



# Onondaga County Legislature

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## WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MINUTES – OCTOBER 21, 2021 BRIAN MAY, VICE CHAIR

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Rowley, Mr. Ryan, Mr. McBride, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Ervin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chairman Burtis

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Chairman Knapp, Ms. Cody, Ms. Kuhn, Dr. Chase, Mr. Bush, Mr. Kinne; also see attached

Vice Chair May called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m. *A motion was made by Mr. Rowley, seconded by Mr. Williams to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous committee meeting. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.* *A motion was made by Mrs. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve the minutes of the previous committee meeting. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.*

**1. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Kevin Sexton, Chief Information Officer

**a. Amending the 2021 County Budget and Authorizing Further Amendment to an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Syracuse Regarding the Provision of Services for PeopleSoft Financials and Hyperion Software Systems (\$90,000) (Sponsored by Mr. Holmquist)**

- Reso 181-2014; IMA – host PeopleSoft at County, help with implementation, provide customer service, enhancements
- Additional \$90,000; affective through March 30, 2022; allowing support service for Kronos (time and attendance); city will implement Kronos as well; have experts that have experience to implement
- Imagine will be back next year around the March time frame; 4<sup>th</sup> iteration going back 7 years; come back every year and half to allocate more for city

*A motion was made by Mrs. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.*

**2. SYRACUSE/ONONDAGA COUNTY PLANNING AGENCY:** Dan Kwasnowski, Director

**a. Approving the Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Land within Certified Agricultural Districts Pursuant to Section 303-B of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law (Sponsored by Mr. Holmquist)**

- Annual additions to ag districts; 3 part process and this is part 2
- (1) receiving applications and evaluate with Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB); (2) committee process; (3) legislature public hearing on the 4<sup>th</sup>
- One small parcel in town of Onondaga about 7 acres; rest are in District 3 - Clay and Cicero where there are the least amount of holdings; evaluated all the parcels
- Parcels in Elbridge and Lysander are owned or leased to Hourigan Farms (large dairy operation)
- In town of Clay, mostly for horses and hay; budding younger farms growing every year; put time into considering
- One parcel did not agree with - small parcel in Elbridge with no ag operations; does not show good soils; 3<sup>rd</sup> year decided not to include for recommendation

Vice Chair May stated that he is on the board, and they do a nice job vetting the requests on behalf of the county. It is nice to know the work is done when it gets here to make the decision easier. The last parcel is one that seems

to come up every time, but they fall short for the ag purpose for being in the district.

Mr. Rowley asked about the process of getting out of an ag district. Mr. Kwasnowski:

- Next time before the Legislature is to announce renewal of Ag District 3 (Clay, Cicero, Lysander); renewal process is every 8 years; can add and remove parcels from district
- Every year anyone can add parcels to any district; only 1 district does renewal and that is adding or removing
- Ag district is function of state; SOCPA administers and AFPB makes recommendations
- County would have to make recommendation to state to remove a parcel; normally concurrence with town and owner
- If it were critical to county operations and wanted to remove, believe county has that ability

Mr. Rowley asked if the Clay parcels are first time applications, because one parcel looked like it had an ag exemption already. Mr. Kwasnowski responded that it is possible, because they did not look for exemptions. They only consider what the operation and soils are, and whether it is a viable ag parcel. Mr. Rowley asked if they have to be in the district for the exemption. Mr. Kwasnowski:

- That was his understanding, but Ms. Costa is thinking they do not; Mr. Weber would be able to answer that question
- Believe there is a minimum income from farm operation to qualify for the ag exemption on soils (not houses or improvements); owner would have to work with Mr. Burger at Soil and Water to determine the quality of the soils
- Ag district protects farms from an overreach of local laws, if they are a qualifying farm; also has protections from eminent domain

*A motion was made by Mr. McBride, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.*

**3. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:** Michelle Mignano, Deputy Commissioner

**a. Amending the Onondaga County Sanitary Code (Sponsored by Mrs. Abbott-Kenan)**

- Original code from 1968; core function of Health is Environmental Health, and Sanitary Code prominent with work done in documentation
- County's code largely reiterates NYS Sanitary Code; intent of a code is to provide means to say where does the county differ from the state; updated code to that affect; reference to NYS Sanitary Code means very little change
- Substantial changes were added in Lead to make clear expectations; more significant updates to Vector
- Section 7 or 8: fees are a portion of the Sanitary Code; bring fees to Legislature; couple changes instituted at state level
- Will bring fee schedule to November committee for more robust conversation on what they can and cannot change relative to state; will not adopt that with this document

