and 26th; support operation and event – existing surplus; have not closed books on 2021
- Have about \$1.4 mil surplus before appropriations (\$250,000 Visit Syracuse, \$15,000 Special Olympics Winter Games)
- Expectation to drop more surplus in 2021; mainly related to additional 2% able to start charging in March
- 2020 to 2021 fairly flat; 2019 higher than 2020; hoping 2022 will get back to normal room rates

Mr. Olson asked when they will be closing out 2021, and Mr. Morgan responded:

- By end of week, should book most of expenditures; another week will have booked all revenue
- Comptroller’s to produce financial statement and CAFR in tighter time table; target is April

A motion was made by Mrs. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Olson, to approve this item. Ayes: 6 Absent: 1 (Kinne); MOTION CARRIED.

ATTENDANCE

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

COMMITTEE: **WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE**
 DATE: **JANUARY 25, 2022**

Respectfully submitted,



JAMIE McNAMARA, Clerk
 Onondaga County Legislature

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