Mr. Williams asked what updates were done. Ms. Letteney:

- Fine amounts are updated; original Sanitary Code had violations up to \$250, now mirrored up to \$2,000
- Changed food service control - much addressed by NYS Sanitary Code, so took a lot out; kept more stringent in Code
- Nuisance and Sanitation - removed outdated things such as spitting in public places, use of common utensils and cups
- Pest Control - originally licensed pest control applicators, but now NYS DEC does the licensing
- Add about Lead in housing; make a more robust case with enforcements with Lead
- Updated mosquito control section to reflect current activities
- Add Appendix A for legal references to look at what NYS Sanitary Code is and Public Health Law
- Most guide enforcement in Environmental Health; between all 3 it makes it more robust to bring people to enforcement

Mr. Ryan asked if the fines for Lead increased to give a mechanism to go after the landlord. Ms. Letteney responded that it is an additional tool to go after them, and it does increase the fines to be able to do more.

Vice Chair May said they are specifying fines, and he asked if they are talking about fees coming in November (i.e. inspection fees). Ms. Letteney answered permit fees, as they have a whole schedule for restaurant permits and children's camps. Those will come later. These fines are part of the Sanitary Code.

Dr. Chase replied to Vice Chair May that the Health Committee did not meet.

Ms. Kuhn asked where the updated lead information is, and Ms. Letteney said Section 10. Mr. Bush commented that when anything is updated or changed, it would be helpful to have the changes highlighted, so legislators can go through it readily. Ms. Letteney said they did that, but the legislators may have not received the document. She does have it available.

Vice Chair May said this has been discussed and considered, and he asked if the committee is comfortable taking a vote now or at session to provide more time to understand this. Vice Chair May said it is unclear what the changes are. Dr. Chase stated they were aware there would be changes, so she is not surprised. Vice Chair May agrees and said the real work will be what they are doing with the fees. Dr. Chase said it is a big jump from \$200 to \$2,000. Ms. Mignano said they will send the highlighted document to the Legislature.

Vice Chair May stated that this has been considered, and it will go to the November session.

**4. PERSONNEL: Dawn Clarry, Director of Employee Relations**  
**a. Accepting and Approving the Contract Between the County of Onondaga, the Sheriff of Onondaga County and the Onondaga County Deputy Sheriff's Police Association, Inc.**

- Newly ratified contract by OCSPA; voted on Saturday
  - (1) 2.5% wage increase each year for 4 years
  - (2) \$600 increase, as well as creation of levels to longevity to help recruit and keep officers
  - (3) added Juneteenth as a holiday
  - (4) increased uniform allowance, and changed from stipend to reimbursement (do not use, do not get)
  - (5) included an MOA to allow lateral transfers; saves money; do not have to have whole school of officers, but take them from other departments
  - (6) settled issues set to go to arbitration amicably
- Total cost \$6,029,375.53
- 4 year deal
- Vote on Saturday: 146 – 1
- Included all tentative agreements; have not fully updated contract; contract dates January 2021 - December 2024

Mr. Ryan said he was glad they were able to include policies for funding of body cameras. Ms. Clarry commented that they discussed body cameras at the table and agreed there would be no extra compensation for body cameras. They also agreed to work with the department on a policy. Ms. Clarry heard last week that they have a draft policy, so they may have something in place when all the terms of the body cameras are in place. Mr. Ryan said he is glad it was included and negotiated, because originally the thought was that it would not have to be.

Mr. Ryan said there are a couple other outliers in contracts within Public Safety including CSEA working with Corrections and DSBA. He is confident they can move as quickly to get them ratified. Ms. Clarry stated they are in active negotiations with CSEA (met this week), DSBA sent a letter Friday to reopen negotiations, and Captains as well (9).

***A motion was made by Mrs. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.***

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JAMIE McNAMARA, Clerk  
Onondaga County Legislature

### ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: **WAYS & MEANS**

DATE: **OCTOBER 21, 2021**

NAME (Please Print)	DEPARTMENT/AGENCY
Darcie Lesniak	LEG
Michelle Mignard	OCAD
Kevin Sexton	OC IT
Christina Whiteside	Constitution
Yvette Velasco	Law
Lisa Letteney	Health
DAN VANALTA	CSEA
John Clamy	Personnel
Carl Hummel	Personnel
Dan Kwasniewski	Soc PA
Mike Plochoda	LAW
Tenisha Murphy	CE OFFICE
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